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Remembrance Day Message [extract]

Today is Remembrance Day. We remember the suffering and the sacrifice of so many men and women who fought for us. We tend to think of the First and Second World Wars on this day but there have been many other conflicts in which the ultimate price has been paid. Let us remember with gratitude the service of our armed forces in the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan and also in countless other campaigns down the years: Kosovo, the Gulf War, the Falklands War, Aden, Korea...

I often ask myself the question: What did these hundreds of thousands of British men and women die for? What would our grandfathers and our great-grandfathers make of the United Kingdom in 2008? I fear that they would say, "Did we die in vain? What has become of you - our children and grandchildren?"

Consider that the British death toll in the First World War (1914-18) was about 900,000 killed, and in the Second World War (1939-45) about 450,000 were killed. These numbers are appalling, but even more horrifying is the fast approaching figure of 7,000,000. Seven million what? Seven million who?

Since the Abortion Act 1967 legalised abortion in the UK, in forty years there have been over 6.7 million murders by abortion committed in this country. The 7 million mark is only a few months away. Consider that if you total the loss of British life in *every* war in which the British people have ever fought - from the Hundred Years War, the Wars of the Roses and the Civil Wars to the Napoleonic Wars, the World Wars and since - the sum total of British deaths in war is *less than a third* of the over 6.7 million British people murdered by abortion in the last forty years.

Our valiant and glorious war dead did not sacrifice themselves so that we could sacrifice our innocent children in the womb. We won the war but lost the peace. The evil which our World War Two heroes sacrificed themselves to save us from is sadly the very evil which this nation has subsequently freely entered into. Hitler and Stalin would've been very proud of wiping out an entire generation by abortion. Hitler would've been delighted that his great admirer, the eugenicist Marie Stopes, has British murder clinics named in her 'honour' trading up and down the country. The Nazi eugenicists could only have dreamed of the horrors and perversions which are now legal in the UK with the passing of the Human Fertilisation & Embryology Bill into statute law.

Whilst we celebrate our war heroes today, we ought also to weep, wail and mourn over our acceptance of the very culture of death which our war heroes sought to prevent - if indeed our hearts can handle the hypocrisy.

But there *is* hope for the British people and the British nation, and His name is Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us that, "...God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life", and also that "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers."

In the secular humanist climate which prevails in our Parliament and in our local government Council Chambers today, the truth of the Gospel good news of Jesus Christ is unpopular - to the extent which the truth is denied and ridiculed, and the Christian men which speak it are denounced from the left wing and the right as fools, fascists or worse. But the truth remains, the truth stands firm... Jesus Christ is the *only* hope for our nation. Wars shall never cease, but it is within our power to stop abortion at any time, just as soon as we admit that abortion is wrong and repent.

21 11 08

An 18 Year Sick Joke

Since the abolition of the death penalty, murder has become a commonplace occurrence on the streets of the UK today - and in accompaniment to the ultimate crime there is also all the appalling violence and disorder which does not result in the actual death of the victims but which is rapidly bringing the civilisation of British society to a state of ruin.

The *Lancashire Evening Post* newspaper has reported the sentencing of a youth who murdered a man to a minimum 'life' tariff of 18 years' imprisonment:

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/Cornall-killer-to-serve-18.4719751.jp>

It is a sick joke that the value that the British state places on the life of a murder victim is just 18 years' imprisonment in the life of the murderer. It is no wonder that murder and violent crime is out of control in the UK today - without a death penalty there is no deterrent and justice is left undone.

According to God's standard of justice, it is right and proper for a murderer to be executed - indeed God's justice *requires* that a murderer should be executed. The death penalty for murder upholds the sanctity of innocent human life.

By rights, the 21-year-old Lancashire murderer Liam Cromie should be executed; he should not be allowed to 'get away with murder' for the bargain basement price of a token 18 year 'life' sentence.

Subject to the necessary system of safeguards being put in place to avoid miscarriages of justice, I call for the restoration of the death penalty for murder in the UK in every instance of murder where there is 100% solid-gold proof of the guilt of the convicted person.

23 11 08

Lord's Day Message

God often works out His purposes through the most unlikely people and circumstances. There was Joseph, the young lad who went through slavery and imprisonment in a foreign

land before God raised him up to become the Prime Minister of Egypt. And there was David, the shepherd boy who endured many severe trials in life as God raised him up to become the King of Israel. And then there was Esther...

The Book of Esther in the Bible recounts the story of Esther, the rags-to-riches true story of a poor Jewish girl raised by her cousin Mordecai in a foreign land. In a nutshell, through a remarkable set of circumstances, the beautiful virgin Esther was plucked from obscurity to become the Queen of Persia at just the right time to use her position of influence with King Xerxes in order to save her people, the Jews, from a conspiracy to kill the entire Jewish people. Through her courage and wisdom - (and that of Mordecai, who is often 'forgotten!') - Esther did indeed help to save her people from mass extermination at the hands of the evil Haman and she is rightly honoured by the Jews to this day for her obedience to God.

And obedience to God is at the heart of why Esther succeeded in saving her people. Esther had a divinely appointed destiny to fulfil, but she had a choice, whether to obey or to disobey God. And this was no ordinary choice because it came with a very great risk attached. You can read the Book of Esther for yourself, but in essence the action which Esther took in obedience to God in order to save the whole Jewish population was action which she freely took in the knowledge that her conduct could mean the sacrifice of her own life.

A key Bible verse that speaks of Esther's dilemma is *Esther, Chapter 4, Verse 14* [here quoted from the International Children's Bible translation]:
[Mordecai advised Esther that] *"You might keep quiet at this time. Then someone else will help and save the Jews. But you and your father's family will all die. And who knows, you may have been chosen queen for just such a time as this."*

Esther was a faithful woman of God. Esther knew what God required of her, and she knew the danger, and Esther obeyed God. Esther fulfilled her divinely appointed destiny, and here I am writing about her today in recognition of her faith.

We all have a purpose to fulfil in our lives. Sadly in the UK today, many of us are unaware that there is any meaning and purpose to life, because so many of us are oblivious to God, our Father in Heaven, and so many of us are therefore going around as mere shadows of the people we are meant to be. I urge you to reconnect with God today. Seek God and find true meaning in life; discover God's plans and purposes for your life. You are very special and precious in God's sight; in truth you are of such great worth to God that He gave His Son the Lord Jesus to sacrifice His life on the cross for you, dying on your behalf to open the pathway of reconciliation between you and your Father in Heaven.

Take heart and take heed of God calling you to Himself. As my old pastor at Winton Baptist Church, Pastor Andrew Gallimore used to say [and still does]: "No Christ, no hope! Know Christ, know hope!" When you enter into right relationship with God, you'll quickly discover what you've been missing... you'll know who you are, why you're here and where you are going to - and when you know that you'll really start to live a powerful, fruitful and blessed life. Who knows?... you may even end up as the Prime Minister!

Amen.

03 01 09

Cleaning Up for Salford

One thing I'm passionate about is making a beneficial difference in local communities with social action work and charitable projects. I get up to all sorts of hands-on, hands-dirty stuff and for me such activity is inseparable from and every bit as important as the writing, speaking, researching and lobbying activities of a political activist. I don't see any essential difference between scrubbing out a subway and writing polemical material against local brothels... it all boils down to the fact that so much of the political activism which I undertake is ultimately concerned with cleaning up filth and restoring peace, order and beauty. For me, a large part of what true, pure politics is about is serving people and meeting the needs of the community - whatever the need may be. In the above photo I'm cleaning graffiti off the walls of a subway under the East Lancs Road in Swinton; I did this in the early hours of Saturday morning [today] between 2am and 5am; the end result can be seen in the photo at the very bottom of this blog. Graffiti removal and the cleaning of public spaces is just one of several voluntary community action projects I'll be involved with in locations throughout Salford in 2009. It's always a privilege to serve Salford and I always look forward to working at the 'sharp end' on the street because after all that's where I get to meet and talk with the great Salford public! And it's only by listening to the hopes, concerns and opinions of real people leading ordinary lives in Salford that I am able to identify and pursue the specific social and political action which is most needed in Salford. Being regularly on the street is the essential 'reality check' which all politicians and political aspirants need in order to avoid losing touch with the heart of what politics is all about, namely serving people and putting community life in good order.

26 01 09

St. Ann's Hospice

In the last couple of weeks I have visited one of the St. Ann's Hospices several times. I have been most impressed to see a St. Ann's Hospice in action with my own eyes. I believe the specialist palliative care provided by these hospices is second to none - for the few who are fortunate enough to need admission when the hospices have a bed available.

The crying shame is that there is not a much higher level of availability of such excellent, specialist palliative care across the UK. There is certainly the demand.

One of the reasons why as a political activist I am so emphatically opposed to euthanasia - and the persistent attempts to sneak it into being in the UK with pro-deathers' ongoing efforts to legalise so-called 'assisted suicide' - is because I know that the provision of palliative care would be badly affected in a euthanasian culture of death.

One only has to look at the situation in Holland where euthanasia is the order of the day. Not without reason do people observe:

Q. What should you do if you have an accident in Holland?

A. Don't wait for the ambulance!... Get a taxi to Germany immediately!
Palliative care provision in Holland has 'died a death' since that country legalised euthanasia.

The St. Ann's Hospices receive only about 35% of their essential annual financial requirement from the State. The rest - £6 million a year (or over £16,000 *daily*) - has to be raised from donations... a phenomenal sum has to be found every year just to keep going.

To find out more about St. Ann's Hospices, visit: <http://www.sah.org.uk>

04 02 09

NEETS & A.S.B.

