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When John Lee saw the Prime Minister this morning, he had a very brief word about the Community Charge.

He left with her the enclosed card, which succinctly sets out the problems faced in Pendle. He also left with her the cutting from the Nelson Leader.

I thought it better to pass these on to you rather than bother Andrew Turnbull with them.

M.L.B.

MARK LENNOX-BOYD
4 July 1989

COMMUNITY CHARGE IN PENDLE

a)	Total properties	35,000
b)	Properties with RV < £75	17,000 = 49%
c)	Borough av rates	£300
d)	Av rates for b)	£166
e)	Community Charge	£270
f)	Safety net	£99
g)	Net Community Charge pp in first year	£171
h)	Households RATEPAYERS worse off	two-thirds

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fill the coffers attributable to individuals. It is estimated that 65,000 people will be liable, compared with the 35,000 houses that are currently rated.

As a council, Pendle has fought the introduction of the poll tax on the basis of fairness. The main thrust of its campaign has been based on the low rateable value of properties in the area which will lead to large increases when the community charge becomes payable in April next year.

For some, mainly those living in rural

and other "highly-rated" areas, the community charge will be good news and savings could amount to more than £1,000 a year.

But for the others, those who form the vast majority of present ratepayers, it will spell only bad news — with some households almost £1,000 a year worse-off.

The first noticeable effect of the poll tax will happen next week.

From Monday, canvass forms will be delivered to every home in Pendle —

and they must be returned within 21 days to the council's Community Charge Registration Officer, complete with the names of all adults and children aged 16 and 17 living in each house.

The canvass form will require the minimum amount of information needed to complete an initial Community Charge Register, but it also needs to identify those people who will be either fully or partly exempt from the personal community charge.

A small number of people will be exempt from poll tax payments and the

canvass form will give full details and allow applications for exemption to be made. Students in full-time education will only have to pay 20 per cent of the full charge.

A rebate scheme will also be available and it will be similar to the scheme currently applying to ratepayers, with a maximum rebate of 80 per cent.

The income and assets of couples will continue to be assessed jointly and a rebate application form will be sent to all those who currently receive housing benefit later in the year.

The Poll Tax ... how much will YOU pay?



The ones who don't have to pay

CERTAIN people will not have to pay the poll tax and they include:

- Resident hospital patients.
- People being looked after in residential care homes, nursing homes and hostels providing a substantial level of care.
- The severely mentally handicapped.
- People taken into hospital under the Mental Health Act 1983.

- Members of religious communities.
- People staying in short-stay hostels or night shelters.
- Those with no home, sleeping rough.
- People over 18 and still at school.
- Volunteers working on low pay for charities, such as Community Service Volunteers.

- Convicted and remand prisoners, except those held in detention for non-payment of fines or the community charge who will not be exempt during their detention.

Students in full-time education will pay only 20 per cent of the full charge and a rebate system will operate for chargepayers on low incomes.

THE question most people will be asking about the community charge is: "How much will it cost me?"

Unfortunately, this cannot be answered with any certainty until late 1989 — and not in detail until March 1990.

But it is thought that Pendle's PERSONAL COMMUNITY CHARGE is likely to be between £270 and £280 at 1989/90 expenditure levels. However, during the first year there will be an estimated "safety net" of £99 and the full community charge will be phased-in over a five-year period.

However, this may vary significantly in 1990/91 when the key factors, such as changes in Government grants, are known.

If the £270 estimate becomes reality, it will mean that a family of four adults living in a typical terraced house will be £518 worse-off during the "safety net" year and £914 worse-off at the end of phasing-in.

But a single person living in a rural or "highly-rated" area, with a rateable value of around £400, will save £1,243 in the first year and £1,144 by the end of the fifth year.

Here are two simple, "at-a-glance" tables to show how much better, or worse-off you are likely to be under the new system.

Number of Adults	Bands of Rateable Values						
	< £75	£75-£100	£100-£125	£125-£150	£150-£250	£250-£400	> £400
1	- 5	+ 75	+152	+223	+369	+689	+1243
2	-176	- 96	- 19	+ 52	+198	+518	+1072
3	-347	-267	-190	-119	+ 27	+347	+ 901
4	-518	-438	-361	-290	-144	+176	+ 730

FOR better or worse ... how you'll fare next year ...

Number of Adults	Bands of Rateable Values						
	< £75	£75-£100	£100-£125	£125-£150	£150-£250	£250-£400	> £400
1	-104	- 24	+ 53	+124	+270	+590	+1144
2	-374	-294	-217	-146	0	+320	+ 874
3	-644	-564	-487	-416	-270	+ 50	+ 604
4	-914	-834	-757	-686	-540	-220	+ 334

... and how you may be faring in five years' time.

FRONT PAGE:
THE WINNERS AND LOSERS

Three different kinds of community charge

THERE are three different types of community charge to cover different types of ownership and home occupation.

