

# Upton FOCUS

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Number of Borough Councillors you elected last time

Lib Dem  
26

Con  
15

Lab  
*Just 5*  
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## Fighting for Upton!

**Scott Collins**

Scott has been a councillor on Northampton Borough Council since 2007. He is standing for election in Upton because he believes there is a lot to be done. There various issues to be resolved, both in the new developments and the established communities and he is committed to ensuring this beautiful ward remains a great place to live and bring up families.

The Lib Dems have worked hard for Upton and Scott wants to ensure that that level of commitment is maintained and, indeed, increased.

When Scott stood for Parliament here last year, he felt the Upton area was instantly recognisable as a friendly community who wanted the very best for their areas. I want to help them make sure you get all the support you need - and the hard working Liberal Democrat councillors they deserve.



## No Labour Candidate in Upton...

Voters in our area have been surprised to learn that the Labour Party wont be fielding a candidate here for the Borough Elections.

For some years now, the Liberal Democrats have been the only real opposition to the Conservatives in Northampton - but nobody foresaw that Labour wouldn't even make a challenge in almost a third of the seats in the Borough.

The decision by Labour bosses in Nottingham - who have taken on the struggling campaign in Northampton - means that it is more important than ever to see a healthy majority for the Liberal Democrats on the Borough Council.

Whoever you support nationally, Northamptonshire Conservatives have a terrifying record of waste, cuts and failure - and it is now clearer than ever that only the Liberal Democrats are in a position to stop them returning "The World's Worst Council" to Northampton.

**Richard Matthews**

Cllr Richard Matthews is married with two children and has been ward councillor for the past 12 years, during which time he has established himself as a dedicated and committed advocate for the residents of Upton and Hunsbury.

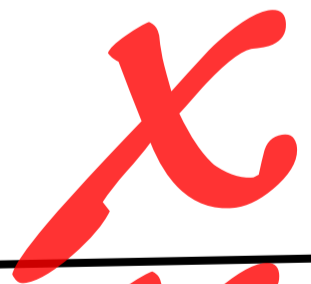
It was Richard who first highlighted the impact Swan Valley Development would have on nearby houses. Since then he has worked tirelessly to see our green spaces maintained and ensure new developments have gains for the local community. It was four years ago that Richard made residents aware that the Cobblers wanted to use Upton playing fields as training pitches, resulting in residents preventing this happening. His most recent success is the improvements to the Upton Way footpath.



## Keep Your Hard Working Councillors

**COLLINS, Scott**

Liberal Democrat



**MATTHEWS, Richard**

Liberal Democrat



**Contact us!**

## Even more waste improvements for Upton!



Food waste bins similar to this one will be rolled out to households over the summer

Last month, the Lib Dems were able to announce major improvements to the waste collection in our area. Glass, plastic, can, paper and cardboard collections will all become weekly - and brown bin collections will double in frequency, being collected every 2 weeks!

Now Lib Dems can now announce that food waste will also be collected weekly - making it possible to recycle almost all your household waste! Black bin collections will not be reduced! Weekly collection of food waste from small plastic bins will cut out various problems, from black sacks being ripped open, to wheelie bins getting overloaded and smelly in the summer.

Streets in the area which do not currently have the wheely bin system are to be consulted on how we can improve the service to you and enable you to recycle more.

There will be other improvements to the service - including 'hit squads' to tackle dirty streets and overgrown verges and improvements to maintenance of the parks to achieve 'green flag' status for all Northampton's major parks.

Best of all, this vastly improved service will cost the tax-payer **£1.7 MILLION LESS** a year.

- Brown Bins every TWO weeks
- New Food Waste collection service WEEKLY
- Cans, plastics and paper recycling WEEKLY
- Black bins every TWO weeks
- New 'hit squads' to tackle dirty streets

Look out for announcements of even more improvements to waste collection in the coming months!

## Don't Let Northamptonshire Conservatives Mislead You...

### Public Toilets



The Conservatives are telling people that the Lib Dems have closed public toilets. The TRUTH is that the Conservatives closed these toilets in their last budget before they were thrown out in 2007. The Lib Dems saved two of them, and made sure there are more toilets open to the public than ever before through a community toilet scheme.

### The Saints



The Conservatives will tell you the Lib Dems aren't supporting the expansion of the Saints. Not true. The Council were even willing to lend the Saints the money to build the stand! The Saints have now said they will go ahead with the expansion without any supermarket.

### The Town Centre



They claim it's run down. In fact, the Lib Dems made revitalising the town centre our top priority - and it's worked. Shop occupancy rates are higher than average, the Market Square is receiving more visitors and plans have been published for the Grosvenor Centre expansion, with work due to start in 2014.

## Spring Opening For New Marina

Northampton's new marina will be open for boats in May - and the new facilities building will be completed in July.

Borough Council leader Brian Hoare said "This will be a great attraction - it will draw more people into our town and improve Northampton's long neglected riverside!"



# Join the Winning Team



I will display a poster at election time

I can deliver leaflets in my area for about an hour a month

I would like a postal vote

I enclose a donation to help fund Lib Dem campaigns

£10  £50  £100  Other £.....

(Please make cheques payable to Northampton Liberal Democrats)

**I will vote Lib Dem on May 5th**