Have a quick look at this news article:

<http://news.uk.msn.com/uk/article.aspx?cp-documentid=13679583>

The article acknowledges the enormous level of anti-social behaviour [ASB] which the UK suffers from today. Much of this ASB is inevitably being committed by NEETS.

NEETS is a term which refers to those people aged 16 to 24 who are *Not in Employment, Education or Training* - and there are well over a million of them in the UK today.

It requires no great intellect to understand that a generation of young people which is effectively unemployable due to its lack of the necessary trade skills, academic qualifications or social skills - and even the mere will to work - has instead kept itself busy on the streets by engaging in crime and anti-social behaviour. The devil makes work for idle hands, as the old saying goes.

This is a serious problem; we are in danger of seeing a 'lost generation', a generation lost to crime, delinquency and welfarism. And there is no easy solution: once a person is engrained in a particular lifestyle, once somebody is habituated to living on benefits and supplementing those benefits with the proceeds of crime then it is difficult to break out of the welfare trap and the cycle of deprivation. By the time somebody is in their early twenties - no qualifications, no skills, never worked, perhaps already a criminal record - the damage has already been done long since and the extent and the difficulty of change required to turn such a life around is considerable. It can be done - but prevention is better than cure.

Why do we have an army of NEETS today? What lies at the bottom of the NEETS phenomenon? Well, there are many (interrelated) reasons which explain the NEETS, but the key reason is quite simply family breakdown and the absence from so many children's lives of their natural father.

If we fix the family we'll go a long way to fixing our broken society - absolutely no doubt about it. And until we fix the family things will go from bad to worse. Fixing the family is by no means a task which is only political, but it is a challenge in which the practice of good politics and lawmaking could achieve much. Unfortunately the current generation of British politicians remains deeply hostile to the marriage-based family - preferring to

promote homosexuality and other perversions of social [anti-] structure instead - and so until a British Government wakes up to the reality that the traditional married family is the *only* sound foundation for society then all hope is lost. Sadly it is probably too late to redeem most of the thousands upon thousands of NEETS that there already are in the UK today; let us hope that a British Government will get to grips with the heart of the problem soon, and make every effort to do all that politicians can (and should) do to restore, strengthen, support and promote marriage (and associated virtues including chastity and fidelity).

Without a return to society rooted in the traditional marriage-based family the UK is doomed. The deliberate destruction of marriage since the 1960s by politicians, ideologues and others is a major root cause of the current chronic crisis state in which we now live - we either return soon to the sanity of the *only* sound structural basis for a strong, civilised (and sustainable) society or we continue our present course down the road to imminent oblivion. We are a nation committing mass social suicide by failing to abide by the 'natural law' principles of marriage. We reap what we sow. Our many contemporary social ills - including promiscuity, abortion and cohabitation - are fatal. It is a minute to midnight. Will the UK repent? Will this nation be restored to its senses in time? The flame of hope flickers feebly but it has yet to be snuffed out; hope is fading but it is not yet dead. May God save the UK!

The UK *must* return to the traditional and proven bedrock of marriage.

13 02 09

Sad Dad

13-year-old father Alfie has told his story to *The Sun*:
<http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article2233878.ece>

There's only one word to describe this story... Tragic.

Alfie's story is just one more extreme example of the consequences of the way in which our society has sexualised children - who should not be sexually active at all - with a media culture which constantly entices children to 'try it' and State-sponsored 'sex education' promiscuity indoctrination in schools. It's little wonder that almost half of teenagers are sexually active in some form or another - kids are bombarded non-stop with the presentation of immoral sex.

Until we ban pornography, ban school 'sex education' (which is completely unnecessary, and which is the very root cause and facilitator of the problem it claims to address), enforce the law on the age of consent and teach our children once more about chastity and about marriage as the only proper context for sex... until we do these things our national crisis of teenage pregnancies, child parents, abortions, STDs, broken hearts etc will carry on unabated.

P.S. Any frowns of disapproval towards Alfie by journalists on *The Sun* payroll should be tempered by the recognition that as a pornographic publication *The Sun* is directly responsible and culpable for the sexual immorality and dysfunctionality of British society.

The pornography of *The Sun* is a major force at work against moral sexual attitudes and conduct - namely chastity before marriage, and the marriage-based family founded on the sexual fidelity of husband and wife.

21 02 09

'British' Muslims fighting against Us

This photo is of four Royal Marines - all recent recipients of the Military Cross for Gallantry, in honour of their service on our behalf in Afghanistan. Left to right: Marine Danby MC; Corporal Willey MC RM; Corporal Hewett MC RM; Corporal Cowe MC RM. The *Daily Telegraph* has today reported on the current situation facing the British forces in Afghanistan:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstoppers/politics/defence/4736032/British-Muslims-providing-Taliban-with-electronic-devices-for-roadside-bombs.html> The current Commander of UK Forces in Afghanistan is Brigadier Messenger of the Royal Marines. British Officers have told the *Daily Telegraph* how British patrols are threatened by improvised explosive devices which are comprised of parts supplied to the Taliban by 'British' muslims. In August last year the British Commander in Afghanistan at that time, Brigadier Butler, told the *Daily Telegraph* that "British passport holders" were fighting on the side of the Taliban against British soldiers. And also last year, RAF Nimrod surveillance of Taliban radio communications detected accents of Yorkshire and West Midlands origin. We can conclude without doubt that there are plenty of 'British' muslims who hate the UK and who are actively fighting against the UK today. But this comes as no surprise... the muslim terrorists who murdered 52 innocent people in the London bus and tube atrocities of '7/7' [07.07.05] were all 'British'. May I strongly suggest that the current climate of politically-correct appeasement of muslims in the UK urgently needs to be stopped. Islam is exactly like Nazism: it cannot be appeased.

07 03 09

Wigan Council's Pervert Propaganda

I have previously mentioned the *LIFE In Salford* propaganda magazine of Salford City Council on this blog. *LIFE In Salford* masquerades as a non-partisan Council publication but it is essentially a propaganda tool for the ruling Labour Party in Salford - and one which very conveniently costs the Labour Party nothing because it is of course funded by Salfordians' taxes.

Public sector and political propaganda in the form of 'free' council magazines is now commonplace throughout the UK and I recently came across the latest issue of the *Borough Life* propaganda magazine (Issue 25, Spring 2009) of Wigan Borough Council.

The front cover of this latest issue of *Borough Life* is taken up by a photo of the actor, homosexual pervert and prominent perverts' political campaigner Sir Ian McKellan. The front cover carries the captions "Sir Ian McKellan at Golborne High" and "Movie star backs school's stand" and also "Sir Ian His message to bullies."

The front cover captions refer to a double-page feature inside *Borough Life* (pages 14 &

15). This feature is packed full of the implied assumptions of the Labour Government's and the public sector's orthodoxy of secular humanism and postmodern moral relativism and the feature is heavily laden with the pervert propaganda of perverts' lobby group Stonewall - of which McKellan is a founding member and a prominent advocate.

Consider the following extracts from the feature...

"A guest of Golborne High for the day, Sir Ian is visibly moved by what the children and teachers there are doing to raise awareness of homophobia and all aspects of bullying which can blight the childhoods and future chances of so many people. The school is running an anti-bullying pilot in conjunction with the council and Stonewall, the group who lobby against homophobic behaviour."

"The intolerance, or lack of understanding, from previous generations, was something he [McKellan] is anxious is not repeated in modern times, and Sir Ian was stunned by the work already done in the borough to move beyond past prejudices."

"Looking at the children sat with him in class, he [McKellan] advises them simply: 'Follow your feelings.'"

"Sir Ian is fast becoming an unofficial ambassador for Wigan borough as a tolerant and diverse community.

...he declares loudly: '... Here in Wigan, with the support of schools and the council, society is changing for the better.'"

"If you are being bullied, free online advice and confidential counselling is available from the council-backed kooth.com especially for 11-25 year olds."

Quite apart from the fact that whoever wrote this junk isn't capable of writing in the correct tense, (the past tense), the above extracts are a masterclass in early twenty-first century humanist pervert propaganda. It's all there isn't it...

'awareness of homophobia', 'homophobic behaviour', 'intolerance', 'past prejudices', 'follow your feelings' [not truth and reason], 'Wigan borough ... a tolerant and diverse community'.

According to the propaganda message of *Borough Life*, all personal moral convictions and views which condemn homosexual perversion - and rightful public expressions in speech of hostility to homosexual perversion - are 'intolerant', 'prejudiced', 'bigoted', 'homophobic' and 'hate speech'.

One of the most insidious and evil concepts which is stealthily placed in the article is the exhortation to "follow your feelings." Trusting not the moral absolutes of God's biblical truth but rather inventing one's own nebulous personal 'values' based on emotion is the basis of the disastrous nihilism and moral corruption of postmodern humanistic ideology and New Age pagan philosophy; such unreasoning and amoral ideology is the shaky foundation for the State-sponsored 'sex education' so prevalent in British schools today and which is the premier vehicle for indoctrinating British schoolchildren into the false belief that homosexual behaviour is normal and even good - in addition to brainwashing

kids into condom culture in order to facilitate their early sexual debut and subsequent promiscuity. [Indeed the term '*sex education*' is itself a propaganda tool to which most people are quite oblivious!]

