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## Angie's pledge on expenses

I want to reassure all Ealing Central and Acton residents that, if elected as your MP, I will publish all my expenses so you can see what I have claimed and what I am paid. In addition, I would never claim any costs for my property.

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# Five Minutes with ... ... Angie Bray



Angie Bray and her partner, Nigel

### Where do you live?

My partner Nigel and I live in Ealing's Southfield area, which we love because of its green spaces and tranquility. It's also really convenient for public transport and local shops.

### What are your home comforts?

A big TV, a huge fridge and spotify.com on my PC so I can access all my favourite music really easily.

### What's your life philosophy?

Get on with what you have to do right away. If you let things hang around, you end up not getting things done.

### What character traits do you most dislike?

Bullying and dishonesty.

### What is your idea of perfect happiness?

A relaxing evening in with Nigel and the dogs and dinner in front of the TV.

### What would you change about yourself?

I would like to have a few curls in my hair and to be three inches taller. I would also prefer to be a lark and find it easy to get up early in the morning rather than an owl, finding it hard to go to bed at a sensible time as I do!



### What or who inspired you to go into politics?

My father inspired my belief in forging a country with a less intrusive state, in freedom and in fair play - core Conservative values.

I also found Margaret Thatcher inspiring as a female MP, working mother and Prime Minister who stuck to her guns and really made things happen. I think you have to

The early years: Angie as a baby, with her parents, Benedict and Patricia



Space travel was a childhood ambition. Now Angie has her sights set on Parliament

admire that kind of dedication and determination regardless of your party politics.

If elected as the MP for Ealing Central and Acton, I will have the chance to represent all of us in the task of making our country a fairer, freer and better place to live.

### **If you weren't in politics what would you be doing instead?**

I'd probably still be working as a radio journalist, though as a child I did fantasise about being the first female astronaut!

### **Which living person do you most admire?**

Right now I am filled with respect and admiration for all those soldiers in Afghanistan and other dangerous places who perform amazing feats of bravery on a daily basis to protect and defend civilians and colleagues under fire.

### **What is your greatest fear?**

Another five years of Gordon Brown as Prime Minister.

### **What are your favourite places in Ealing and Acton?**

I love the view across Acton Green (where I walk my dogs) towards Turnham Green tube station and the local shopping parade. There are also great views from the top of Hanger Hill Park. My local newsagent is a very important part of my life too, as I start most days in Mr Lad's shop.

We have some great restaurants and pubs in Ealing and Acton and a few of my favourites include Montys, The Castlebar on the Uxbridge Road, The Grange on Ealing Common and my local, the Duke of Sussex. I like Carluccio's for meeting people over a coffee too.

### **What are the biggest challenges facing Ealing and Acton in the next few years?**

The biggest challenge for Ealing and Acton is to get the regeneration in both town centres that is so badly needed, but in a way that works well with their history and their character. Another major challenge is to ensure that we get Crossrail stopping at our local stations along the route as early on in the building programme as possible. It's vital that the new Ealing Broadway station, built for Crossrail, provides all the improvements that are so obviously needed. I also think it's important for all of us to ensure that our green spaces, which make Ealing and Acton such great places to live, are properly nurtured and protected.

### **What is the biggest challenge facing the country at the moment?**

The biggest challenge right now is to drag this country out of the staggering amount of debt it has been saddled with. We need a responsible government that promotes spending within its limits and saves for a rainy day, not one that spends and borrows excessively. Reducing the debt immediately has got to be a key priority to ensure the future prosperity for generations to come.



Angie with her local newsagent, Mr Lad, whose shop she visits most days

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# ACTIVE ANGIE



*I have been your Conservative Parliamentary Candidate for Ealing Central and Acton for a champion for the community and to serve you all to the best of my abilities. Here are*



“In 2008 I campaigned against the Government’s plan to close every fifth Post Office in Ealing and Acton. After a consultation process, they went ahead and closed many of our Post Offices anyway, disregarding the views of the residents who relied upon their services. I helped to organise a 3,000 signature-strong petition and we at least managed to save the Old Oak Common Lane Post Office. It is still operating today!”

