



Labour's immigration failure

For more than a decade Labour failed to control immigration. This put a strain on wages and extra pressure on the welfare system, NHS and schools from people who had not contributed to them through their hard work and taxes.

● That's why Conservatives are fixing the EU immigration system. While net immigration has fallen by nearly a third since its peak, we are working to bring it down further. We are protecting public services and limiting EU immigrants' access to benefits. We also believe it is time to review the way free movement throughout the EU applies.

● We have a long-term plan to make sure that immigration to Britain is controlled and manageable. This will ensure that our economy delivers for people who want to work hard and play by the rules.

We are doing this by:

● Limiting EU immigrants' access to benefits. We have changed the rules so new immigrants will not be able to claim benefits for the first three months they are here, and only for six months after that.

● Protecting public services. We have stopped something for nothing in social housing and councils will be expected to introduce local residence tests. We are also clamping down on health tourism.

● Fixing freedom of movement. We will make sure that when in future new countries join the EU, it will not cause vast migrations. This could be done by requiring new countries to reach a certain income per head.

Key Political Points

● Net immigration under Labour was more than twice the population of Birmingham. Between 1997 and 2010, net immigration to Britain was more than 2.2 million.

● We have cut net immigration by nearly a third. Net immigration has fallen from its September 2010 peak of 255,000 to 182,000 in the year to June 2013.3

It's a key issue so these are more good points for the doorstep.

Osborne outlines economic plan

In a recent speech Chancellor George Osborne outlines economic plans to build a stronger, more competitive economy and secure a better future for Britain by:

● Reducing the deficit so we deal with our debts, safeguard our economy for the long term and keep mortgage rates low

● Cutting income taxes and freezing fuel duty to help hard-working people feel more financially secure

● Creating more jobs by backing small business and enterprise with better infrastructure and lower jobs taxes

● Capping welfare and reducing immigration so our economy delivers for people who want to work hard and play by the rules

● Delivering the best schools and skills for young people so the next generation can succeed in the global race

The plan is working. For the first time in a long while, there's a real sense that Britain is on the rise. But it's far too soon to say job done - it's not even half done.

Plenty of risks

There are still plenty of risks, and the greatest one here at home is the Labour Party who offer more spending, higher taxes, more borrowing. Their economic approach brought economic ruin once, and would do the same all over again. Why give the keys back to the people who crashed the car?

So this year Britain faces a choice: to go on working through the plan that is delivering for Britain, or to squander what we've achieved and go back to economic ruin.

The race is on and we must tell voters all the good things we are doing.

Annual Party Conference

This autumn's Party Conference, in Birmingham from 28th September to 1st October, will be our last before the General Election - an election we must win to finish the job of securing our country's future.

Each year our Conference goes from strength to strength, finding new ways to give everyone attending the chance to get involved, have their say, and contribute to our Party's work. This year will be no exception, as we all work for a Conservative majority in 2015.

During the week Conservatives will come together and demonstrate how it is our Party with the long-term economic plan to help hardworking people across the country.

There can be no better opportunity for members to discuss the key issues of the day with a wide range of politicians, charities, business leaders, international guests and interest groups.

QUESTION TIME

Bramcote

Who is debating?

- Anna Soubry MP (MP for Broxtowe)
- Steve Austin (Editor - Bramcote Today)
- Cllr. John Doddy (GP and Notts County Councillor)
- Richard MacRae (Chairman - Stapleford Community Group)
- Andrew Lewer (Candidate for EU Parliament)

Where and When?

DATE/TIME:
17th February 2014 @ 19:00 till 21:00

LOCATION:
Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bramcote

All are welcome

There will be a raffle to help pay for the o

Comment

One of the top subjects around at the moment is immigration and there has been lots of publicity on the expected "hordes" of Bulgarians and Romanians descending on the UK.

Chairman of the Home Affairs Select Committee, Keith Vaz was seen welcoming two of the first to arrive and they both said they had come here to work.

Ignoring the protestations of UKIP on almost anything that may get them publicity let's look at the influx of foreign "workers" into this country and the emphasis must be on that one word, "workers".

