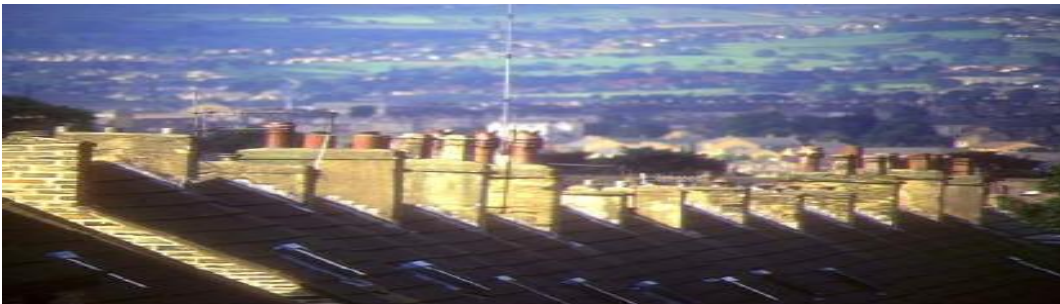


A Green Manifesto for Bradford District



Culture, Leisure and Recreation



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The issue

Arts and recreation are crucial to health and well being, yet the contribution of leisure pursuits and voluntary work to the wider community are often unacknowledged. The Green Party would ensure that all aspects of cultural and recreational activity receive their due attention.

In Bradford

Our green councillors have:

- ▶ actively supported the battle to save and develop the Priestley Centre for the Arts;
- ▶ helped lobby for a coherent arts strategy for the city;
- ▶ actively worked with the Save the Odeon campaign, preferably for arts provision (Cllr Hawarun Hussain has worked with Norman Littlewood's campaign and Cllr David Ford applied to the Dept for Culture, Media and Sports to get the building listed);
- ▶ worked with local centres of excellence and local peoples' activities in leisure and sport;
- ▶ supported the Kala Sangham Asian Arts project, an initiative that has achieved excellent results in local schools and community groups;
- ▶ supported allotments in our district - the Green Group put extra money in the 2009/10 budget to ensure the appointment of an extra allotments officer and provided £200,000 in capital funding for fencing and other improvements in allotments in our district;
- ▶ supported cultural events that bring local people together.



What would a Green Council do?

A green council would:

- ▶ develop a coherent arts and recreation strategy for the District that emphasises the participatory aspects of arts, culture and recreation;
- ▶ emphasise the positive role of local centres in facilitating vibrant recreational activities;
- ▶ help local groups tap into external funding to secure more small and medium size venues for music, dance sports and youth clubs and cafes such as the successful one in Shipley Town Centre;
- ▶ boost allotments and healthy gardening projects;
- ▶ encourage beneficial activities such as swimming, cycling and gardening;
- ▶ support heritage projects.