

Protecting Pensioners Across Wales

Conservatives in Westminster Government have delivered the biggest cash rise in state pension ever.

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A proven track record in Cardiff

Family man and Cardiff City Councillor, Craig Williams, has been chosen to stand up for Cardiff South and Penarth.

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Welsh Conservatives announce cash boost for Cardiff's rail connections

Welsh Conservatives in Westminster are investing in the biggest railway upgrade since Victorian times, which will see the full electrification of the Great Western rail line beyond Cardiff, to Swansea and the Valley lines. This is in contrast to 13 years under a Labour Government which failed to electrify a centimetre of the rail track in Wales.

Electrification will cut journey times and link the capital cities of Wales and England with a fast, smooth and reliable rail line. It will provide a priceless economic boost for both Penarth, Cardiff and Wales as a whole, giving two thirds of the Welsh population access to a new fleet of electric trains.

Electrification will provide real benefit to passengers by providing a cleaner, greener train service with increased

comfort and faster journey times. It will encourage investment into the Welsh Capital and surrounding areas by providing the infrastructure to boost growth.

By electrifying the line to Swansea and the Valley lines, Conservatives are showing a clear commitment to jobs and growth across the whole of South Wales.

Welsh Conservative Transport spokesman on Cardiff City Council, Craig Williams, said, "Even though times are tough, we know that we have to give our capital city the boost it needs, to build great railways and make journeys better for the millions of hard working people who use the train every day. This will help put Wales back on the economic map of the UK after 13 years of Labour neglect".



PROTECTING PENSIONERS IN CARDIFF & PENARTH

Biggest **CASH RISE** in the State Pension **EVER**



YOUR VIEWS COUNT: Craig with his partner Clare talking to a Cardiff resident.

Most older people across the country have worked hard and saved all of their lives. That is why even as our country faces its most serious financial challenge since the Second World War, Welsh Conservatives in Government are committed to protecting pensioners.

Before the 2010 general election, David Cameron and George Osborne made a pensioner pledge, which has been delivered in office. Pensioners have benefited from the biggest ever cash rise in the basic State Pension, universal benefits including free bus passes and the Winter Fuel Allowance.

The Conservatives in

Government have also introduced the triple lock pension guarantee which will see the basic State Pension increased, either by price index, earnings or 2.5 per cent annually - whichever is highest. This year the minimum income guarantee was increased by 3.9 per cent to £142.70 a week - protecting those with no other source of income.

Craig Williams told us, "It is important to make sure that older and retired people are treated with dignity and given the quality of life they deserve. I believe these principles should be respected and recognised at all times and I am proud of our record of delivery in Government."

LABOUR HAVE CUT THE NHS IN WALES

LABOUR have cut the health budget in Wales by £534 million - 8.4 per cent of the entire budget - whilst Conservatives in Westminster will have increased investment in the NHS by £12.5 billion per year by 2015.

LABOUR'S harsh cuts to the health budget in Wales are hurting patients:

- X** **More people on waiting lists in Wales.** 1 in 8 people in Wales are now on a waiting list of some description, whereas in England it is 1 in 20.
- X** **Waiting times are longer in Wales.** The number of patients waiting longer than 6 months have trebled in Wales since May 2010, whereas they have halved in England.
- X** **Fewer patients in Wales can get the drugs they need.** Patients in England are five times more likely to have access to vital cancer drugs than those in Wales. There are 24 new cancer drugs that patients can routinely get in England, but not in Wales.
- X** **Cardiff South and Penarth is suffering because of Labour's NHS cuts.** Thanks to Labour, patients are waiting longer than 36 weeks to see a specialist here in Cardiff, and the NHS in Wales continues to fall behind England month after month.

HOW MUCH BETTER OFF WILL YOU BE WITH CONSERVATIVE TAX CUTS?

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Welsh Conservatives want a country that rewards effort and where work pays - something for something not something for nothing.

GETTING POLICE BACK OUT ON THE BEAT

Slashing bureaucracy and stripping away police targets to help in the fight to cut crime.

Under Labour the police spent more time on paperwork than they did on patrol. This is not what officers signed up for when they joined the service - a system which meant that 70 forms needed to be completed to deal with a simple burglary.

Conservatives in Government are slashing the bureaucracy that the police face. We are stripping away all of Labour's targets and giving the police one simple objective - to cut crime. We have already unveiled a package of policies that will cut police red tape, saving 4.5 million police hours.

