

## What has Labour done for Horsham lately?

That is a question that we are often asked. We would like to take this opportunity to try and answer the question but also find out your views on what Labour has done and what more we can do.

It is easy to forget just how much has been achieved in over ten years. Labour has fought for you in all parts of the community, and here are some of the highlights:

### For Horsham's workers

- Introduced the National Minimum Wage and increased it to £5.52 per hour.
- Dads now get paternity leave of two weeks for the first time.
- All full-time workers now have a right to four weeks' paid holiday.
- Improved rights for contract workers.

### For Horsham's health

- NHS funding trebled since 1997.
- 85,000 more nurses and 32,000 more doctors nationally, so improving services in our hospitals.
- Waiting times for operations halved..
- Cancer death rates down by 12 per cent, saving 43,000 lives.
- NHS Direct offering free, convenient patient advice.

### For Horsham's children

- Three new children's centres locally
- Free nursery places for three- and four-year-olds
- Waiting times for operations halved..
- Child benefit up 26 per cent and Child Tax Credit, giving more money to parents.
- The creation of Sure Start to help children from low income families



### For Horsham's older residents

- Free eye tests for over-60s.
- Free local bus travel for over-60s
- £200 winter fuel payments to pensioners and up to £300 for over-80s.
- Free TV licences for over-75s.

### For education in Horsham

- Record levels of literacy and numeracy in schools.
- Funding for every pupil has doubled.
- Record numbers of students in higher education.
- Over 30,000 more teachers in schools.



**Other achievements of which we are proud include:**

- Gift Aid worth £625 million to charities last year.
- The negotiation of the Good Friday Agreement.
- The introduction of civil partnerships and the scrapping of Section 28.
- The ban on fox hunting
- Free entry to national museums and art galleries
- The investment in over a million social homes to bring them up to standard
- The Open University. Set up by Harold Wilson's government and this year celebrating forty years of delivering first class distance learning to thousands of students



It is easy to forget what it was like in the years before 1997 under the Tories - the NHS on its knees, schools crumbling, crime doubled and interest rates still recovering from hitting 15 per cent on Black Wednesday.

**Many of the achievements listed here are now taken for granted and we have to remind ourselves that many of the improvements were actively opposed by the Tories.**

We know that everything is not perfect now, but Britain is, without doubt, a better and fairer place.

Horsham Labour Party is interested in hearing your views on the performance of the Labour Government during the past 11 years. Our campaign team will be visiting your area over the next few weeks.



**Our prospective parliamentary candidate, Andrew Skudder says:**

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I am proud of the Labour Government's achievements to date, but if we are to reach Gordon Brown's goal of a fair chance and a fair say for everyone there is more to be done. The key to successful government is a willingness to listen to those living in our communities. We can then ensure that our policies address your concerns and reflect your priorities. This may seem innovative when compared to the more remote approach taken by some of the parties responsible for local government in this area!

Over the next few weeks I will be out and about in your neighbourhood with the local Labour party. We look forward to meeting you and hearing your views but if we miss you when we call, please take time to complete the form below and return it to the address indicated.

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*Please complete this form and return to Horsham Labour Party, 93 Pondtail Rd., Horsham, RH12 5HT*

Which of Labour's achievements have been of most benefit to you and your family?

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What more do you think Labour needs to do for Horsham?

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Are you a Labour supporter?  
 Would you like more information about joining the Labour party?  
 Would you be able to help deliver leaflets in your area?

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