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**Labour cannot win
in Holyrood Ward**

Prestwich gets its BIG CLEAN



Councillor Tim Pickstone with just a small amount of Graffiti that local residents have complained about in recent months.

After MONTHS of lobbying, a major clean up of graffiti and ginnels in the Prestwich area started in August this year.

The scheme is part of a programme called "Community Payback" funded by the "Bury Safe" partnership - if it works we'll be hoping to get them back regularly.

Local people, the police, volunteers and your local councillors reported long lists of "Grot Spots" in the area for the cleaning team to tackle.

Local Councillor Tim Pickstone said: "It's brilliant that we've finally managed to get something happening on this. Prestwich has done its bit with our free graffiti cleaning kits and some excellent work from our local community police, but this is just what we needed."

"But we can't rest here - Bury Council mustn't think that it's solved the problem with a single clean - we'll carry on campaigning to get this problem solved for good."

Earlier in the year Cllr Pickstone invited Council officials to Prestwich to show them the problems we've been having with graffiti.

Bury Council ignores our Broken Roads

Local Councillors have revealed that Prestwich continues to be appallingly resourced by Bury Council when it comes to street repairs.

Prestwich was awarded £62,920 for its local roads for the 2009-2010 financial year - yet the cost of repairing the "worst 13 roads in Prestwich" was over £700,000. A Council survey showed that the worst road and pavement surfaces in our area (Holyrood Ward) included: Mount Road, Cuckoo Lane, Langley Hall Road and Parrenthorn Road.

Cllr Vic D'Albert said: "It's an insult. Everyone knows that our roads and pavements are in need of repair and renewal. Bury Council has only given us enough money to repair half a road."

In last year's Council Budget the local Lib Dem Councillors proposed a 50% increase for road repairs across Bury - but we were voted down by the Conservative Councillors that run Bury Council.

Heys Road 20mph



After lobbying from your local councillors and by Prestwich Arts College, the Council is to consult on a 20mph zone outside the school on Heys Road.

Local residents were consulted over the summer and it is hoped the scheme will be presented at the Local Area Partnership meeting on 1 October 2009. More details at www.timpickstone.net



Local residents say **SAVE HEATON PARK** from the commercial "Soccer Centre" at the St Margaret's Road corner of the park. This was the scene in the section of the park to be lost in July this year when over 150 local residents joined six of the local Lib Dem Councillors to send a clear message to the developers. More on the campaign on [page 2](#).