

Bamford Conservatives

Autumn 2011

**Bamford & Oakenrod
Area Forum:**

Monday 21st November,
Bamford Chapel, 6.30p.m.

including Bamford Village, Oakenrod and Oulder Hill

LOCAL CONSERVATIVES: GETTING THINGS DONE!



One of the Ward's sub-stations before and after the clean-up

Councillor Jane Gartside has been out and about checking on the state of the Ward's electricity sub-stations as reports have been received from residents stating their neglect and untidy appearance.

Electricity North West was contacted and their Ground Maintenance Team carried out an inspection of all the Ward's sub-stations. The clean-up operation will be ongoing until the work has been completed throughout the Ward. Electricity NW has stated that in future an inspection will be carried out every six months.

**Councillor
Jane Gartside JP
is standing again in
the local elections in
May - during her time on
Council she has worked
tirelessly to keep our
hospital services
in Rochdale.**

Winter gritting

Local Conservatives have successfully fought Council plans to scrap the winter gritting of many roads in Bamford Ward.

Councillor Ian Duckworth spoke out against the plans at Rochdale Township Committee pointing out that many of the roads destined for removal from the programme were on steep inclines and have a junction with main roads!

The Council have now done a U-Turn and all the roads have been re-instated.



Councillor Ian Duckworth on Fieldhead Avenue, one of the roads facing the axe

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NEW CEMETERY FOR ROCHDALE

Proposed cemetery site off Bury & Rochdale Old Road showing the amount of flooding during wet weather



Councillor Pat Sullivan says: "We are aware that four more new cemetery sites are being brought forward this month so that the consultation can continue. We will keep you informed of developments.

We are very concerned about the new local planning legislation (Local Development Framework) that is due to come into operation in the New Year which could have a devastating impact on all the Green Belt land in the area. We need people to make their views known to the Council. We have to thank one of our residents for bringing this very important issue into the public domain through her campaign to stop the cemetery from going ahead on Green Belt land."

A SIGN FOR BAMFORD VILLAGE

A sign for Bamford Village has been suggested by a resident to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen's Coronation next year. This will be paid for out of our Ward Councillors' allowances. On looking at old maps it would appear that the original Bamford Village was actually in the vicinity of Dixon Lane and Bamford Precinct. Bamford was a much larger area in the 1800s than it is now and

was part of Birtle, known as Birtle-cum-Bamford, and came under Middleton.

We would appreciate residents' comments and if you are agreeable to a village sign being erected – the proposed site will probably be on the Village Green which is the original site of Pinfield Cotton Mill which provided work for the local people in the 1800s.



COUNCIL TAX SHOCK!

Despite the Government providing Councils with the money to freeze Council Tax for the second year running, Rochdale Lib Dems want to raise next year's Council Tax to the level of inflation!

Commenting, Councillor Jane Gartside said: "This demonstrates just how out of touch Rochdale Lib Dems are. An increase of this magnitude, which would be over 5%, would mean real hardship for local people, especially the elderly and those on fixed incomes. Rochdale Conservatives will be supporting the Council Tax freeze."



New Councillors' Surgery at Bamford Chapel

Bamford Conservatives have organised a Councillors' Surgery for residents of Bamford Village, Oakenrod and Oulder Hill. This will be held for a trial period of 12 months at Bamford Chapel, Norden Road, from 11.00 a.m. to 12 noon, on the first Saturday of EVERY MONTH beginning on Saturday 5th November. This is an opportunity for you to speak to a Councillor in person regarding your area and local authority services etc.