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# Introduction

All the devolved responsibilities of the Welsh Assembly are meaningless in a regime where most matters of national, regional and local importance are constrained by legislation emanating from an unelected group of commissioners in Europe. Although it is an issue beyond the legislative abilities of the Welsh Assembly, all British National Party Assembly Members will use their influence to pressure the Westminster regime to withdraw from the European Union. At best we will constantly remind the Welsh electorate exactly why many issues of policy cannot be enacted because of the limits placed upon the Welsh Assembly by the directives coming from the institutions of the EU.

British National Party Assembly Members will hold every political party and every politician to account for their pitiful and deafening silence on the two great unmentionables of our times: the multicultural society and the European Union. We will expose the scandals of politically correct spending of public finances and highlight corruption and inefficiency from within. We shall harry, hassle and question 'establishment' Assembly Members on behalf of the taxpayer.

That said, there is much that can still be achieved through the Welsh Assembly, and the British National Party is committed to working at all levels to achieve genuine equality of opportunity for all Welsh people, aspiring towards academic excellence, a healthy nation with homes fit for the 21st century, thriving and prosperous small business conditions and a clean and pleasant environment for all to enjoy. Unlike UKIP we believe that the Assembly has a valuable purpose as a layer of devolved government within the UK as a whole. In keeping with this position, we campaign in England for a specifically English Parliament with the same powers and, when that is achieved, we would change the title and status of the Welsh Assembly to the Welsh Parliament.

The British National Party is the voice of ordinary people who are frustrated and angry about the present, and fearful of their future. They are witnessing the decline of a once-proud nation, which as part of Britain, played its role in some of the most important developments in history, from advances in engineering and medicine, to outpourings of music, art and literary culture. Its bravest forebears witnessed victory in battle on every continent on this planet; its brightest minds have constructed magnificent cathedrals, civic buildings, bridges and canals.

Now the people are at last prepared to speak. Their voice is one of common sense, reflecting the views that the overwhelming majority of the people of Wales think but yet are often afraid to utter. The voice that must address the pressing issues that blight our nation and our children's future is the voice of the British National Party in Wales.

**Brian Mahoney**

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## REBUILDING DEMOCRACY AND DISMANTLING STATE SURVEILLANCE

- ♥ We champion local communities
- ♥ As much power as is practical will be devolved down to local level to encourage local responsibility and democracy
- ♥ We oppose compulsory biometric identity cards
- ♥ Integrity of government-held data
- ♥ Abolish anti-free-speech laws
- ♥ Police investigation of the BBC
- ♥ No foreign constitution, foreign rule, foreign currency or foreign taxes

We believe in principle that power should be devolved down to the lowest level that is sensible or practical, given economies of scale. In practice this means that as much political power as possible should be devolved down to the level of the parish, town or community council.

We believe that it is a privilege to serve the public; the purpose is not personal enrichment. We therefore pledge to pay to good causes 10% of the salaries we earn as elected representatives.

We trust that such a pledge will break the apathy and disillusionment with the whole political process which is prevalent in our nation today.

The British National Party will oppose the imposition of compulsory biometric identity cards by the State in all its guises. We maintain it is not for the people of Wales to need to justify our existence to the State, but rather for the State to justify its existence to the people of Wales.

We will work to restore the integrity of government organisations in their handling and security of personal details and the data of individuals. We will stop such data being sent out of the country for 'processing', and we will end the abhorrent practice of government-held data being sold to anyone seeking to buy it.

We are committed to rescinding all anti-free-speech laws, and we will vigorously defend the right to freedom of assembly for all British citizens.

We vigorously oppose 'political correctness' – an Orwellian concept designed to invoke self-censorship and which is social Marxism.



We will press for an independent police investigation of the BBC for breaching its Royal Charter in its unbalanced reporting of current affairs, information and opinions, and will also instigate an independent police investigation into the financial relationship between the BBC and the EU and its institutions.