● All adults who normally reside within Pendle will pay the PERSONAL COMMUNITY CHARGE.

● Owners or tenants of second homes may be liable for the STANDARD COMMUNITY CHARGE, which is mainly at the

discretion of the council and certain periods of ownership — such as the first six months of a newly-built house — will not be charged.

● Landlords of properties in short-term, multiple occupation will pay a COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY CHARGE which reflects the number of residents. The landlord will remit the total charge to the council, less an administrative fee of 5 per cent, and then the residents will pay an equivalent contribution to the landlord and claim a rebate from the council where appropriate.

But for businesses, a new type of rate

ONLY domestic ratepayers will be affected by the new community charges, while businesses will continue to pay rates — in a very different form.

A uniform national rate for businesses — the National Non-Domestic Rate — will be levied and new rateable values for businesses will be determined before the end of the year.

A list of the new rateable values will be available from Nelson Town Hall from January next year.

The NNDR will be applied to public buildings, leisure facilities, shops, offices, factories, etc.

Again, the question on many people's lips will be "How much will it cost?" and Government forecasts of the new average rate seem to point to a drop in some business rates.

However, the effect of revaluation will need to be known locally before accurate assessments can be made.

The NNDR will be phased in where the new rate bill for a property increases by more than 20 per cent (or 15 per cent for small businesses) although this increase excludes inflation.

Similarly, decreases exceeding 10 per cent of the 1989/90 rate bill will be phased.

The new business rates will only indirectly influence the level of community charge in the borough. The proceeds of the NNDR will be collected locally before being remitted to the Government.

The money will then be redistributed to local councils on the basis of adult population and, therefore, business rates will no longer directly assist the area in which a business is located.



THE Pendle Way is just one of the many schemes which Pendle Council has funded with your money. Here former Mayor and Mayoress of Pendle, Coun. Doris Riding (Coun. Edwina Sergeant, unveil a plaque showing the route of Pendle Way.

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such as the one shown on this page, which is specially tailored to each individual person.

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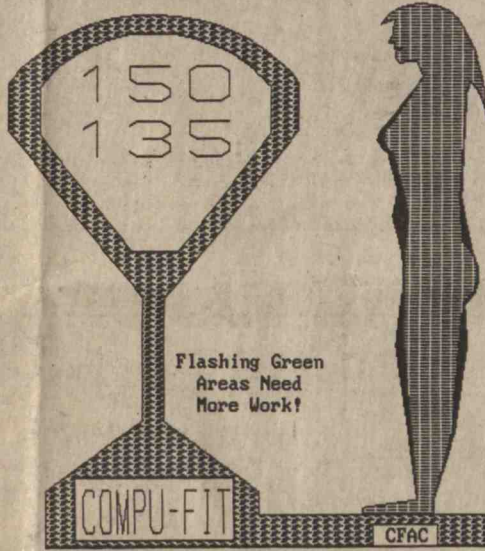
Once all the exercises have been completed, why not try out the 28 tube sunbeds with high-power facials that are available. The bronzed sun-kissed look enhancing the sleek and firm body after just four or more sessions.

Photo: Anthony Braithwaite.

A personal programme

Name:	JESSICA MEYERS	
Goals	Current	
Weight:	135.00	150.00 Lbs
Arms:	11.00	13.00 In
Chest:	34.00	36.00 In
Abdomen:	33.00	35.00 In
Waist:	25.00	32.00 In
Hips:	36.00	37.50 In
U-Thigh:	21.00	22.00 In
L-Thigh:	16.00	20.00 In
Calf:	14.00	15.00 In

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THIS diagram shows how the latest computer technology is used to help you shape up to the task of creating the "new you".

which identifies and highlights the problem areas of the body.

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weight, giving clear and precise details of actual as well as target weights for the future.

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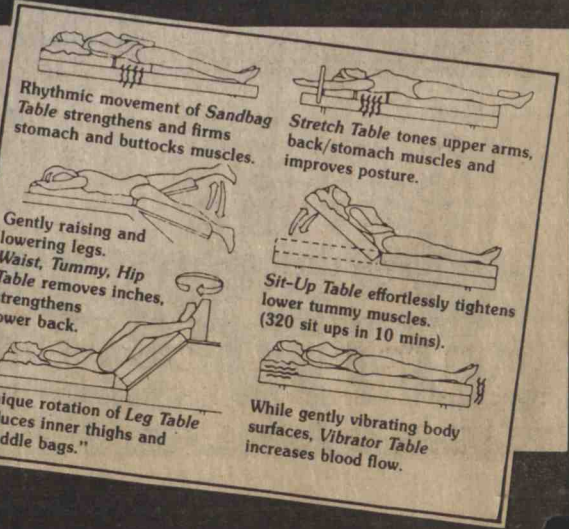
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The winners ...