It is horrifying that British schoolchildren in the twenty-first century are being deceived about homosexuality: our kids are actively encouraged and indoctrinated into hating the truth and believing perverse lies instead. It is the current Labour Government that we have to thank for this sorry state of affairs; consider this external article on the website of the *Christian Institute*:

<http://www.christian.org.uk/news/20080418/tony-blair-did-stonewalls-bidding-says-ian-mckellen/>

In 2003, Labour got rid of Section 28 of the Local Government Act 1988, whereupon British schools were swamped with the homosexual pervert propaganda which had previously and quite rightly been banned under Section 28.

The rot really started in 1997 with the landslide victory of New Labour under Tony Blair. At Stonewall's annual fundraising dinner in April last year, McKellan gave a speech in which he recalled meeting Tony Blair three months before the 1997 Labour landslide; McKellan said:

"I reeled off Stonewall's demands, and he [Blair] nodded, wrote them down and put a tick by them all. Then he said we will do all that."

Since that time, Labour has bent over backwards to obey the will of its gay political masters in Stonewall. The pervert puppeteers have very effectively dictated Labour's every move in the past twelve years.

But nothing and nobody can change the fundamental truth: homosexual behaviour is a dangerous, destructive and deadly manifestation of the sinful perversion of human sexuality. Stonewall and the Labour Party and Wigan Borough Council can choose to deny the truth if they so wish but the truth cannot be killed by their lies, denials and delusions: the eternal Truth of God stands firm forever!

23 04 09

Abortion Pill Adverts on TV

In just over an hour's time the first ever TV advertisements for the abortifacient 'morning after pill' are to be broadcast on British television.

Advertisements for Levonelle One Step are to be broadcast after 9pm on several channels, including Channel Four, Sky and ITV.

Levonelle One Step is an abortifacient, which means that it works as a chemical form of abortion. *After a human being has been conceived and a new human life started*, a woman can kill that newly conceived human being inside her by taking Levonelle.

I'm absolutely appalled that this is being allowed to happen. That the UK has descended

to this new low of broadcasting TV advertisements for abortion pills is disastrous and diabolical.

As a committed Pro Lifer I will continue to fight against evil like this and I look forward to standing as a Pro Life candidate against anti-life Hazel Blears at the next General Election.

Join the Pro Life fight today and get involved with [SPUC](#).

25 04 09

Roadside Pro Life Vigil in Salford

This morning I participated in a Pro Life roadside vigil on Eccles Old Road in Salford. I was one of twelve Pro Life supporters who held up placards for a couple of hours as a silent testimony to the Great British Abortion Holocaust. The roadside testimony was witnessed by hundreds of people - both those in vehicles and those on foot - and, judging by the number of drivers who sounded their horns, there is much popular support for the pro life cause amongst the general public. There were a couple of dissenters but the event passed off peacefully and I cannot overemphasise the overwhelmingly positive response from the public (and in an area with a very high rate of teenage pregnancy). A culture of life must eventually triumph over the culture of death which is prevalent in the UK today. The Pro Life struggle will go on until victory is achieved - however long it takes and whatever the cost. And since there will be a pro life parliamentary candidate for Salford and Eccles at the next General Election [i.e. me!], voters will have the opportunity to reject the anti-life Hazel Blears soon enough.

20 05 09

Barred from the Public Gallery

The above photo is a sight that very few Salfordians have ever seen; this is the main council chamber of Salford City Council. I took the photo after the first session of today's meeting of full council and was very annoyed that when I returned for the afternoon session of council I was barred from entering the public gallery because my name was not on a list of permitted persons! Since when is there a list to enter the public gallery! But though I couldn't get into the public gallery, Hazel Blears and her Labour pals could. So it was that I found myself outside the building waiting around with news crews from Granada, BBC and ITN. At the end of the council meeting Hazel avoided the waiting press and public, preferring instead to duck out of a back entrance and into a chauffeur driven car which was waiting to whizz her away from any danger of having to engage with journalists or the Salford public face-to-face.

25 05 09

PC Police

Page 36 of the current edition of the *Salford Advertiser* (21.05.09) is dedicated to the Police April Report which is of course written by the Police.

The following is an extract from the Police's April Report to the Advertiser's City of Salford readership:

"We are appealing for volunteers to become a critical friend and offer advice and suggestions on how to work more effectively with the many different communities within Salford.

The Salford Independent Advisory Group (IAG) is made up of individuals representing black, minority, ethnic, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, disabled, refugees, asylum seekers and travelling community."

It's no wonder the Police have such difficulty relating to The Community in Salford when they're lost in the madness of pandering to the politically correct diversity agenda which is currently the imposed orthodoxy of our woefully out-of-touch Labour politicians, who take their orders from the perverts' lobby group Stonewall. [Labour politicians certainly aren't drawing their influences from the great majority of the ordinary British public!]

Well, Salford Police can take their advice on law enforcement from gays and gypsies and the rest of us will get on with trying to make our streets as safe as possible.

I'm currently engaged in an anti-brothel campaign against the World Famous Babes illegal brothel at 217 Worsley Road in Swinton. It's very sad that civilian volunteers are having to campaign for months on end against this brothel (which is only one of several brothels in Salford), taking photos and hanging around to disturb the punters and the prostitutes, when if the local Police would just regularly station a uniformed PC (or PCSO) outside - perhaps with video recording equipment - then the brothel's trade would die within a short space of time and the brothel would close. As it is civilian volunteers are having to do what is really basic policing work which could be done much better by the Police: last week one civilian volunteer was threatened by three men from the brothel and was very fortunate to avoid a serious assault by the men from the brothel - but a uniformed Police Constable would not have been threatened in like manner.

Like so many other people in Salford and across the nation, I would dearly love to see the Police freed up from all the PC nonsense and enabled to return to proper and effective policing which really matters. With the high level of crime which is currently the lot of this benighted nation, we need a force of Police, not a force of pervert-propaganda social engineers.

31 05 09

June 4th Euro Elections

The Euro elections are this Thursday; I have decided that I am going to vote for the [Christian Party/Christian Peoples Alliance](#). My usual overriding concern in a European election is to vote for a party committed to withdrawal and so I was considering voting for UKIP - albeit reluctantly given the dirty deeds of some of UKIP's current MEPs - but pro-life and major moral issues trump even the issue of withdrawal in my heart and that's why I've decided to vote for the Christian Party/CPA. It so happens that I know several of the candidates standing for the Christian Party/CPA, including their No. 1 candidate for

the North West region, Dr. Hans-Christian Raabe. I met Hans-Christian in person this morning and ended up taking several hundred leaflets off him to distribute in Salford (which was not my intention this morning!). So it was that this afternoon I was out in Langworthy sticking out leaflets for the Christian Party/CPA - though I'm not a member of the party. [I'm not a member of any political party.] The Christian Party/CPA is very unlikely to see an MEP elected for the North West of England - its candidacy is essentially nominal this time - because it is new on the scene and has had no media and so public awareness is very low - but it is a start. I believe principles are a more important consideration in voting than prospect of success and so I'm going to vote for what I believe to be the most moral, pro life, pro family party: Christian Party/CPA. Please be sure to use your vote on Thursday 4th June... your vote is important so exercise your right and responsibility to vote.

01 07 09

Salford Online Video Interview

Salford Online has put up [a video interview](#) which I did with Tom Rodgers last week. Tom actually interviewed me for 26 minutes so obviously the interview has been substantially edited for broadcast.

I was not involved in the editing, I did not decide what questions I was asked or veto any questions and going into the interview I had only a rough idea of some of the areas that Tom might want to discuss - so it was very much a natural, off-the-cuff, on-the-spot interview from my point of view... no spin doctoring involved! (And did I mention a bit nerve-wracking too at times!)

If I've understood correctly it is the first of three interview segments to be broadcast so presumably parts Two and Three will follow in due course.

I'd like to thank Tom and the Salford Online team for giving me the opportunity to do an interview with them and I hope that it is helpful and informative to the Salford and Eccles electorate.

02 07 09

BrothelWatch Bearing Fruit

I'm pleased to see that my BrothelWatch campaign is starting to bear fruit against the World Famous Babes illegal brothel in Swinton - in conjunction with the work also being done by the Police, Salford Lib Dem councillors, Salford council officers and local residents. Steve Cooke has written about a recent successful prosecution regarding the brothel [here](#); I think Steve has by implication rather over egged his role in the efforts against the brothel - many others have done far more, involving real danger at the sharp end - but no reader is obliged to give Steve quite as much credit as he may like! The BrothelWatch campaign I started has now been running for seven months: every vehicle going into the brothel's car park is under surveillance and every person going in and out of the brothel is under surveillance. I'm delighted that a successful prosecution has finally been secured and that this brothel is on the way to permanent closure. We desperately

need much better laws relating to brothels and prostitution in this country; it is ridiculous how hard it currently is to legally shut down brothels.

07 07 09

Seven Seven

Today is four years on from the 7th of July 2005 when a gang of British muslims murdered 52 innocent people in the London bus and tube bombings. Never was the true nature of islam more ably demonstrated.

Today the Prince of Wales and the Prime Minister joined with the family and friends of the victims in a [special ceremony in Hyde Park](#).

I am well aware of the full extent of the islamic onslaught against the UK. Nothing has changed since 7/7, as [this example](#) ably demonstrates, and the overarching aim of a broad array of muslims in this country and throughout the world is to take over the UK by any means necessary, and jihad takes many forms - not just terrorism. Islam remains by far the biggest security threat to the UK today, but the prevailing political orthodoxy in the main parties still persists - the disastrous, politically correct appeasement of islam in the name of 'tolerance', 'diversity' and 'multiculturalism' continues unabated. And so fuel is thrown on the far right fire of the BNP, who can continue in the present climate to exploit the disillusionment of many white British working class and middle class voters.

