

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ANTI POLL TAX FEDERATION

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JOIN YOUR LOCAL ANTI-POLL TAX UNION

POLL TAX: The truth about non-payment

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In Scotland the councils deliberately under-estimated the nonpayment numbers. Be prepared for your council to do the same. The truth is the Poll Tax administration is in chaos. Rebates are late. Councils are in "cloud cuckoo land" if they expect those low-paid people, who are entitled to rebates, to pay the full amount first. Nottingham City Treasurer, Sid Stares, has admitted that problems with collection are "beyond a nightmare". The City Treasury expects 44,000 (22%) people not to pay, or delay payment. We will make their worst fears come true!

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No. Non-payment is not industrial misconduct, so it's no grounds for dismissal. Where employers have tried it in Scotland, the workforce and the Anti Poll Tax Unions put pressure on them and the employers backed down. No one has been sacked for not paying.

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No. They cannot stop Unemployment Benefit. The most they can take from a single person's income support is £1.75 and from a couple £2.75. For thousands that would be less than the Poll Tax. And they have to get Union members in DSS offices and Unemployment Benefit offices to do it. There have already been strikes in several offices against having to register claimants. So that's not going to be easy. The Federation is building links with trade union members.

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BEWARE POLL TAX SNOOPERS

If someone comes round your house asking you who lives next door or checking if anyone else has moved in or out of your house you do not have to tell them. You are now only responsible for your own entry on the poll tax register.

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N.B. IF YOU DON'T PAY THE POLL TAX YOU DON'T LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE.

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WINDOW

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In Nottingham the Poll Tax is expected to be £335 per adult over 18. The Poll Tax is a present to the rich. Maggie Thatcher will gain over £1,000 a year and Lord Vestey Head of Dewhurst will gain over £4,000 a year. But 8 out of 10 adults in Nottingham live in households that will be worse off. The Poll Tax was introduced in Scotland last April. The fightback has begun. Mass Non-Payment is a reality and the Tories are running scared. The official figures for Non-Payment throughout Scotland is 655,000, but that does not include those who began to pay, but stopped when they realised how successful the Campaign was - a million people are not paying the Poll Tax. By the time the Poll Tax Bills arrive in England and Wales, Scotland will have proved that the Poll Tax can be fought, and if we can build a similar Campaign, over 8 million people will be saying they're not paying. In Nottingham we're building on the success of the Scottish Campaign, and have set up a Nottingham Anti-Poll Tax Federation with over 700 members committed to building for Mass Non-Payment. Don't be taken in by the Tory lies. Defeat this Tax.

"NON-PAYERS GET FINED £50 AND THEN £200"

Wrong. Those figures are for failing to register for the Poll Tax - Labour Councillors don't have to prosecute for Non-Payment, and we're demanding that they don't. Registration Forms are already out in the City, and the Council is sending out Threatening letters to those who have not returned them. You can delay the process by sending back the form, unsigned, with a query attached, or you can contact your local Anti Poll Tax Union for advice. But don't get fined for refusing to register - the real battle will take place over the question of Non-Payment. And, remember you won't clog up the system by not filing in your Voting Registration Form; you will need this to help get rid of the Tories and defeat the Poll Tax.

"IF I DON'T PAY THEY'LL TAKE ALL MY WAGES"

No they can't. Wage Arrestment is strictly defined by Law. For instance the maximum they can take from £100 take home pay is £13 a week. We appeal to workers not Arrest Wages or Benefits or to freeze Bank Accounts. Anyway how will they be able to arrest wages, or Benefits of 8 million Non-payers. They can freeze your Bank Account, but they need a separate order to arrest the Poll Tax amount.

"THEY'LL TAKE IT FROM MY PENSION"

No they won't. At this stage they cannot deduct Poll Tax from Pensions, Invalidity Benefit, or other specified Benefits.

"BUT THEY'LL TAKE MY DOLE MONEY"

Nonsense. The maximum legal deduction for a Non-Payer on Income Support is £1.75 per week for a single person and £2.75 from a couple. Thousands in Income Support would pay less each week through arrestment than they would in Poll Tax.

