

How you voted at the last Borough Elections

CAN'T WIN HERE



Lab
8%

Con
37%

Labour were in a poor third place in the West Hunsbury Ward

Lib Dems
55%



Cllr. Richard Matthews viewing the ploughed field where there are plans to build 176 houses.

Hunsbury Meadow residents set to oppose 176 new houses

A recent planning application submitted to West Northants Development Corporation gives plans for 176 new houses off Banbury Lane as phase 4 of the Hunsbury Meadow development.

At a meeting of the residents association, fears were expressed about the extent of possible flooding on the land and that the Environment Agency could not be trusted to ensure any new buildings would be free of flooding.

In his letter of objection to WNDC, Cllr Matthews stated that the land raising of plots 100/150 Swan Valley would have an unknown affect on the flooding of this land.

Apart from flooding Cllr Matthews was also unhappy about the provision of play areas for the local children stating: "The play area provision for the whole of the Banbury Lane development must be reviewed and adequate provision for children up to 13 year olds provided with this new development."

Cllr. Matthews spoke against this application at NBC planning committee and they agree to object to the plans. It now goes before WNDC planning committee where he also intends to speak against the planning application.

Regeneration still on despite listing application by Tories.

Following the attempt to list the entire hospital site, which still potentially could put at risk the regeneration of the hospital, it was great to see the new owners WN Developments making a start clearing the rubbish from the site.

We are sure that residents and your local Focus team are glad to see the start of hopefully, the final chapter in the regeneration of the old St Crispin's Hospital.

This could still be put at risk, if the entire site is listed as it could make the regeneration of the site uneconomic. We, like so many local residents, want to see the Clock Tower listed as it is an iconic landmark. To list the entire site was never a realistic proposition and now after years of mistreatment, vandalism and the elements, much of the site is beyond repair.

We hope that soon we will see the area tidied up and this landmark clock tower calling the time again and in a state that befits its grandeur and status as a beloved landmark on the skyline of Northamptonshire.



Scott Collins viewing the site and the Clock Tower he would like to be restored

St Crispin's 106 land accepted by the Borough Council

We are please to announce, the open space land given by the developer as part of a 106 agreement has finally been accepted by the Borough Council Cabinet at their meeting on the 9th. Feb.



Cllr. Richard Matthews and Scott Collins inspecting St Crispin Green one many plots of land now control by NBC

- Site 1 Church Grave Yard & Garden
- Site 2 Play Area & Green to east of Phase 1
- Site 3 Green & Wood west of South Meadow View
- Site 4 Village Green
- Site 5 Various Open Space around South Meadow Road
- Site 6 Area to South of old Hospital incl. Cricket & Bowls Clubs
- Site 8 St Crispin Park
- Site 10 Berry Wood

Various extra sites have also been transferred to the council ownership for details see our web site under Upton.

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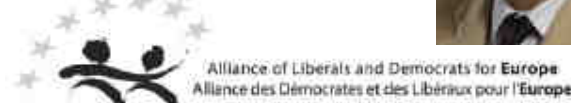


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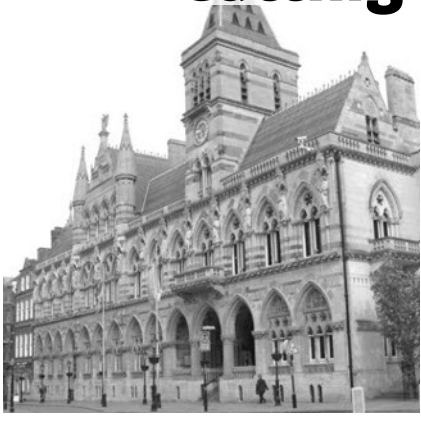
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Lib Dem run Northampton

Cutting waste not services



Lib Dems are cutting over £5 million out of the Councils budget this year, and they are doing it without cutting services!

Council Tax is frozen - helping hard pressed taxpayers.

Car Park charges are frozen. The last time shoppers parking charges went up was when the Tories ran the council 5 years ago

- Spending on homeless people is being increased- supporting the most needy.
- Funding for volunteers is protected- while the Conservative County Council is cutting grants.
- Private expertise is being brought into refuse collection, cutting costs while improving the service.
- Our leisure centres are to managed by a charitable trust, just like the award winning Royal & Derngate theatres.
- Cliftonville House has been sold and staff moved to the Guildhall, saving running costs, and freeing up money to invest in parks and other improvements.