The failure to get to grips with islam also means that this nation now faces [a lesser threat of far right terrorism](#) as far right extremists savour the prospect of perpetrating murderous mayhem against British muslims - or indeed any British citizens - in the hope of stoking up hatred against non-white British people and winning more support at the ballot box.

I'm opposed to both islam and fascism: so is the great majority of the British people (whatever their race or religion).

If I had the political power to do so I think there is a strong argument for proscribing the British National Party and that is something I'd seriously consider. At the same time I'd put an end to the appeasement of those whose agenda is to islamify the UK within 20 years. Liberal representative democracy does not mean the absence of boundaries; there must be limitations; liberal democracy means freedom for those who will play within the rules - not an absolute, unchecked 'freedom' for anybody to do whatever they want as this only leads to the advancement of an evil state, be it anarchistic or totalitarian (whether islamic, fascist, communist or other).

It's interesting to debate the ideology, but we must not forget what our priorities must be. People are being murdered and the survival of the British nation is at stake.

There is an urgent need for British politicians and British media to face up to reality. I remember meeting Rabbi Moshe in Manchester in October 2005, just 3 months after 7/7. Rabbi Moshe is now resident in the USA, but for many years he was a very senior figure in the Mossad in his home nation of Israel. It was a great privilege to meet a man with a lifetime of top-level expertise and experience in defending the free world against islam.

At the meeting Rabbi Moshe got very animated and said: "*Why do we call these people suicide bombers? Don't say suicide bombers, say HOMICIDE bombers!*"

Rabbi Moshe made the point, in this example and others, that we are still co-operating with our enemies in accepting their propaganda!

(The term 'suicide bomber' puts a focus on the terrorist murderer and, by extension, his cause, and implies martyrdom, at the same time as it diverts attention from the motive and desire for and the act of mass murder, and of course from the murder victims).

So let's get real! This nation is fighting a defensive war against islam. British people are under the threat of murder from many who adhere strictly to the teachings of Mohammed, and who are fanatical about conquering the UK - but the muslim enemies of the UK will only succeed if we let them. It's time for the UK to stop appeasing enemies bent on destruction - both muslims and fascists - and start fighting back.

07 07 09

Brothel Criminals Attack Man

Swinton South Lib Dem Councillor Steve Cooke has just posted an [article](#) about an extraordinary attack upon a man which is believed to have been perpetrated by criminals opposed to my efforts to close the World Famous Babes brothel in Swinton. There is absolutely no connection whatsoever between the unfortunate Mr. Roger Berry and either myself or anybody else involved in my BrothelWatch campaign against WFB. I've no idea how Mr. Berry ended up being targeted when he had nothing whatever to do with the anti-brothel campaign. This nasty incident just goes to show the sort of evil thugs who operate in the shady world of prostitution. I hope and pray that Mr. Berry will recover quickly from his ordeal and that his attackers are swiftly brought to justice.

08 07 09

Frank Field: talking my language

The Prime Minister has avoided defeat over the abolition of the 10p rate of income tax.

Since the abolition of the 10p rate (in Gordon Brown's last Budget as Chancellor in 2007), half a million of the poorest British households are worse off (by £3 a week).

Speaking in the Commons, Frank Field said the following of Labour MPs:

"The golden thread that links us all together is that we came into this place not only to protect but to advance the interests of those who get the least from life. The 10p is a denial of all that we have come into public life about, and this is our last chance before the general election to rectify it."

Frank Field may be well motivated, but the evidence which has emerged against Hazel Blears in recent weeks has clearly proved that Blears is only in politics to advance her own interests.

If elected MP for Salford and Eccles, [I will do the job for the National Minimum Wage](#), to show that I'm not in it for the money and as an expression of solidarity with the many

low wage earners in Salford and Eccles whom I would represent.

09 07 09

'Roger Berry'

Since I declared as a prospective parliamentary candidate for Salford & Eccles [on 23.04.09], in the last couple of months I have sadly become the subject of character assassins on the internet.

There are clearly several people involved - some of whom must be conspiring together, and others acting alone - and these people have made it their business to defame me and lie about my politics at every opportunity.

Of particular concern is an anonymous 'person' going under the name of 'Roger Berry'.

In the last couple of months, 'Roger Berry' has been following me around the internet to assault me in writing at every opportunity.

'Roger' has sought to haunt me on comment-threads on Steve Cooke's and Mole45's blogs [most of it by quantity is presently on Mole45's blog] - and it is also obviously the same 'person' who has written a lot of seriously misleading comments about me on threads on SalfordOnline (albeit under SalfordOnline's anonymous "by Guest" facility).

'Roger' has written that I'm a fascist, a far right extremist, a racist, a sexist, a hater of people, has implied that I'm mentally unstable, and has blamed me for an attack which took place upon a man who everybody in the know (including the Police) knows I've never met or ever had anything to do with whatsoever!

Readers of anything written about me by 'Roger Berry' should beware that the vast majority of what 'Roger Berry' has written about me is lies.

'Roger' has frequently attributed statements to me by putting phrases in quotation marks [e.g. "phrase"] and claiming (or implying) that it is a quotation from something I have written. Most of these supposed quotations have been made up by 'Roger' - they are not genuine quotations of anything I've written.

When 'Roger' is not completely making things up, 'Roger' also likes to quote some things which I actually have written but completely separates these quotations from their original context. In particular 'Roger' tries to present remarks which are clearly metaphorical, humorous or ironic in their original context as though they were meant literally or without humour or irony. 'Roger' also likes to quote in an unbalanced way things which I have actually written and suggest a completely inappropriate interpretation of their significance; 'Roger' wilfully ignores clearly stated explanations of my motives and attitudes which are given in my writings about any particular issue and instead prefers to offer his own conclusions which are wholly unwarranted from any sensible and balanced assessment of Carvath sources.

Another way in which 'Roger' misrepresents me by unbalancing things I have actually written is to quote only part of a clause, sentence or paragraph which is clearly not

divisible without considerable distortion of the obvious and intended meaning.

In summary, all comments made about me by 'Roger Berry' should be treated as highly suspect. Do not trust anything in quotation marks [""] that 'Roger' attributes to me as it is almost certainly false. Do not trust any descriptive claims made by 'Roger' about what my political policies or attitudes are either. 'Roger Berry' is simply a character assassin who is prepared to write any amount of libellous nonsense about me in order to defame my name and reputation and mislead people into believing false information about me - to prevent me from winning the election.

12 07 09

Audacious

I managed to catch the last hour of the evening service at Audacious City Church earlier this evening and it was good as ever. If you don't know, [Audacious](#) is right by the River Irwell on the Salford/Manchester border - just a stone's throw from the MEN Arena.* If you've never been it's well worth a visit! Audacious is not my home church but I do like to visit when I can as it's always a blessing to go. A lot of people may not know that Audacious has a [regular programme of social action in the community known as 'A-Teams'](#) [no relation whatsoever to my *BrothelWatch* 'A-Team']; teams of volunteers from Audacious regularly get stuck into helping the less fortunate. In the last couple of years I'm aware that the Audacious teams have done various work in Salford, including helping to prepare properties to make them habitable for victims of domestic abuse in need of re-housing. Maybe Stephen Kingston or Pamela Welsh should pop down and do an interview with the Audacious crew some time? Just a thought. In demonstrating a heart for those in need, Audacious are typical of Christians. The fact is, the overwhelming majority of voluntary social and community action work going on in Salford today - and throughout the country - is being done by Christians. Audacious are active in Salford. So is the Salvation Army. So is Elmwood Church. So is Salford Elim Church. So is Manchester City Mission. There's the Loaves and Fishes Project. Victory Outreach. The Roman Catholic Church does so much in Salford. Barnabus is based in Salford. I could go on and on. My point is, Christian faith motivates so many people to do and to sacrifice so much for others in Salford today. Where would we be without these tireless servants of the community? (And yet there is barely ever a decent mention of Christian activities in the mainstream press in Salford - notably the *Salford Advertiser*). One thing I'm keen to do as MP for Salford and Eccles (if elected) is engage in a big way with local churches and charities with a faith based ethos. I know that if politicians were more willing to cooperate with the faith community then the resultant benefits for their constituencies would be *BIG!* And the benefit would be for the whole community - not just people of faith; Christian faith believers want to be helpful to *everybody* without exception. These people stir up life and love wherever they go; where there is strife they bring peace: Greater Manchester Police have publicly noted how the Street Pastors organisation has made a real impact in lowering street crime and violence in the parts of Manchester where it has thus far been active - I hope that Street Pastors come to Salford soon. My main rival for Salford and Eccles at the next General Election, Hazel Blears, is rather hostile to Christian charity work despite it being widely acknowledged that the country would grind

to a halt without it. Hazel has demonstrated her antipathy to Christians on several occasions (such as reported [here](#) and [here](#)). At the next General Election, in Salford and Eccles, voters of all faiths and none will have a clear choice between candidates: a candidate willing to embrace, encourage and facilitate the greatest force for good in our community and a candidate who insults the fundamental motivation for so many of Salford's unsung community heroes. Salford's faith heroes have my full support and all voters can be certain that public funding for these people will be safe on my watch.[* And also just a stone's throw from where I was recently interviewed by Tom Rodgers for the Salford Online videos.]

14 07 09

From Cradle to Grave (if you make it to your cradle that is)

The Government's imminent Green Paper on Social Care will contain proposals intended to avert the collapse of public finances. There are now more pensioners than children in the UK and the burden on those of working age to fund state pensions and the health care costs of the elderly is increasing. Without urgent action there will be an estimated £6 billion hole in social care funding within 20 years. Clearly this is a massive problem.

