

Michelle Harris: your choice for Bedford Mayor

On 5th May the people of Bedford have their last chance for four years to send a clear message to David Cameron and Nick Clegg – your cuts are going too far, too fast.

As your Labour Mayor I would be Bedford's first line of defence against Tory-led Government cuts. Labour opposes the reckless gamble the Government is taking with the economy – designed in Downing Street and now on their way to your street.

Cuts hit local people hard

Labour is the only progressive party in British politics, and I will be Bedford's voice in tough times. Not only do Tory-led Government cuts hit local people hard, they also damage the economy by causing widespread unemployment and slowing economic growth.

Michelle

Did you vote for Nick Clegg to do this?

Cuts force families to pay more than banks

Inflation is up and living standards are down. The Tory-Lib Dem government decision to break promises and raise VAT this year was the wrong tax rise at the wrong time.

Yet more is to come, with cuts to family tax credits and Child Benefit. All of this at a time when local spending cuts threaten the closure of Sure Start Children's Centres, cuts to libraries and local bus services.



The Lib Dems and Conservatives are forcing ordinary hard working families to pay more than the banks who caused this mess in the first place.



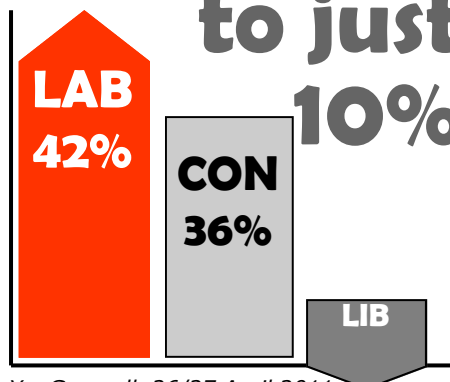
STANDING UP FOR BEDFORD

Vote for Michelle Harris, Bedford's first line of defence against the damage done by the Tory-led Government and their Liberal Democrat allies.

Michelle will:

- do everything possible to encourage business and **economic growth** within Bedford and to **protect** front-line services and jobs.
- **fight** for things that matter – **housing, transport, police, our NHS, the environment and revitalising Bedford town centre**
- **defend** the right of every young person in Bedford to the **best education**, as the Tory-led Government and their Lib Dem allies cut Building Schools for the Future programmes, slash Education Maintenance Allowance and treble university tuition fees.

**Lib Dem
support
plummets
to just
10%**



YouGov poll, 26/27 April 2011

Support for Nick Clegg's Lib Dems has fallen dramatically since the General Election, latest polling shows.

Many people who voted for the Lib Dems have been astonished to hear that the Liberal Democrats are supporting savage cuts which include:

- Cutting the number of police.
- Scrapping Anti Social Behaviour Orders which have cut crime.
- Abolishing limits on hospital waiting times. With Labour A&E waiting times were no longer than four hours, or over 18 weeks for treatment - other key NHS standards like two-week cancer guarantee, could go too.
- Lib Dems throughout the country, including Nick Clegg, signed a pledge to abolish tuition fees – but they turned their back on students and young people and voted to treble university tuition fees up to £9000.

More joining Labour

More and more local Lib Dem supporters and members are moving to Labour ahead of important local elections in May.

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Let down by Lib Dem broken promises

**WRONG CUTS
WRONG TIME**

At the 2010 General Election, Nick Clegg and the Liberal Democrats promised us all a new approach to politics. They claimed that there would be no more broken promises, but less than a year later the Lib Dems have broken nearly all of their election pledges. Here are just a few:

Broken Pledge 1 Raised Tuition fees rather than abolish them

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Broken Pledge 2 Raising VAT

The Lib Dems warned us of a “Tory VAT bombshell” if David Cameron got into Number 10. But Nick Clegg and the Lib Dems have raised VAT to 20%, costing an estimated **£450** for every family. This, coupled with rising interest rates and increasing prices, means that Tring families are now suffering.

Broken Pledge 3 No immediate cuts

The Tory led government, with the Lib Dems as partners, are making a series of deeply damaging cuts across the country. Cuts to local government funding will mean that services in Bedford will be affected – with libraries, local bus services and road maintenance amongst those facing cuts.



The VAT increase will cost a family with children £450 a year on average

Michelle Harris... a hard working Mayor...the best person for the job.



Michelle Harris will be Bedford's voice in tough times. She will be our communities' first line of defence against the damage being done by the Tory-led Government and their Lib Dem allies.

Michelle will be a committed, hardworking Mayor: The best person for the job!

TORY & LIB DEMS CUTS: TOO FAR TOO FAST

The last Labour Government didn't get everything right, but we know that the best way of cutting the deficit is by getting people into jobs, not kicking the ladders of opportunity away from the next generation and adding to the dole queue.

Like you, Labour wants to protect local services and see them thrive; we would make sensible savings and support jobs by repeating the bankers bonus tax – not hold back the recovery with unfair tax rises that affect the most vulnerable.

The Lib Dems in Government are cutting **too far, too fast**. Labour will be open and honest with people about the tough times ahead, and unlike the Liberal Democrats, we won't make promises we can't keep.

We want you to join with us now, in developing the future direction for your local area. We all want a community that we can be proud of – and we want you to help us build it.

The Liberal Democrats have broken enough promises already and can't be trusted. **Send Nick Clegg a message and vote Labour on Thursday.**

MORE ABOUT MICHELLE

MICHELLE HARRIS is a resident of Bedford Borough, living in Riseley. A barrister for the last ten years, her focus has been on representing some of the most vulnerable people in society.

To find out more about what Michelle would do for you and for Bedford Borough, please visit:

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