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COLNE pensioner Miss Ida Foulds will be quids-in when the new community charge is introduced in April next year.

Her rates bill will be almost halved — reduced from £540 to around £280.

But 75-year-old Miss Foulds, who comes from a working class background, and now lives in a beautiful, big bungalow in Castle Road, Colne, realises that it will be tough on those living in terraced houses, where there is very little money coming in.

Said Miss Foulds, who lived most

of her life in Stone Bridge Terrace, Colne: "I shall be all right, and will benefit a great deal when the new tax comes in, but other people are going to find it difficult to pay.

"In some ways, it will be fairer on single people like me, but in other instances it is going to be harder on people with families with workers over 18."

She added: "Take, for instance, my nephew next door. He has a wife and two sons living at home, so he will be paying quite a bit more than me, but getting the same services."

... and the losers



FAMILIES living in terraced houses face bills from the council which will have zoomed up by around 500 per cent when the poll tax is fully implemented.

And that news was greeted by Nelson postman Norman Henderson this week in the following terms: "How a bloke living in a big house and drawing a big wage can pay exactly the same for his council services as me is something that just does not make sense.

"It wants scrapping altogether, it just does not make sense at all.

"The poll tax is grossly unfair and that's all there is to it. It's just a big racket which favours people living in

big houses."

The Henderson household currently pays £177 a year in rates.

But when the poll tax is introduced next year each of the four Hendersons — Mr Henderson, his wife Sheila, and children Michael (20) and Kathleen (18) — will pay a charge of about £171 in the first year.

And that will rise to between £270 and £280 by 1994/95, leaving the Hendersons, of Napier Street, Nelson, roughly £900 a year WORSE OFF.

In the towns within Pendle the vast majority of people would seem to be giving the poll tax a massive "thumbs down".

Our picture shows Mr and Mrs Henderson with their daughter outside their Nelson home.

Photo: Anthony Braithwaite.

The man in charge of Pendle's Community Charge register

NL 19.5.89

STEPHEN Barnes, Pendle's Director of Finance, is the man responsible for compiling and updating the Community Charge Register.

The register will list the names and addresses of all those liable for the charge, which is due to come into operation in April 1990.

Everyone who is included on that register will be notified before receiving the first community charge bills in March 1990 — any individual may inspect, and take a copy, of their own entry and there is a right of appeal against registration.

Information for the register will be compiled during the canvass and forms for the canvass will be sent to the most recent ratepayers in each property.

“ I EXPECT the community charge to be implemented fairly smoothly in Pendle. However, I am very concerned about the loss of Government grants, which the change in the grants system will bring in 1990.

Pendle may lose £1 million in Government grants over the next five years if Government ministers fail to increase the 'Needs Assessment' for the borough.

And as well as including all adults, the register will also feature the names of children aged 16 and 17 so that prompt billing and arrangements for payment can be made as early as possible.

All chargepayers will receive a bill and will be required to pay the annual charge in 10 monthly instalments — although individuals may agree “lump sum” or other more convenient payment periods with the council.

Responsibility for payment will normally rest with the individual chargepayer although husbands and wives (or unmarried couples living together as “husband and wife” may be held liable for each other's debt.

Below, Mr Barnes comments on the introduction of the Poll Tax.



This will leave Pendle, and East Lancashire generally, one of the worst hit areas in the country and every effort must be made by East Lancashire MPs to prevent the area losing grants to the relatively rich boroughs of the home counties. The council will continue to fight for retention of its existing grant share and John Lee MP has promised his utmost support.

BOROUGH OF PENDLE

The tables below show the estimated gains (+)/losses (-) which would arise to average households if the personal community charge had been in operation in the current financial year 1989/90. Table 1 shows the effects of phasing (known as safety nets) in the first year. Table 2 shows the position when the full charge is payable in the fifth year.

1. First year of phasing 1990-91

Number of Adults	Bands of Rateable Values						
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2. Final year of phasing 1994-95

	< £75 £	£75-£100 £	£100-£125 £	£125-£150 £	£150-£250 £	£250-£400 £	> £400 £
1	-104	- 24	+ 53	+124	+270	+590	+1144
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Average Rateable Value per Class							
	£58	£86	£113	£138	£189	£301	£495
Average Rates Payable							
	£166	£246	£323	£394	£540	£860	£1414
Number of Domestic Properties in each Class							
	17,394	4,980	3,751	2,740	4,912	1,403	138

NOTES

- The calculations are based on an estimated personal community charge of £270 and a first year safety net of £99. Table 1 is therefore based on a estimated personal community charge of £171 and Table 2 an estimated personal community charge of £270.
- The estimated personal community charge is based on a DOE calculation for 1988/89 uprated by 1989/90 inflation. The estimate is for guidance only. Details and accurate assessments of the 1990/91 personal community charge will not be known until early 1990.
- No account is taken of any rebate entitlement.