Our government has already said that we are prepared to welcome people who are qualified and willing to work but what we do not want are those who come into this country with the sole aim of doing nothing but be a burden on our social services system - and that is what we have to stop and we are already making progress in that direction.

Speaking to a farmer in the Lincolnshire fens he told me that his East European workers put in a full day of hard work and, with tongue in cheek, said he preferred them to British workers who come along, do a half day and return to the benefits system because they did not like the hard work. So what do we do?

It's a strange world we live in when we have people in this country who do not like work and, perhaps controversially, immigrants coming in to take up the work that's consequently available.

It is reasonable to write that Immigration has been a controversial subject in this country for centuries - the Vikings brought their names to many villages The Normans brought in a great influx from Europe and so it went on. Many people now say the country is full and that is where we must ask our government to seek solutions, either inside or outside the European community.

And that is why David Cameron has scheduled a referendum.

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More people are in work

Unemployment has fallen at its fastest rate for 17 years to a four-year low of 7.1%.

The number of people out of work fell by 167,000 in the three months ending November 2013 - the biggest decline since Autumn 1997 and the second largest since records began in 1971.

This decline together with Iain Duncan Smith's revision of the welfare system are good examples of how this government is tackling a situation which was the legacy of the Labour government

A good point for the doorstep

Politicians dream?

The wise old owl lived in an oak

The more he saw the less he spoke.

The less he spoke the more he heard

Why can't we all be like this wise old bird?.

Labour let down British workers

They failed to recognise that if you have a welfare system that doesn't make work worthwhile or support people into jobs, you pay the price elsewhere. And while British workers were left on the sidelines, the number of foreign people in jobs rocketed to record levels.

But with our long-term economic plan, the Conservatives are putting right the mess Labour left behind. We're capping welfare and reducing immigration so that our economy delivers for those who want to work hard and play by the rules.

In our first three years in government, the number of British people in a job has risen by 538,000. That's 538,000 more people taking home pay cheques and being able to provide for their families.

We can never go back to Labour's way of uncapped welfare and out-of-control immigration

A good point for the doorstep

McLoughlin at Strelley



Photo shows Secretary of State for Transport Patrick McLoughlin, Anna Soubry MP for Broxtowe and Trowell resident David Hamsher at Strelley Hall

Secretary of State for Transport Patrick McLoughlin has held the first HS2 "ministerial surgery" in Broxtowe.

Patrick was invited to Strelley Hall to meet residents by the Broxtowe MP Anna Soubry.

The Transport Secretary met a dozen constituents in private to discuss individual concerns relating to properties affected by the proposed route through Strelley Village, Trowell and Nuthall.

Patrick also met villagers opposed to the route through the popular beauty spot of Strelley Village.

HS2 senior officials were also on hand to deal with queries and complaints.

The public consultation concerning the route of HS2 ends this month and a final decision on the route will be made by the end of the year.

The Secretary of State saw the site of the East Midlands hub at Toton Sidings. "Broxtowe Borough Council should be seizing this great opportunity to make sure we bring economic development and jobs to the Sidings not hundreds of houses as they propose".

The area team



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UK is the best in the west

The International Monetary Fund has upgraded its growth forecast for the United Kingdom for the second time in three months, cementing its status as one of the fastest growing major economies.

The IMF has revised its UK growth forecast for 2014 from its October 2013 prediction of 1.9% to 2.4% this January.

The UK upgrade forecast is far greater than either France, Germany, Canada, Japan or Russia and is a splendid example of the Conservative inspired recovery..

Question Time at Bramcote

The Memorial Hall at Church Street, Bramcote is the venue for a Broxtowe Question Time on 17th February. The event from 7.00pm to 9.00pm will have a panel consisting of Anna Soubry (MP for Broxtowe), Steve Austin (Editor Bramcote Today), John Doddy (GP and County Councillor), Richard MacRae (Chairman, Stapleford Community Group) and Andrew Lewer (EU Parliamentary candidate).

Anyone is welcome to attend and there will be a raffle to help fund the event.

End piece ...

Chairman of the Royal Mail, Scotsman Donald Brydon has called on his fellow countrymen to reject the move for independence saying that the move is "exactly opposite to what the world needs. Separating from the UK will be the wrong move and its much more important to find things which will unite us and use them to solve our problems".

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