

Election Communication for Tyne Bridge

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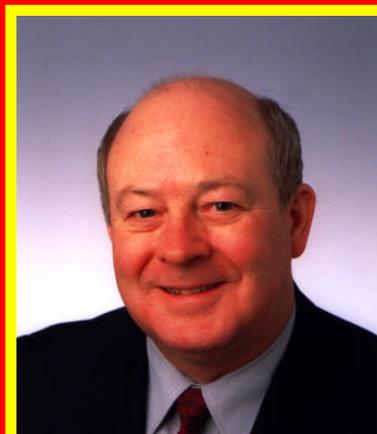
WORKING HARD FOR TYNE BRIDGE

## Fairness and Opportunity for Families

'I vowed to help hard-working families in Gateshead and Newcastle when I became an MP' said David Clelland.

'I want the best possible start - and the best possible future - for every child. Thanks to a Labour Government, almost 6,000 families in Gateshead and Newcastle were helped by the biggest ever rise in Child Benefit and now by the increased Child element of Tax Credits to £1,690 from April. There's more child care for under 5s and after-school care for over 5s, more teachers and more investment in our schools, helping to drive up standards for all of our children.'

Child Trust  
Fund - a nest  
egg for  
tomorrow's  
people



David and Cherie Blair opening a Gateshead nursery



David and Gordon Brown at the Child Trust Fund launch

### My Pledges to You

- Your family better off
- Your children achieving more
- Your children with the best start
- Your family in better health
- Your community safer

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# Dignity for Pensioners

Tackling pensioner poverty and ensuring dignity in retirement have been among my priorities since first elected. Budget 2005 gave a £200 refund to every pensioner household paying council tax, increased basic state pensions and gives free off-peak travel to over 60s. More than 10,000 pensioners in Tyne Bridge benefit from Winter Fuel Allowance, lower fuel tax, free tv licences, free eye checks. And thousands benefit from minimum pension guarantee and pension credits.



*Security Matters - David opens Cruddas Park flats new security system*

## Safer Communities



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David showed Home Office Minister Hazel Blears around Benwell and spoke to Newcastle residents about how Anti-Social Behaviour Orders, community street wardens and more police were beginning to make our streets safer and cleaner by tackling crime, anti-social behaviour and petty vandalism.

### More police for local force

363 extra police officers since Labour came to power brings Northumbria police total to 4,123.

There are those who will say to you that '*voting doesn't matter*' and that, '*they are all the same*'. I say - look at countries where people have just won the right to vote, who will say it *DOES* matter and walk for miles and queue for hours to register their vote. I say - go to those who were rescued from unemployment, enjoyed an increase in their standard of living by the pension guarantee and Minimum Wage, who have new maternity and paternity leave, statutory holiday entitlement, lower mortgages etc - all because Labour was elected - and ask them if, '*they are all the same*'. A Tory government would put all that progress and more at risk.

***And not voting - and not voting Labour - would risk another Tory government.***

**IT DOES MATTER AND YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE—VOTE LABOUR**