How did we get into this mess and how can we get out of it? I'd like to mention two things which might not immediately spring to your mind (but perhaps they should): the first is an evil which this nation has allowed and which is a significant cause of the problem; the second is an evil which this nation may yet allow in an attempt to come up with a 'final solution' to the problem.

(1) Abortion: 7 million British people have been aborted in the last 40 years, and yet we wonder where all the children have disappeared to? I'm afraid they're dead. We killed them. [And, logically, we also killed the children that they would've had too.] That's a major reason why we're now top-heavy with elderly people in an aging society.

(2) Euthanasia: The financial temptation for the State is to kill the elderly to remove the cost of caring for them. [And if you don't think such wholesale murder by the State could ever happen, may I respectfully refer you back to my previous point about abortion.] Don't underestimate this as a motive for bringing in euthanasia!

When, as in recent weeks, I am the target of defamatory smear campaigns on the internet, it is heartening to remember why I'm a political activist at all: I can take all the abuse because it is quite literally for the sake of saving lives. When I remember that most of the people who abuse me support the murder of their fellow British citizens (and even their own relatives) it kind of puts their abuse into perspective, doesn't it?

16 07 09

Hazel Must Go! Meeting

Earlier this evening I attended the open public meeting of the [Hazel Must Go! Campaign](#) at Pendleton Bowling Club. I'm glad I went; I found the meeting very informative. There was much 'heartly talk' and I would have to say that all considered the general flavour of the proceedings was 'slightly to the left'! I recognised quite a few people there, and I

suppose I could drop a few names here but I won't - except to mention that Barry 'the Anarchist' was there (and he made a stirring impromptu speech which took us on a whirlwind tour of 'red-tinted' political history). Well done Barry!

Needless to say, as a rival candidate to Hazel Blears I agreed wholeheartedly with the core sentiment of the meeting - namely that Hazel ought to go. I'm not a trade unionist but I'm confident that traditional Labour supporters would prefer me to Hazel; between now and 6th May 2010 I have to connect with traditional Labour supporters and convince them that I am worthy of being their servant for Salford and Eccles in Parliament. I hope to demonstrate that I am worthy of their votes, which I know are not given lightly.

19 07 09

Best of British

It was a pleasure this afternoon to turn out in support of local amateur boxing at a show organised by Gary Booth and the Irlam Boxing Academy at the old Curzon. Unfortunately I had to leave early and so I only got to see the first ten bouts up to the interval but it was well worth going just for part of the show. The turn out was very good, which was great to see because an awful lot of work goes into putting on these shows. Irlam's Johnny Twist raised the roof with his assured victorious performance, whilst one of Irlam's schoolboys brought the whole place to silence when he fell prey to a killer left hook to the head which literally knocked him off his feet and left him motionless on the canvas for a minute or so until he recovered. Salford's former light-middleweight Commonwealth Champion and WBO world title challenger Steve 'The Viking' Foster was in attendance and Steve awarded trophies to the boxers. I wish I could've stayed for the whole show but I've got to dash from this blog to the next thing today. Boxing is an excellent sport for young men and I'll do my best to help local clubs raise funding if I'm victorious in my big contest next May! Thanks to Gary and Irlam boxers for a great demonstration of a well produced amateur show. With the revival of boxing that Gary is bringing about, the future looks promising for Salford and Manchester boxing.

30 07 09

Pensioner Poverty

Child poverty is of great concern to me. Did you know that over a third of children in Salford are considered to be living in poverty? It's a sobering fact.

Less prominent in the media but of equal concern is pensioner poverty. Two million British pensioners are classified as living in poverty, and 1.1 million of these survive on less than half the average income. This state of affairs is appalling.

Parliament's cross-party Work and Pensions Committee has just released a report in which it recommends doubling the Personal Expenses Allowance (PEA), which is paid to around 250,000 pensioners in residential care and is currently set at a derisory £21.90 a week. I fully support the Committee's call to increase PEA.

As Prospective Independent MP for Salford and Eccles, combating child and pensioner poverty is high on my list of priorities.

30 07 09

Salford Fly-tipping Clean Up

I'm a big believer in common sense social and political action. I believe that politicians - and those who aspire to be politicians - are nothing if they are not servants of the public. For me: politics is about service. Problems come in many different shapes and forms - and the same can often be said of solutions. This evening the problem was fly-tipping and the solution was to clean it up myself and dump it at the tip. The two photos of a Salford street above are of the fly-tipping on Exeter Street (and after I'd cleared it up). Salford Lib-Demmer Steve Middleton had reported the fly-tipping on Exeter Street to Salford City Council's Environmental Services first thing on Monday morning, but it was still there until I sorted it this evening (four working days later). Environmental Services do a good job, but since the dumped rubbish had been there a week, I decided that direct action was appropriate to help out the council (and local residents). It was my pleasure to help out... just don't mention the **** (third photo)!

30 07 09

Brothel Watch

I'm the executive director of the *BrothelWatch* campaign which is working to close the World Famous Babes illegal brothel on Worsley Road in Swinton. I have a great bunch of volunteers who keep the brothel under surveillance and who work under the name of *The A-Team* (which I know is not very original!). The shot above is the handywork of Colonel Hannibal Smith from earlier this evening. As Prospective Independent MP for Salford and Eccles, I promise long-suffering local residents in Swinton that *BrothelWatch* will continue until we have the satisfaction of seeing the final closure of this illegal brothel and, furthermore, that I will use a seat in Parliament to fight for better laws to strengthen the hand of the Police in the fight against organised prostitution.

01 08 09

Party in the Park Report

I think this photo is 'pure Salford' and it's one of my favourites from today's Party in the Park. [Feel free to copy, distribute and publish it.] Well I had quite an exciting day today and ended up on photographer duty and Prospective MP casework - neither of which I'd reckoned on when I turned up. If I'd known I was doing proper photos I'd have brought a proper camera! [Please don't whisper '*a bad workman always blames his tools*' under your breath: the camera I had was pretty limited - OK?] Anyway what happened today? Here's a potted report... Met Stephen Kingston and bought *Salford Star* T-shirt (as modelled in sidebar photo). Red's my favourite colour. Met Moose, lead singer of indie-rockers Sugarwood, and had a bit of a chat with him: Sugarwood hold their practices at the Duke of York in Eccles (I never knew that before today). Saw the graffiti artists at work and got an okay photo of the *Amber Project* artwork. Caught a bit of John Herring: good singer/songwriter. Saw several good stalls. I was especially impressed with the mechanical rodeo bull which proved very popular (but no I didn't have a go!). Had a really good chat with a couple of people: Pete Ball and Paula Cooper. Paula has been in Salford for 40 years, is officially classed as homeless and is desperately struggling to get a

home in Salford. She is one of the 18,000 on the waiting list - bidding every week at the Home Search office, so far without success. Paula said: "I can't get a house in Salford. I've lived in my dad's place the last four years and I've been told I'll probably have to wait at least another 18 months!" [It's a shame Paula's not Polish.] Pete Ball expressed his grievances with Hazel Blears. Four years ago Pete attempted to contact Hazel Blears - both by letter and telephone - in relation to Vertical Villages tenancy issues. Pete said: "In four years I've had no joy from Hazel." I was particularly concerned by Pete's allegation that Hazel Blears' Office divulged sensitive information from his initial letter to Hazel - and which he had expected would be treated in confidence - to third parties without obtaining or even attempting to obtain his consent! All in all a very interesting day... got a lot more than I bargained for when I thought I'd just pop over for a quick half hour!

05 08 09

Pakistan House Public Demonstration

I suppose it's inevitable that the main focus of this blog is upon Salford and Eccles and that's likely to remain the case up until the General Election - but the political activism in which I engage is often on a national or even international level. It was only last Christmastime that I recall I spent quite a bit of time engaged in lobbying on behalf of Indian Christians being massacred by rampaging Hindu mobs in a religiocidal bloodbath in the Indian state of Orissa.

Tomorrow at 10am I'll be at a public demonstration outside the Consulate General of Pakistan in Manchester [Pakistan House, 137 Dickenson Road, Rusholme, Manchester, M14 5JB]. The demonstration is about the following atrocities committed in Pakistan last week:

(1) Last Thursday 50 Pakistani Christian homes were burnt down in an unprovoked arson attack by Pakistani Muslims in the village of Korian (near the city of Gojra).

(2) Last Saturday a small Pakistani Christian colony near the railway line in the city of Gojra was attacked by a rampaging Pakistani Muslim mob. The Christians had been falsely accused of desecrating the Koran - the Christians were quite innocent. During this attack 36 Pakistani Christians were badly burned or otherwise seriously injured, and **7 Christians were burnt to death**. Whilst these murders and other crimes were being committed quite openly in public, the local police stood by, watched and did nothing. The attack was clearly highly co-ordinated and pre-meditated as incendiary devices were used which were powerful enough to cause the melting of buildings' steel structural components.

Gojra is a long way from Salford and Eccles but it is important to highlight these atrocities and campaign for justice on behalf of these murder and arson victims. Islam is a deadly threat to peace and order wherever it takes root: this murderous religio-political force must be opposed at home and abroad and so I'll be at the demo tomorrow - and I have already spoken to Canon Yaqub Masih, the Chairman of Pakistan Christian Concern, to inform him that I stand with all right-thinking people in seeking justice, restitution and protection on behalf of the terrorised Pakistani Christians of Gojra and Korian.

19 08 09

Take £64,766 and double it!

