“The choice in next year’s general election could not be clearer” says Caitlin Bisknell, Labour’s parliamentary candidate for High Peak.

It is a choice between a Labour party that fights for, and cares about, ordinary working people, or a Tory party intent on giving tax cuts to the rich while penalising hard-working families.

Caitlin Bisknell has spent the last 18 months knocking on doors and talking to people about what concerns them, both locally and nationally.

“I know from listening to local people that families are making really difficult decisions, balancing paying fuel bills and rents or mortgages, with buying food and school uniforms.

“We should not be asking ordinary working families in High Peak, who are already striving to beat the cost-of-living crisis, to make an even bigger contribution. How can it be right to take £3bn away from ordinary families, while giving a £3bn tax break to the richest 1%?

“Unlike the Tories, Labour has set out how it will fund its pledges – and offered to get them independently assessed by the Government’s own Office for Budget Responsibility.”

Labour will:

• Put £2.5bn into the NHS to pay for nurses, GPs, care workers and midwives.
• Cut taxes for 24 million working people on middle and low incomes, with a lower 10p starting rate of tax.
• Freeze energy bills till 2017.
• Provide 25 hours of free childcare every week for three and four-year-old children with working parents.
• Reduce tuition fees by £3,000.

Manchester Credit Union comes to High Peak

Following its success in Gamesley, the Manchester Credit Union is now extending its services to Glossop, Hadfield, New Mills, Fairfield and Buxton – thanks to funding from Labour-led High Peak Borough and Derbyshire County Councils.

Labour’s parliamentary candidate for High Peak, Caitlin Bisknell, said: “Manchester Credit Union has been a great success in Gamesley where it chased payday lenders out of the area. I am delighted that the Credit Union will soon be operating across High Peak, offering a much-needed service to residents.”

For more information about Manchester Credit Union, including venues and opening times, in High Peak check out: http://www.highpeak.gov.uk/hp/council-services/chesterfield-credit-union-in-high-peak/opening-times
Labour – working hard for you in the High Peak all year round

New £20m secondary school for Glossopdale

Labour’s parliamentary candidate Caitlin Bisknell has welcomed ambitious plans to build a new secondary school for Glossopdale.

“This is solid proof that Labour is serious about education; it is recognition that students and teachers need a good working environment. It is a sign of the importance that Labour places on investing in our young people and our future.

“I know that staff, governors, parents and students are delighted with the news – and have lobbied hard for a new school – and I am delighted that thanks to Labour Derbyshire County Council, their efforts have finally paid off.”

Under the scheme, the Hadfield site will be demolished with a new school, youth and community centre being built on the News haw Lane site.

Labour – investing in education & our future

Across High Peak, we have recently seen evidence that Ofsted inspections are becoming politicised, with the aim of pushing more and more schools down the academy route, often against the wishes of parents and staff.

In Derbyshire, Labour is investing money in helping schools to improve performance through partnership working with other schools, as is now happening at New Mills School. In neighbouring Chapel-en-le-Frith, Labour’s Caitlin Bisknell was one of the first to back the primary school in its fight against forced academisation.

“Over the past four years, parents, pupils and teachers have come to realise the implications of Tory rule: larger class sizes and lower teacher morale.

“Only the Labour party wants parents to have the choice which matters to them: a good local school, qualified teachers and a curriculum that stretches the whole child.”

While the new school is being built, all students will be taught on the Talbot Road and Talbot House sites in Glossop. Once complete, the Talbot Road and Talbot House sites will be sold for development, with cash from the sale helping to fund the new single-site school. Building work is due to start in mid-2015 and is expected to take two years.

Caitlin is pictured with Glossopdale county councillors Damien Greenhalgh, Dave Wilcox and Ellie Wilcox.

While Labour is investing in schools across High Peak, the Tory-LibDem coalition spent a whopping £18m on one free school in London with just 17 pupils!

In the past year, Labour Derbyshire County Council has provided nearly £1m funding for new classrooms in Buxton, Hadfield and Gamesley, with a further £3.75m spent on school repairs and invested in solar panels at Hayfield Primary School.
Neighbourhood Plan Update

Local volunteers and councillors are seeking to re-launch the process to develop a Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan.

It is thought that the main focus of the plan will be on the criteria for future development, including design criteria, housing mix and affordability. Other aspects which may be covered are car parking, creating new wildlife corridors, and identifying sites for allotments and recreation spaces.

There will be a series of public engagement sessions in order to gather evidence for the plan. Then local people will have the final say in a referendum. Once adopted, the policies it contains will be considered in all future planning decisions.

Chair of the group and Vice Chair of Whaley Bridge Town Council, Martin Thomas, said: “This plan is a way for our community to have a say in what development looks like over the next fifteen years or so. It can have an influence in bringing about needed improvements.”

If you would like to help in the development of the plan, please contact Martin, or the Town Clerk, at The Mechanics’ Institute, 21 Market St., Whaley Bridge.

Yes! I support Labour

- Please register my support for Labour.
- I would like to help Labour. Please contact me.
- I would like to join the Labour Party. Please send some information.

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Please return to: Freepost RTJB-KRLA-JSHR, Caitlin Bisknell, The Labour Party, 10 Burlington Road, Buxton, SK17 9AL

Transhipment Warehouse

Talks are ongoing with the Canal and Rivers Trust to plan future events at the transhipment warehouse. Architects’ plans for suggested future use of the building can be viewed at the Mechanics Institute and on the website at whaleybridge.com

Martin Thomas said, “Let us know your views on how to develop this valuable heritage site.”

Young People’s Cafe - Footsteps

Thanks to local fundraising, and a Town Council grant, a young people’s cafe at Footsteps has been launched on Thursday evenings. Martin Thomas, Chair of the Community Trust which runs Footsteps, said, “I am really pleased we have been able to secure funding to enable Footsteps to be open 3 nights a week now, for local young people. Many thanks to all who have supported the development of this provision.”

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