**We maintain it is not for the people of Wales to need to justify our existence to the State, but rather for the State to justify its existence to the people of Wales**

The British National Party is pledged to Britain's withdrawal from the European State at the earliest opportunity, in order to rebuild a sovereign Britain where true democracy, freedom of speech and proper government by consensus through elected and answerable representatives will prevail. The EU currently costs the UK £45 million per day and much more in terms of the removal of our fishing waters, red tape, high food prices and regulations. We reject any devious or underhanded attempt by the State to impose any foreign constitution on the British people and entirely reject the old parties' imposition of the EU's Lisbon Constitutional Treaty, in which they reneged on their promises to hold a referendum.

Neither the unconstitutional and treacherous transfer of sovereignty of present and future generations of the British people to unelected foreign EU commissioners nor the imposition of a multicultural society has ever been discussed or debated amongst the electorate. Both have been imposed without any consent or consultation.

## SLASH THE COUNCIL TAX BURDEN

- ♥ **Compel government to live within its means. 'Government money' is our money, taken from the people**
- ♥ **Cut local spending by abolishing all multicultural and politically correct posts and ending the funding of all multi-cultural, multi-ethnic and politically correct schemes and training**
- ♥ **Campaign against foreign and Eastern European migration into Wales; this is our country, and we will put our people first**
- ♥ **A better deal for pensioners, the sick and the infirm**
- ♥ **No Non-Domestic Rate relief for non-British non-indigenous cultural, ethnic and religious charitable organisations**
- ♥ **Extra Non-Domestic Rate relief for local businesses, local Post Offices and high-street shops**
- ♥ **A greater rateable charge levied on out-of-town shopping centres, through a higher assessment made on car parking spaces**
- ♥ **No further salaries in excess of £100,000 for council or Assembly employees or civil servants**

A core imperative is to create a society of 'stakeholders' and a representative popular democracy. The term 'No taxation without representation' is apt, as is its reverse, 'No representation without taxation'. With rights comes responsibility.

Our desire is to cut council tax, which has risen faster than inflation, while many essential services have been cut to the bone. We shall also endeavour to ensure that as many people as possible contribute towards local taxation, under the principle that this encourages responsible citizenship and enhances stakeholdership.

We would maintain council tax as the primary local form of raising revenues.

It is a property tax with a personal element, and there is an existing method of collecting it. As it is based on a property, it is practical for a local authority to assess the total local liability and so calculate its own budget.

### **Our desire is to cut council tax, which has risen faster than inflation, while many essential services have been cut to the bone**

Council tax as a source of local government revenue has fallen into disrepute primarily because bills have risen so rapidly. We need a system that is fair, not too costly to the resident, not too bureaucratic to collect, and which enhances local responsibility/accountability and the independence and self reliance of our local communities.

Most local residents will contribute towards local tax, but without overburdening the low-paid and pensioners, for whom we support the provision of a sliding scale of council tax benefit to cover a fair proportion of their council-tax liability.

Mass immigration places costly burdens on our housing, social security, health, education and caring services. It undermines labour rates and adds to existing unemployment levels, thereby creating benefit dependency among our own poor and raising the overall tax burden that must be shouldered by our taxpayers.

Migration erodes the social cohesion of communities. We especially deprecate the obligation of local authorities (sometimes at the behest of the EU) to implement costly schemes and grants to ethnic minority and multicultural groups, causes, projects and initiatives, including foreign-language courses and interpreters, which drain our financial resources. British National Party Assembly Members will, at the least, act as 'whistleblowers', bringing to the attention of taxpayers the manner in which the majority liberal-left consensus within the Assembly wastes our money.

### **Mass immigration places costly burdens on our housing, social security, health, educational and caring services**

The remaining form of local taxation is National Non-Domestic Rate (NNDR), levied on businesses. Presently, relief from payment of all or part of the NNDR is available to charities. We shall not permit this relief to be payable to those charities that promote any form of multicultural or alien, non-Judaic-Christian religions. To do so will be to sanction foreign, cultural and religious expressions which undermine the social fabric of the country and local community.