"BUT IF I DON'T I'LL BE ON MY OWN"

No you won't. Hundreds of thousands just CAN'T pay. A mass movement is being built, you will not stand alone. Contact your local Anti Poll Tax Union, below, and get involved.

"THE TRUTH ABOUT SCOTLAND"

In Scotland they haven't taken action against any Non-Payer. They have tried against those who didn't register or pay non-registration fines and the Anti Poll Tax Federation has stopped Warrant Sales with hundreds turning up in support.

WHAT THE POLL TAX MEANS IN NOTTINGHAM

- * The Government wants to use the Poll Tax to cut Council Service and jobs and reduce our living standards.
 - * The official Poll Tax Bill per adult in Nottingham was set at £247, next year those figures would mean £36 million worth of cuts and 2,000 redundancies.
 - * Also if the Poll Tax was already in this year the Council would have £27 million less in Grants and Domestic Non Rate Income we're paying more for worse Services.
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- GET INVOLVED IN THE MASS ANTI POLL TAX CAMPAIGN NOW.

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D E M O N S T R A T I O N

To be held in Nottingham.

Date to be announced.

For further details contact

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THREATENED WAGE/BENEFIT ARRESTMENT?

WHAT TO DO NOW

AFTER COURT - WHAT NEXT?

When the Council has got a **LIABILITY ORDER** against you they will send you an "Information of Earnings/Benefit" form. The Council is sending thousands of these forms out to try to get the money from your wages. Remember, 136,000 (65%) people in Nottingham have paid nothing or are in arrears with their Poll Tax. We have built a mass campaign of non-payment. That is why Thatcher was kicked out by Tory MPs desperate to save their seats.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

If you fill in the form the Council will ask your firm or the DSS to deduct an amount off you. The DSS can only deduct from income support, and from no other benefit; a maximum deduction of £1.85 off a single person and £2.85 off a couple.

To ensure that the Council does not get the details of your employer you have two alternative courses of action:

(1) DO NOT SEND YOUR FORM BACK

The Council will either say or hint on the form that failure to fill it in within 14 days may lead to you being taken back to court where you could face a fine of up to £100 and a criminal conviction. If you give false or misleading information the fine can be up to £400.

HOWEVER the Nottingham City Council Policy & Resources Committee on 20th November 1990 has discussed what they intend to do if the form is not returned.

The City Council has decided that "A 7 day letter" is "to be sent". This will ask for an immediate payment or your proposal to pay. There is no mention of being taken back to court or of fines. In other words you will be sent another letter. Please note that other councils may be different, but as yet they have taken no-one back to court.

If there is no response the City Council will try to send a recovery officer (Bailiff) around. The problem is there are only about 12 on the City Council for 136,000 people. These people **DO NOT** have the right to break in.

It is easy for the Council to send out letters, it is a different matter trying to get the money.

(2) REQUEST MORE INFORMATION

Alternatively, rather than not sending your form back, you can return it blank or with

only your name on.

If you do this you should ask a question about how to fill in the form.

On the Nottingham City Council form you could query question 1d - "In what capacity are you employed?" - by asking "Do you want my grade or job description?". For question 2c - "Give details of deduction which are usually made from your pay?" - you could ask "What sort of deductions are the Council referring to?".

- **DO NOT FILL IN YOUR EMPLOYERS NAME & ADDRESS.**

If you send the form back incomplete the Council may send round a recovery officer (Bailiff) to persuade you to fill it in. Alternatively, they may send you a "7 day letter". If they come round they will not tell you they are recovery officers (Bailiffs) when they introduce themselves. Beware, they may try to trick you into letting them in. They may say that they come to discuss the form.

DON'T LET THEM IN OR MAKE A VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT TO PAY OR SIGN ANYTHING ON THE DOORSTEP.

If you are unsure what to do tell them that you are busy and get them to make an appointment to come back. Then contact your APTU and the Notts Federation.

● VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS

Due to the success of the non-payment campaign the Councils have only a short time to get this year's money before next year's poll tax is due. The City Council is trying to get voluntary agreements of £25 and more per week in an attempt to get the debt paid off by 31st March.

