

Bamford Conservatives



Conservatives

Spring 2016

Including Brimrod, Dakenrod, Marland, Oulder Hill and Sudden

COUNCILLOR JANE GARTSIDE SAYS, 'THANK YOU!'

■ Councillor Jane Gartside said, "5th May is local election day and I will not be standing as a candidate as I am retiring from the Council. It has been a privilege to serve the people of Norden and Bamford from 1983 to 2004 and then Bamford until 2016. It is the end of an era for me and a new beginning for the Ward.

"We have always worked as a team in Bamford and I thank my colleagues Pat Sullivan and Ian Duckworth for all their support. I include in this all those who have helped by creating and delivering leaflets and coming to events to support the Conservative Party and Rochdale Borough. I am confident that Jane Howard will give her best to the people of Bamford and she has my full support and endorsement. Jane and her family are Bamford residents too."

Local resident Jane Howard said, "I'm delighted to have been selected to represent Bamford for the Conservatives at the local elections on Thursday 5th May. I've been happy to call Bamford my home for more than 40 years and grew up on Oulder Hill Drive and Camberley Drive, attending Bamford Primary School in the 70s. I now live on Hawthorn Road with my husband and teenage daughters.

"I hold a French honours degree from Durham University and further qualifications in marketing. Following a career initially in marketing and PR within local government and the private sector, I now work in internal communications at Salford University.

"I have been an active member of the Conservative



Councillor Jane Gartside with recently selected local resident Jane Howard

Group for more than 20 years and since May have successfully helped many Bamford residents, in particular supporting the campaign against the expansion of Mojitos. I am a governor at St. Michael's School, attend the church and was a member of the Parochial Church Council for more than 11 years and a former chorister. I am also a supporter of the hard-working Friends of Springfield Park. I am passionate about ensuring Bamford remains a special place to live and work. I will work hard to make sure it stays that way.

"Throughout her long service on Council, Jane Gartside has demonstrated all that is good about being a local councillor. I would be honoured to serve my Ward, as part of the Conservative Team, if you entrust me with your vote this May."

ACCLAIM FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS

■ Roch Valley Nature Project

Well done to the Forest School Rochdale Education Partnership who gained the highest Level 5 at the North West in Bloom presentation, as well as receiving a trophy and certificate for the "young blooming champions." The nature outdoor trail at the top of Roch Valley Way is great and we were pleased to be able to help top off the project with a sign. Danny Hall, pictured below with local Cllrs Pat Sullivan and Ian Duckworth, said, "I'd like to thank you on behalf of the Roch Valley Educational Partnership for all your support."



■ Friends of Springfield Park

Friends of Springfield Park were also awarded a Level 4 "In your community" Award for the tremendous amount of work put into the park by the team of volunteers. We've been happy to support the Friends get funds to complete the Mere fencing and protect our local children, as well as paying for signage in the park and improvements to the Mere pathway which is now fully completed.



Friends of Springfield Park Ian Birchenough and David Logan with the award

David Logan from FoSP said, "This award was won because of the terrific amount of work done by members and supporters of the FoSP group. Naturally, this was helped, sponsored and supported by our ward councillors, Pat Sullivan, Jane Gartside and Ian Duckworth."



Councillor Ian Duckworth and the new sign

ROCH MILLS GARDENS FINALLY ON THE MAP

■ After residents contacted us to say that people were struggling to find them, including the emergency services as they were hidden away with no sign, we were happy to sort out the issue for them.

Now it's clear to everyone where Roch Mills Gardens exists and it's put them firmly on the map.

Local issues, local action, local Conservatives

FLOODING AROUND NORDEN ROAD

■ In regard to the issues around Norden Road where gullies are backing up, it was purely down to the swift action of the community pulling together that more houses were not flooded over Christmas.

We have paid for a survey to be carried out to find the source and Councillor Duckworth has had several drains cleared. Residents had their say at a Township meeting and we are seeking extra funding and raising the issues with all Council members.

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Surgeries:

Bamford: Bamford Chapel Coffee Morning on the first Thursday in the month, 10.00 - 12.00noon.

Brimrod, Marland & Sudden: Brimrod Methodist Church Hall, 1.00 - 2.00pm on Library Day (Tuesday).



Councillor Pat Sullivan, Councillor Ian Duckworth, Jane Howard and Councillor Jane Gartside

Forums:

Bamford & Oakenrod Area Forum: Monday 14th March, 6.30pm at Bamford Chapel.

Brimrod, Marland & Sudden Area Forum: Thursday 17th March, 6.30pm at Brimrod Methodist Church Hall.

Local Conservatives working on the things that matter TRAVELLERS

1

Ginnels

Many of our ginnels were really overgrown and Jane Howard arranged for three to be cleared.

2

Potholes

Councillor Duckworth has had several potholes sorted on Wordsworth Way.

3

Bins

Councillor Sullivan has paid for more bins throughout Bamford following requests from residents.

4

Highways improvement programme update

Thanks to Councillor Pat Sullivan and Jane Howard, Cairn Drive has now been added to improvements to be carried out to pavements on Spencer Lane. Also, after complaints and discussion with some residents, we are requesting that Camberley Drive be placed on next year's Highways Improvement Programme.



Before and After. Local resident Jane Howard arranged for a number of ginnels to be cleared (shown: Kenyon Fold)

■ Swift action was taken to remove the travellers who encamped at Bamford Green.

Following consultation with residents, discreet "bird beak" fencing has been ordered and has cost £6,600 contributed out of your Councillors' Funds.



Jane Howard with resident Howard Buckley

IT'S SNOW JOKE FOR SUDDEN RESIDENTS

■ Election candidate Jane Howard was emailed by a resident on Lower Beechwood explaining that he was concerned for his neighbours when the weather turned wintry as the roads could get treacherous by Highfield Hospital.

We were happy to arrange for a grit bin for him, as well as residents from Pegasus Court, from our Ward Funds.

SEEING RED OVER LIGHTS

■ There have been numerous issues with the lights at the Sudden/Manchester Road junction, where traffic is tailgating and residents are concerned it is an accident waiting to happen. Councillor Duckworth is arranging an urgent meeting with Highways to see what can be done.



The short duration of the lights is provoking drivers to drive through on red, which could lead to accidents happening sooner rather than later. Councillors also asked the Police to put it on their priorities list to deter dangerous driving.

BAMFORD CONSERVATIVES WORKING FOR YOU ALL YEAR ROUND, NOT JUST AT ELECTION TIME!