

# [You can't trust the Tories' promises on social care – Barbara Keeley](#)

**Barbara Keeley, Labour's Shadow Mental Health Minister,**

responding to the Tories' social care announcement ahead of their manifesto, said:

"You can't trust the Tories' promises on social care. In their last manifesto they promised a cap on care costs. But they broke their promise, letting older and vulnerable people down.

"It's the Tories who have pushed social care into crisis; their cuts to councils have meant £4.6bn axed from social care budgets between 2010-2015, leaving 1.2 million people struggling to get by without care. And NHS bosses have recently said that the money the Tories promised them won't help alleviate the problems, with bosses warning the system won't see anything like the level of resource required.

"We need real action to fix the system, not reheated broken promises with little detail about how they'll be delivered.

"While the Tories offer more of the same failure and broken promises, Labour has pledged action. We'll increase social care budgets by £8bn over the lifetime of the Parliament, including an additional £1bn for the first year. We will set up a National Care Service to provide the care that people deserve."

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## ['You can't trust the Tories' – Labour publishes dossier of Tory broken promises ahead of their manifesto launch](#)

of the Conservative Party's Manifesto launch, Labour is today publishing a document looking at the Tories' record of broken promises.

The document – entitled: 'One Tory Manifesto. Two years of Failure. 50 Broken Promises' – lists 50 examples of when the Conservatives broke their word. From the NHS to education, from living standards to policing, the Tories have broken their promises time and again.

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**They promised** on the economy, but they have missed every debt and deficit target they set themselves

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**They promised** to raise living standards, but working families are set to be on average over £1,400 a year worse off

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**They promised** to improve all standards of NHS care, but A&Es are in their worst state on record and hospitals are in financial crisis

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**They promised** to protect school spending, but per pupil spending is going down and class sizes are soaring

As they launch their latest manifesto, it is a reminder that the Tories can't be trusted to keep their word.

**Andrew Gwynne, Labour's National Election Co-ordinator, said:**

"When Theresa May launches the Tory manifesto we can expect her to make a raft of promises to the British people. But, as the Conservatives make their latest solemn pledge there's one thing we must bear in mind: we've been here before.

"Theresa May pretends otherwise, but she is a politician with a track record of failure and broken promises. From the economy to the NHS, and policing to schools, Theresa May's Tories have failed again and again to deliver on the pledges they made.

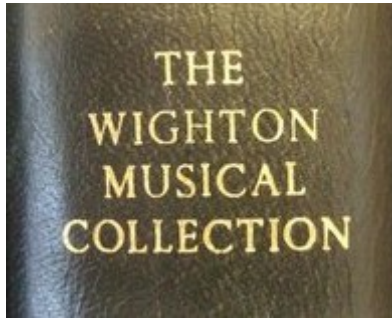
"They made promises, they quickly broke them; they would do so again. The Tories can't be trusted. Britain cannot afford five more years of them and their broken promises."

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## Friends of Wighton update ...

With thanks to Sheena Wellington, here's the latest update from Friends of Wighton :

**Wighton Heritage Centre, Central Library – Saturday 20th May 2017, 11am – noon.**



**Cappuccino Concert! : David Allison, guitar**

One of Scotland's most talented and innovative acoustic guitarists, David's strong, self-penned melodies are backed up by a creative use of real-time sampling and looping, resulting in rich textures of sound live on stage. Improvisation is increasingly becoming a feature of his live shows.

Audiences from Hollywood in California to Rostov-on-Don in Russia and from Andalusia to Berlin have warmed to his unique approach to making music.

Nearer home David has performed at festivals such as Glasgow's Celtic Connections, the Edinburgh Fringe, Kirkcaldy International Guitar Festival, and the International Guitar Festival of Great Britain, as well as frequent appearances on radio and television. He recently featured in a Scottish Television documentary about the acoustic guitar alongside Martin Taylor and Gordon Giltrap.

His second album "Guitar Gi-tar" won warm reviews, and was launched at Sound City in Glasgow, an event sponsored by Radio 1. His debut CD "Reporting" was produced by Scottish singer-songwriter, Dougie MacLean.

"Nashville session musicians are the hardest people in the world to impress – I remember an evening at the Tennessee Performing Arts Centre when they rose as one to give David Allison a standing ovation!" Sheena Wellington .

Admission £5. Tea, coffee & biscuits available for a small donation.

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## China collects combustible ice in S. China Sea



File photo of South China Sea. [Photo/Xinhua]

China has succeeded in collecting samples of combustible ice in the South China Sea, a major breakthrough that may lead to a global energy revolution, Minister of Land and Resources Jiang Daming said Thursday.

This is China's first success in mining flammable ice at sea, after nearly two decades of research and exploration, the minister said at a trial mining site in the Shenhu area of the South China Sea Thursday.

China found flammable ice, a kind of natural gas hydrate, in the South China Sea in 2007.

International scientific circles have predicted that natural gas hydrate is the best replacement for oil and natural gas.

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## Inflation nears its modest peak in the Euro area and the UK

Inflation has risen by similar amounts in Europe, the UK and the US.

Yesterday the Euro area figure for April hit 1.9%, compared to minus 0.2% a year earlier. German inflation reached 2%, compared to minus 0.3% a year earlier. UK inflation at 2.7% compared with plus 0.3% a year ago has risen almost identically to German inflation over the last year, implying the UK inflation is not to do with sterling or Brexit as some allege.

The annual UK figure for April inflation at 2.7% reflected higher energy prices over the year. 30% of the price rise came from transport, with a surge in airfares for Easter a particularly strong item for April, and higher Vehicle Excise Duties adding to the pain. 22% of it came from household items, where Council tax rises and dearer electricity were two of the big movers. Motor fuel prices fell a little, after being the dominant cause of inflation for the last year.

There are no signs of a wage/price spiral developing as it used to do in the last century. There is not much evidence of companies pushing through price rises to offset the fall in sterling that has taken place over the last two years, though where they can companies seek a small rise as some compensation for general cost pressures. It is interesting that on both sides of the Atlantic with differing patterns of currency performance, the rise in inflation has been so similar. It mainly reflects energy and commodity prices, with some price pressures from China on her exports. Later this year unless there is another oil and commodity price surge, inflation might fall back a little.

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