

## COUNCIL TAX FROZEN

**Labour Mayor of Lewisham, Steve Bullock, played a major part in ensuring that all Labour Councils in London committed themselves to freezing council tax until at least 2011.**

Labour understands how hard you work to earn the pound in your pocket and as the Tories promise lower taxes for the rich and the Lib Dems oppose apprenticeship schemes for Lewisham's young people as well as help for local residents and businesses, your Labour Mayor has pledged that Lewisham's Council tax will not rise by one penny until at least 2011.

**Steve said** "Last year it was important that we set aside money to provide help for

families, young people and local businesses in Lewisham. At a time when we're all trying to make savings, it is only right that Councils do not add to the pressures households are facing. I want to make sure that everyone in Lewisham will be better off in the coming years."

**Local MP, Joan Ruddock** welcomed the news saying "When times are tough, people want to know that their council is going to protect their services and save them money. Labour town halls deliver better value for money than Tory or Lib Dem ones and freezing council tax until at least 2011 will help those families on middle and modest incomes who need help most.



**Mayor Steve and Communities Secretary John Denham are committed to freezing your Council Tax**

## LABOUR TEAM PROMOTE SMART WATER



**Local Telegraph Hill residents adding Smart Water to their bike**

**The Labour Action Team in Telegraph Hill is promoting a new anti-burglary initiative which is being piloted in the ward.**

'Smart Water' property marking kits are being supplied free to local residents as part of a crack down on crime. Smart Water is simply dabbed onto valuables, and its use in other areas has shown a reduction in burglary rates of up to 84%, as well as a higher rate of convictions. Action team member and Wallbutton Road resident

**Joan Millbank said:** "Crime is a huge concern and the Labour Action Team are working with the local police to address it - Smart Water is one new way to out smart burglars and we're encouraging residents to use it and put a Smart Water sticker in their window to let people know property is marked."

**If you missed the team knocking on your door, then let Cllr Robin Cross know on 020 8469 8276**



# From Telegraph Hill to Africa

Since 2006, I've energetically represented Telegraph Hill, one of the most diverse, stimulating and charismatic wards in the country.

In 2010 I will be expanding my work in International Development, bringing architectural skills to assist post-disaster locations around the world. Directing a charity and architectural practice, I run a team of construction professionals building schools, homes and HIV awareness centres in 15 countries worldwide, particularly west and southern Africa.

Working in some of the most difficult locations, my team brings life-saving shelter solutions to some of the world's most vulnerable communities. As such I have taken the hard decision to not seek re-election, as my professional work will take me out of Telegraph Hill next year: but I enthusiastically welcome Paul Bell, Joan Millbank and Dan Whittle to the Labour Team working for Telegraph Hill. All of us share a desire to redistribute the world's resources fairly. Gordon Brown's commitment to raise Britain's overseas development budget to the internationally agreed target of 0.7% will bring us closer to the goal of abolishing hunger and poverty once and for all.

**Robin Cross**



Labour Councillor Robin Cross is applying his skills to International Development across the world

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## More money for pensioners

As Lewisham's Cabinet Member for Older People, I know that times are tough at the moment for pensioners.

That's why I was pleased that the Basic State Pension went up in April and that the Prime Minister has committed us to restoring the earnings link for pensions in the future.

But I also know that over the last 12 years, we have significantly reduced the levels of pensioner poverty in Lewisham, thanks to a range of Labour's measures:

- the Winter Fuel Payment of £250 (£400 for those over 80).
- cold weather payments
- Pension Credit
- free prescriptions and eye tests.
- free TV licences for the over-70s.

I will continue to campaign to ensure all pensioners can enjoy a secure retirement. People who have retired after a lifetime of work or raising their family deserve to be able to afford the essentials in life - and have a little left over too!

If you've got any questions for me or you would like to get involved with my work, please get in touch using the slip below.

Councillor Peggy Fitzsimmons  
Cabinet Member for Older People

In May 2010, Southern Railways plan to reduce evening peak services from London Bridge from 6 trains per hour to 4. Your Labour Team opposes this. Return this form to Lewisham Labour FREEPOST to support our campaign.


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with any issues

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- I support Labour
- I would like to help my local Labour Party
- I can deliver leaflets in my street
- Please send me information about other issues

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