

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT

Creating a Clean and Sustainable Stockport

- ✓ **A6-M60 bypass:** Oppose the bypass as this would devastate the Goyt Valley and simply create extra traffic and congestion elsewhere.
- ✓ **Green Spaces:** Protect the Green Belt and other cherished open spaces within Stockport. These spaces are wildlife habitats as well as places where people can unwind and exercise.
- ✓ **Renewable Energy:** Encourage the development of more community energy schemes such as Stockport Hydro in order to cut our carbon emissions.
- ✓ **Allotments:** Support allotments and community gardens, protecting their land from being sold off and working closely with Allotments Stockport and other local support groups.
- ✓ **Community Policing:** Support community policing of anti-social behaviour such as littering, graffiti and speeding.
- ✓ **Air Quality:** Introduce a town centre low emission zone, and work with communities to develop plans for reducing emissions around local schools.
- ✓ **A Carbon Neutral Stockport by 2030:** Make Stockport carbon neutral eight years earlier than the current target of 2038. Stockport Council should be showing a lot more ambition and leadership in this area.

THE LOCAL ECONOMY

Helping Stockport Thrive

- ✓ **Local Businesses:** Helping Stockport thrive. Prioritise sustainable local production for local needs, rather than giving financial incentives to big companies to relocate here. Promote and expand local producers' street markets, co-operatives, skills workshops, and ensure sufficient investment in our local centres.
- ✓ **Town Centre:** Re-envision Merseyway, opening up the river Mersey and creating an accessible community space of housing and recreational resources. Improve the town centre through the provision of more trees, gardens and green roofs.
- ✓ **Market Place and Underbanks:** Protect, promote and develop Stockport's magnificent historic Market Place and Underbanks through the encouragement and promotion of local businesses and community events.

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OUR VISION FOR STOCKPORT

- good quality, affordable homes
- less traffic, better public transport
- well run and accountable local services
- a fair and sustainable local economy
- caring for people and the natural environment
- zero carbon emissions in Stockport by 2030

VOTE GREEN at the local elections
and help us achieve our vision



HEALTH

Ensuring excellent Health and Social Care for All

- ✓ **Health Services:** Ensure Stockport's health services are fully funded and that they have the resources to prepare for any outbreak of infectious disease. Encourage and support residents to make healthy lifestyle choices.
- ✓ **Mental Health Services:** Press for improved mental health services, focusing on improving funding in this poorly resourced area.
- ✓ **Care at Home:** Promote improved support and care for people in their own homes. This will improve the quality of life of many, reduce 'bedblocking' and free up essential services within the NHS in Stockport.
- ✓ **Health and Care Workers:** Recognise the vital contribution made by health and social care workers and support a pay increase in line with that contribution.

EDUCATION

Supporting all our Schools and Colleges

- ✓ **Fair Funding:** Oppose the savage cuts that have affected all our places of learning. Demand more investment in our nurseries, schools and colleges.
- ✓ **Education:** Ensure the provision of a fully inclusive education for all our children by investing in high quality support services. Oppose any Stockport schools being taken out of local authority control.
- ✓ **Youth Services:** Restore the importance of youth services and community spaces where young people can learn and develop outside school.

HOUSING

Supplying Affordable Homes for All

- ✓ **Homelessness:** Work to end rough sleeping by ensuring secure tenancies, utilising empty properties for homeless households and providing effective counselling, mental health and other support services.
- ✓ **Energy Saving:** Provide funds to improve insulation of domestic and council properties. Encourage the installation of domestic solar panels.
- ✓ **Sustainable Housing:** Prioritise carbon neutral house building. Use affordable and proven techniques to provide good quality, energy efficient social housing.
- ✓ **Social and Affordable Housing:** Invest in building social housing. Enforce affordable housing quotas on all new private developments.
- ✓ **Integrated Development:** Protect the Green Belt from development. New housing should be built close to transport and shopping hubs. This will reduce the need for private cars, reduce air pollution and reinvigorate our town and local centres.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Promoting a more Equal Stockport

- ✓ **Equality:** Tackle inequality by campaigning for Stockport to become a pilot area for Universal Basic Income.
- ✓ **Living Wage:** Promote a living wage of £12 per hour for all Stockport Council employees and contract staff, and encourage local businesses to do the same.
- ✓ **Universal Credit:** Ensure resources are available to support those adversely affected by Universal Credit.

TRANSPORT

Providing reliable and affordable Public Transport

- ✓ **Road Safety:** Extend the 20mph speed limit to all residential areas to improve road safety and air quality.
- ✓ **Walking and Cycling:** Create a safe environment for walkers and cyclists through the construction of pedestrian only areas, safe cycle lanes and secure cycle storage.
- ✓ **Public Transport:** Ensure there is a properly integrated and sustainable service, covering buses, trains, and trams with increased capacity, frequency and accessibility (including ticketing). Reintroduce the free town centre bus service and extend it to cover a wider area.
- ✓ **Metrolink:** Support the extension of Metrolink to Stockport and Marple.