Limited NNDR relief is currently available to village shops and businesses deemed to provide an important local amenity. We would extend this to allow local authorities the discretion to provide relief to a wider range of local high-street shops, local post offices and local businesses providing local employment and regeneration. Meanwhile, out-of-town shopping centres should be subjected to a marginally higher tax rating on the availability of car parking spaces. The revenues there from will be employed to regenerate local high streets, which are more accessible to the elderly, while easing congestion.

## A HOME FOR ALL

- ♥ **Stop building on greenbelt land**
- ♥ **Public-for-rent housing brought back under democratic control**
- ♥ **Support the right to buy**
- ♥ **Seek to remove high-rise flats and concrete monstrosities and replace them with houses built with a human dimension, with character**
- ♥ **Priority to local people**

We vigorously oppose the building of new houses on greenbelt land. The pressure on housing is caused by immigration. Property developers who stand to profit from new development indirectly facilitate immigration, although there has been no discussion or debate. We support urban infilling, the development of brownfield sites and the re-utilisation of derelict land so long as it does not create strain on local infrastructure. Our policy is to consult, and we support the right of local communities to make the final decision, via referenda, excepting in exceptional circumstances.

We oppose further privatisation of the provision of public-sector housing. Wales's housing stock is part of the common wealth of the nation, and we will seek to return to democratic control the public-sector housing that has been transferred to housing corporations or associations.

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We shall encourage the 'right to buy' scheme. This provides an opportunity to create a responsible, stakeholding, property-owning population. The local authority shall ensure that a sensible and fair proportion of rentable council housing remain available. All revenues obtained from council-house sales should be re-invested in the construction of new council houses, which will be made available at affordable rents.

We oppose the building of high-rise housing and characterless concrete estates, so beloved by Labour-run councils. These are dehumanising and undermine social cohesion. We shall seek to demolish these estates and replace them with homes that employ character and a perception of belonging.

Priority in the allocation of social housing should go to local people with family connections. Migrants should not qualify. Asylum seekers should be housed in secure temporary accommodation until they can be returned to the first safe country through which they arrived to reach 'soft touch' Britain.

## A HEALTHY NATION

- ♥ **Bring health care provision under local democratic control**
- ♥ **Stop recruitment of staff from the third world**
- ♥ **A return to discipline, hierarchies and cleanliness**
- ♥ **No free health service for health tourists or cosmetic treatments**
- ♥ **End exploitation of patients by management trusts**
- ♥ **Cut the bureaucracy**
- ♥ **Fight drugs**

Hospitals and public health service provision in general should be brought under local democratic control. Although the level of funding should be set by central government, local control of the budget is vital to ensure the proper provision of services such as local health centres, GPs and dental services. It is essential that there be local democratic oversight of casualty services and maternity centres.

It is a national disgrace that some 40% of Welsh patients are unable to register with an NHS dentist.

We will not tolerate health service provision based on a 'postcode lottery'. Everyone should be entitled to receive the highest standard of health service provision. There should also be an efficient, readily available out-of-hours emergency service for accident and casualty cases, and for emergency out-of-hours dental treatment.

As things stand, decisions are made by overpaid health service bureaucrats, with no regard to local opinion.

We shall axe all salaries of health bureaucrats over £100,000 and provide more funding for care homes for the elderly, and we shall axe politically correct wastage and foreign-language schemes.

We oppose the recruitment of foreign staff in the health service, whose standards often vary with our own. Worse, to employ these skilled workers is immoral because it strips the third world of its rare and urgently required skills base. This is an example of inverted racism which stems from the politically correct Lab/Lib/Con/UKIP consensus.

We wish to return the ward matron and re-introduce the strict standards of discipline and cleanliness that were typical until the 1960s, before the onset of bureaucracy. Thatcherite 'market' policies have caused a diminution of care and have encouraged the shocking rise of MRSA, which kills and infects thousands of patients every year – and costs the health service dearly in compensation.