In most cases this is much more than they can legally deduct from your wages. (See table inset).

WHAT ABOUT MY EMPLOYER?

Your employer can only charge you £1 per deduction that they make.

They can be fined a maximum of £400 if they refuse to make deductions from your wages. This presumes that the Council find out where you work and they want to upset your employer who might delay paying the business rate. If employers do not make deductions, they have a defence in law that reasonable efforts to make deductions were made, but problems at work made it unreasonable for them to go ahead.

WHAT CAN I DO?

Get the union to put pressure on your employer. If you are in a non-union firm, or the union is a bit slow, find out who the non-payers are and organise a meeting after work. Ask your local APTU or the Federation to speak. We will support you.

WHAT IF I AM SELF EMPLOYED?

The Council cannot legally arrest your income so they will try for a voluntary agreement or try to use the bailiffs.

WHAT ABOUT MY PARTNER'S POLL TAX? (Joint and Several Liability)

YOU ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE for your partner's Poll Tax unless you have received a bill, reminder and summons for THEIR Poll Tax. No-one is in this position. So don't let the

Weekly Take	Maximum Deduction
Home Pay	
Up to £35	nil
Between £35 & £55	£1
Between £55 & £90	£7
Between £90 & £160	£18
Monthly Take	Maximum Deduction
Home Pay	
Up to £132	nil
Between £260 & £280	£11
Between £340 & £360	£24
Between £400 & £440	£36

Council can you.

● HARSHIP COMMITTEE

In Nottingham City there is a Council Hardship Committee although it is not widely publicised. If you are unemployed or low paid then you can appeal to it if they are considering using the Bailiffs against you. However, you and your local APTU might have to pressurise the Council and your Councillors for them to look at your case.

Remember, we are nearly in the second year of the non-payment campaign.

- **DON'T LET THE COUNCIL INTIMIDATE YOU**
- **WE ARE WINNING.**

HOW TO STOP THE BAILIFFS

What do bailiffs do?

Bailiffs are either private debt collectors or Council Recovery Officers who will try to collect payment of the poll tax.

The council must first get a liability order against you from a magistrates court. Then it is the council's decision whether to use bailiffs or not.

The legal term for what the bailiffs do is "Distress".

If they can't persuade you to pay the debt they can try and take some of your personal possessions to the value of the debt.

Are bailiffs like the police?

No. They have no powers like the police are not employed by the courts. You cannot be in contempt of court and the criminal law is not involved.

What powers do bailiffs have?

Their powers are strictly limited.

The court must provide a warrant for the bailiffs in addition to a liability order. This is just an administrative step, with no additional court hearing.

They might tell you about the warrant just to put the frighteners on.

Putting the frighteners on is what the bailiffs try to do. They hope to intimidate you into paying.

Bailiffs are adept at getting into peoples homes and will try every stroke in the book.

SO, KNOW YOUR RIGHTS.

1) As soon as you get wind of the bailiffs contact the Anti-Poll Tax Union. The bailiffs don't want any hassle and will retreat when we mobilise people against them.

2) If bailiffs come they should show identification and give you a copy of Regulation 39 and Schedule 5 of the Enforcement Regulations 1989.

3) If you are not in they leave a note saying when they will return. Make sure the Anti-Poll Tax Union is warned.

4) The bailiffs can only get into your home if you let them in.

THEY CANNOT FORCE THEIR WAY IN but they can climb in through an open window. However, they may be within their rights to force a second door if they have been let in the first one, as in flats with a communal entrance.

If they push past you and force their way in you can call the police to have them removed.

5) Bailiffs can only come in daylight hours. Put pressure on the council, through the Anti-Poll Tax Union, to publicise the dates and times when the bailiffs are coming. This makes it easier to mobilise people outside your home to keep the bailiffs away.

6) If the bailiffs get in they can "lay claim" to goods that belong to you. But they cannot claim fixtures and fittings or goods that do not belong to you, ie things on HP or things you have just sold to a trusted friend for a nominal sum!

