



# Vote LABOUR IN UPTON WARD



Vote Labour | Thursday 4 May | Polls open 7am - 10pm



**MATT BRYAN**

**SHERIN AKHTAR**

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# Vote for HOPE

**ELECT SHERIN AKHTAR | MATT BRYAN**

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#### OUR 4 MISSIONS TO MAKE UPTON AN EVEN BETTER PLACE TO GROW UP AND GROW OLD:

- **HELP AND SUPPORT AVAILABLE WHEN YOU NEED IT**
- **OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK, LEARN AND SUCCEED, IN OUR CITY**
- **PRIDE IN OUR CITY CENTRE AND IN OUR LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOODS**
- **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS**



BACKED BY  
**SAMANTHA DIXON MP**

**“I'M BACKING  
MATT & SHERIN IN  
UPTON ON THURSDAY  
4TH MAY.”**

I raised my family in Upton - it's such a beautiful place to live. My three girls went to the local schools and our family cherished the library, the park at Wealstone Lane and our shops. I'm backing Matt and Sherin because I know they cherish everything that is great about Upton too. I hope you will support them on 4th May."



# MEET YOUR LABOUR CANDIDATES



## MATT BRYAN

### “LOOKING AFTER OUR ENVIRONMENT”

I have always prioritised protection for Upton's environment. At first it was standing against government plans to allow fracking on sites like Duttons Lane. More recently I have led a ground-breaking project to decontaminate an acid tar lagoon left behind on the outskirts of Upton by industry decades ago. I am proud of the work I have done to support Upton residents with housing issues and on local projects, like planting trees, sorting out a fence around the new pond at the QEII, and road resurfacing on Weston Grove.

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## SHERIN AKHTAR

### “LOOKING AFTER LOCAL PEOPLE”

I'm a trained social worker and I care deeply about making sure people in our community have access to the help and support services that they need.

My kids went to Upton primary schools and I loved bringing them up in the local area, where we enjoyed all the parks and amenities that Upton has. I'm standing for election for the first time, because I want to give something back. I love helping people and I will be here for people whenever they need me.

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# MATT AND SHERIN'S 4 MISSIONS TO MAKE UPTON AN EVEN BETTER PLACE TO GROW UP AND GROW OLD...

## Mission 1:



### HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT

“The government's failure to deal with the crisis in social care, mental health and rising poverty is a national disgrace. Labour is the party of public services and we will keep funding local services to help people in Upton.”

#### WE WILL FIGHT FOR...

- SUPPORT TO STAY LIVING IN YOUR OWN HOME FOR LONGER AS YOU GROW OLD
- MORE SERVICES TO SUPPORT NEW PARENTS AVAILABLE AT OUR LOCAL CHILDREN'S CENTRE
- FUNDING FOR LOCAL GROUPS TO PROMOTE GOOD HEALTH & TACKLE SOCIAL ISOLATION

Find out about Labour's plans for help and support services at [cheshirewestlabour.com/hope/help](https://cheshirewestlabour.com/hope/help)



## Mission 2:



### OPPORTUNITIES IN LIFE

“Everyone should be able to afford to rent or buy a house which is of a good standard. We should have access to a good education, opportunities to get new skills, and decent jobs that pay fair wages. This is what we want for Upton.”

#### WE WILL DELIVER...

- A NEW '10 X 10' PROJECT IN SCHOOLS SO KIDS CAN TRY 10 FUN ACTIVITIES BEFORE THEY'RE 10
- A NEW COMBINED ADULT EDUCATION, SKILLS & EMPLOYMENT SERVICE FOR OUR CITY
- OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL PEOPLE TO RENT OR BUY A DECENT HOME IN CHESTER

Find out about Labour's plans for opportunities at [cheshirewestlabour.com/hope/opportunity](https://cheshirewestlabour.com/hope/opportunity)



# MATT AND SHERIN'S 5 BIG WINS FOR UPTON



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### HELPING SET UP A COVID ISOLATION SERVICE

“During the pandemic Matt was quick to help people, rapidly getting to work with Chester's Mutual Aid groups and West Cheshire Foodbank to create a new support service for people who were isolating and in need of help during the lock downs.”



2

### LEADING THE TREES FOR CLIMATE PROJECT

“Matt is the Vice Chair of Mersey Forest, which is an important partnership for action on climate change through tree planting in the region. In Upton, Matt and Sherin have been involved in projects to plant thousands of trees and extensive wildflower meadows across Upton.”



3

### 20'S PLENTY IN UPTON

“Sherin's kids went to local schools, where road safety is an important issue for parents and children. “The 20mph zones on residential roads, like the ones in Upton, have reduced road collisions in our Borough by a quarter. Road safety issues remain an important priority for Sherin and Matt.”



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### CLEARING UP TOXIC WASTE

“Acid tar lagoons are swamps made up of unmanaged mess from oil refineries dumped in the 1960s and 70s. Matt is working hard with a team of academics and environmental scientists to resolve the lagoon at Hoole Bank near Upton, so that it no longer damages wildlife or poses a risk to public health.”



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### STILL BLOCKING FRACKING

“Matt and Sherin remain opposed to fracking and supported the Duttons Lane camp. Matt successfully argued, local oil and gas exploration applications should be heard in public, leading to the refusal of the IGas test well application and ultimately to keeping Upton Frack Free!”

## Mission 3:



### PRIDE IN WHERE WE LIVE

“We love Upton and we want to keep it looking smart. We want to protect community facilities, enhance green spaces and make Upton the best place in Chester to live, raise a family and retire. We will always work hard for this.”

