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The Name's the Same

As Gordon Brown took over as Prime Minister, Edward Brown was selected as the Labour Party Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for North East Bedfordshire

Ed is a long standing member of the Labour Party and has worked in general election campaigns in Tatton in Cheshire (1997), Cambridge (2001) and Hampstead & Highgate (2005).

Ed works as a barrister in London. He specialises in employment law and represents all kinds of people, including employees, small employers and larger companies. He works for Citizens Advice Bureau, the Free Representation Unit and the Bar Pro Bono Unit. Ed is also a governor of a primary school in Camden.

Before starting practice as a barrister, Ed studied law at Cambridge University. He went on to study at the University of Siena in Italy and speaks fluent Italian. Ed also worked in Jamaica assisting death row inmates in Kingston and was legal adviser to the Victoria Climbié Inquiry into issues of child protection. In his spare time, Ed is a keen football fan and enjoys a game of pool.

Following his selection, Ed commented: *'I am delighted to have been selected as the Labour candidate for the North East Bedfordshire constituency. I come from a town slightly larger than Biggleswade in a similar constituency in Cheshire.'*



Therefore, I understand the type of issues that local residents have to face, even in such a lovely part of the country as this. I look forward to meeting as many local residents as possible from now and in the run up to the next General Election'.

Commenting on the national political scene, Ed said: *'the next General Election will be the hardest fought since Labour came to power in 1997. Gordon Brown, the new Labour leader, must convince voters that Labour's strong track record in delivering a strong economy, investments in schools and hospitals, low unemployment, low interest rates and fair taxes will continue for another five years. I firmly believe that Labour is up to the task in North East Bedfordshire and across the country. I look forward to challenging the sitting Conservative MP on how he would improve on Labour's great track record in these key areas.'*

Ed will shortly have his website up and running. It will contain information about his campaign activities in the near future. If anyone wishes to assist with his campaign or get involved in local Labour Party activities, they are welcome to contact him at edwardmbrown@yahoo.co.uk or on 07830 352802.

Sheila Grayston - Your Labour Town Councillor



Sheila Grayston lives in Holme Court Avenue and was elected to Biggleswade Town Council in May 2007 having previously been a local councillor serving on a London Borough and an East Herts. Parish Council. Before retiring she was a Social Housing Manager and for many years a volunteer with Victim Support. For the past 10 years she has been the Chair of Governors at Lea Valley High School in Enfield which also has Specialist Sports College Status. Since being elected Sheila has been supportive of issues within Holme Ward, via the Town Council, which include requests to Bedfordshire County Council for a set of pedestrian crossing lights and activated speed limit signs in Holme Court Avenue, plus parking restrictions in Dells Lane/London Road. Decisions on all these matters are awaited from the County Council.

She strongly supports the Youth Club that meets at Holme Mead School on Monday evenings, and in particular has been involved in appealing for volunteers to ensure the club remains open for young people between the ages of 9 & 13 years.

Sheila is keenly interested in the Biggleswade Fairtrade Town Steering Group. On behalf of the Steering Group she is moving a Motion at the September Town Council Meeting and hopes that all members of the Town Council will support this worthy project. The Steering Group consists of members of Churches Together in Biggleswade, local Traders, Schools and other young peoples organisations.

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Sheila, together with other Labour Town Councillors, joins Ed Brown, Labour's Prospective Parliamentary Candidate in monthly Saturday morning "Meet the People" sessions at the Crab Lane, London Road junction. They will be pleased to discuss any issues that you want to raise with them or, if you prefer, you can let us have any comments or raise any issues by returning the slip below either to The Labour Hall or to the FREEPOST address stated.

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