7) The bailiffs will ask you to sign a an agreement to pay something by a certain date, including something towards their costs. If you sign and they leave the goods in your house this is a "walking possession". If they take the goods with them it is a "close possession". You then have a time limit to pay before they sell the goods at auction.

8) Once in possession, the bailiffs can return and forcibly enter your home and take your goods. It is a criminal offence to remove goods after they have been "laid claim" to.

9) So, everything hinges on the bailiffs getting into your home. They might try to claim they have "walking possession" just by looking through the window. This is nonsense, they cannot know what is yours and you haven't agreed to anything as the regulations require.

10) They may claim that looking in the window is a valuation. This is waffle to make you think they have started a process. Don't worry, they're panicking. Remember, bailiffs are the only real power that councils have in Scotland and they got nowhere after 18 months!

In Scotland the bailiffs, called sheriff officers, have a procedure to use force but have still not succeeded. There are only 1000 bailiffs for all the councils in England and Wales. They don't stand a chance against 14 million of us, the poll tax non-payers, as long as you know they can't get in unless you let them in.

The Notts. Anti-Poll Tax Federation will back you up.

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Deputy City Treasurer



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The Guildhall
Nottingham NG1 2DE
Telephone (0602) 483500
Telex 377459
Fax 507378

My ref:
Your ref:
Please ask for:
Extension:

2nd August 1991

Dear Sir/Madam,

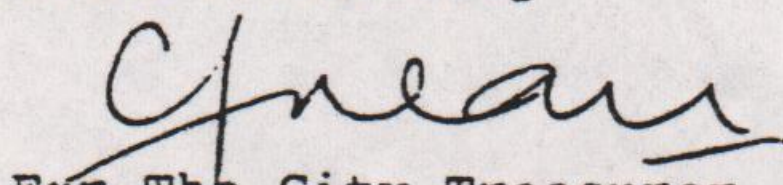
payment of Community Charge 1990/91

I note from my records that despite all efforts made to contact you, in respect of the above, there has been no cooperation from you whatsoever.

The Community Charge Legislation makes various provisions to enforce payment but if none of these are successful then as a last resort the authority can apply to have non-payers committed to Prison.

Therefore, unless you contact Mr Neale at the above office within the next 14 days to make a satisfactory arrangement to clear to outstanding charge, you will leave me with no alternative but to issue a Commitment Summons against you without further notice.

Yours faithfully


For The City Treasurer

On Friday 30th August Nottingham City Council's hardship committee will decide whether to proceed with committal to prison hearings for poll tax non-payers. They are starting with 10 cases to try and intimidate the tens of thousands of non-payers in Nottingham.

IT WILL NOT WORK!

IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE ABOVE LETTER

Please notify Notts Anti Poll Tax Federation immediately for legal advice and support. Tel: Gary 607498

