

**Parish Rates Soar Under the TORIES**

Tory miss-management of the Parish Finances has lead to huge increase in the parish rates. Just look how much more we pay compared to Parishes of a similar size in Erewash.

Compare the Parish Rate in 2003 and the present rate after 4 years of Tory control

**2003 the rate was - £16,000 Now in 2007 its risen to £41,200**

Compare the Rate with neighbouring Parish Councils of similar size.

The facts speak for themselves

<u>Parish Rates</u>	<u>2004/05</u>	<u>2006/7</u>	<u>An Increase of</u>
Breaston	- £ 8,927	£10,670	£ 1,743
Sandiacre	- £15,750	£23,525	£ 7,775
<b>Ockbrook and Borrowash</b>	<b>- £16,000</b>	<b>£41,220</b>	<b>£25,220 in just 4 years</b>

**(Under LABOUR Control 1995 – 1999 we reduced the rates by £5,000)**

If the parish records are examined it will be noted that committee budgets for Allotments, Burials, Environment and Recreation, have been kept down, whilst administration and salaries have soared!

This huge increase was agreed by the Tory Parish Council Chairman who was also the Finance Chairman. However he had moved to Allestree, so did not and will not pay a penny of this huge bill, that the Council he led imposed on you!

**-Can you afford to let the TORIES spend your money for 4 more years?-**

**LABOUR'S RECORD in OCKBROOK & BORROWASH**

Labour's Team for Ockbrook and Borrowwash has a longstanding track record of working for the people of the Parish. Working on Local matters that are important to you all year round not just at election time. Although we have been out of office for the past eight years, this has not stopped the local Labour Party working for the Parish

**Just look at the local Labour Councillors track record over the past 10 years.**

With Derbyshire County Council help we obtained the new Pelican Crossing in the centre of Borrowwash.	In 1995 the Labour Councillors reinstated the Remembrance Service (Scrapped the Tories).
Labour Councillors successfully represented the Parish at the Public Inquiry, resisting the development of the Greenbelt land between Spondon and our Parish.	We successfully lobbied Derbyshire County Council to introduced <b>weight restrictions</b> for Station Road, Central Ave, Manor Road, Princess Drive and Gordon Road
We were successful in our fight for the re-instatement of the <b>post box</b> on the Priorway Estate	MP Liz Blackman along with Labour Parish Councillors and Local residents forced the Tory controlled Council into a U-turn over the erection of an Anti-Social Behaviour Bollard on the Kimberley Road entrance to the playing fields. Labour
Local Labour Parish Councillors have lead the campaign to reduce the excesses of Gravel Extraction.	In office Labour Parish councillors gave excellent value for money. We capped your Parish Rate and never increased whilst in office.

**Compare LABOUR Record with the present TORY council record over the past eight years.**

At a whim the Tories cancelled all Parish council meeting depriving democratic rights to Ockbrook and Borrowwash for a period of more that two months.

**Putting the Parish Council at the Heart of the Parish**

Labour’s Local Team believe that the Parish Council should be more accessible to residents. To achieve this, we aim to move the Parish Office from Ockbrook to the centre of Borrowwash Village, the heart of the Parish (there would be only one Parish Office). The new office would replace the present office which is situated in a side street of Ockbrook, not on a bus route, difficult to access and very few residents know it exists

We would seek to open discussions with the police authority along with Erewash and Derbyshire Officers to explore the possibility of sharing these premises.	The new Parish Office would then become a Community Shop, i.e. A One Stop Shop for advice, help and an information centre.
Concerns and problems of all residents would then be dealt more effectively and efficiently.	We would increase the office opening times to the public. At the moment its open for just 4hours a week
The new Parish Office would be open for members of the public throughout the week. The Parish Clerk would pass all concerns or problems quickly onto parish councillors. The office would also be made available for residents to discuss the issues with Erewash Officers, Derbyshire Officials and the Local Police.	We believe the Parish Office should be run for the benefit of the residents, not for the benefit of the Parish Council.

**What Else would a LABOUR OCKBROOK & BORROWASH PARISH COUNCIL DO?**

**We would formulate a ‘Parish Plan’.** Allowing the Parish to tap into extra monies for the Parish All groups and members of the public would be involved. Consultations and public meetings would be held and all suggestions would go into the melting pot for consideration.

We would look to form links with community groups such as: BAG (Borrowwash Against Gravel), Ockash Trust, Borrowbrook Homelink, Churches, Schools, Playgroups, Scouts, Senior Citizens, Pubs, Sport Clubs and Local Charities etc

In an effort to include more young people in the decision making process, a **Young Peoples Forum** could be established. Parish councillors would sit down with the young people of all ages on a regular basis to ascertain their views on ‘what was needed within the Parish’. The MP and the Local Police would be invited to these meeting.

The Labour Government has introduced many measures to combat anti-social behaviour. We will work with residents, local police and other bodies to resolve issues of ASB, and urge more enforcement of excising laws..

We are in favour of a complete drinking ban on the streets and fields of our Parish

We would explore the opening of **footpaths** for the disabled.

Under the Tories administration costs have been allowed to rise steeply. We will aim to reverse this trend and monies saved will be used to provide better services. Please note: Parish Council administration costs were reduced under the last Labour controlled parish council. We would again “Give Value For Money”



**If you value your village – vote for it**

**LABOURS LOCAL TEAM**  
**For BORROWASH EAST**

**Kevin Bates**  
**Dave Harrison**  
**Jeff Martin**  
**Barry Warwick**

*Remember, you also have 3 votes*

*For Erewash Borough*

**LABOURS TEAM**  
**For the BOROUGH**

**Kevin BATES**  
**Eric HIGHTON**  
**Philip WHITT**