

ADD YOUR SUPPORT FOR STEVEN HALL



"Stephen is a long standing local labour movement activist. If elected I'm sure his voice will roar like that of a lion in the Council Chamber on behalf of the ordinary working people of Atherton. . . . I urge everyone to join his campaign for the May elections."

George Galloway MP, speaking in Atherton, 19th February 2008

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RESPECT

A NEW VOICE FOR ATHERTON

"I am delighted to have been selected as RESPECT's prospective candidate for the Atherton Ward in the forthcoming local elections.

"As a former local TUC President, life-long Labour voter and a local Labour Party member of 25 years, I am appalled by the abject betrayal of the Labour Government and the local Labour Council of its traditional working class supporters over the last decade and more.

"I am also appalled by its continuing pursuit of Tory 'neo-Liberal' policies, which put the free market mechanism and the pursuit of profit on behalf of a small minority ahead of the needs of the vast majority of ordinary working people and their families.

"That's except that is, when it comes to the banking sector, where Labour has seen fit to bail out the ailing Northern Rock to the tune of almost



Stephen Hall

£40 billion in loans; loans which in order to ensure it gets paid back, it has now been forced to nationalise the bank to guarantee.

"It is outrageous that the Labour Government can find such vast sums at almost the drop of a hat to bail out a private bank, and wants to spend just a slightly smaller amount to replace our so-called nuclear deterrent, at the same time as our pensioners are having to tighten their belts and public sector workers are having their pay restricted

to 2.5% or less, allegedly to keep within the Government's public sector spending targets.

"Locally, rather than build new affording council housing for local people, the Council continues energetically to sell off land to private builders and property speculators which has led to the building of expensive new flats and houses beyond the means of a great many of the people who have lived in the town for most of their lives.

"Similarly, locally Labour have also overseen the squandering of £ millions on a pedestrianisation scheme few approve of or want, and the renovation of several privately owned Mills, at least one of which local residents would have rather seen demolished. This at a time when many Council services are being cut back and especially those relating to young people.

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Defend and Rebuild our Public Services

“This is how Labour rewards its traditional voters the ordinary working class people of this town and this country.

“If this was not bad enough £ millions have also been wasted on the invasion and occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan resulting in the loss of hundreds of thousands of lives, including local servicemen, and millions of other people seriously affected.

“Imagine if all this money had been spent on improving local youth services, schools and hospitals and improving the paltry state pension. Isn't that what Labour was once supposed to be about?

“If ever it was, it certainly isn't any more, which I suppose is reflected in the massive decline in support for Labour in this town and our area generally.

“Indeed such was Labour's strength in the 'old days', that they used to say

Respect supporters have been active supporters and organisers of the anti-war movement. We say bring all the troops home now. How many more must die for the lies of Bush, Blair and Brown?



you could “put a pig up for Labour and it would still get elected,” and in many respects I think that often occurred, most of the Labour Councillors going on to do little other than stick their snouts in Wigan Metro's municipal trough.

“Indeed, just witness the vast sums now collected in allowances and other perks by these by these once alleged socialists, who now act and behave little better than Tory career politicians. This would also apply to all of our local Labour MPs.

“As a consequence, nowadays the Atherton Ward is a marginal one,

which the Lib-Dems have won in recent years. This however is compounded this time by the split in the Lib-Dems; their former Councillor now standing as an Independent in the forthcoming election, which potentially could result in Labour getting back in through the back door.

“That's where RESPECT comes in, we are wanting to reclaim and regenerate a real sense of working class representation in our locality - in the local council chamber and in Parliament, where former Scottish Labour, and now RESPECT, MP George Galloway already represents us and millions of others elsewhere in Britain and overseas.”



Respect supporters join posties during their recent strike for decent pay

Yours in solidarity
Stephen Hall

Our name RESPECT represents what we stand for

Respect - for young & old, black & white, whatever religion or none. We celebrate the diversity of modern Britain.

Equality - for men & women regardless of colour, creed or sexuality, We stand against all form of racism and discrimination.

Socialism - for a democratic, socially just & inclusive society organised on the basis of human need & not private profit.

Ppeace - for the immediate withdrawal of British & other foreign troops from Iraq & Afghanistan. No to war with Iran! Yes to nuclear disarmament!

Environment - we are for the defence of our environment locally, nationally & internationally! We campaign against the real causes of climate change & the ecological disaster facing us - the world capitalist system & its naked pursuit of profit!

Communities - whether I'm elected or not we aim to campaign in our community for better youth services, for better schools, hospitals & more affordable social housing. We will also campaign for greater local accountability & control of local publicly owned services

Trades unions - we support the trade unions and are for the repeal of all anti-trade union legislation. We will support & campaign alongside all working people fighting for better & conditions - as I and other members

MAKE A DIFFERENCE SUPPORT THE FIGHT FOR REAL CHANGE!

If you want to make a real difference this election time - then we want you to not only vote for our prospective candidate - but to support or campaign and to join us in our ongoing fight for a real change! For further details call 07794 139 278 or email us at info@gmrespect.org.uk

Respect is also standing candidate elsewhere in greater Manchester and in other parts of the country. We already have elected councillors in London, Birmingham & other parts of the country!

Winning council seats however by itself is not good enough, the



ordinary working people in this town and elsewhere in the country need to organise themselves to ensure that their views and opinions are mobilised alongside those councillors.

That's what we will doing in this area from hereon in! Labour traitors watch out!