

Highfields Anti Poll Tax News

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WE'RE STILL NOT PAYING!

The Government, the City Council and the media are all pretending that the Poll Tax is finished as an issue - far from it! Fourteen million haven't paid last years Tax and that looks set to rise as people stop paying now that its doomed.

Our campaign is alive and well. Our demands are clear: **SCRAP THE POLL TAX NOW! AMNESTY FOR ALL NON PAYERS! AMNESTY FOR ALL POLL TAX DEFENDANTS AND PRISONERS! NO CUTS IN JOBS AND SERVICES!**

The Tories want us to wait 3 or 4 years to see the back of the tax. We say that it should be scrapped right away.

They can write off debts for their rich friends - they can do the same for us.

Many people have been prosecuted and jailed for defending themselves against Police attacks on our protests. They should all get an amnesty.

Four Policemen charged with framing the Guildford Four had their cases dropped by a Magistrate - the system looking after its own. If its good enough for them then its good enough for us!

We say: Drop all the charges against Poll Tax defendants and release the prisoners!

Cuts in jobs and services provided by Councils is another way of making us pay. They say that its non payers who cause cuts - this is a lie. The Government designed the Poll Tax to cut services, they control the level of grants to Councils and they've ordered fifty million pounds of

cuts through Poll Tax capping.

We believe that these jobs and services have to be defended and we support workers fighting cuts. Workers in Liverpool are striking now against redundancies - we believe they are right to do this.

If there are cuts locally we think they should be fought as hard as possible. Projects in the voluntary sector funded by Councils are particularly vulnerable - as shown by the proposal earlier this year to close the adventure playgrounds.

Non payment of the Poll Tax has forced the Government to promise to get rid of it. If we carry on we can win other victories!

BAILIFFS BUSTED!

The Council recently passed 20 names to the Bailiffs. As far as we know none were in Highfields and the Bailiffs haven't got in anywhere in the City.

They threatened a couple in the Narborough Rd area that they'd be coming round on June 4th. The Anti Poll Tax Federation had canvassed the area and on the day there were over 50 Bailiff Busters outside the house! There was a contingent from Highfields and a strong local presence.

The Bailiffs never showed - or if they did they ran away before they were seen!

The demonstration was a big boost for non payers in the area and showed what we can do.

Remember: **THEY CAN'T USE THE BAILIFFS UNLESS THERE'S A LIABILITY ORDER AGAINST YOU**

YOU DON'T HAVE TO LET THEM IN.

IF THEY GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU THEN YOU SHOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH US.

Use the "THINK BAILIFFS" sticker on this newsletter - put it on your door to remind yourself to be careful about who calls at your

home.

Talk to your friends and neighbours - if we stick together we will beat the Bailiffs.

STOP

- THINK

BAILIFF

HAPTU meetings: July 4th (AGM), Aug 1st at the Community House 69, Chandos St. 7.30 pm

Come to our 2nd Annual General Meeting on Thursday July 4th to talk about how we can continue the fight.