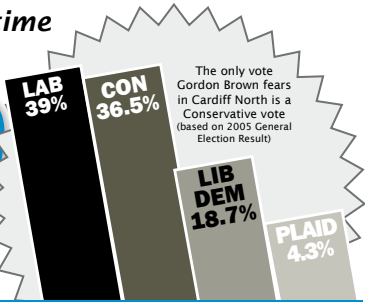


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## EVANS WARNS OF LABOUR TAXES

Jonathan Evans, Conservative Candidate for Cardiff North, has warned that the Labour Government has ordered a massive increase in taxpayer-funded advertising budgets as the General Election approaches.

‘Since Labour came to office there has already been a four-fold increase in advertising promoting the Government, but in the past year of recession, Labour has increased spending still further by 40% to over £232 million. All of that money is coming from taxpayers. At a time when even Labour are

accepting that budgets will need to be cut, the massive increase in Labour Government self-advertising at the taxpayer’s expense is morally unacceptable.’

Jonathan said: ‘We are also seeing newspaper adverts and leaflets promoting MPs continuing to be funded from the House of Commons Communications Allowance, which the Kelly report clearly said was taxpayer funded promotion of MPs and should be stopped. Some MPs just seem to think they can carry on regardless.’



*Jonathan Evans meeting local residents of Whitchurch who could end up paying for Labour’s election advertising through their taxes.*

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# SCHOOLS' UPDATE

WE  
SUPPORT  
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SCHOOLS



Thank you to all who signed our petition to support local Whitchurch Schools that are under threat by the Lib Dem/Plaid Schools Organisation Plan. Over 2,250 voiced their objection to:-

- a **reduction** in the size of Whitchurch High School
- a **reduction** of two English Medium Primary Schools to one
- a **reduction** of educational opportunities within Whitchurch
- **AND SUPPORT** for the need for quality Welsh Medium capacity.

The petition was presented to the City Council at the December meeting.

The plans will now go to the Welsh Assembly for approval but officials will also be presented with our petition and your objections.

The school Governors of Whitchurch High have also asked that the school be given 'Foundation Status' which will help give teachers more power in the running of the school.



Jonathan Evans, Local Conservative Parliamentary Candidate, said, "The show of support from local residents has been fantastic. I am very proud that the residents of Whitchurch have voiced their concerns and sent a very clear message to bureaucrats that they care about their local school. Thanks to your support, we have shown that our community will stand up for itself."

## CALL FOR SAFER ROADS

As a result of concerns expressed at the last PACT meeting regarding the dangerous junction of Norman Road, Plas Treoda and the Philog, Councillors Linda Morgan and Tim Davies arranged a site meeting with local residents and a Council official.

The council officer recognised the traffic problems and potential dangers to pedestrians, particularly youngsters who frequently cross the road at this location and promised to investigate possible funding of a traffic scheme. Whitchurch Councillors suggested

the officer should investigate including such a scheme under the Councils 'safer routes to school scheme'.

**The next PACT meeting will be on the 16th of February at 7pm in the International Hotel, Tongwynlais.**

The PACT priorities are:-

- Criminal damage - Motor Vehicles
- Youth annoyance, general non-alcohol related

# WHITCHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE

As many of you will have noticed, the old community centre was recently demolished, before it fell down. Space was found for the users of the Community Centre to enable them to continue operating whilst the new centre is built. The nursery group has moved to Cae Delyn Park until the summer but will return when the new centre opens in September.

You will be able to see the progress soon, as the building rises above the hoarding and look forward to its long overdue replacement. Your councillors have been working for the replacement for many years but without the hard work and perseverance of

the committee, Sheila Williams, Chris Lewis, Winston Griffiths, and users over the recent years this would not have been possible and we thank them for their work.



Whitchurch Councillors at the site of the new Community Centre

# LABOUR INSULTS LOCAL BOBBIES

**Jonathan Evans, Conservative Candidate for Cardiff North, has condemned Labour's Justice Secretary Jack Straw for insulting hard pressed local police officers. Straw recently claimed that police officers preferred to remain warm in police stations with paperwork, rather than getting out on the beat and tackling crime.**

Jonathan said : 'The truth is that Jack Straw and his Labour MPs have tied up the hands of the police with bureaucracy.

They have ignored the professional judgment of police officers and denied them the freedom to do their jobs - violent crime has increased as officers are forced to spend more time on paperwork than on patrol.

Labour's early release scheme has seen over 70,000 criminals released early, while prisons remain overcrowded, hampering efforts to rehabilitate prisoners.

The bond between the police and the public



***Jonathan Evans highlights the issue of mounting bureaucracy for local bobbies***

must be rebuilt, and the first step will be cutting the red tape which prevents the police from doing their job properly'.

# News in brief..

## PETITION TO RESTORE BUS SERVICE

Your Whitchurch Councillors presented a large petition to Cardiff Council signed by residents living in the Hollybush estate. The petition requested the Council to examine the possibility of restoring a bus service to the estate.

Councillor Tim Davies said “This service was greatly appreciated by many residents, particularly the more elderly and those with mobility difficulties. Unfortunately the service was withdrawn because the bus route was frequently blocked by residents and visitors inconsiderately parking cars and vans in restricted areas.” The Council will review the situation.

## AND IN OTHER NEWS...

- New fencing has been provided between Heol Penlan play area and local residents back gardens to give them better security. The area itself has also been upgraded, new play equipment installed making it safer for children using the facility and the improvements will reduce antisocial behaviour in the area and stop harassment of a number of elderly people.
- Your local Councillors have approved further grants being given to the Melingriffith Nature Reserve to further improve the facilities for visitors.
- Additional traffic restrictions will be provided to the roundabout outside Velindre Hospital to improve safety by stopping traffic parking on the bend.
- A planning application to provide an additional all weather pitch at Power League was opposed and refused planning permission.
- The historic Melingriffydd Water Wheel is to be removed and refurbished. This was first in operation over 200 years ago and didn't cease working until the works closed in 1947. Since then this important piece of history has been largely left to rot and we look forward to seeing it restored to something approaching its original condition.
- The parking restrictions in Whitchurch car parks to enable them once again to be available to shoppers rather than all day commuters will soon be in operation.

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We would like to keep in touch with you about the issues affecting our area. If you would be happy for us to do this by email and mobile phone, please complete your details below:

**Name**

**Address**

**Phone\***

**Email\***

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- I can deliver leaflets in my road
- I can display a poster at election time
- I would like a postal vote
- I would like to make a donation
- I would like to join the Cardiff North Conservative Association

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