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Pendle West



## BOB ALLEN STANDS FOR LABOUR IN 4th JUNE COUNTY ELECTIONS

Labour has selected Reedley resident, Bob Allen, to stand for the County. Bob, who was born in Colne and has lived locally almost all his life, is the Constituency Labour Party Chair and works for a regeneration charity. Bob says "There's no doubt that if the Conservatives take over the County Council it will be cuts, cuts, cuts all the way. The Liberal Democrats are a marginalised party at County level, and their support in Pendle has plummeted in recent elections."

### Traffic Safety

The stretch of the Padiham by-pass from the Barrowford M65 roundabout to beyond Carr Road is due to be improved as part of a £210,000 road safety investment. This road has a very bad record of reported accidents - 50 in the past 5 years - not including the unreported near-misses and minor shunts.

Bob says "Lancashire County Council has responded to the concerns of local residents and is making safety improvements at this blackspot a priority for 2009/10"



Bob Allen on the by-pass

The Conservatives' proposed cuts of £840million to the national transport budget would jeopardise local improvement projects like this one.

### Crime Down

Crime figures across Pendle have fallen dramatically over recent years thanks to massive funding from central government together with community initiatives led through Lancashire County Council.

The crime figures for Barrowford, Higham and Pendleside have been steadily falling with the December 2008 to January 2009 figures showing a reduction of 51% from the same period last year (59 recorded crimes against 122) . In Pendle as a whole, priority crime has been reduced by 25% through 2008, with burglary down 62%.

These excellent performance improvements will be threatened if the Conservatives take over at County Hall. The promised Tory cuts mean a reduction of 92 police officers across Lancashire.



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# Help Direct

get the most out of life

Pendle is getting a new 'Help Direct' service that will support not only older people but all adults who need "that bit of extra help". The service is aimed at those who in the past were ineligible for Social Services care because their needs were classed as low level.

Bob says, "The aim is to help vulnerable people to stay in their own homes and remain independent by providing low level support. This could help with shopping and housework, use of a handyman, help with transport or even help with contacting other services."

Lancashire County Council is establishing the 'Help Direct' service across Lancashire with funding of £9million over the next 3 years. The launch of the service across Pendle is taking place this month and a new information centre is being set up in Nelson.

To find out more, ring the Help Direct contact line on 03033 331010. Calls cost less than 1p even from a mobile.

The Conservatives are planning to freeze Council Tax locally and withhold £240m from the formula grant paid to local government. Investments such as Help Direct and Funding for Carers would be likely casualties.

# Boost for Carers

An extra £4.1million will be available over the next three years to support the growing number of unpaid carers across Lancashire who look after a partner, friend or relative who is ill or disabled at home.

The Lancashire Carers Forum is helping Lancashire County Council to decide how the grants should be spent and what support services are needed. The funding will enable the county council to build on the services currently provided to support carers and ensure services are available to as many carers as possible countywide.

The additional funding will also be used to target 'hidden carers' and those currently not receiving support, but who would greatly benefit from services. In Lancashire, there are currently around 125,000 carers across the County.

Bob says, "Five times more carers are supported by Lancashire County Council now than five years ago. This is a fine record."

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