The health service should only exist for UK citizens and those nations where there exists a reciprocal facility. Health 'tourism', which costs the UK £2bn/annum should be eradicated. The health service should also be employed for essential treatments. Superficial, cosmetic and lifestyle treatments should not be provided freely.

We support the provision of local hospitals in local communities, not remote factory-type hospitals.

### **We will build a network of drug rehabilitation clinics to assist in the war against this scourge**

The bureaucracy of the health service must be axed so more money becomes available for expensive but vital treatments, more beds, doctors and nurses. With the health service controlled by the local authorities, and run on a day-to-day basis by experienced medical staff and matrons instead of target-obsessed managers, the current wasteful duplication of bureaucracy will be eliminated.

Many of Wales's cities and rural communities are blighted by drug use. We will build a network of drug rehabilitation clinics to assist in the war against this scourge. In addition to helping the addicts get clean, we will also press for zero tolerance of all drugs, in schools and other institutions, and above all by the police. We will campaign tirelessly for the reversal of the medically and socially disastrous downgrading of cannabis, and for life sentences for the pushers of Class A drugs such as heroin and crack cocaine.

## EDUCATING FOR EXCELLENCE

- ♥ **Uniforms and high standards of education**
- ♥ **Support for traditional teaching methods**
- ♥ **Schools to be beacons for local culture**
- ♥ **More vocational training**
- ♥ **We oppose the sale of playing fields**

We want a high standard of local education throughout Wales, with the provision of minimum standards. In accordance with our aim to devolve democratic accountability to the lowest level, we encourage local influence over education policy. School governing bodies and parents should possess a say in budgetary and educational matters. Thus, parents should influence whether their school places more or less emphasis on language, science, music or sporting facilities, for example.

Greater power should be devolved to parents, through governing bodies with respect to the hiring and firing of staff (thereby impeding the incompetent) and the appointment of governors who – subject to strict criteria – should set the curriculum and determine policy on school uniforms and corporal punishment.

There would be a degree of central direction in education – in such matters as:

- A return to traditional teaching methods, with emphasis placed on the three Rs
- A return to discipline in the classroom
- The reintroduction of competitive sports, which encourage teamwork, esprit de corps and character building
- The encouragement of healthy outdoor activity and opposition to the sale of sports fields
- An emphasis on the appreciation for Welsh and British history and culture
- A ban on politically correct indoctrination

We wish to re-establish brief but daily Christian assemblies, as a benchmark for a decent, civilised society.

Our educational establishments should be training people to be good citizens and useful, honest employees in the workplace, so that our children leave school with the ability to compete and prosper.

Schools should become beacons in reviving and cherishing local history, traditions and culture.

Our universities should be centres of academic excellence. Absolute numbers of graduates leaving university are meaningless if there are no relevant jobs for graduates. Individuals and the nation may benefit if those individuals had undertaken a course at another centre of learning, undergoing vocational training or a trade apprenticeship. To this end, we would raise the entry requirements for all Welsh universities.

### **Schools should become beacons in reviving and cherishing local history, traditions and culture**

Once in national government, we shall provide all young people with the academic ability necessary to benefit from a university education. The students of courses for which there is genuine economic or social need shall receive full state funding throughout their degrees. This will be free in return for their prior participation in a universal nine-month (see 2010 national manifesto) National Service scheme. In the meantime, British National Party Assembly Members will strive at every possible opportunity to help to minimise the burden of debt on students and graduates.



## POLICING FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES

- ♥ Police force must act closely with elected representatives
- ♥ Local police stations to remain open longer
- ♥ A return to genuine 'beat' policing
- ♥ House the police in the community
- ♥ Stricter sentencing
- ♥ Abolition of surveillance cameras as a means of raising revenue
- ♥ CCTV used as a temporary measure until harmony is restored to our communities

The police force should be integrated into the community and work closely with local elected representatives. The police exist to serve the community, not the state.