By cutting costs and scrapping bureaucracy we are making sure that police officers are taken out of the back office and put back on the beat, supporting local communities and cutting crime.

We are introducing Police and Crime Commissioners across Wales to make sure that the police are accountable to local communities. In place of bureaucratic control from London, police forces will be democratically accountable to local people with Commissioners acting as a public champion in the fight against crime.



PUTTING CARDIFF SOUTH AND PENARTH FIRST

Cardiff Councillor Craig Williams is chosen as the local campaigner.



Cardiff Councillor Craig Williams has been chosen as the Welsh Conservative candidate for Cardiff South and Penarth.

Craig, who lives with his family in Cardiff, is a leading campaigner in the Welsh Capital. He currently heads up the influential Economy Committee on Cardiff Council and is a non-executive director of the Cardiff Bus service.

Craig Williams said, "I am thrilled to have been given the opportunity to fight for the residents of Cardiff South and Penarth. Since being elected to Cardiff City Council, I have put the economic regeneration and the prosperity of Cardiff and the surrounding areas at the top of my agenda.

"Penarth has been let down badly by a complacent Labour Party who brought Wales and Britain to the brink of bankruptcy before Gordon Brown was evicted from office, and they are doing the same damage to our health service here in Penarth today.

"Unlike other areas of the UK, people in Cardiff South & Penarth and Wales are reminded on a daily basis what Labour are like in Government. On our doorstep in Cardiff we have a Labour Government in the Welsh Assembly that is still in charge of health and education yet unable and unwilling to confront the difficult decisions and challenges the current economic reality presents us with. Voters will have a stark choice - economic stability with a candidate who believes in economic responsibility and fairness or continued confusion with another Labour politician".

WELSH LABOUR HAVE FAILED THE NEXT GENERATION

Education is the most important gift we can give our children and it has never been more important to ensure that the next generation are equipped with the skills they need to succeed in the world. Welsh Labour has failed in this vital task.

Labour's failure has resulted in Wales slipping down the international league tables and falling far behind the rest of the UK. Between 2006 and 2009, Wales fell 5 places in reading, 12 places in maths, and 9 places in science.

Labour have said that they don't expect to see 'real improvement' the next time school systems are

ranked - but this simply is not good enough.

According to recent comparable figures, Welsh councils are spending an average of £604 less per pupil than councils in England. Once again, Wales loses out.

Craig Williams said, "Labour's shameful record on education is a national disgrace. Students across Wales are being put at a disadvantage, purely because of where they live.

"Several local authorities are failing to achieve basic standards in education and I for one find this deeply concerning".



SHOULD THE SEVERN BE USED TO HARNESS TIDAL ENERGY?

The proposed Severn Barrage project will potentially see the estuary of the River Severn used to generate tidal energy.

It will involve an enormous building project crossing the Severn allowing power to be harnessed from the force of the tidal flow. The huge 14 metre tidal range of the Severn Estuary - one of the highest in the world - represents a renewable, predictable resource with the potential to generate up to 5 per cent of the UK's electricity needs.

There is a significant potential to make an important contribution to the UK's renewable energy targets.

However, Welsh Conservatives believe that it is vitally important to protect local wildlife and the environment, and equally important that local concerns are heard loud and clear before any decision is made. Please take a moment to return our survey below and let us know what you think.



Have your say

Please tick the boxes below to let us know your views:

1. Are you supportive of renewable energy?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure
2. Do you think that the Severn Estuary should be used to generate renewable energy?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure
3. Would you prefer the Government to target other projects to generate renewable energy?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure
4. So that we have a representative sample of responses, could you tell us how you voted in the last election you can remember?	<input type="checkbox"/> Welsh Conservatives <input type="checkbox"/> Plaid Cymru <input type="checkbox"/> Didn't vote	<input type="checkbox"/> Lib Dem <input type="checkbox"/> UKIP <input type="checkbox"/> Don't remember	<input type="checkbox"/> Labour <input type="checkbox"/> Independent
5. If there were an election tomorrow, who would you vote for?	<input type="checkbox"/> Welsh Conservatives <input type="checkbox"/> Plaid Cymru <input type="checkbox"/> Wouldn't vote	<input type="checkbox"/> Lib Dem <input type="checkbox"/> UKIP <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Labour <input type="checkbox"/> Independent

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