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with Martyn McIntyre and West Dunbartonshire Conservatives

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**Gordon Brown - "Under this Government, Britain will not return to the boom and bust of the past." (9 Nov 1999)**

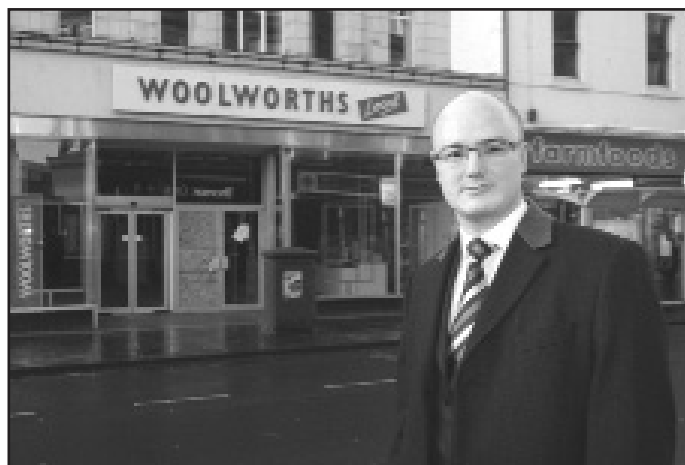
## A recession made in Downing Street

In 2009, we have seen many people concerned about their jobs and if they can keep a roof over their families' heads; while the Prime Minister and the Labour Party tries to convince us that they are trying to save more than just themselves. The truth is however, that Labour brought about this recession. They have no idea how to get us out of it and have refused to take responsibility for their actions.

Government spending is out of control and Labour's answer is to borrow and spend even more, massively increasing the national debt and leaving future generations with a huge tax bombshell. Gordon Brown's credibility now lies in tatters as hard working people feel the real effects of the recession.

The sad reality is that people who have worked hard all their lives are now going to be punished for the mistakes of this Labour Government. Millions of families, pensioners and small businesses will pay the price for Labour's failure to prepare for this moment. They have taxed us to the hilt, but all we have to show for it is our economy crippled with debt.

A Conservative Government would be different. We would take the necessary and tough decisions to ensure that Britain emerges more confident and stable, with a fairer economy that



Martyn McIntyre outside the now closed Woolworths Store in Dumbarton High Street.

lives within its means and reduces the tax burden, so that all can reach their goals and fulfil their potential.

Conservative Westminster candidate for West Dunbartonshire, **Martyn McIntyre** said, "Under this Labour Government, we are heading back to the 1970s, the SNP are only interested in picking fights with the Westminster Government at every opportunity to further their own discredited aim of Scottish Independence and the Lib Dems are as incoherent as ever. Only the Conservatives have the team and ideas necessary to turn round the economy and get us back on track."

## Vale Hospital Saga continues

The fight to save our local hospital goes on. Despite endless consultations and publications however, the salami slicing of cuts carries on regardless.

Conservative Westminster Candidate, **Martyn McIntyre** said, "I've been involved in the campaign to save services at the Vale for about ten years now and I'll continue to work with all local groups to oppose the downgrading or closure of our local hospital."

"Under the previous Labour / Lib Dem Executive, we saw services cut and lost on a regular basis, but the present SNP Government is sitting on the fence, allowing the cuts to continue. They could halt the uncertainty now by making a long term commitment to full District Hospital status at the Vale. Why won't they do so?"

## EUROPEAN ELECTION – 4TH JUNE 2009

The European Elections will take place on 4th June 2009. Scotland is one constituency and will return six MEPs to the European Parliament by a system of proportional representation. You vote for a party, not a candidate. Struan Stevenson is top of the Scottish Conservative list of candidates and has campaigned on many issues, such as animal cruelty, since he was elected in 1999. He said, "With over 70% of all legislation going through Westminster and Holyrood originating in Brussels, the influence of the European Parliament cannot be overstated. The need for a strong Conservative presence in Europe to stand up for British interests has never been stronger."

## STANDING UP FOR SCOTLAND'S COMMUNITIES

Scottish Conservative MSPs won a significant concession from the SNP Government in the budget negotiations recently. The Conservatives fought the last election on a commitment to introduce a Town Centre Regeneration Fund and we persuaded the SNP to include the £60 million proposal in their budget. Martyn McIntyre said, "I'm delighted that this money has been put aside to help Scotland's struggling town centres. I have nominated Dumbarton for a share of this money and I hope that communities around the constituency will benefit in some way."

Conservatives were also pleased that the SNP dropped their crazy idea of introducing a Local Income Tax. **Martyn McIntyre** said, "The Scottish Conservatives have a fully costed proposal to cut Council Tax for every household by £150, plus an additional 50% for our oldest pensioners. During Labour's recession, we believe that this would offer real help to everyone during a difficult time."

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