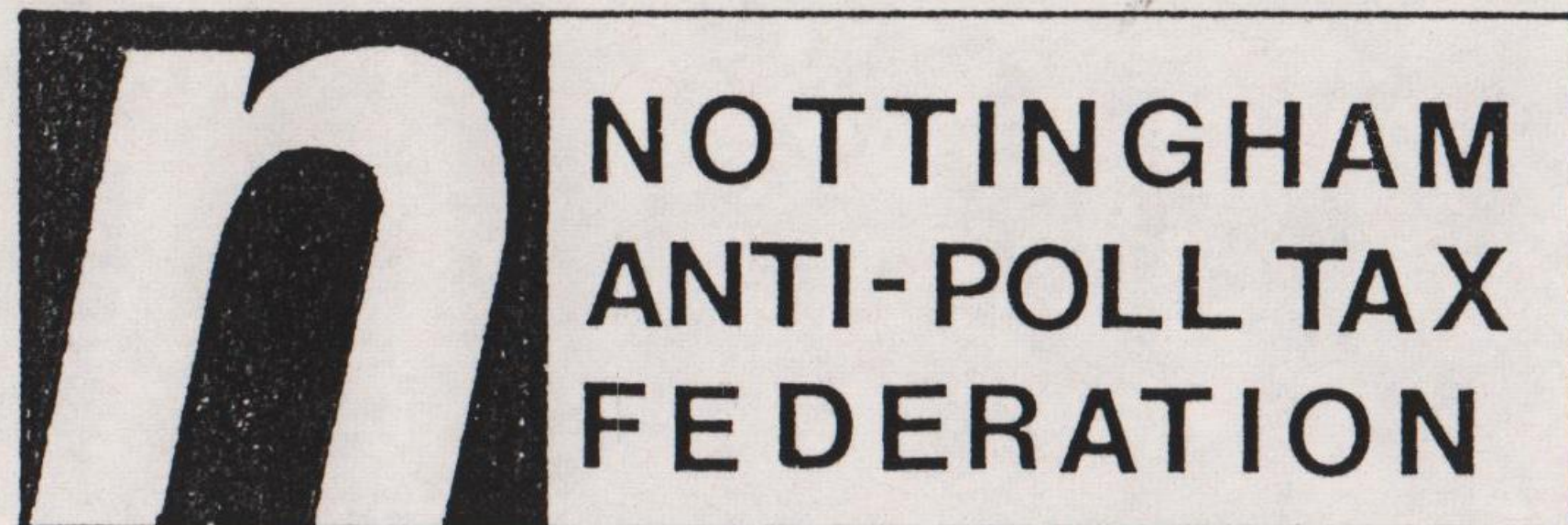
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JOIN THE LOBBY OF THE
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COUNCIL HOUSE
FRIDAY 30th AUGUST 9.30
ONWARDS

WE DEMAND:
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* NO POLL TAX
JAILINGS
* NO BAILIFFS

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MEETING
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NO POLL TAX March & Rally 20 January 1990

ASSEMBLE AT THE FOREST AT 11.30.

RALLY AT THE MARKET SQUARE AT 1pm

SPEAKERS INCLUDE : DAVE NELLIST MP

FEDERATION REPRESENTATIVES

LOCAL COMMUNITY SPEAKERS

The Poll Tax is a con! Lord Vestey, millionaire head of Dewhursts, will gain over £4000 a year from it. 8 out of 10 adults in Nottingham live in households that will be worse off! Hardly surprising when the City Council says the Poll Tax is going to be about £335 per adult in Nottingham.

In Scotland, 1 in 4 adults are not paying the Poll Tax. The press here does not mention that. They fear the non-payment campaign spreading to England and Wales. 1 in 4 here would mean 8-9 million not paying. That would be the end of the Poll Tax.

In Nottingham, we're building on the success of the Scottish campaign, and have set up a Nottingham Anti-Poll Tax Federation with over 700 members committed to building a campaign of mass non-payment, and calling on the Labour Council not to implement the Poll Tax, nor prosecute non-payers.

Don't stand on the sidelines. Get involved and help to organise the fightback. The Tories are on the run. An army of non-payers can finish them off!

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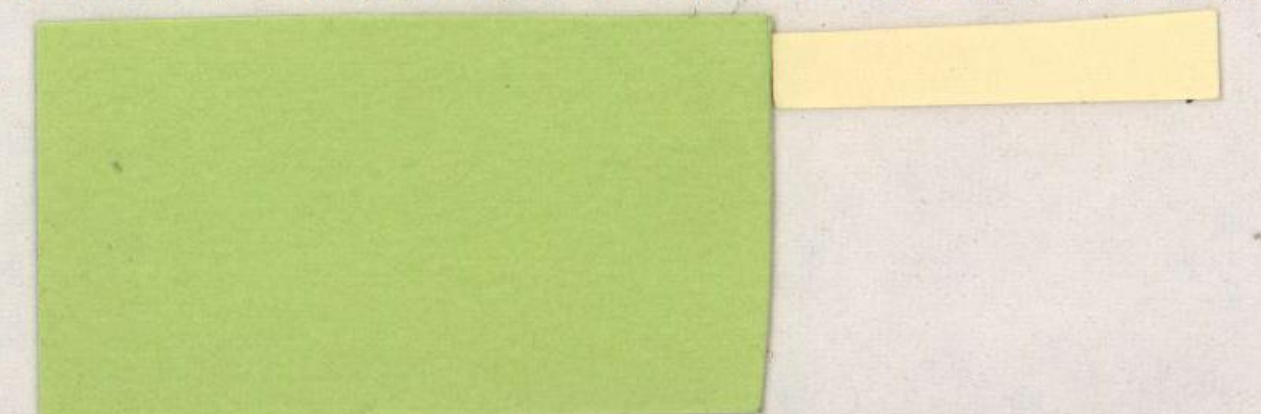
If you want more information about the Federation and your local Anti-Poll Tax Union, return this slip to: NAPTF, c/o Gary Freeman, 97 Bakewell Drive, Top Valley, Nottingham.

