

# HOPE FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

## Local Communities

Labour will:

- \* hand back power to communities over local economic development
- \* give powers to planning authorities to put people and communities at the heart of planning
- \* give local government extra funds by reforming council tax and business rates and consider new options such as a land value tax

## Public Transport

Labour will:

- \* invest in publicly-owned railways with expansion and electrification across the South West; consult on re-opening branch lines
- \* provide first-class bus services run by municipal bus companies for passengers not profit
- \* protect critical bus routes serving local schools, hospitals and isolated settlements in rural areas

## Energy and Environment

Labour will:

- \* prioritise a sustainable, long-term future for our farming, fishing and food by supporting smaller traders, local economies and sustainable practices
- \* support the creation of publicly owned, locally accountable energy companies and co-operatives
- \* insulate four million homes to cut emissions, improve health, and reduce fuel poverty

## Local Services

Labour will:

- \* invest in broadband, housing and transport to create jobs
- \* reverse the closure of local schools, post offices and libraries
- \* preserve libraries for future generations, updated to modern needs
- \* end closure of Post Offices; establish a Post Bank, owned by the Post Office, providing a full range of banking services in every community

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# NO COMMUNITY LEFT BEHIND

For too long our rural communities have been neglected, with cuts to public services and transport, the closure of schools, post offices and libraries, and planning decisions influenced by profit for developers rather than community priorities.

Decades of damage in the pursuit of profit has left our environment and the quality of our lives under serious threat. Our farms face an uncertain future, our fishing quotas have been sold off to the highest bidder, and our oceans are being used as dumping grounds for plastic.

It doesn't have to be this way. Austerity is a political choice, not an economic necessity. Labour has a plan to revive our rural economy. By reversing the cuts and investing in jobs, services and communities, we can create towns and villages where our young people can have hope and a future.

The people of South-East Cornwall are beginning to recognise that Labour can bring hope to rural communities. At the last general election, our constituency had the fourth largest increase in Labour votes in the UK.

Join us!