#### VOTING LABOUR MEANS...

- INVESTMENT IN COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND EVENTS WHICH BRING US TOGETHER
- FASTER POTHOLE REPAIRS & STRONG ACTION ON FLY-TIPPING, DOG FOULING & LITTER
- INVESTMENT IN OUR PARKS AND GREEN SPACES, PLUS MORE WILDFLOWER MEADOWS

More about Labour's plans for pride in the places we all love at [cheshirewestlabour.com/hope/pride](https://cheshirewestlabour.com/hope/pride)



## Mission 4:



### ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

“Labour will fund a new service that helps people make smart choices about how to reduce energy use in their homes to save money on your bills. We'll also work on projects to improve the natural environment.”

#### ACTIONS WE WILL TAKE...

- FUND A LOCAL ENERGY ADVICE SERVICE TO HELP RESIDENTS SAVE MONEY ON THEIR BILLS
- SUPPORT A PROJECT TO RE-INTRODUCE OTTERS AND BEAVERS TO LOCAL WATERWAYS
- PLANT TREES IN SUITABLE GREEN SPACES TO TRAP CARBON AND CREATE WILDLIFE AREAS

Find out about Labour's plans for the environment at [cheshirewestlabour.com/hope/environment](https://cheshirewestlabour.com/hope/environment)



**THE TORIES HAVE BROKEN BRITAIN BUT IN UPTON, LABOUR HAS A PLAN FOR**



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# 5 THINGS LABOUR WILL DO FOR OUR CITY



## 1 INVEST IN THE WALLS & ROWS

Despite a decade of government cuts to highways budgets, we have continued to invest in restoration work on all the major city 'gates'. We will complete this work by fixing the propped steps on the 1966 bridge. We will also complete our restoration and fire protection project on The Rows.



## 2 A NEW HISTORY CENTRE & GATEWAY

We will build a new History Centre near the station as part of the City Gateway project. The History Centre will tell the story of people and places in our area. The wider City Gateway project will provide new homes and improve key transport links, like Hoole Bridge, for residents and visitors in the city.



## 3 MORE PEOPLE LIVING & WORKING IN THE CITY CENTRE

As part of the next phase of Northgate, we will bring investment into the city to provide more homes for people that want to live and work in Chester. We will also support projects to convert unused upper floor space (above the Rows) into homes and workspaces for rent.



## 4 CREATE A THRIVING ARTS, CULTURE & HERITAGE SCENE

We will make Chester known for having a vibrant visual arts scene by investing in a cultural programme and events like the new Chester Contemporary. Working with local people and organisations, we will bring international artists and new heritage experiences to our city.



## 5 REFRESH FOR THE NORTHGATE ARENA

Everyone has fond memories of times spent at the Northgate Arena. We'll invest in a renovation programme to bring the pool, sports and changing facilities back up to a decent standard. We'll even make sure the Whale gets a new coat of paint.

**READ OUR PLAN FOR CHESTER AT [CHESHIREWESTLABOUR.COM/TEAM-CHESTER](https://cheshirewestlabour.com/team-chester)**

# YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

## WHERE DOES YOUR COUNCIL TAX GO?

The Conservative government has failed to solve the national crisis in social care, so now around 60p of every £1 of your council tax is used to support vulnerable children and adults. This leaves just 40p to pay for roads, waste collection, street cleaning, libraries, leisure centres, planning, grass cutting and everything else the council does.

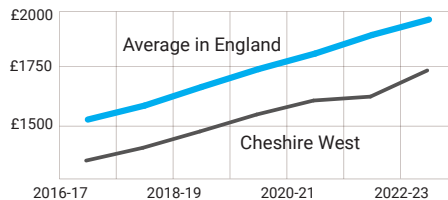
Labour would launch a National Care Service to run alongside the NHS.



## ARE YOU PAYING MORE THAN EVERYONE ELSE?

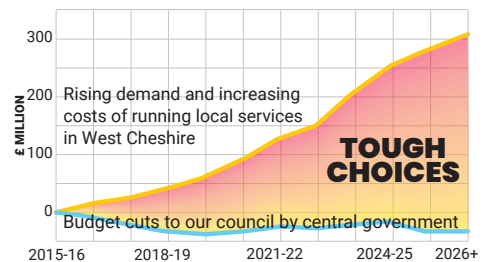
The Conservative government has cut funding to councils every year for over a decade. Every Conservative Chancellor has told councils to put council tax up to plug the funding gap. Local Conservatives blame Labour, but since 2016 your council tax has increased inline with all councils in England because of government funding cuts.

**Don't be fooled by the local Conservatives, this is a Tory council tax bombshell.**



## HAVE THE CONSERVATIVES BROKEN BRITAIN?

**Yes.** Multiple crises in mental health, poverty, housing, the NHS and now the cost-of-living are increasing demand for council services at the same time as the government has cut council budgets. This means councils are being forced to do more with less, scale back services or charge for things that used to be free.



**THE TORIES HAVE BROKEN BRITAIN. SEND THEM A MESSAGE BY VOTING LABOUR.**

# VOTING IN THE COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON 4TH MAY

Think local, vote for **HOPE** and **VOTE LABOUR** in the council elections on 4th May!

## YOU NEED PHOTOGRAPHIC ID:

The Tories have changed the rules on voting so you will need to take photographic ID like a passport or driving licence to vote in May. There are other options if you don't have either of these, find out more here

**Register to vote by post at [postalvote.labour.org.uk](https://postalvote.labour.org.uk) - applications must be received by the council by 5pm on Tuesday 18th April**

