

# The choice

In Pendle there is a real choice.

**A Conservative bankrolled by a tax dodger. A Liberal Democrat who is invisible and says nothing about anything Or Gordon Prentice who speaks his mind and fights for Pendle**

This is a super marginal seat where every vote counts.

The Lib Dems have no chance of winning here. Ladbrokes give them the same odds as the BNP.

**ANWARS ODDS 40/1**  
**Ladbrokes**

The Liberal Democrats in Pendle have saddled themselves with a very weak candidate who finds it a huge effort to speak out on the big issues of the day. He was selected years ago but has made very little impact.

Check out his website. And see for yourself how thin it is.



Afzal Anwar - Liberal Democrat

I've challenged him to speak out but, for the most part, there is silence.

So, while the Liberal Democrats get a half decent vote here, they can't win.

If Lib Dem supporters back Afzal Anwar on 6 May they will wake up to a Conservative MP. As sure as night follows day.

For the Pendle Conservatives, money is no object.

A three year long campaign, funded in part by the billionaire tax dodger, Lord Ashcroft, was designed to buy the seat.

I have now unmasked this tax cheat who still serves as Vice Chair of the Conservative Party and their election mastermind.

A torrent of "Pendle Matters" delivered month in and month out by the Royal Mail has cost an absolute fortune.

And my answer to this? Tax dodgers can't buy elections here.

This is how it went at the last election:

Labour	15,250
Conservative	13,070
Lib Dem	9,528

The minor parties were nowhere.



*"This will outrage every Pendle taxpayer. That money could and should have been used for schools, hospitals and health centres such as the one promised for Colne. Instead we have been engulfed in a torrent of Conservative newspapers."*

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# GORDON PRENTICE

**"INDEPENDENT-MINDED AND FEARLESS"**

The Mirror, March 2010

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# PENDLE REPORT

Labour's Parliamentary Candidate, Gordon Prentice



## Priority Pendle!

**"Pendle is a priority for me... and for the Labour Party. So let's talk about our own area and what's happening here."**  
**Gordon Prentice, Labour Parliamentary Candidate**

Since 1997 we have seen huge investment in education and in the NHS. We have two brand new secondary schools, Pendle Vale and Marsden Heights, with the remaining four in line for major re-builds.



Every primary school can point to new facilities: computer suites, new classrooms. Teaching support staff in Pendle has increased by over 300%. From 110 to 460.

Education matters to everyone. There are new Sure Start centres and new Children's Centres.



Giving young people new opportunities and wider horizons. They didn't drop out of a clear blue sky. It took a Labour Government to plan, finance and build them.

Labour's Child Trust Fund, designed to encourage the savings habit at an early age, has over 6,700 Pendle children signed up. The Government gets each one going with an initial £250 deposit. At the age of 7 they get a further £250 top-up. Typically, the Conservatives are pledged to rein this back.

The Conservatives also want to cut eligibility for Child Tax Credits. And over 7,500 Pendle families rely on them. Not very family friendly.

When I look around Pendle I see a lot that's done. But there is more to do.

A new health centre in Colne is top of my list. The NHS has already bought the land at Craddock Road for this exciting new development.

Some of the housing around here is an absolute disgrace. The crumbling, dilapidated homes are overwhelmingly in the private sector. As the market collapsed, houses were left empty or abandoned. And the contagion spread. The Labour Government stepped in, no-one else would - and has spent over £65 million in Pendle alone to turn things around.

I believe in an active State. Giving people new opportunities. Protecting the vulnerable. Looking after the elderly. Keeping us all safe and our neighbourhoods free from crime and antisocial behaviour. These are Pendle's priorities too.



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### Dear Fellow Pendle Resident

The General Election on 6 May comes in turbulent times.

The last two years have been dominated by the near collapse of the global financial system. Greedy and unprincipled bankers almost brought the whole system down.

Yes. We have been knocked off course by these seismic events. Which country hasn't? But we are on the road to economic recovery. Too often we forget the UK is the world's 6th largest exporter of manufactured goods and the 2nd largest exporter of services such as insurance. The world trades with us and if there is a global slowdown we get hit.

We need to take action on obscene bankers' bonuses and stratospheric pay and regulate more tightly our banks and financial institutions. They should be our servants, not our masters.

Every year, the country loses £40 billion in tax avoidance and evasion and other wheezes. We need to relentlessly pursue those who stash their cash away in tax havens, out of reach of the Revenue. Because if the tax dodgers don't pay, we do.

I support the new top rate of tax of 50p for those earning over £150,000 - a staggering sum of money for most people in Pendle. I want to see fair taxation and fair rewards.

It has been a huge privilege representing this area at Westminster. Everyone knows I fight for the best deal I can get for everyone who lives here. I champion the causes I believe in and speak out for those without a voice.

People say I am a rebel. I am certainly a free thinker. My own man. I voted against introducing student top-up fees. Against 42 days detention without charge. Against the war in Iraq. And I want to set a timetable to get out of Afghanistan.

Although we are a rich country, too often we spend money on the wrong things. The Trident nuclear weapons system, costing £75 billions, is a complete white elephant. Better to spend the billions tackling the challenges of climate change and saving the planet for future generations.

We are told all politics is local. The thousands of people who have seen me at my advice surgeries over the years have certainly shaped my view of the world. Their problem becomes my problem until it is sorted. Everyone knows I move mountains to help people.

You can check out my voting record at Westminster on [www.theyworkforyou.com](http://www.theyworkforyou.com).

I hope to have your support in the General Election on 6 May.

Gordon Prentice  
Labour's candidate

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