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Community

STUFF



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WE TALKED TO CLLR ROSEMARY BARRATT!

Back in May newly elected Labour councillor Rosemary Barratt came along to visit us at one of our Thursday night STUFF sessions. We had a great chat discussing issues that mattered to us - including vaping and health, bullying concerns in schools and gender identity. We also found out a little more about Cllr Barratt and her journey into politics.

How did you
get involved in
politics?

I've always been interested in ways that we can achieve a fairer and more equal society. For the past two years I have been campaigning with my son Joe and I really enjoyed speaking to people and finding out what issues they had on the doorstep. It inspired me to want to make a difference.

What is
your biggest
passion in
politics?

I'd love to see a transformational change in our political culture in this country. It has become so toxic. People now expect politicians to be corrupt and dishonest. We need a system reboot with proportional representation so that more voices can be heard in parliament and we can have healthier and more representative governance.

How do
you think you
can make a
difference?

I love speaking to people, listening and trying to help. One of the things I heard many times from people on the doorstep while campaigning is that their councillors don't get back to people. You can't solve everything but I'd like to be known for being proactive and working hard for residents.

What do
you think the
biggest priorities
are for supporting
young people in
Stockport?

I think young people need to have more opportunities open to them. I think they need to be listened to. So many young people are suffering with their mental health, and we need to put more resources into helping them through arts, sport, culture and creative activities such as STUFF which connects them with their communities so that they feel part of them.

STUFF



STUFF Magazine is a project created by local young people who meet fortnightly at Start Point Coffee Shop, Woodley. We share local stories, encourage local artists and promote our community. Why not join us? Contact Beth@pieuk.org to get involved!

★ SONG WRITING WITH LEE!



From Romiley to Edgeley
Woodley & Marple too
The Hatters are made
and they're coming for you.
The people of Stockport are
happy & true,
They'll invite you inside and
offer you a brew,
It's County, the boys in Blue & White,
We'll wear our scarfs all
through the night.
We're County, we're from
Edgeley Park,
And we've been here right from
the start!

This month we got creative in a different way - by taking part in some music sessions with Lee and writing our own songs all about Stockport! It was great to spend this time being creative and musical - thanks for coming to work with us Lee!

I step off the train at Stockport and
it's raining.
With people rollin' their eyes at the
Arts & complaining.
But your mad hat keeps me dry,
So I'll be stayin'
As the County lads rise up and keep
playin'.
So come and play
A game of football that's in
Stockport,
And have your say,
Make a change and hope you don't
fall.



We are so proud of our local team and how well they did this season (even though they didn't win at Wembley!)



HOW TO: REGISTER TO VOTE!

1. First, access the voting website, GOV.uk
2. You will need: ★

- FULL NAME
- PHOTO ID
- WHERE YOU LIVE, INCLUDING UK POSTCODE
- NATIONALITY
- DATE OF BIRTH
- NATIONAL INSURANCE NUMBER

3. After registering, choose how you want to vote (in person at a polling station / by post / by proxy - when someone else votes for you)

DID YOU KNOW?

- Formed in 1883.
- Invented in Heaton Norris.
- In 1951-56 Jack Connor scored 132 goals, the club's highest goalscorer.
- As of October 2022, the club was worth £765,000.
- In January 1934 they scored their biggest win at home, winning 13-0 against Halifax Town.



MONTHLY MANGA ★

Monika was chosen for the monthly manga because she is the "president" of her club known as the literature club, she let's the members of her club speak their minds and their ideas for activities and makes sure the club is a safe and happy place for everyone.

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