Angie fought hard to save local Post Offices from closure

“I set up a local transport group, organised in partnership with Network Rail, to discuss issues concerning Ealing Broadway and Acton mainline stations. I invited London Mayor, Boris Johnson, to Ealing Broadway station to show him why the planned improvements to the station, such as much-needed escalators and lifts, must make it a top priority for upgrade when the Crossrail project starts.”



The grot spot team clear an untidy area

“Together with the local Conservative Future team, I have started a social action project to help clean up small corners of Ealing and Acton (or grot spots as we call them) that residents have told us could do with some attention.”



Boris with Angie at Ealing Broadway station

# WORKING FOR YOU

*three years. As a local resident myself, my ambition is to be some of the local campaigns I have been involved with.*



“When the future of Goldsmith Allotments was threatened by property developers, allotment holders contacted me for help. I offered to organise a petition and take it to City Hall to ask Mayor Boris Johnson for his support. Happily, this was not needed as the message of opposition was so strong that the planning application was turned down at appeal.”

Allotment holders show Angie around



Local dentist, Noor Sacoor, with Angie

“I sent out a survey to 27,500 local households and discovered that accessing an NHS dentist is one of the top health issues for Ealing and Acton residents. I invited Mike Penning, Shadow Health Minister, to a local dental surgery to discuss, with residents, the ways in which a Conservative Government would make it easier for people to register with an NHS dentist. I also raised this issue with our local Primary Care Trust.”

“Rather than replace the old footbridge between Perryn Road and The Approach, Transport for London planned to put a zebra crossing on the A40 instead. Councillors and local residents alike felt this was an extremely dangerous proposal. I tabled a series of challenging questions to TfL in my capacity as a member of the London Assembly Transport Committee. After consultation TfL changed their plans and a new bridge opened in June 2009.”



The new footbridge is now open!

## A vote for Angie and the Conservatives means:

- NO** third runway at Heathrow.
- YES** to increased help for small businesses through cutting Business Tax.
- YES** to back-to-work schemes and more apprenticeships and training places.
- NO** to further loss of sovereignty to Brussels.
- NO** to more paperwork, targets and admin in the NHS.
- YES** to freezing Council Tax with more efficient use of resources.
- YES** to new technical schools in England's largest cities, as part of our plans for radical school reform.
- YES** to more police on the streets and not behind their desks.

# education, education, EDUCATION ...

Back in 1997, “education, education, education” was supposed to be Tony Blair and New Labour’s priority. I ask myself, as I am sure you do, what happened? We have unacceptably high numbers of adults with poor literacy and numeracy skills. Teachers are bogged down with targets, tests and league tables. Most parents I know are fed up with this Labour Government’s constant meddling with exams and syllabuses. They are rightly furious when they can’t get a place at a decent school for their child.

Education is the single most important factor in helping young people to get on in life. It is an opportunity that should be equally available to everyone. Sadly that isn’t the case. Far too many of our secondary schools are simply too big with 1500 or more pupils, jeopardising a lot of the good work put in at primary level. There is far too much mixed ability teaching of subjects in large classes, with too few children getting taught at the level that suits their needs. This, all too often, can lead to disenchantment with school, disruption in classes, truancy and a growing lack of will to listen and learn. It is unacceptable that so many schools, especially in deprived areas, are failing our young people which spells a poor future for all of us. I believe in education, not spin, and



listed below are some of the ways that my Party plan to put education back on the agenda.

