

Roundhay

# Labour NEWS

News from Roundhay Labour Party

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**Editor:**



**Councillor  
Sharon  
Hamilton**

**Councillor Sharon Hamilton attacks the Conservative-led Council branding ...**

## **The Mansion: “A Disgrace”**

Nearly four years after the Mansion was closed, the Conservative-Liberal Democrat Coalition which runs Leeds City Council has yet to open it. Having attacked Labour in 2004 for the closure, the local Conservatives promised swift refurbishment for public use followed by re-opening. We're still waiting.

“It's an absolute disgrace that the Mansion has remained closed for four years and that all promises – the promises on which they were elected to represent Roundhay Ward – have been broken by the Tories.

### **ANGER**

“The voters of Roundhay should express their anger at the next local elections which will be held on May 1st. This is our chance to tell them that we're not happy”, said Councillor Sharon Hamilton who will be Labour's candidate for Roundhay.

### **POPULAR**

Roundhay MP, Fabian Hamilton, added his concerns by saying that: “People were annoyed that the then



Labour Council closed the popular Mansion to the public in order to create new offices for



*Councillor Sharon Hamilton standing by the protective barriers still surrounding the Mansion after more than four years. In spite of some work having been completed, there's still no sign that it will be re-opened soon.*

Council staff and reduce the public areas.

The controversy had a strong effect on how Roundhay residents voted in the 2004 elections and now – with the Council run by Opposition Parties – four years on and the Mansion is still a building site. It's not good enough”, he said.

*Right: Danger says it all. Sign outside the Mansion warning the public that the site is still very much a danger. No sign, though, of when it will stop being dangerous to the public and re-open.*



# About Sharon Hamilton

Councillor Sharon Hamilton is married mother and grandmother. She works as a Staff Nurse and has been employed in the NHS for the past 29 years. She is currently the Branch Secretary for UNISON Leeds Teaching Hospitals.

## CANDIDATE

Sharon has been selected as prospective Labour candidate in Roundhay in the forthcoming election on May 1st.

For the past 4 years Councillor Hamilton has worked with her colleagues in Chapel Allerton representing constituents' views and aspirations on Leeds City Council.



Sharon Hamilton pictured with husband Reg underneath Oakwood Clock.

As an active Labour Party Member Sharon is currently a Governor of Hillcrest Primary School, Holy Rosary Primary School, a member of the Scrutiny Board for Children and young people, the SureStart Children's Board, Citizens Advice Bureau, Adoption Panel, Faith Forum and Leeds Women's Aid – to name but a few of the organisations she is involved with.

Sharon says: "I am seeking your support in the forthcoming Council election in May this year. If I am successful in gaining your support as your

councillor I would be everyone's representative, I would work hard with all community groups and organisation ensuring that their voices are heard within the council.

## CHALLENGES

"As a community we face many challenges and I am committed to take up these challenges on behalf of the electors of Roundhay".

## News from Westminster

by Fabian Hamilton MP



● *Our Labour Government has made £559 million available for Yorkshire and the Humber – for affordable housing. This money will mean more affordable housing for the young – many of whom cannot afford a home of their own – as well as for hard-working families.*

● *Good news for Pensioners this Winter! Pensioners can now apply for a new national bus travel pass, as well as claim a winter fuel allowance, apply for grants to help with home insulation and have free 'flu jabs*

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