Well, you'll never guess what greedy Tory grandees are after! These very rich men are after even bigger salaries! A backbench MP currently receives an annual salary of **£64,766**. [After nearly 13 years as an MP, that's the reason why Hazel Blears can go flashing personal cheques for £13,000 in front of us.] But some MPs think 64 grand isn't enough!

Not long ago Tory grandee Sir Patrick Cormack told Parliament's Committee on Standards in Public Life that the current basic salary of MPs should be doubled!!! And his fellow Tory grandee Douglas Hogg - Hogg of moat-cleaning bills fame - also called for every MP to get a six figure salary, complaining that the present salary is a deterrent to professional and business people standing for Parliament. (But no deterrent to Hazel - she wants another 5 years). I don't know what planet these people live on! Such greed is utterly obscene!

For the UK to be well governed, Parliament has no great need of corrupt but clever, well educated but morally foolish men and women.

Good MPs do not need to be brain of Britain - but they do need to have sound principles, moral integrity and a genuine connection with the heart of the British people. To be clever and educated is no bad thing but it is worthless without good moral judgement.

I don't care very much that Hazel Blears got to go to university and has a background as a professional (a solicitor). It doesn't make her a good MP! I do care that Hazel Blears is one of the most morally evil people ever to have got into our Parliament. (Check her out! Do you know what she gets up to in Parliament? [Find out](#) on my website.)

I don't have a degree, and I've spent most of my life doing menial work - like most people in Salford - but I have sufficient intelligence and ability to serve as an MP.

How insulting that Tory Boys imply that 'commoners' like us - who haven't had their money and opportunities - aren't fit to represent the people! That's why it's called the House of *Commons*!

This nation is in a mess. We don't need career politicians. And the last thing we need is the country being run by twentysomethings with degrees in politics. These twits know nothing about the real world and are generally as devoid of common sense as they are of life experience. What we need are men and women of integrity to represent us. (Hazel Blears need not apply).

As MP for Salford and Eccles, I will only accept a salary in line with the National Minimum Wage.

I'll go to Parliament to sort this city and this country out - not to get rich at your expense. Politicians taking the urine out of the people they are supposed to represent has got to stop!

20 08 09

Quick Comment: Lockerbie Bomber

The Lockerbie Bomber should not have been released. By rights he should have long since been executed as a convicted mass murderer but unfortunately the death penalty still awaits restoration to British law.

28 08 09

Islam: The Truth

Following my attendance at a public event at Eccles Mosque on the 14th of August and the subsequent publication of video footage of the event on SalfordOnline - including extracts from Tom Rodgers' interview with me - I stated that I would make a full public response as soon as I could get round to it.

I am now ready to make the response that I had in mind: I have published a briefing paper about Islam on the web. *islam: The Truth* is 'hot off the press' and is a mine of reliable and useful information about Islam and the Islamic agenda in the UK today.

I thank God that this document is now finished and published because at just under 10,000 words it was a major extra strain on my workload in the last couple of weeks - especially since the need for it came quite 'out of the blue' - but there you go: a few very late nights and a 'bit' of hard graft never did anybody any harm (I think)! And I suppose it's all good preparation for the challenges I'll face after the General Election too.

01 09 09

Ordsall and Langworthy Community Committee

Earlier this evening I attended the Ordsall and Langworthy Community Committee (which was held at the Langworthy Cornerstone on this occasion). I'm glad I went because it was a productive and informative couple of hours. The highlight for me was an excellent DvD presentation from the Seedley and Langworthy Trust about employment and skills in Langworthy and the experiences of unemployed Langworthy residents in seeking work.

One man on the DvD - a former prisoner and drug addict aged 46 - spoke of how keen he was to get working but how he still had a lot of healing and rehabilitation to do in order to develop the skills and confidence he needed to be successful in the job market. He made the point that he was trying hard and striving to improve his life but that pressure on him to get a job before he was properly ready for it was counter-productive. The man was also at the meeting in person and he was very sincere in that he wanted to work and that getting into work is his long-term aim but that he wasn't quite ready yet as he still has more healing to do and new skills to develop. Here's a man who's co-operated with the probation service and is taking all the help, advice and opportunities he can get to turn his life around and yet the welfare system is [unintentionally] causing him to wobble in his resolve because many of the services the man currently benefits from will be unavailable to him if he changes from Incap to Jsa. This man is willing but vulnerable and needs more time to prepare before he's ready to go for jobs.

The likelihood is that after the next election whoever forms the next Government will move towards some form of 'workfare' in regard of long-term benefits claimants. I support the idea of workfare in principle - subject to several qualifications. Good workfare projects can be therapeutic, motivational and even educational but I don't think any benefit claimant should be obliged to do a workfare scheme until they've been on benefits for 2 years and, furthermore, I do not think anybody should have to do more than 20 hours of workfare a week. In an economic climate in which there simply aren't enough jobs to go round - and certainly not good jobs - workfare should not be humiliating or carry with it a stigma for participants, and I think that 15 hours a week would be the optimum amount to get people doing something worthwhile to themselves and to the community but without exploiting them and effectively turning them into slave labour. Clearly, the idea that somebody should do a 40 hour workfare week for weekly benefits a lot less than the equivalent of 40 hours of minimum wage pay would be unfair and insulting - not to mention prejudicial to an unemployed person investing time in seeking work or pursuing education or training.

I give a cautious welcome to the probability of the introduction of workfare schemes: if done right they could be very good but if done badly they'll be disastrous.

08 09 09

Norman Owen Raises An Eyebrow

Earlier this evening I attended the meeting of the Community Committee for Claremont and Weaste at All Hallows. It was a good and informative meeting. After the meeting I had a chat with my rival candidate for Salford and Eccles [Norman Owen](#)! Although we've met before (several times), this was the first time we'd met and had a proper chat as rival candidates. As I write this blog-post I'm thinking very carefully about what I should and should not say about what passed between Norman and myself! I'll tell you two things.

(1) Norman and I were in full agreement that Salford and Eccles is now unquestionably a marginal seat (because of Hazel Blears), and

(2) In the context of discussing Martin Bell coming to Salford next week, Norman referred to Terry Waite and had to raise an eyebrow on learning that I met Terry Waite just a couple of days ago... as I occasionally remind people, my activities as reported in the internet public domain are the tip of the iceberg of everything I get up to! Given that I'm a political candidate, it's frustrating sometimes that I can't blog about the more 'impressive' things that happen in my life or that I do but there it is... careless talk costs lives!

10 09 09

Canon Richard Lindley

Earlier this evening I attended the 6pm meeting at St. George's RC High School to express my reasons as to why the school should not be closed to the Adjudicator.

I'd just like to say a public 'Thank You' to Canon Richard Lindley for listening to what I and others had to say and I trust that he will be persuaded in due course by the mountain of sound logic which overwhelmingly stands in favour of saving the school in the best interests of all in the City of Salford.

20 09 09

“It is what motivates me to care for others”

A Christian nurse has been taken off frontline duties after she refused to take off a necklace bearing a cross.

Shirley Chaplin said she believed The Royal Devon and Exeter [NHS](#) Trust Hospital was trying to prevent her from expressing religious beliefs.

But the trust said the policy had nothing to do with the crucifix specifically, and was motivated by health and safety concerns about patients grabbing necklaces.

Mrs Chaplin, 54, from Exeter, said: "For about 30 years I have worked in the NHS and nursed patients day and night and on no occasion has my cross caused me or anyone else any injury - and to my knowledge, no patient has ever complained about me wearing it.

"The Trust even refused to test the 'breaking strain' on the necklace."

Mrs Chaplin, who is due to retire in eight months, added: "Everyone I have ever worked with has clearly known **I am a Christian: it is what motivates me to care for others.**" [Emphasis in bold mine]

She claimed other members of staff have been allowed to wear necklaces. The Trust said necklaces of all kinds were banned but admitted there may have been "lapses".

She said: "This smacks of double standards and appears to discriminate against Christians."

"This blatant piece of political correctness amounts to the marginalising of employees' personal [human rights](#), a blanket 'secularising and neutralising' of the NHS intended to stop Christians from expressing their faith in the public services of the NHS."

The above text is copied and pasted from a Press Association report on the web earlier today. My comment is this: if the aggressively secular humanist bureaucrats of the NHS don't quickly catch on to the fact that many of the NHS's best frontline staff are Christians, and start showing some respect, then the NHS is soon going to lose a large number of its best frontline staff. The NHS is actually the new boy in town when it comes to providing hospitals and healthcare to the British people: for hundreds of years before the NHS came along it was the Church and the Christians who established hospitals and cared for the sick. The truth is Christians are very good at looking after the poor, the sick and the vulnerable and the secular State is not. It's our secular NHS which is already tacitly killing off the vulnerable elderly before their time, murdering thousands upon thousands of British people in the womb every year and actively encouraging children

and teenagers to be promiscuous - thus making this nation's STD crisis even worse. I support the NHS but it urgently needs radical reform to cut out the bureaucratic waste and the politically correct secular humanism which directly works against the interests of our national health.

20 09 09

“Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few”

Earlier today there was a special service at Westminster Abbey to commemorate the Battle of Britain which took place 69 years ago during the summer of 1940. A Spitfire flew over the Abbey.

Quite simply, if we had not won the Battle of Britain then the outcome of the WWII could've been very different indeed.

At the height of this monumental aerial conflict Churchill saluted the men who went up in the Spitfires and Hurricanes thus: "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

And many of these 'men' were in fact just 19 or 20 years old and had just 10 hours flying practice in Spitfires [over and above basic flying training] before they were sent up to take on the Luftwaffe.