We call for local police stations to be manned for longer hours, and we oppose the centralisation of police services in often-distant locations.

Police should be accommodated in social housing on council estates and other residential areas. This will provide a local police presence in these areas, making them part of the community, as well as offering the police free housing.

We do not agree with the recruitment of Community Support Officers who are under-trained and have insufficient powers. More qualified police should be recruited, where necessary.

We will abolish 'tax-trap' speed surveillance cameras on our roads, except those in clearly identified accident blackspots or where there is local demand. We will restore proper policing of our roads. We oppose government imposition of 'spy in the car' devices for any purpose, whether for 'pay as you drive' charging or for 'surveillance tracking' by the state.

**We support the householder who  
defends his property, not the criminal  
who is injured when confronted  
during his lawless activities**

In theory we oppose the installation of CCTV cameras in our communities and all aspects of the surveillance state. We believe in small government and individual liberty. However, the autocratic liberal regime has presided over a near total breakdown in law and order. This breakdown has been caused by a collapse in civic responsibility. We live in a society where there is little or no

local civic pride, where there is little community spirit, where the elderly, the frail and the vulnerable are not valued. To reduce crime, we must rebuild the bonds that bind society together around shared values and a shared identity. Until this breakdown can be addressed, we must rely on CCTV to assist the forces of law and order.

We need more visible policing, zero tolerance of crime and strict sentencing. We support the householder who defends his property, not the criminal who is injured when confronted during his lawless activities.

The police must not be bound by political correctness, swamped in red tape and form filling.

British National Party Assembly Members will support all measures which help place more officers on the streets of our communities. We shall oppose all proposals which make the police remote, unaccountable and insensitive to law-abiding citizens.

## BUSINESS

- ♥ Reduce burden of bureaucracy
- ♥ Roll out broadband
- ♥ 'Living treasures' programme
- ♥ A world leader in renewable energy
- ♥ No to windfarms

Local businesses will be encouraged through rate relief, planning laws and a new spirit to encourage entrepreneurial activity.

We will ensure that business is not smothered in red tape and interference by snoopers and busybodies, who gold-plate EU laws and regulations.

We will commission a review into the calculation and application of business rates by Welsh local authorities to ensure that Welsh-based businesses are not disadvantaged compared to those operating elsewhere in the UK.

The rural/urban divide in access to the latest technology must be bridged. We are pledged to assist financially the roll out of high-speed broadband telecoms services beyond our towns and cities and into our rural communities.

### **The business opportunities that exist in [the energy] sector are enormous, and Wales must aim to be a world leader in renewable energy, engineering and technology**

We continue to promote our 'Living Treasures' programme. We shall ensure the survival of the traditional trades and crafts that have been passed down through the centuries. The wisdom inherent in the old crafts of weaving, musical-instrument manufacture, stone-wall construction, farriers, saddlers and others must never be lost. Under the programme there will be Assembly funding to allow these small enterprises and cottage industries to take on apprentices, thereby ensuring those skills are passed on and continue the development of quality products for the domestic and export markets.

Wales's coastline readily lends itself to the harnessing of the power of the sea. We would encourage the research, development and implementation of power generation in those areas identified as being best suited for such undertakings. The business opportunities that exist in this sector are enormous, and Wales must aim to be a world leader in renewable energy, engineering and technology.

We oppose the establishment of wind farms, which are inefficient blights on the landscape. Bogus 'global warming' is costing the UK £20bn/annum and hits the elderly hardest, with unaffordable fuel bills.

## PUTTING WELSH CULTURE FIRST

- ♥ Indigenous culture before all others
- ♥ Preserving differences
- ♥ ‘Living treasures’ programme
- ♥ Maximum support for the Welsh language in the appropriate areas

Culture is a much-neglected but very important topic. We wish to create a society of stakeholders where residents feel it is their community and they are a vital part of it. Promoting the culture and history of a district is a natural ingredient in preserving the local community spirit. Our native heritage has developed over centuries; distinctive people produce distinctive cultures. The liberal regime has deliberately tried to destroy local particularism in a bid for conformity and dull uniformity.

