For the Next Generation

With local services under increasing pressure, services for children and young people are disappearing fast.

Rugby Labour’s vision includes a Youth Strategy to put the needs of Rugby’s younger community front and centre.

Labour will:

Continue to oppose the Conservative’s decision to close children’s centres in Rugby

Promote our parks and green spaces as places where children can play and take part in sport.

Review the air quality around the gyratory and promote alternative methods of transport to make sure our children grow up breathing clean air.

Apply for funding to expand educational spaces in the town like Rugby Art Gallery and Museum so that we can have more great educational resources for children of all backgrounds.

Support the expansion of community projects which give meals in school holidays to children who receive free school meals during term-time.

Labour will build a better, fairer society for Rugby.

Only Labour will stand up against Tory cuts and protect the services that people rely on.

Only Labour has a bold vision to rebuild our communities and transform our borough.

Whether it's building housing that our families can afford, protecting Rugby’s precious parks and open spaces, improving waste collection and tackling fly tipping, Rugby deserves better.

Take a read through this leaflet and see how Rugby Labour will deliver this for you, for your family and for our community.

There's only one way you can make this bold vision happen - by voting Labour in the Rugby Borough Council Elections on May 3rd.

These elections are your chance to send a powerful message, to have your say on eight years of Conservative cuts to public services, failed privatisations and falling living standards.

This year, one third of the seats of Rugby Borough Council come up for election, and Rugby Labour Party is putting up excellent, local candidates for every one of them. Local people who understand local issues, who work in local businesses and who know about local services, because they use them too.

On May 3rd, Vote Labour for a positive vision for every ward in our Borough, and for a brighter future for all of the people of Rugby.

Your future is on your ballot paper

Make a positive change... Vote local.

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Tory austerity has decimated local councils.

Vote for your Labour candidate on May 3rd

Affordable and social house building for local people is not part of Rugby’s housing boom. Community safety is at risk after cuts to the number of police officers. Older people are facing cuts to social care. Cuts to family services are hitting people hard. With your support, we can change this.

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

- Count me in, I'm a Labour voter
- I'd like to register as a Labour supporter, please send me a form
- I'd like to get involved in my local candidate’s campaign

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A Vision for a Renewed Rugby

Rugby town centre, our local, small businesses, environment and services are struggling.

Rugby Labour has an exciting vision to transform the borough for all our communities

Starting with Rugby town centre, the vision will be achieved by relocating public services into modern, accessible premises and freeing up land for housing, shops, businesses and public open space.

Rugby residents shouldn’t have to settle for second best. Local businesses need an environment that encourages them to thrive. All this is possible and affordable. All it takes is the bold vision that Rugby Labour can bring to the Council. With a strong voice, Labour councillors can push for this to be the future for Rugby.

Our vision doesn’t stop with the town centre. Our plans secure the future for local fire and ambulance services, linked to better GP and hospital facilities. They improve precious green spaces in local communities and support everyone to protect the environment by tackling fly-tipping and improved recycling.

Take a look at the pledges below and see if you agree that Rugby Labour’s vision is exactly what Rugby needs.

Rugby’s affordable housing for local people has been sadly neglected. That’s why we’ve put together a simple, four-point plan to bring secure, accessible homes to our communities.

We’ve set out the pledges behind our plan below. They’re simple, straightforward, fair and achievable. Take a look for yourself and see if you agree.

We’ll tackle Homelessness and Universal Credit head-on too.

Labour is determined to end the scourge of homelessness and rough sleeping in Rugby. Even Conservative councillors have said that Universal Credit is forcing people into homelessness, but not enough is being done to tackle the problem.

Whether people are in work, looking for secure employment or unable to work because of serious illness and disability, people are terrified of the suffering Universal Credit is causing.

We’re not prepared to sit by and watch this happen. As well as challenging the Conservative government to think again about Universal Credit, we’ll draw on the knowledge and capacity of local charities, food banks, trade unions and council officers, as well as local residents. By pooling our resources, we’ll provide alternatives for rough sleepers, support to those trapped in a cycle of debt and solutions for families at risk of eviction because of insecure employment and the impact of Universal Credit.

A Four-Point Plan for Housing and Homes

Wherever we live, we all need good quality homes that we can afford.

Homes where we feel secure, close to our families and our communities.

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Protecting front-line emergency services and improving access to GPs and hospitals

Rugby Labour opposes cuts to front-line emergency services. With fire safety in our high-rise blocks an increasing priority, our plans for the town centre ensure that fire and ambulance services remain rapidly accessible to all the communities of Rugby.

We continue to press for enhanced GP provision and access to the right healthcare and mental health services. Rugby Labour opposition to cuts to GPs and hospitals and improving access to local front-line emergency services.

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Investing in community safety and improved police presence

With the Tory government’s cuts decimating our police, it’s more important than ever that our local community safety services are given the resources they need.

Community Safety Wardens are our first line of defence against anti-social behaviour and criminal activity, yet Rugby’s Tory-led council seeks to cut their budgets and reduce their effectiveness. We’ll fight to preserve community safety and make sure that Rugby gets a fair share of police presence.

Caring for our environment

Fly-tipping is an increasing problem in Rugby. We’ll solve this by using already-approved efficiency savings in waste collection services to provide fast response refuse removal.

We’ll make it easier for everyone to recycle, by introducing simple waste separation practices so that recyclable waste isn’t contaminated with non-recyclables.

Labour councillors already run regular community litter-picks. More Labour councillors means more litter-free community spaces.

Preserving and improving parks and green spaces

Everyone deserves to enjoy parks and green spaces near to their homes. That’s why we work with the Field In Trust charity to ensure they’re protected for generations to come.

We’re developing innovative edible garden projects, where residents can grow and share food products. We’ll fund much-needed improvements to play areas across the borough too.

Enforcing a requirement for new developments to include at least 40% affordable housing.

All new developments should include affordable housing. We’re shocked that the Conservative-led Council has failed to enforce this requirement.

Rugby Labour’s pledge is to require all new developments to include a minimum of 40% affordable housing.

Re-introducing a Local Authority-backed mortgage scheme to help people to get on the housing ladder

If you’re trying to buy a home for the first time, or you have family members who are trying to get a foot on the housing ladder, you’ll know just how hard it is to find a deposit and secure an affordable mortgage.

Many Local Authorities have already introduced mortgage schemes. We think Rugby deserves the same. Don’t you?

Investing in Rugby’s social housing

Council waiting lists are increasing and the number of council houses we have is going down as properties are sold off through Right to Buy.

A Labour council will invest all the funds available, as quickly as possible, to reverse this trend and get a grip on the housing crisis.

Encourage empty homes to be brought back into use by reducing the council tax discount on empty properties from 6 to 3 months.

At the moment, owners of empty properties don’t pay council tax for six months. To encourage people to make empty homes available for people who need them, we’ll reduce the period of discount from six to three months.

If there are exceptional, valid reasons we’ll be fair. If not, we’ll collect Council Tax as usual.

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