Imagine being 19 years old and being scrambled to fight for your country and your life in a machine with 8 machine guns and which could dive at up to 500mph with just 10 hours of practice... terrifying!

There is a Spitfire at the top of this blog, because for me the Spitfire is an enduring and iconic symbol of both the Best of British and the Triumph of Good over Evil and I believe I'm one in spirit with the Battle of Britain pilots. It was Churchill who said that WWII was fought in defence of "Christian civilisation" because he recognised that Great Britain was a Christian nation and that the free world was established on Christian principles.

Unfortunately we won the war and lost the peace! Britain hardly merits being described as 'Great' any longer and our ruling classes are currently in active rebellion against the Christian foundations of our nation.

We are now in the thick of a 21st century Battle of Britain. My hope is that as an old man, many years from now, I'll be able to say "Thank God We Won!" Let us hope that those of the Spitfire Spirit will enter again our Parliament soon... God forbid that by the time of the 100th anniversary of Churchill's death there be no British Britain left.

22 09 09

Monton Methodist Ladies' Fellowship

We all know the cliché about politicians kissing babies... well, today was my lucky day! This afternoon I attended Monton Methodist Church for the meeting of the Ladies' Fellowship. Let me tell you, this is a very scary environment for any man to stray into

and much more risky than any political meeting! Mrs. Walton gave an excellent presentation about her visit in company with her husband and son to Buckingham Palace for a Royal Garden Party hosted by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in July of this year.

And there were three Birthday Girls today - in regard of whom it was my privilege to bestow a Happy Birthday kiss upon each. May I once again wish a very '*Happy Birthday!*' to Betty (75), Mary (88) and Grace (92). Thank you very much to all the Ladies in attendance today for your hospitality.

26 09 09

Response to Salford Advertiser article

This blogpost is my response to the article about me on pages 16 and 17 of the *Salford Advertiser* (24th September, 2009) and headlined: "Candidate tells cancer girls: 'you made your bed, lie in it'."

I have many concerns about this article - there are many things about it which I am deeply unhappy about - but in my present circumstances (as a PPC) I am caught in a conflict between on the one hand the desire to set the record straight and on the other the need for good relations with the media (and this newspaper in particular). This blogpost is therefore a compromise of sorts and is not the Carvathian polemic which you might've expected.

The only heavy and direct criticism I am going to make is in relation to the aforementioned headline. The headline is diabolical, absolutely outrageous and extremely misleading!

My stance on Islam is set out in detail in my briefing paper [*islam:The Truth*](#).

I have done extensive research into 'sex education' and the issues surrounding it in Chapters 15, 16 and 17 of my book *Definitely Sexy*: [Chapter 15](#); [Chapter 16](#); [Chapter 17](#).

Right, now let me finish by talking about chastity...

Until the early 1960s the UK had a culture of 'chastity before marriage and fidelity within' - this was very much the norm. Children and teenagers were not sexually active and they were not encouraged to be. The norm (regardless of education or income) was for people to get married and the average age on getting married was 21 for a woman and 23 for a man - and the majority of young adults marrying in their late teens or early twenties were virgins on their wedding night. And sexual fidelity within marriage was taken seriously. We had a stable society founded upon strong families headed by married couples and the nation was not plagued by abortion, sexually transmitted diseases, crime and those many other social ills which are the consequences of our contemporary British culture of sexual immorality. All of this was good, and all of this was how it should be in a healthy, sane and strong civilised society.

Then our nation completely lost the plot. The media were allowed to become pornographers. The media was allowed to mock and deride chastity and marriage incessantly, whilst at the same time actively encouraging and glamourising so-called

'alternative' sexual lifestyles. Homosexuality was decriminalised. Abortion was legalised. The contraception pill was invented and became freely available on demand (and later, abortifacient pills). Politicians legislated to weaken marriage by making divorce available on demand and to create financial incentives to do the wrong thing (e.g. become a teenage single mum and get an instant council house). We started indoctrinating our kids into perversion and promiscuity (it's called 'sex education' and it first started in some British schools in the 1970s). We effectively stopped enforcing the age of consent and the State started to encourage and facilitate underage children in being sexually active by talking to them about sex in the classroom and giving them access to free contraception and abortions without parental knowledge or consent. We abandoned our traditional British moral standards about sex. That is, in a nutshell, how the British nation completely destroyed itself in just 40 years and how we ended up in the state of crisis we are in today.

In Britain 2009 children are immorally sexualised from an early age. They are bombarded with sexual immorality in the media and have easy access to hardcore pornography. State 'sex education' actively incites them to become sexually active and encourages them to think that they should be. Schools show our kids pornographic images, give them explicit detail about sex and dish out condoms. Our kids are encouraged to think that it is normal and 'cool' to be having sex at 12 and 13. But our kids are not told about the consequences of illicit sex. And marriage (and pre-marital chastity) - if it is mentioned at all - is portrayed to them as a bizarre perversity. It is probable that about 40% of British teenagers now have first sex by the age of 16. [Compare to just 40 years ago when it was unthinkable for children to be sexually active.]

It is no wonder that we have an uncontrollable and worsening national crisis of sexually transmitted diseases, abortions, broken hearts, crime, disorder and more!

Our present situation is quite literally unsustainable. Any nation which abandons marriage and sexual morality literally destroys itself. The undisputed testimony of anthropological history is that any nation or civilisation which gives itself up to widespread promiscuity will either collapse or be conquered - usually within three generations. And does anybody deny that Britain is teetering on the brink in the 21st Century? Find me such a person and I'll show you a fool!

Quite simply, when I talk about the need for British society to return to a culture of 'chastity before marriage and fidelity within'... I'm absolutely and completely right. If the British people don't do as I say soon then there won't be a British people very much longer - it really is as deadly serious as that.

We created the present sexually immoral culture. It is certainly possible to change from this and create in its place a sexually moral culture (such as we have already had in the recent past). It is possible and it's not even difficult to do it - though I do not say that such a change can occur overnight (but it could be done in 1-2 generations).

We will of course have to overcome those people and organisations who have an interest in the status quo. And who are these? Well... the contraception and abortion industry, pornographers and 'sex education' organisations to name a few.

My name is Richard Carvath and I stand for good sexual morality, chastity before marriage and fidelity within. If you want what is best for yourself, for your children and for your fellow citizens - and if you want to save the British nation itself - then you are welcome to join me in my stand. The choice is yours...

30 09 09

Homosexual Pervert Peter Tatchell Wants More Kiddie Sex

Dear oh dear! Prominent homosexual perverts' activist [Peter Tatchell is calling for the age of consent to be lowered from 16 to 14](#). This is nothing new; homosexual perverts have sought the abolition of the age of consent for the last 40 years. The reason is so that paedophiles can get away with child sex abuse. I fully support the age of consent as it currently stands at 16.

07 10 09

A Matter of Life

Earlier this evening I attended the *A Matter Of Life* meeting, which was hosted at St. Ann's Church in Manchester city centre. Speakers included Rochdale's Lib Dem MP Paul Rowan, South West Bedfordshire's Conservative MP Andrew Selous, Conservative PPC for West Lancashire Adrian Owens and Salford University's Professor Chris Summerton. Mr. Owens reminded us of the Parliamentary Prayer:

*Lord, the God of righteousness and truth,
Grant to our Queen and her Government,
To Members of Parliament,
And all in positions of responsibility,
The guidance of your Spirit.*

*May they never lead the nation wrongly,
Through love of power,
Desire to please or unworthy ideals,
But laying aside all private interests and prejudices,
Keep in mind their responsibility,
To seek to improve the condition of all mankind.*

*So may your kingdom come,
And your name be hallowed, Amen.*

23 10 09

My New Salford Advertiser Column?

In the last six months run up to the General Election, Hazel Blears has just been given a monthly column in the *Salford Advertiser* (which claims to be apolitical). I have just emailed the Editor, Mr. Simon Keegan, to request that as a rival candidate I get the same treatment. I'll let you know what he says in reply.

23 10 09

Mr. Keegan's Reply

What follows is Mr. Keegan's response to my request for a column in the *Salford Advertiser*:

Dear Mr Carvath

Thanks for your email.

As you know the three leaders, Norman Owen, Karen Garrido and John Merry have monthly columns. We have also decided to offer columns to the three MPs, Hazel Blears' just happens to be first. Barbara Keeley's will be next for Worsley.

We are politically impartial, therefore Hazel Blears will not be allowed her column when the election is called, neither will Norman Owen. Therefore all the others will be halted as well.

We will profile each candidate closer to the time but I will not be offering a candidates column to other candidates and neither Norman or Hazel should be using, respectively their party leader and MP columns to take shots at each other and other candidates.

In other words, Hazel and Norman aren't being given columns because they are candidates, so neither yourself, the Tory candidate, or any socialist, independent candidates will be offered one. They are being given their columns because of their positions as party leaders or MPs.

The MPs' columns are designed to give more of a glimpse into the happenings at parliament, but they've only been back a few weeks after summer so this didn't really happen with Hazel's first column.

I will of course gladly offer you a column if you become the next MP for Salford and Eccles.

Regards

Simon Keegan

Editor

23 10 09

No Free Speech From Salford Lib Dems

Salford Lib Dems' attitude towards freedom of speech appears to be that they don't believe in it. Norman Owen doesn't allow any comments on his website at all, and I've just watched a newly published comment of mine on Steve Middleton's website vanish within minutes of publication. Clearly Norman and his favourite right hand boy Steve aren't interested in free speech and open debate.

Now is perhaps a good time to tell you about the mysterious case of vanishing text that Steve Middleton had on his website just over a month ago...

