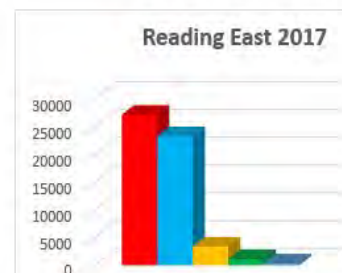




**MATT RODDA on his way to work on his first day as your new MP.**

## Reading East elects LABOUR'S Matt Rodda



**Redlands councillors are delighted that residents in Redlands and all across Reading East voted for a change on 8 June 2017.**

There was a **9.8% swing** from Tory to Labour, many people we spoke to in the weeks before the election, on polling day and since have said they wanted to elect someone who would stand up for Reading in parliament and represent their concerns and aspirations.

We look forward to working closely with Matt and his team in the coming months and years as we continue to fight this government on the issues that matter to you.

### Review of Wide-Area Parking Scheme

The wide-area resident parking scheme has now been in place for a number of months and generally speaking residents are very pleased that they are now able to park more easily close to their homes.

As with any scheme there are a few 'wrinkles' and anomalies that need ironing out and we may need to make some adjustments to the scheme to make sure it is working for all parts of the community.

If you want to report an **illegally parked car** you can at: <http://www.reading.gov.uk/parking> Click on "Report an illegally parked vehicle" and then enter the car's details.

We will be working with transport officers at the council to review the scheme over the summer. We will be considering all aspects of the scheme.

If you have any suggestions for improvements please get in touch and let us know your thoughts. {Contact details over-leaf}



### Exciting Plans for South Reading Community Centre

We are excited by the opportunities for making the centre the real heart of South Reading. Plans include:

- ✓ Relocating the library to the community centre;
- ✓ Reducing entrances and improving the building frontage.
- ✓ Improving the building layout .
- ✓ Modifying the Youth Centre and adding a new dedicated outdoor play area to enable the Children's Centre to operate from this space during the day, including offering adult learning.
- ✓ Maintaining the same space for hire with a new meeting room.
- ✓ Improving the kitchen and facilities for the popular Community Café.



South Reading Community Centre



We have a **facebook page**. Please visit it to keep it up to date with all the latest news. You can also add comments and suggestions. <http://www.facebook.com/RedlandsLabour>

# Labour Working For You

All Year Around – Not just at election time!



## Come & Meet Tony, Jan & David

Raise Issues / Concerns  
Tell them your ideas

**2nd Saturday of EVERY month**

8 July .. St Luke's Parish Hall  
12 Aug .. Hexham Community Centre  
9 Sep .. St Luke's Parish Hall

And so on ...

10:30am until Noon  
No appointment needed

Or look out for our popular  
"street surgeries" -  
most Saturdays all year long.

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## Japanese Knotweed

There have been a number of reports about the growth and spread of Japanese Knotweed in Redlands over the last year. It is a non-native, invasive species of plant introduced in the mid-nineteenth century as an ornamental garden plant.

This plant has the potential to damage footpaths and even the foundations of houses if not dealt with. Land owners are not legally obliged to remove Japanese Knotweed, unless it is causing a nuisance to neighbouring property. However, the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 does make it an offence to plant, or cause Japanese Knotweed to grow in the wild.

The Environment Agency provides comprehensive guidance on identification, treatment and disposal. And information can be found on the council website at: [www.reading.gov.uk/media/1271/Japanese-Knotweed/pdf/Japanese-](http://www.reading.gov.uk/media/1271/Japanese-Knotweed/pdf/Japanese-)

### Key ID Features



## Redlands Round-Up

Redland's Councillors have been working on lots of issues around the ward, including:

- ✓ Taking a resident parking scheme through committee for **Warwick Road** and **Cintra Avenue**.
- ✓ Sorting out communal bin areas in **Hadrians Walk**
- ✓ Arranging for the height of the pavement on **Addington Road** by the bus stop to be adjusted so passengers can use the accessible buses.
- ✓ Getting the benches repaired on **Redlands Road**.
- ✓ Working with residents to resist building in gardens in a conservation area.
- ✓ Working with the council on preventing fly-tipping on **Hexham estate**.

**Drop us a line if there are any issues or concerns around the ward you would like our support with.**

## Is the 20mph scheme working?

The 20mph speed limit in 'old Redlands' has been in place for about 6 months. We are keen to hear about your experiences since its introduction.

1. Is the general speed of traffic slower?
2. Do you feel safer?
3. Which roads are not working as 20mph?

Please drop us an email to let us know what you think.



**David Absolom, Jan Gavin & Tony Jones - Your Labour Councillors in Redlands Ward**

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