



*Help make this years election a change for the better for the future of Towcester ...*

## Vote for action and progress in Towcester



Campaigning against the proposed move for SNC offices



Holding YOUR Council to account and answering to you



Fighting to keep and improve local services



Working to keep Towcester clean and safe for everyone

### 3 Reasons to vote Liberal Democrat on

Date  
**5th May 2011**

When elected Martin, Chris and David will:

**1. Campaign to stop the wasteful plans to move South Northants Council's offices**

**2. Provide proper, independent scrutiny of the Council's actions. Hold the administration to account and make sure your voices are heard**

**3. We will fight to improve local services for local people in Towcester and across South Northamptonshire and cut waste not services**

**The Liberal Democrats - Working all year round for you**

# Meet the Liberal Democrat Team fighting for Towcester Brook Ward

## Martin Johns

My late wife Gill and I moved to Towcester in 1982 to start a family and build our lives together. For most of my career I have worked as a youth and community worker. At present I am development manager at Milton Keynes YMCA, where we provide housing and support for vulnerable young people. I have been a town councillor for 20 years and served as town mayor twice. Over the years I have been active with local organisations including being past chair of SNVB (the volunteer bureaux), and of the community centre. I am also a trustee of Towcester Museum.

Towcester is a great place to live, however it could be better. As a councillor I have listened and acted on people's concerns. I have tried my best to serve our community and worked hard to improve local quality of life. Our local councils should be at the heart of Towcester. Listening, providing efficient, good value services, and ensuring that local voices are heard and respected. They should monitor the work of our county council and government agencies.

### I pledge to:

- listen and respect people's views
- work hard for Towcester and keep in touch
- speak up strongly for our town



## Chris Lofts

I have lived in Towcester for 14 years. Worked in local government for 32 years, the last 9 at SNC as Deputy Chief Executive. A Town Councillor for 4 years including a year as Town Mayor. I support many community groups including Chair of Towcester University of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Age and helped set up the Towcester Wildlife Group. I currently work part time for Northampton Citizens Advice Bureau. Chris says 'I am confident that Towcester can be an even greater place to live. During the 14 years I have lived here the town has grown in size and confidence. Towcester is likely to grow further and we must have a strong voice in deciding how the growth is delivered.'

Elect me and I will:

- Work to make Towcester a fairer, safer place for everyone
- Support and improve services particularly for young people of the town
- Make sure decision makers hear Towcester's voice



## David Tarbun

I have lived near Towcester most of my life and settled in the town with my wife for the past year. I have been involved with Towcester's Rock School for more than a decade, as a student and then a tutor. I support and help fundraise for local charities and events, such as Midsummer Music and mayoral charity fundraisers. I have worked for a national charity, The Stroke Association for 6 years as a Senior Technical Support Officer.

David says 'I have always admired Towcester's sense of community and want to help protect and develop this. With the planned expansion of Towcester on the horizon, SNC need to be made aware more than ever of what residents' thoughts and worries are.'

When elected I will:

- Make sure that community projects are supported by the council
- Work hard to improve roads and public transport
- Support the development of local business and enterprise

## Make your vote count for change in Towcester

On the doorstep people have been telling us they are totally fed up with the actions of local Conservative councillors. Cllr **Martin Johns** says, "People are angry and concerned about the proposed move of the council offices, the massive sums being spent on consultants, of councillors' inflated special allowances and the cuts to local services."

Commenting Cllr **Chris Lofts** says, "On **Thursday 5 May** people can have their say on the disastrous way the Conservatives have run the council. Voting for the Liberal Democrat Focus Team will ensure local people's views are once again respected and listened to."

When elected **Martin Johns, Chris Lofts** and **David Tarbun** will:

- Have a mandate to reverse plans to move SNC offices into the town centre
- Ensure new housing development takes full account of local needs
- Provide better support for children, young people and older residents
- Open up the council to greater public scrutiny
- Cut councillors' special allowances
- Cut wasteful spending, including spending on consultants
- Take measures to improve town centre air quality

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