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FEDERATION GAME

BRUCE'S

... erm ... cuddly toy ...
food mixer ... some Semtex ...
M16 semi-automatic rifle ...

It'll be nice to see you for an evening of games and quizzes. Open to ALL anti-poll tax groups. Teams of 4 £3, spectators 50p each. Come on down to:

the YORKER

(Mansfield Rd, near the Vic.
Centre clock tower)

**WEDS. 10TH
OCTOBER
starts 8PM**

**ALL PROCEEDS
TO NOTTINGHAM
ANTI-POLL TAX
FEDERATION**

'Didn't he do well !'

PUBLIC MEETING

POLL TAX - HOW IT AFFECTS YOU

THE NEED TO FIGHT THIS 'UNJUST' POLL TAX SYSTEM

SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER 1989

**INDIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE
RAWSON STREET
NEW BASFORD
NOTTINGHAM**

STARTS AT 7.00 P.M.

SPEAKERS

I W A; I O C

**John Higgins (Scottish Anti-Poll Tax Campaign)
Anti-Poll Tax Campaign (Nottingham)**

There is nothing fair about the POLL TAX. It will mean in particular that Asian families will be paying more and those on low income will be hardest hit. For example: Mr K.S. Basi of Alfreton Road, Radford, has five adults over the ages of 18 in his household, his present rates are £450.00 and with the Poll-Tax he and his family will have to pay £1,675.00 (if Poll-Tax is fixed at £335.00 per adult).

Mr. K.S. Basi has five adults over the ages of 18.

Present Rates on his house on Alfreton Road, Radford, Nottingham, is **£450.00**

With the POLL-TAX
5 adults will have to pay **£335.00** each.
Total £1,675.00

Come and learn about this 'Unfair' tax and campaign on ways to FIGHT IT. Already in Scotland over 800,000 haven't paid a penny and registration is in chaos.

The Poll Tax is less than 6 months away.

Get involved in the campaign against the Poll Tax system by attending this important meeting.

Bring your family and friends as well.

Meeting organised by: Anti-Poll Tax Campaign, Indian Overseas Congress (I) Nottinghamshire, Indian Workers Association, Nottingham. Indian Welfare Association, Indian Progressive Association. Gujarat Samaj and Braham Samaj.

p+p Anti-Poll Tax Campaign, Box 5, Hyson Green Wholefoods, Radford Road, Nottingham.

ਪੋਲ-ਟੈਕਸ਼ਨੀ ਅਵਾਰ ਜਮਨੇ ਕਰੀ ਰੀਤੇ ਚਾਹੀ

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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ANTI POLL TAX FEDERATION

Dear non-payer,

You have made the right decision in turnig up today. You are part of the 14 million strong army of non-payers that will defeat this unjust & unaffordable tax.

The council has NO legal powers to try to recover the Poll Tax until they get a liability order. They are trying to get one today. What upsets the council is that if people turn up and use their right to a personal hearing they WILL NOT have the time to deal with everyone. Over HALF the cases were adjourned from the Sherwood area of Nottingham because the court ran out of time. Therefore MOST PEOPLE DID NOT GET A LIABILITY ORDER AGAINST THEM. Cases have been adjourned for people from Sneinton Area from 8/11/90 until 24/1/91.

The Notts. Anti Poll Tax Federation & your local Anti Poll Tax UNION are here to give you support & free legal advice.

