

Labour

Truro and Falmouth



Environment & Economy.

We know:

We are in a Climate Emergency. With only 11 years left to limit climate catastrophe, the stakes couldn't be higher. It's Labour's Green New Deal or the Tory nightmare.

Cornwall remains one of the poorest regions in Northern Europe. Too many of our people suffer from low wages and lack of prospects.

Cornwall's huge assets of solar and wind energy remain underused and even in Cornwall we suffer from air and sea pollution.

My fix is:

Labour's Green Industrial Revolution is aiming for net zero carbon emissions by 2030, including: phasing out fossil fuels; Green public transport and large scale investment in renewable energy.

This will create new jobs from insulating homes to an expanded technology sector in Cornwall.

Greater investment in energy-efficient homes, Green technologies and sustainable transport.

I want a planet fit for future generations. Only by transforming the way our economy works can we achieve this, and it must be done fairly.



Early years. We know:

Over one quarter of children across Cornwall are growing up in poverty.

One-third of our Sure Start centres have closed.

Childcare costs two-thirds of average local wages.

My fix is:

A free school meal for every Primary School child.

Free universal childcare for all 2, 3 and 4-year-olds.

Labour will reverse Tory cuts to the Sure Start programme.

I have two young children, so I know how important support is, and how hard it currently is to juggle work and childcare.

The NHS. We know:

The NHS is in crisis. Funding has not kept up with demand.

Our main hospital, Trillick, is on "black alert" in Summer as well as Winter!

Cornwall is desperately short of nurses, midwives, doctors and GPs.

The number of people having to wait over 18 weeks for treatment has doubled since 2011.

Privatisation is creeping in.

MITIE hospital workers have lost out on pay, and terms and conditions.

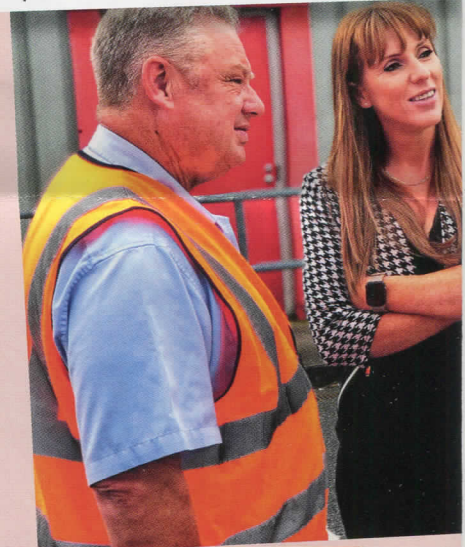
My fix is:

Labour will give the NHS the money it needs.

I will ensure Cornwall NHS gets the funds to cover the cost of summer visitors and increased costs.

We will end privatisation and bring MITIE workers back in-house.

My dad was an ambulance driver. I want to re-build an NHS which he would be proud of.



Retirement. We know:

Life expectancy has dropped 13 months since 2017.

4400 WASPI women in Truro and Falmouth have had their pensions delayed.

Free TV licences have been taken away.

Adult social care is not fit for purpose.

My fix is:

Everyone deserves dignity in later life.

Restore the pension rights of WASPI women.

A National Care Service to fully fund adult social care.

The State Pension 'Triple Lock Guarantee' will help 22,324 pensioners in Truro and Falmouth.

I always value people, I won't stand by letting the older generation suffer.

Education. We know:

Our Cornish schools have lost £51m thanks to Tory/ Lib Dem cuts.

Every one of our University students has lost £57k thanks to the Lib Dem's broken promises on tuition fees.

My children go to local schools and I now work in education. Every day, I see what the cuts have done.

My fix is:

Labour will scrap tuition fees for Higher Education.

Boost funding nationally to the levels enjoyed across Europe. Boost funding for Cornish schools to at least the national average.

Create a National Education Service to offer free education from the cradle to the grave.

BT gave me a high-quality apprenticeship. Every young person should have that opportunity.



Housing. We know:

Expensive houses are being built all over the Cornish countryside, and local people have no power to stop them.

Many stand empty, only to be used as holiday lets and second homes, with owners who don't even pay their fair share of taxes.

Meanwhile, the Council Housing waiting list of 20k gets longer.

My fix is:

Let Cornish people decide on housing needs, not faceless bureaucrats in Bristol.

Prioritise House building for local families in the greatest need.

Second-home and holiday let owners will pay extra tax to help reduce homelessness.

A building programme of energy-efficient, well insulated and sustainably built Council Houses.

I have lived in rented accommodation around Truro for 16 years, I know how hard it is. Everyone, especially our children, has a right to decent housing.

World of work. We know:

One-quarter of local children are growing up in poverty due to low pay and high housing costs.

It's too hard to find decent jobs on decent pay in Cornwall.

Too many people are forced onto a zero-hours contract.

My fix is:

A living wage of £10.

An end to zero-hours contracts.

Sick pay and paternity pay for the self-employed.

Labour's Green Industrial Revolution will create well paid, unionised green jobs.

I have stood up to the bosses as a trade union rep, and I have run my own small business. I will fix Cornwall's economy so it works for everyone.

Transport. We know:

Our Lib Dem run council have lost count of how many bus routes they have cut.

In Cornwall, we have higher than average numbers of old cars on the road and we have poor public transport.

Our rail connection to London is no faster than in the days of steam trains!

My fix is:

Labour's Green New Deal includes a new system of transport, that jointly tackles issues of inequality, public health and the climate crisis.

Cheaper and more frequent bus journeys, with more routes in remote areas.

Free bus travel for under 25's

Electrification of the main rail line could save 2 hours on the journey to London.

My house is now cut off from public transport altogether. We need a public transport system that works to connect remote and rural areas and can help tackle climate change.

Hi, I'm Jennifer Forbes.

I'm your Labour Candidate for MP in Truro and Falmouth.

I spent 7 years as a BT engineer fixing things for people all over Cornwall.

My focus will be on creating a fair and just society and tackling the climate emergency.

I have a proven track record of success. You can trust me as your MP to make a difference to Cornwall and to our country.



Truro and Falmouth 2017 General Election result

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Labour
Can
Keep
The
Tories
Out!**