Mass immigration is particularly damaging to poor communities and areas where ancient local cultures are threatened from the homogenisation encouraged by globalisation. Immigration causes the Balkanisation of communities. British National Party Assembly Members will therefore base their policies and voting decisions on the principle that local people and the culture of local communities must be put first.

Local councils would be responsible for encouraging local festivals and officially celebrate events such as St. David's Day.

### **Mass immigration is particularly damaging to poor communities and areas where ancient local cultures are threatened from the homogenisation encouraged by globalisation**

Local councils should also be encouraged to celebrate and mark traditional festivals such as Easter and Christmas. No public body should be permitted to officially celebrate or mark a non-indigenous festival or holiday.

We do not expect local councils to spend large sums of money on these events, but they should sponsor local voluntary efforts.

Schools, libraries, museums and civic theatres would be expected to contribute to the cultural health of our local communities.

Culture, of course, is not just an historic entity. Our unique culture needs to be kept alive in the face of globalisation and standardisation. We will develop our key crafts and traditions through the ‘Living Treasures’ programme mentioned in the business policy section.

The Welsh language and culture need to be fostered and encouraged so as to ensure their survival. However, an intelligent and sensible sense of proportion is required, with the aim to encourage voluntary participation by freewill, as determined by local democratic demand.

We do not, however, approve a prescriptive approach, and care must be taken to avoid artificial and divisive legislation for political reasons. We have no desire to exclude 80% of Welsh people who do not speak Welsh.

Within the Welsh-speaking heartland of the Bro Cymraeg, however, we would expect and encourage local councils to take active steps to safeguard the language as they deem appropriate.

British National Party Wales would actively encourage the development of living participation spectacles, historical re-enactments and pageants. Wales is part of the Western European family of nations, and public sponsorship of the arts in general must reflect that family association.

## FOOD FROM OUR FARMS

- ♥ **Against harmful EU regulations**
- ♥ **Local is best**
- ♥ **Ban on halal**
- ♥ **Minimise chemical pesticides**
- ♥ **No GM crops**
- ♥ **Protect Welsh fishermen**

Welsh farmers and fishermen and the rural communities that depend upon them are under threat. They are endangered by the fishing and agricultural policies of the EU.

Alas, while we remain in the EU, the Welsh Assembly is powerless to provide the assistance our communities need. Wales alone cannot withdraw from the EU, but as part of our British platform, we will engage a debate to withdraw the UK from the EU. We will continue to work with our neighbours in Europe on issues where we mutually benefit.

Under the policy 'local is best' we will encourage by legislative, moral and financial means such that all public bodies buy locally produced food for hospitals, police canteens, prisons and similar outlets.

A government-sponsored organic foods advisory body will be set up to encourage organic methods of food production.

We are committed to banning the barbaric practice of halal ritual slaughter in Wales on the grounds of animal cruelty. Moreover, we will end the supply, use and distribution of all halal-ritual-slaughter-derived products by all publicly funded organisations within Wales. This will include educational establishments where halal products are currently provided without the knowledge or consent of parents and children.

We oppose the planting of genetically modified crops and their import.

We are committed to minimising the use of artificial pesticides. To this end we will introduce a pesticide licence scheme whereby a potential user of man-made synthetic pesticides would have to persuade the supervisory agency that such use was the best possible solution to deal with a specific local pest issue.

The plight of our fishermen is well known ever since the Tories joined the EU. Withdrawal is essential before we can regain our sovereignty over our territorial waters.

## PLANNING & LICENSING

- ♥ **Local people decide**
- ♥ **No developments on greenbelt**
- ♥ **VAT on new builds, not brownfield developments**
- ♥ **Abolish 'no smoking in pubs' legislation**

In general we shall allow the local community to decide the appropriate level and hours of licensing for pubs and clubs. What is appropriate for Cardiff or Wrexham would not be appropriate for small villages. We do not believe this is an area that central government should determine, and discretion should be devolved to the most practical local level.