- \* More backing for teachers when they need to take disciplinary measures
- \* Increased setting in schools so that each pupil is taught at the right level
- \* Renewed emphasis on traditional subjects such as British history
- \* More freedom for those schools which are doing well
- \* Allowing parents to use state funding to set up schools locally
- \* More competitive sport at schools

*Anna Khan*



*"I am proud to be a school governor of Berrymede Junior school, which sits in the middle of the South Acton Estate. It continues to win awards and prizes for its excellent results and, despite being located in one of London's more challenging areas, the staff, parents and pupils have an impressive confidence and can-do attitude."*

# Who will get your vote?

Local people reveal who they will be voting for in the next General Election... and why.

## Dr Akbar Khan, GP

"I have previously supported Labour but this time I'll be voting for Angie and the Conservatives as I am fed up with the way Labour has been running the health service. I think the Conservatives have the right policies for GPs like me."



## Alice Fresson, mum of two

"I have always voted Conservative, but in the last General Election I decided not to vote as I felt no party had a clear vision. However, next time I will definitely be voting for Angie Bray, as, with her experience and passion for the area, she would be an excellent MP who will listen and thoroughly represent our views in Parliament."



## James Blake, student

"At the last General Election I voted Liberal Democrat. At the next General Election I have decided to vote Conservative. David Cameron has made a big impression on me, especially with his commitment to fighting poverty. He has proved to me that the Conservative Party is not only compassionate, but also ready for government."



## Ritesh Desai, pharmacist

"I know Angie and I like and trust her. I believe she will make an excellent MP for this area."



## Sue Guthrie, businesswoman

"I will be voting for Angie and the Conservatives because they care about helping business people like me. They want to cut out loads of red tape and let businesses get on with doing what they do best, which is to make money and contribute to the economy."



## Francis Sutherland, first time voter

"I plan to vote for the Conservative Party in the election. Like many young people, I feel betrayed by our leaders and I'm really concerned about the state of Britain's economy and the effect that this is going to have on my job prospects when I finish my university degree. I believe David Cameron when he says that getting young people into work and helping my generation will be a key priority for a Conservative Government."





# “Why Angie Bray has my vote”

Exclusive: Man who ran the Daily Mirror reveals why he's switching support from Labour to Angie Bray and David Cameron

I was editor of the Daily Mirror for the ten years before Robert Maxwell bought the paper. In those days, I was a staunch supporter of the Labour Party and when they came to power I was confident they would change Britain for the better.

Well, we all know how wrong I was. The money flowed in, but instead of financing a better way of life for ordinary people most of it just seeped away into the swamp of stupefying incompetence created by New Labour.

Blair wasted his years of power; refusing to tackle the dysfunctional bureaucracies that Gordon Brown was busy shoring up.

While Blair postured on the international stage, Brown was allowed to go on moulding the country in his own image. What emerged was a Frankenstein's monster.

Having imposed stealth taxes that ruined private pension schemes, Brown set about destroying any opposition in the Labour Party that dared speak of reforming the welfare state.

When the financial hurricane finally blew down upon us, the sheer scale of his incompetence was revealed; the cupboard was bare. Twelve years of wasting a river of wealth, and not a penny saved. Like some half-witted lottery winner who'd never checked their credit card bills, Brown had squandered the lot. He'd run up a staggering mountain of debt for the taxpayers, yet he still insists he was right all along.

Recently Brown has attempted to present himself as the wise statesman, doggedly calculating the ways to rescue Britain from the winds of misfortune.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Brown is certainly calculating, but it is the pathological calculation of the gambling addict. He has bet everything on a last desperate attempt to win the coming election. But now we all know the experiment with New Labour has ended in catastrophe.

Swamped by social breakdown and with one in four of our children unable to read, social mobility in Britain has ceased, yet there is a plush look about so many of those New Labour Party grandees who have prospered in the face of their appalling record.

I am not a natural Tory, but I shall vote for Angie Bray, and if David Cameron can lead a Government that strips out the slithery self-delusion and double-think that has so characterised the performance of this country's Labour leaders for the past twelve years then Angie Bray will keep my vote.

*Mike Molloy*

Former editor of the Daily Mirror. He is now retired and lives in Ealing.