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NEW CASH AND COMMON SENSE TO FIX POTHOLES AND DRAINS!

Since the Conservatives won control of Lancashire County Council in May they have wasted no time in getting their manifesto from being ink on paper to buses on roads, books in libraries, and tarmac in potholes.

■ Cllr Andrew Snowden said "We made a promise to the people of Lancashire that under a Conservative Administration there would be much more prudent management of the Council's finances and resources, allowing for a greater investment in getting the basics rights."

The Conservatives in Lancashire have announced an extra £5.6million a year for 'fixing the basics'. This will focus on fixing potholes, clearing drains more

regularly and cutting the grass verges and spraying pavements for weeds more frequently. There will be an injection of some common-sense as well as cash into this, by making funds available for contractors to fix other potholes in the vicinity when they turn up to do a job – so we stop the ridiculous situation of one pot hole being filled and another a meter a way being left!

Andrew said "Regardless of the way people voted,

we will soon be seeing the tangible benefits of a Conservative-run Council. It takes time to mobilise such big investments but after 30 years dominated by Labour, with just one spell of Conservative rule, we are showing people that we keep our promises, that we can deliver better services and we will now go on to show them that we can run a more sustainable and prudent Council."

Just remember if Labour had won – their manifesto

was to focus on trying to set up Lancashire's own electricity company whilst the roads crumbled, the drains remained blocked and money for essential bus subsidies went out of the window.



Andrew gives a thumbs up to investment in repairing and improving local roads



Andrew has been campaigning for more funds to clear drains properly for two years



Andrew and Caroline Snowden after the results for the County elections

THANK YOU FROM ANDREW AND CAROLINE SNOWDEN – AND WELCOME TO INTOUCH!

■ On Thursday 4th May you elected me to serve our community as your County Councillor. Being elected to represent the area I live in is one of the greatest honours of my life, I want to say to each and every resident 'thank you for your support'.

I will work tirelessly for you – tackling issues here in our community and being a strong voice for you at County Hall. There is much work to do, I will first focus on ensuring that the County Council is getting the basics right and spending

its money on what matters to you.

I look forward to supporting many community groups and continuing to be an active part of the community I live in. I have met so many great people as we have been out campaigning and I hope to inject real passion and enthusiasm in representing our area on those issues which I know are close to your hearts.

One of my promises at the election was that I

would produce a quarterly newsletter to ensure I was keeping everyone up to date on what I am doing on your behalf and keeping you in touch with news from County Hall. So welcome to 'Intouch' the first of these newsletters – another promise kept!

Caroline and I love living here and I whilst I appreciate not everyone voted for me, I will work hard and diligently for each and everyone one of you.

Andrew

Caring and Campaigning for our Community

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ANDREW MAKES FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL CAUSES AND GROUPS

■ Cllr Andrew Snowden and his wife, Caroline, have long stood by their pledge of putting the ethos of ‘caring and campaigning for the community’ at the heart of everything they do.

As part of being a County Councillor, Andrew will get a small pot of money each year to spend on community groups and causes. He wants to take the opportunity to make sure that this is fairly distributed to support the things residents most want.

He said “I want to make sure that you, the people I was elected to

serve and support, decide where my local member grants are spent – I don’t want the money agreed behind closed doors, so I will publish in my newsletters who the funds go to.”

You can learn more about how to apply for these grants by searching ‘local member grants Lancashire’ on the web or emailing Andrew directly. To be eligible you have to be an official group or campaign with a registered bank account and an agreed constitution / set of rules.

ON THE BUSES!

GOOD NEWS FOR THE 114, 24A AND 109A

■ Following the Conservatives taking control of County Hall, Andrew Snowden was appointed as Lead Member for Highways and Transport. He has been leading on a major investment programme for buses across the County – especially in isolated rural areas where there is limited access. But there is good news here in Houghton with Wheelton where Andrew lives and represents.

Andrew said “I was delighted to be appointed Lead Member for Highways and Transport and I have already written in that capacity to Chorley Council confirming that the new Conservative Administration will continue the County’s share of the subsidy that pays for the 24a and 109a weekend

and evening services that run through our area – this is only bus service in the County to receive a subsidy from County for evening and Sunday services”.

Furthermore Andrew has been working with Officers for plans to greatly improve the 114 service – serving a much bigger area of Clayton North and more regular buses.

Andrew continued “It’s great that I have a role where I can help shape the subsidised transport in our area. Whilst we are investing more in supporting services across Chorley, budgets remain tight and making sure that we get the best service for the most residents is what I want to achieve.”

ANDREW’S ALE OF THE SEASON

■ As the summer months (if that’s what you can call the August we have just had) come to a slow close, we will start to move away from the pale ales, ciders and even a good German lager!

So I thought I would pay tribute to an old favourite summer ale I have enjoyed this year, ‘Copper Dragon’ by Golden Pippin. It’s a very light beer that’s easy on the palate. At less than 4% it’s what my dad, Jim, endearingly calls a ‘session beer’!

It’s one of those pale ales that is light enough with just the right balance of gentle citrus flavours to quench your thirst on a summers day after a long walk, as you take those first few big gulps walking back from the bar as it still settles.



TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

Let us know if you have any issues of concern:

Please give us your contact details so we can keep in touch with you about the issues you have raised:

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- ☐ Deliver leaflets
- ☐ Help with stuffing envelopes
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- ☐ Join the local Party
- ☐ Vote by post
- ☐ Stand for Council

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YOU SAID, ANDREW DID!

■ Over the coming years, as Andrew serves as your Councillor we in the local Conservative team think its important we keep you up to date on what Andrew has been doing for you!

So here are just a few examples of the problems Andrew has got fixed or is fighting for in our area over the past few months:

YOU SAID: There’s a leaking dirty water pipe in the wall near Withnell Health Surgery that’s running into the pavement.

ANDREW DID: This was reported by Andrew to the Highways team

he has liaised with them to get United utilities onto the issue and it is now logged for repair.

YOU SAID: There are too many blocked drains causing surface water flooding when it rains.

ANDREW DID: As Lead member for Highways and Transport Andrew has made £300k available for more regular drain clearing across the whole of Lancashire and has had specific drains cleared in our area already.

YOU SAID: The position of the new average speed camera on the A675 means people can

speed through the village and turn right up Dole Lane without getting caught.

ANDREW DID: He has been in touch with the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership and they have agreed this will be taken into account at the implementation review.

YOU SAID: There is a broken redundant salt bin just outside Brindle village which needs removing.

ANDREW DID: Got it removed!



YOU SAID: A number of residents reported potholes to Andrew.

ANDREW DID: He’s successfully got potholes/road defects fixed that were reported to him in; Clayton, Abbey Village, Withnell and Brindle

YOU SAID: The road is sinking outside Withnell Health Surgery and cars are having to swerve to miss the dip.

ANDREW DID: Got the big dip in the road filled in (you can see the fresh tarmac).

YOU SAID: Brindle Parish Council wanted to meet on-site to discuss some long-standing County issues.

ANDREW DID: Met with the Council and Andrew is now beavering a way on a number of pieces of casework to get things moving for them!