The anomaly that currently exists in the VAT regimes on housing construction will be removed. Currently building projects on brownfield developments are liable for VAT whereas new builds on greenfield sites carry no VAT, thereby encouraging the development of greenfield sites. We propose levying VAT on new developments thereby harmonising the system and discouraging the intrusion into greenbelt.

### **We believe that it is not the role of government to impose draconian and nonsensical legislation to interfere with the right to choose**

Flooding has been exacerbated by the use of reclaimed wetlands, forcing natural drainage systems to seek alternative routes, thus causing ecological and social disasters. These reclaimed areas destroy the habitats of native plants and wildlife. We will halt further development of wetland areas.

We will restore the freedom of the right to choose for landlords of pubs and restaurants who may wish to allow smoking on their premises. We believe that it is not the role of government to impose draconian and nonsensical legislation to interfere with the right to choose. We believe it is the right of landlords to choose whether to allow or ban smoking in whole or in part on their premises, just as it is the right of consumers to choose whether to frequent such establishments.

## REFUSE & RECYCLING

- ♥ Weekly collections
- ♥ Encourage local recycling, not international shipping
- ♥ Zero tolerance on litter

We support free weekly waste collections; charging will encourage illegal tipping and costly clean-up expenses.

Recycling should also be conducted weekly.

Local council tips/recycling centres should be open more regularly and longer.

### **We will enforce a zero tolerance on litter, which mars the urban and rural landscapes**

Regional and national recycling businesses should be encouraged, so as to obviate the need to ship millions of tonnes of metals, plastics and much else to China and India. This situation may be facilitated by the provision of tax and regulatory means to stimulate recycling in the UK and the demand for the products of such materials. For example, every glass and plastic bottle imported into the UK should be sold with a returnable deposit, thereby turning every child in the country into an eager volunteer 'bottle recycling operative'.

We will enforce a zero tolerance on litter, which mars the urban and rural landscapes. We will replace fines for litter louts with community service orders to participate in street, coast and park cleaning operations.



## KEEPING WALES MOVING

- ♥ Free parking in town centres
- ♥ Open rail links
- ♥ Switch freight to rail and water
- ♥ Limit weight of goods vehicles
- ♥ Abolish tolls on the Severn Bridge

Local authorities often abuse their control over local roads by placing double-yellow lines on all available spaces and charging for parking in every available plot. This stifles commerce in town centres, drives trade to out-of-town shopping centres and creates congestion and traffic in the countryside. It also penalises local residents and makes it difficult for outsiders to visit relatives. It is part of a mindset that seeks to make money by every possible means. Raising revenue like this is regressive and hits the poor and elderly the hardest.

We shall encourage free car parking, particularly in our town centres and, where possible, adjacent to train stations. This will reverse the decline to the traditional high street.

Bus and train transport should be integrated with sensible timetabling. Since large parts of Wales are rural, we recognise the need to deal with the fast-growing challenge of global oil depletion by a long-term programme to improve the reach, frequency and attractiveness of public transport, rather than punishing motorists with ever-higher taxes which are then spent on things other than transport.

In Wales in particular, the politically correct parties' war on the motorist is a crippling burden on the rural poor.

Public transport throughout many parts of Wales must be seen as a not-for-profit service and, where monopolies exist, we are committed to bringing transport services back into the public domain rather than allowing private companies to enjoy large profits from government subsidies.

Where practical, freight should be switched from roads to rail and water transport.

We are committed to ensuring free crossing of the Severn Bridge on a point of principle. We will remove the Severn Bridge tollgates, and in their place erect a monumental bronze statue of 'Rebecca' to symbolise the right to freedom of movement in Wales and, as a reminder to all who pass, of the heritage of the Welsh people.







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