

MOSELEY LABOUR

SPRING 2024

Councillor Kerry Jenkins
Working for the whole of Moseley

HELPING TO TACKLE FOOD POVERTY

Food banks are still reporting a huge surge in demand as many people living locally are faced with financial challenges and a continuing cost of living crisis.



Cllr Kerry Jenkins and members of the Moseley Labour Team collecting for foodbanks and talking to local residents at the monthly stall

We shouldn't need foodbanks but the reality is that the numbers of people living in object poverty have been steadily increasing over the last decade. **Moseley Labour** has raised around £2000 for Kings Heath Foodbank and have passed on around half a tonne in food donations to the Trussell Trust but more is needed. **Kerry** said "We are so grateful to local residents for their generosity by making food donations and from giving to our collections. This generosity has made a huge difference to the lives of many."

Moseley Labour hold their stall on the same day as the Farmers Market and you can find us by the crossroads between 10am and 1pm. Donations of any non-perishable, in-date food as well as toiletries and household items such as laundry liquid detergent and washing up liquid as well as baby supplies such as nappies, baby wipes and baby food are always gratefully received. Any cash donations received are passed directly to Kings Heath Foodbank. Moseley CDT also have a foodbank collection point at the Exchange.



Moseley Station Update

Councillor Kerry Jenkins knows that having a railway station operating in **Moseley** is really important for local residents. The delay to the original opening date of Dec 2023 was really disappointing and there has been little information coming forward of late. **Kerry** was keen to obtain an update from the WMRE sponsor to check that plans are on schedule. She has been assured that the completion date is still **December 2024** and that every opportunity to claw back time is being taken where possible. They have just concluded a nine day blockade (where trains do not run on the line) which resulted with a significant amount of work being undertaken successfully. Talks are ongoing between the project team and Network Rail to try to obtain more blockades so that the work might be completed ahead of schedule. **Kerry** will keep a close eye on progress and will report back as soon as she gets new information but is hopeful that the extended deadline will be met.





Supporting young people fighting for the services they deserve

Kerry has continually challenged the officer proposals put forward in relation to cuts to front line services, particularly those for children and young people. She recently supported young people at two rallies to protest the potential cuts to Birmingham Youth Service.

Kerry said "Cuts to these services are a false economy and whilst it will save money in the short term, it will cost the council far more in the medium to long term. Early prevention work is vital and cutting such services would be failing our young people." **Kerry** is also very concerned about potential changes to transport policy for children who have special educational needs. In particular, 0-5 and 16-18 year olds where the current provision is discretionary due to a failure of the government to tighten up legislation and provide ring fenced funding. **Kerry** also said "Whenever savings must be made, non statutory services are always the ones cut first but children and young people are not to blame for the financial crisis faced."

"Yet again, young people face being disproportionately affected by the financial crisis gripping local authorities across the country." UKYouth

Spring budget offered little for our schools

The Chancellor's Spring Budget failed to address education funding and offered no action on teacher and support staff recruitment or retention or to deal with record class sizes. Here in **Moseley**, all but two of our schools have faced cuts since 2010/11 and 92% of Birmingham schools have been negatively impacted by cuts equating to -£126.3M lost since 2010/11 averaging out to -£701 per pupil. This budget (hopefully the last one ahead of a General Election) was unsurprisingly heavier on tax cuts than on public spending, with no further revenue funding to help schools deal with rising pressures. **Kerry** said "The news of a building programme for special schools to create over 2,000 additional places for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) across England is welcome but won't happen for years and does not address the wider crisis in special educational needs funding."



Hall Green Families

Help for children, young people and families in need of support living across the Hall Green Constituency. If you need information, guidance or support please call 07570 953519 (operated Mon to Fri 9:30am to 4:30pm) or send an email to: hallgreen.families@greensquareaccord.co.uk

Find a foodbank

You can find the location and opening times of local Trussell Trust foodbanks by scanning the QR code. Kings Heath Foodbank are based at the back of the GreenOak building, 240 Alcester Rd South, B14 6DR. Open Friday 9.30-11.30 and Saturday from 11-12.30.



Road Harm Prevention Strategy

Birmingham's strategy has been out for consultation and **Kerry** responded fully supporting its recommitment to Vision Zero, as well as the inclusion of the Safe System and Healthy Streets approaches. Such approaches will reduce the chance of death and serious injury on our roads, making streets more accessible and safer for all. **Kerry** said "Road safety is such a huge issue both here in Moseley but also across the City. I have tried to encourage residents to participate in this vital consultation. The dominance of the car and the associated terrible driving behaviour has seen a free for all on our roads with cyclists and pedestrians and other road users ending up as collateral damage. These injuries and deaths are totally preventable and we must all take responsibility to increase safety on our roads". **#SaferMoseley**

Which of the following do you worry about the most locally?

- Road safety Housing Schools NHS/GP's Council services
 Other Issue/s _____

Which of the following do you worry about the most nationally?

- NHS Housing Education Social Care Environment
 Other Issue/s _____

If there was a General Election tomorrow, who would you vote for?

- Labour Conservative Lib Dem Reform Green Other

Your Details

Name:

Mobile:

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Address:

Postcode:

Can you help us stay in touch with residents by delivering leaflets down your street?

- YES
 NO
 MAYBE

Please pop in an envelope and return the completed form free of charge to:

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