Steve wrote in one of his blog posts that Joe O'Neill lives in what will be the new Worsley and Eccles South constituency. Of course Joe doesn't - he lives in what will be Salford and Eccles. I submitted a comment to Steve's blog and which was published in which I pointed out to Steve his error. Steve looked a complete numpty (Norman Owen's right hand boy had demonstrated that he didn't have the slightest idea about his own

constituency boundaries). Amazingly, my comment which showed up Steve's cock-up just vanished off his blog altogether *and* the original incriminating remarks also disappeared out of Steve's original blog post! Not long after the mysterious disappearance of the incriminating comment and text Steve blogged about having a problem with his site being bombarded by spam. I hope Steve managed to sort out his spam issues - but shame about the disappearing text eh?

26 10 09

Swinton North PACT & Residents Association

Earlier this evening I attended the Swinton North PACT [Police & Communities Together] meeting - which ran into the Swinton North Residents Association meeting - at Clifton Community Centre. The PACT meeting was led by Swinton North beat officer PC Iain Fletcher and there were over 20 local residents in attendance. At the second part of the meeting, Julie Nelson from City West answered several questions and took on board various comments.

The Police reported recent burglaries from sheds near Swinton High, and also criminal damage to cars in the area, and on the ongoing problem of the illegal use of off-road bikes on the Moss and on a recent shooting which CID are in the early stages of investigating.

PC Fletcher encouraged people at the meeting to report all crime and anti-social behaviour: the Police can do nothing if crime is not reported, and Police resources and priorities are targeted on the basis of reported crime (not unreported crime). In particular PC Fletcher was keen to know the whereabouts of persons known to keep off-road bikes - because if the Police know where the bike owners live they've got a much better prospect of seizing bikes which are used illegally.

The illegal use of off-road bikes on the Moss is a major problem; one resident at the meeting informed the Police that off-road bikers even go into the cemetery off Westminster Road! Another resident highlighted the issue of gangs of kids breaking in to the back of Richmond Court. Other residents raised the matter of dog fouling - and alleygating, fencing and window security issues were also discussed.

In a lively meeting there was great engagement between PC Fletcher and his colleagues and the local residents: PACT meetings are a really good forum in which residents have the ear of the Police.

02 11 09

Pendleton PFI Bidders Consultation

This afternoon I attended the Pendleton Gateway centre to view the most recent plans from the remaining three bidders competing for the major 30 year PFI contract to regenerate Pendleton.

It was a good opportunity to speak to architects from the rival bidders and also to local residents. I had some good conversation with (amongst others) Joanne White (Chair of the Thorn Court Apartments Residents Association), James Gillard (Chair of the

Pendleton PFI Steering Group) and Edward Down (Secretary of the Thorn Court Apartments Residents Association, Vice-Chair of Pendleton Area Forum, Member of the Ordsall and Langworthy Community Committee Budget Group and Member of the Pendleton PFI Steering Group, etc!).

The three bidders will be whittled down to two next March: on consideration I believe the two best bidders are Inspiral Pendleton and SP+ and I'll be very surprised if it is not these two bidders that go through to the final stage of the bidding process.

06 11 09

David has slain Goliath

WE HAVE WON!

[Schools Adjudicator Canon Richard Lindley has saved St. George's RC High School.](#)

Congratulations St. George's RC. Victory: Glory to God!

08 11 09

Remembrance Sunday Eccles

This morning I joined with many others at Eccles cenotaph for the Remembrance Sunday service. After the laying of wreaths I placed a simple cross in remembrance of those who fought and died on our behalf. The service was led by Canon Ted Crofton, who reminded us during his Address that the last two British veterans of the First World War (1914-18) died this year and, in leading us to remember the sacrifice of so many who died - and those who continue to suffer and die - on behalf of comrades, family and nation, Canon Crofton reminded us of the ultimate sacrifice, that of Jesus Christ on Calvary's Cross - He who died in the place of each and every sinner saved by grace through faith in Him. And after death... Resurrection!

18 11 09

Full Council 18 Nov 2009: Punch and Judy

Busy day today, lots of meetings. Today's first meeting for me was at 06:30 at Elmwood Church for an hour's prayer with church members.

Full Council today witnessed the eruption of traditional Punch 'n' Judy adversarial politics over several issues. Very party political... Is there an election on the way or something?

It'd have been a lot easier just to give them all boxing gloves and let them slug it out!

Salford artist Harold Riley opened proceedings with a reflection on human kindness. Harold referred to a woman who blessed him financially in his early years as an artist and he also paid tribute to [real] Salfordians: "Alice was one of those typical Salford folk ... tough, didn't have much ... but inside them was a sense of kindness, a sense of love."

John Merry expressed his support for public service broadcasting and his admiration for the BBC.

Re the 2010 Governance Arrangements:

Barbara Spicer stated that the Council's website had received 40 votes. 27 people voted for Option 2 (an elected mayor) and 13 for Option 1 (essentially the status quo). [The Community Committees have overwhelmingly supported Option 1 (and so do I)].

Karen Garrido said: "The Conservatives don't support either of the two options. ... The Conservative Group will be abstaining."

John Merry said: "I'm disappointed the Conservatives have decided to abstain. I urge the Council to adopt Option One. ...it is not an exercise that should have been forced upon us by the Government. ... This is the right way forward, this is the best option out of the two."

John Merry also fired off a rocket at Karen Garrido's: "...militant sitting on the fence!" [Personally, I think it was not the sort of issue to exercise a mass abstention over. I think abstaining ought only to occur over the most serious issues. The Tories looked a bit childish to abstain on this.]

Bill Hinds said: "The elected Mayor idea is a gimmick and I think that's been proven over and over again."

David Lancaster said: "I've got to go for the best one that's on the table."

Young Lib Dem Cllr. Martin O'Neill referred to Option 1 as: "...the most democratic option."

Option 1 was formally adopted by Council.

Derek Antrobus spoke on road safety. To highlight one thing he said: "In particular I'm pleased that in the last three years there have been no child fatalities on our roads."

Lib Dem heavyweight Joe O'Neill called for better street lighting across the city. Derek Antrobus agreed with Joe and replied that: "We are discussing a PFI scheme to upgrade all our lighting."

John Merry's phone went off and the Mayor Roger Lightup threatened to confiscate it!

John Merry announced that Salford City Council has been awarded Investors in People status: "On behalf of the Investors in People Assessor I'd like to present this award to Barbara Spicer."

Christine Gray challenged John Merry over his support for 24 hour licensing and John Merry reiterated his support for a flexible approach.

John Merry said: "I believe we are coming out of recession." [!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!]

Karen Garrido asked Bill Hinds: "Can he justify a rise in unsupported borrowing from 10.6 million in 2008 to 35.5 million in 2009?"

Bill Hinds stood up, said "Yes", then sat back down again.

It looked like Bill had been incredibly flippant and Karen sought to exploit this and was succeeding until John Merry - a clever man - weighed in and pointed out that she'd posed a poor question and should have asked 'How does he' rather than 'Can he'. Well John Merry won that one (although I suspect Bill was being a bit naughty - I'm sure he understood what Karen meant!).

There was heated discussion of St. George's. (Ok, there was an epic ding dong!) There was also a lot of what I refer to as 'Knitting a Flag' going on. Several Councillors knitted flags over the BSF saga.

John Warmisham read out a statement which amounted to him wildly brandishing his red Flag that he had knitted earlier at the Tories. JW referred to Canon Lindley's decision as "ludicrous."

Canon Lindley was put in the stocks by several Labour councillors.

During a lengthy speech Bernard Pennington knitted a flag to wave in defence of Harrop Fold and he would probably have fired a 21 gun salute to the Headteacher Anthony Edkins if he'd been allowed any more time.

Iain Lindley spoke of "Three years of unnecessary hassle, heartache and worry for hundreds of people in Walkden and Little Hulton" and proceeded to knit a nice blue flag to wave back at JW.

Karen Garrido commented (by rhetorical question) to John Merry that: "If you are going to go for a judicial review [re St. George's RC], where are you going to get the money from?"

John Merry appears to have ruled out pursuing a judicial review. He said: "I am not minded to look at judicial review."

Christine Gray asked John Warmisham about the recent concern over CCTV in Salford schools; JW stated that the CCTV was not the Council's doing but had happened on the decision of the schools themselves, and that procedures were being reviewed and updated.

10 Salford taxi drivers (from Unite) turned up to full council; they sat in the public gallery to register their grievance over the Council's decision to delimit.

I was most impressed with Barbara Spicer today (but I'm not saying why!). x x ;)

18 11 09

Ordsall PACT [extract]

There's a problem with a 'No grass' culture on the Ordsall estate which really frustrates the Police and which amounts to local residents shooting themselves in the foot: if you don't cooperate with the Police then they can't fight crime effectively.

There's a cultural fear of witness intimidation and reprisals on the Ordsall estate but PC Mark Turner pointed out the difference between the perception and the reality and explained - based on his considerable experience - how the fear of being targeted as a grass is largely based on a myth. Intimidation and reprisals are NOT a problem on the Ordsall estate - but the lack of cooperation with the Police is. The Police team explained that they are successfully breaking down the no grass culture after several years of slog, however it remains an ongoing burden which makes their job harder and who ultimately suffers from local residents not working with the Police?... exactly, local residents.

People can report any crime in Ordsall to Crimestoppers, 24/7 on 0800 555 111.
Reporting crime to Crimestoppers is a completely anonymous way to pass information on to the Police; you don't have to make a statement to the Police and you won't have to turn up to any court proceedings as a witness.