

TEAM WINSFORD *Serving all of the communities in our town...*

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Working together to deliver positive change in Winsford...

HOPE

A future Winsford can believe in

BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES

With David Keane

CHESHIRE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

- Delivering more feet on the beat, with a **dedicated PC and PCSO** for your community, with a local police base.
- Making sure **crime doesn't pay** by seizing money from criminals and investing in your community.
- Securing more than **£300,000** for local victims' services during the COVID crisis.



"HOPE SHINES BRIGHTEST IN THE DARK"



It was Sir Paul McCartney who sang these words in his song about having hope for the future.

HOPE is the thing that has kept many of us going over these past few months and I have never been more proud to be the Leader of the Council when towns like Winsford have shown what it truly means to be a community. These stories give me HOPE.

I have seen neighbours helping neighbours, key workers risking themselves for others - community leaders organising volunteers to help others where they live.

I am also proud of the Labour Party's work locally and this leaflet is about what we are doing to support communities in Winsford, now and in the future.

All the best & take care,
Louise Gittins
LEADER OF CWaC COUNCIL

LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH ADVICE

Get the latest local public health advice at:
cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/coronavirus

TELL US ABOUT A LOCAL HERO

To recognise and remember all the acts of kindness that residents have undertaken to support each other through the pandemic, the Council has launched the Inspire website. Tell us your story at:

cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/inspire-cheshire-west

STRONGER FUTURE

There is a future beyond Covid-19. Let's build it together. Join the conversation at:

cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/strongerfutures

Labour

WORKING TOGETHER:

HOW WINSFORD'S LABOUR COUNCILLORS CAME OUT FIGHTING FOR COMMUNITIES DURING THE PANDEMIC...

“The leadership from government has not been strong enough during this crisis, but locally our council staff, councillors, businesses, voluntary groups and the community have come together to support each other.”

COUNCILLOR LOUISE GITTINS LEADER OF THE COUNCIL



We have five clear priorities...

- ✓ Protect the most vulnerable residents
- ✓ Work with communities to provide support where it is needed
- ✓ Help local businesses and their employees
- ✓ Keep essential services running
- ✓ Communicate regularly with residents

SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY RESPONSE

- ✓ Established a community response fund so community groups could deliver direct support in their own communities.
- ✓ Recruited 2,100 volunteers in partnership with Cheshire West Voluntary Action and encouraged neighbour to neighbour support.
- ✓ Worked with Foodbanks and other partners to coordinate food resources and ensure food was available to residents in need.
- ✓ Over 1100 food parcels delivered to shielded residents in partnership with the fire service.
- ✓ Delivered information to every household in the Borough about support available.

LABOUR IN PARLIAMENT

Four Labour priorities for protecting people...

- ✓ We want plans for a National Vaccine Programme to be developed now.
- ✓ We want more powers for councils to track, trace and isolate when local outbreaks occur.
- ✓ We want to see national safety standards at work and whilst out and about to keep people safe.
- ✓ We want the government to go further in developing sector specific support for businesses to protect jobs and livelihoods.

LEADING THE WAY ON CONTACT TRACING

- ✓ Selected as one of the first councils in the country to implement track, trace and isolate.
- ✓ The Council will lead this process in partnership with local NHS services, other public bodies, and a wide range of community organisations across the borough.
- ✓ Council Leader invited to join a new National Advisory Board to inform the work of the Government's track and trace service.

COMMUNITY FOOD HELP



Working together with churches, charity groups, Mid-Cheshire Foodbank and other volunteers, Labour councillors have been on the front-line delivering direct food support to people in immediate need in communities across Winsford.

If you find yourself struggling, then there is help available - for more information call: **0300 123 7031**.

REGENERATION KEEPS GOING

- ✓ **TOWN CENTRE:** Ambitious plans and funding bid submitted to Future High Street Fund.
- ✓ **INDUSTRIAL ESTATE:** Good jobs created for local people with more business units being built.
- ✓ **HOMES:** We are building high quality social and affordable homes for Winsford families.
- ✓ **CYCLING & WALKING:** New infrastructure plans have been approved and a new riverside walk & cycle path is on its way.

"YES!" TO A NEW NORMAL

- ✓ Passed our Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan to access new funding.
- ✓ Worked with residents to develop "Walk. Ride. Thrive" - a new project to encourage walking and cycling, and support local high streets.

Share your 'build back better' ideas at: cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/strongerfutures

MAINTAINING SERVICES

- ✓ Moved 70% of staff to home work and re-deployed staff to protect services and support priorities for residents.
- ✓ Introduced virtual public meetings to maintain transparency.
- ✓ Brought in safety measures and social distancing for household waste collection staff.
- ✓ Maintained bereavement services to support families of those who lost their lives because of Coronavirus.

Over 2,800 people registered for e-lending services in our libraries in the lockdown period



SUPPORTING SCHOOLS & LISTENING TO PARENTS

- ✓ Developed a risk assessment system to help schools to make key decisions about when it would be safe to open.
- ✓ Maintained provision for vulnerable and key worker children.

When the government system failed, we created our own programme to help local children to access IT equipment



PROTECTING CARERS AND KEY WORKERS

- ✓ Sourced our own PPE when government deliveries were delayed.
- ✓ Distributed 111,106 masks, 84,171 aprons, 1,903 litres of hand sanitiser and 10,675 pairs of goggles.



HELPING THE HOMELESS

To protect people and stop the spread of the virus, the Council immediately accommodated people without anywhere to isolate. The number of homeless people has increased significantly during the pandemic so we are creating new supported accommodation.

- ✓ Offered all rough sleepers a place to stay with over 190 individuals in accommodation at the peak of the crisis.
- ✓ Worked in partnership with the voluntary, faith & charity sector to offer food and other support.

SUPPORT FOR BUSINESS & HELP FOR LOCAL WORKERS

The impact of the pandemic on our local economy has been significant - it is likely this will continue for sometime. With local employers announcing redundancies, we will work hard to support people.

- ✓ Supporting employers to support their shielding employees.
- ✓ Workzones remained open throughout lockdown to support employment.
- ✓ We were one of the fastest and most effective councils in the country for paying out business support grants.
- ✓ Council commercial tenants supported with three month rent deferral.
- ✓ Keeping Winsford Cross open to support businesses and help residents with essential shopping during the pandemic.

JOBS JOBS JOBS

Nationally Labour has launched a plan to save jobs. To find out more, visit labour.org.uk/savejobs

HELP IF YOU NEED IT

The Council's dedicated helpline is available to provide advice and support, and where necessary to make arrangements for food, medicine and social contact.

Open: Monday to Friday, 8am - 7pm

Call: 0300 123 7031

Online Advice and Guidance

Visit: livewell.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk for help with coping with the pandemic. There are some useful links to the latest public health information alongside NHS and council support services.