PLEASE NOTE. The court will try to deal with your case as quickly as possible to help the council. BELOW IS ADVICE ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THE COURT'S FIRST QUESTIONS.

When you are called to the front of the court ASK FOR A MCKENZIE'S FRIEND (the name of your McKenzie friend will be given to you prior to going into court).

The court will probably ask:

1. The name of the person You wish to act as your McKenzie friend.
2. How long you have known this person (this is irrelevant).
3. Why do you feel you need a McKenzie friend when yours is not a difficult case?
You can answer that the council has solicitors to help them and that you need someone to help you.

IF YOU ARE DENIED A MCKENZIE FRIEND (DON'T WORRY!).

If you want an immediate adjournment you can ask for one in order that you can see your solicitor for legal advice. The court may ask you why you didn't see a solicitor before you turned up today? You can answer; because you didn't think you be refused a McKenzie friend.

IF YOU ARE DENIED A SOLICITOR, DON'T WORRY!

You can use the following questions to stop the court dealing with you in two minutes.

The court will probably ask the following questions (it may not be in this order).

Q. Do you understand why you are here?

A. No can the court please explain.

Q. Do You accept you are liable for the Poll Tax or are liable to pay?

A. I deny liability (you must say no or your case is finished).

They may try and trick you by asking; do you think you should pay something? You must say I deny I'm liable.

They are not asking whether you believe we should finance local services-which we all do. They are trying to trick you into admitting something should be paid and therefore admitting some liability.

The court will also ask "WHY YOU ARE NOT LIABLE?" or "WHAT IS YOUR DEFENCE?"

Answer "I will show that my community charge has not been demanded in accordance with the statutory provisions" and then ask the court to show you a copy of the register as you believe you may not be on it. (If they show you the register and there is an error query this with the court).

Ask the council to show you proof that you haven't paid.

Ask to see a copy of the resolution to set the Poll Tax. If they show you this document, ask for time to study it.

Whose signature is at the bottom?

Were they entitled to sign it for the council?

Ask to see a copy of the councils records of proof of postage i.e. the posting book or some other proof.

The court might say - BEFORE ASKING FOR YOUR DEFENCE "There are only a few defences available and these are:" Remember the questions may not be in this order!

Q. Are you denying that you are on the register?

A. I don't know, can I see a copy of the register?

Q. Have you paid?

A. I don't know I pay a lot of bills, or ask can the council official explain how much I owe?

Q. You are on the register in 2 places and have paid in one.

A. What does this mean?

Q. You have not received a bill or reminder.

A. Ask to see proof the council has sent bills, reminders etc. If they show you any document ask questions on what they mean.

You can also ask to see a copy of the resolution to set the Poll Tax. If the court shows you this document 1. Ask for time to study it and read it slowly!

2. Ask who signed it and were they entitled to sign it for the council.

AFTER YOU HAVE ASKED ALL YOUR QUESTIONS the court will probably ask if you wish to make a statement or give evidence from the witness box?

You can ask the clerk of the court to explain the difference.

You can then make a statement.

IF AND WHEN THE MAGISTRATES HAVE ISSUED A LIABILITY ORDER, the solicitor for the council will ask for costs. YOU should fight the costs and argue about the amount. If you have been summonsed previously and the council adjourned your case to another date, ask why you have to pay for the summons.

Ask for a breakdown of every item included in the costs.

TIPS FOR THE COURT

1. While you are waiting for your case to be heard you can go to the toilets. Members of the Notts. Anti Poll Tax Federation will be in the corridor to help you.

2. If you are not sure about anything ask for help from the clerk of the court. It can take up time - don't trust them - if it sounds wrong argue.

3. Be forceful - don't let the council intimidate you.

4. If you feel that you have a case against the council and the council officials are intimidating you - ask for an adjournment for legal advice.

REMEMBER - Court costs are added to your Poll Tax bill not owed to the court.

Non-payment is not a criminal offence. When you walk out the court the council may have a piece of paper but they have NO MONEY because WE'RE NOT PAYING!