

Berechurch

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Cllrs Dave Harris, Chris Pearson & Martyn Warnes

News from your Local Labour Action Team - Spring edition (March 2020)

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*What's in this edition?*

**MIDDLEWICK  
TELL MOD =  
NO!**



**Is Plenty  
Campaign**



**Potholes :  
The Tories  
Letting  
You Down**

*Plus lots  
more...*

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## Middlewick Ranges—

### Take it off the Table - **No to the Sale !**



The Labour group of Councillors in south Colchester did a far reaching petition to request the Tory MOD chiefs take the sale of Middlewick Ranges off the “for sale” list. The MOD have other sites more suited to develop rather than our Middlewick Ranges. We do not believe the “Wick” should be sold. Now, or ever! We think it should be left as a Nature Reserve.

So, in January we presented the petition to the Ministry of Defence which requested the Government takes the For Sale tag off of MIDDLEWICK RANGES. The reply is very non committal , and we are not happy about their attitude to the petition

SO WE ARE CALLING ON MP WILL QUINCE TO MUCH MORE TO STOP HIS TORY GOVERNMENT FROM SELLING THE SITE, WILL—PLEASE DO MORE !

Cllrs Harris, Warnes, Pearson. Lilley , Fox and Scordis



## Councillor Dave Harris

has been chosen to re - stand as  
your Local Borough Councillor



We are pleased to report that active and hard working Local Borough Councillor has been re selected by local members to go forward in the 7th May 2020 Elections.

Dave said “ I am humbled as always to have represented my friends and neighbours in Berechurch over the past few years. I would like to carry on this work, as we all know there is more to do. I care deeply about our area”

**“Dave Harris”**

Call Colchester Council Election  
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01206 282222 or call  
07816168858

**YOUR VOTE MATTERS**

**MAKE SURE YOU'RE IN**



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Your Local Labour Team is taking action over residents' concerns about speeding in parts of Berechurch. Responding directly to local people alarmed by speeding, Dave, Chris & Martyn are taking action. We've launched petitions for 20 m.p.h. speed limits on the Cherry Tree estate and King George Road, & Queen Mary Ave estate. County Councillor Dave Harris plans to present these to the County Council's Local Highways Panel. Councillor Dave Harris said “I am hopeful the Local Highways Panel will eventually fund these works”. **PS Residents in Birch Glen have already been consulted and have 20 on their estate.**



**Residents tell  
us : 20 is plenty  
on our estate  
roads**

**Labour—The Party You Do See Between Elections**

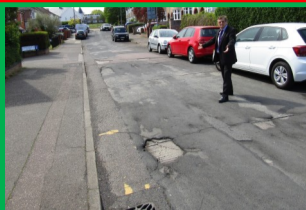
# The Berechurch Labour Action Team — working for you all year round

## The Tories' Highway Repairs Policy is still Letting You Down !

Labour County Councillor Dave Harris pushing for repairs, resurface and traffic calming



Cllr Dave Harris



King George Road  
resurface plea



Cllr Martyn Warnes & Cllr Dave  
Harris survey road speed  
Berechurch road



Berechurch Hall Road  
resurface pothole

Your County Councillor Dave Harris has been constantly asking the Tory led County Highways dept to review their policy for maintaining roads in residential areas. "I am frustrated at the lack of Highway Maintenance on local roads that carry traffic through residential areas such as Berechurch", said Dave. Road safety calls to curb speeding on Berechurch Road fell on deaf ears with Highways claiming lack of evidence. We will carry on pushing for this. The Berechurch Hall Road has the highest accident rate in the area so Dave has asked for this road to be looked at urgently. Also several pot holes (22 according to stats ) mean Berechurch Hall Road needs a re surface. Another example is King George Road which is in need of a Resurface, but all that the Highways policy gives is the odd patch. It needs more !

Most estate roads are given a lower priority for repairs and maintenance than we would wish. This means that maintenance of most footpaths and roads in Berechurch is low. Consequently repairs are now only carried out when resurfacing works take place.

*"The condition of our estate footpaths and roads is getting worse. It's disgraceful that the reason the Tories give for failing to meet the national code of practice is their own Government cutbacks! It is cutbacks caused by successive Lib Dem / Tory or Tory governments. I've written to the local Tory MP asking he stands up to his own Government and join me in calling for extra funds to reverse this flawed and short-sighted policy. Our local estates must be given more funding and a greater priority for repairs", said Dave.*

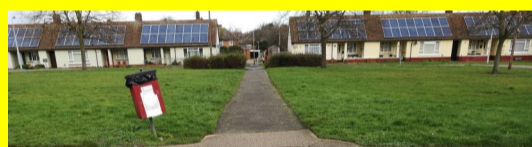
### FAIR ACCESS FOR ALL!

To ensure mobility scooters, wheelchair users, and push chairs can cross roads safely we have been asking for dropped kerbs to assist at some problem areas highlighted to us.

One just submitted is the footpaths leading through Queen Mary Ave, through to King George Ave onwards. We are hopeful that the plea for this will become a reality

Ps : Another path improvement for mobility about to start is Mersea Road near entrance to Army Ranges.

One has just recently been put in place at Cherry Tree Lane with Blackheath Road.



Queen Mary Avenue



Blackheath Rd



Mersea Road

**NOSTALGIA :** The housing estate at Monkwick was built over 60 years ago. This

### Queen Elizabeth Way shops



picture is of the "Shopping parade" at Queen Elizabeth Way. Many of our residents remember the first shops and the colourful characters who ran them. Do you have pictures you could share with us of days gone by of our community. We would love to hear from you.

Out and about in our communities



Litter picks on every Estate

Reporting issues that residents tell us about, and in some cases fixing them



Making our area look better, for example planting bulbs!



## Your 3 Labour Councillors in Berechurch

Dave

Chris

Martyn



You only have Three Borough Councillors in Berechurch. We put regular newsletters out, and always put our area first always. Others do try to imitate us, which we find a compliment. But for true representation contact any of your team

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Up for re election in May 2020

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