

# Highfields Anti Poll Tax News

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## Pay No Poll Tax

The Poll Tax is one year old in England and Wales and two years old in Scotland. It is massively unfair. In Highfields almost everybody is worse off. In rich areas almost everybody is better off. There has been huge resistance and millions

have not paid. In Highfields many people can't pay and many others have refused. There are thousands of non-payers in the area. The Poll Tax is doomed. Thatcher had to go because of it and the Tories now say it will be reviewed. **We say:**

**Don't review it - scrap the Poll Tax now!**  
Highfields Anti Poll Tax Union has been organising against the Tax for two years - come to our public meeting to talk about how we can carry our campaign to victory!

**Public Meeting Highfields Community Centre  
Melbourne Rd 7.30 p.m. Monday 11th March**

On March 23rd there will be a National Protest March in central London. We will be celebrating our resistance to the Poll Tax, demanding its immediate abolition and defending those victimised for fighting it.

Our demands are: **Axe the Poll Tax! Amnesty for non-payers! Release the Poll Tax prisoners! Amnesty**

**for all Poll Tax defendants!**  
There will be coaches going from Humberstone Gate, Leicester at 8.00 a.m. on March 23rd. If you want to go complete the tear off slip and return it.

H.A.P.T.U.  
Next organising meeting 69 Chandos St 7.30 p.m. March 7th.  
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**National Protest March London  
Sat 23rd March**  
Coaches leave from Humberstone Gate 8.00a.m.

**On Wednesday March 6th the City Council will be setting the Poll Tax for 91/92. Lobby the Council at Town Hall Square 4.00 - 7.00**

## No Courts! No Poll Tax! No Bailiffs!

Despite the Council trying to put people off going to court hundreds have turned up to show their defiance. There is a lot of support and a feeling of fighting back.

While the High Court was making a decision about whether people had a right to a McKenzie's friend (unpaid lay adviser) many cases were adjourned. Unfortunately they decided against us and people are now having to defend themselves.

It is still worth turning up. The numbers now coming to court mean that there are still some

adjournments. When people from Wigston were first summonsed over 400 turned up. They had to wait outside in the rain but no-one went home and 250 were adjourned.

Contact us for advice about court procedure. There will be Anti Poll Tax activists there on the day. We can't come into court with you but we can give you advice before you go in.

There now seems no chance of the Council getting all non-payers to court this year. They'll be trying to get this years Poll Tax in June!

If your case is heard the court will issue a Liability Order. A form will be sent to you to fill in. If you don't you could be taken back to court and fined £100 as it is a criminal offence. With the information on the form they can then take the Poll Tax from your wages or benefits. Alternatively they can use the Bailiffs.

**Fight wage arrestments through your Trade Union!**

**Beat the Bailiffs! Remember you don't have to let them in. CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

## International Women's Day Picket

The Poll Tax affects women badly because our pay tends to be low already and has actually fallen in relation to men's this year. The Tax is a direct attack on

women because we all have to pay - even if we have no income. This makes women even more dependant on their partners. Come and demonstrate

outside the Poll Tax office on King St on International Women's Day, March 8th, 12 noon - 2 p.m.

I want to join Highfields Anti Poll Tax Union

Waged £1.00 Unwaged 50p

I want a ticket/tickets for the National March

Waged £7.00 Unwaged £3.00

Return to 9, Laurel Rd, Leicester

Name.....

Address..... Tel.no.....