Labour's legacy of debt and waste

Why every man, woman and child in Britain owe £24,400 because of Labour.

What it cost then.....

ID cards: £5 billion

Iraq war: £7 billion

Failed NHS IT system: £12 billion

..... and what is it costing now?

Projected National Debt: £1 trillion

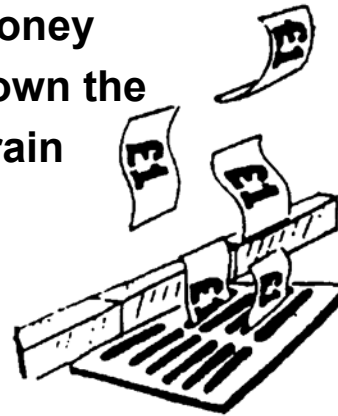
Debt interest payments: £80,000 per minute



Labour's Lord Mandelson

Tory run Northamptonshire

Money down the drain



Planning to spend £2 million on new county quango

Conservative County Council bosses want to sack lollipop people, close libraries and cut care for the elderly and infirm, but then they are planning to spend £2 million on setting up a new Quango.

The 'Northamptonshire Economic Partnership' will duplicate the work of the West Northants Development Corporation (WNDC) which is about to be disbanded and its work handed over to local councils like Northampton Borough.

Leader of the Lib Dem opposition on the County Council, Brendan Glynane said: "It is scandalous that the Conservatives want to spend £2 million on this, when frontline services to the most needy people are being cut. The last thing we need in these difficult times is another expensive quango."

New rights for patients to obtain healthcare in the EU.

by Bill Newton Dunn MEP.

MEPs have passed new European rules allowing people to receive medical treatment in other EU Member States. They mean that if a patient unable to gain access to essential medical care within a reasonable time, would be allowed to have their treatment in another Member State, fully paid for or with the ability to claim back the cost.

This will help in cases where a particular treatment can be provided faster or more expertly on the continent.

By this new EU law, NHS doctors will still have to give prior consent for treatments abroad that can be reimbursed. Westminster must issue clear rules and guidelines for doctors, and decisions must be taken on a case-by-case basis.

The new law is not designed to encourage health tourism. Patients are only entitled to reimbursement for treatment that their home health authority would normally provide. Travel or hotel costs can not be claimed back. Furthermore, patients from other Member States travelling to the UK specifically for healthcare will have to pay the full NHS cost of treatment.

We want to hear from You

Have your say

What are the most important things Northampton Borough Council should be tackling?

Before the May Council elections, the Lib Dems will be publishing their plan for the next four years of the Council. We want to make sure that our top priorities are yours too.

Please rank in order of preference (1,2,3 etc.) what you think are the most important jobs for the Council.

- Promoting jobs, cutting unemployment
- Building homes people can afford
- Saving energy, being green
- Cleaner streets, beautiful parks
- Tackling crime, making places safe.
- Improving the Town Centre, protecting our heritage
- Cutting waste- keeping the council tax down
- Leisure and recreation for people of all ages
- Involving people, supporting volunteers

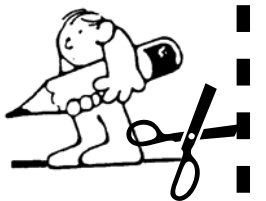
Other (please list) *Note: Schools, social care, roads, pavements & public transport are the responsibility of the Conservative run County Council*

Choose 1,2,3...

A fairer way to vote

Any problems?

Write your problems and ideas here!



Name/s:.....

Address:.....

..... Tel No:.....

Mobile:.....

E-mail:

The Lib Dems may contact you using the information above, about issues and campaigns you might be interested in. To opt out, please tick here

Return to: Upton Focus Team, FREEPOST NH0482, Northampton, NN1 3BR
(No stamp required but if you use one it saves our costs)

Can you help us?

I will be supporting the Lib Dems at the next local election.

I can help deliver a few leaflets each month in my road.

I'd like more information about becoming a Lib Dem member.