

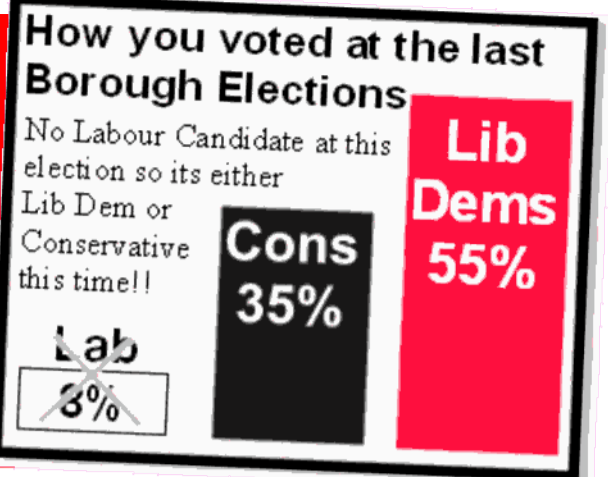
Upton Ward FOCUS

Election Special



Includes Hunsbury Meadows

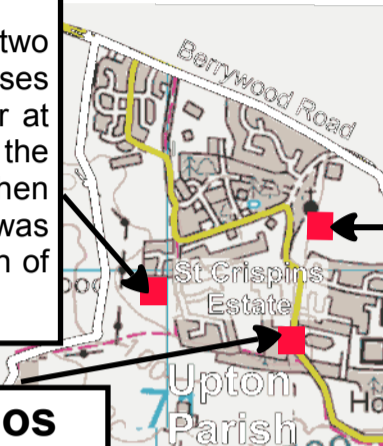
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Record of action in Upton & Hunsbury Meadows

80 Houses at South Meadow

Your Lib Dem councillors strongly opposed two recent planning applications. One for 80 houses on the edge of St Crispin Estate and another at Hunsbury Meadows. Both were opposed by the borough planning committee but were then approved by West Northants DC. Lib Dems was the only party on NBC to oppose the formation of WNBC, an unelected quango.



St Crispin Park & Community Centre

For sometime now your Lib Dem councillors have been fighting the old 106 developer agreement to get the right facilities for the playing fields. Currently, the agreement is being rewritten. We support the reopening of Kent Road instead of a road cutting through the playing fields, and also support the proposal of combined changing facilities and community centre.



St Lukes School Traffic Chaos



Despite the efforts of your Lib Dem councillors coming up with several suggestions to improve the traffic chaos at the school, the County Council are dragging their heels in finding a solution to the problem.

Working with the community



Both Richard and Scott have consistently supported the communities across the Upton Ward. Helping at or attending community and social functions from Halloween events to litter picks and firework displays

to local campaigns. Not claiming credit for these events but instead assisting groups with council support or just the removal of bags after one of the many successful litter picks across the ward.

Were here to help not to hinder

Upton Way Cycle Path

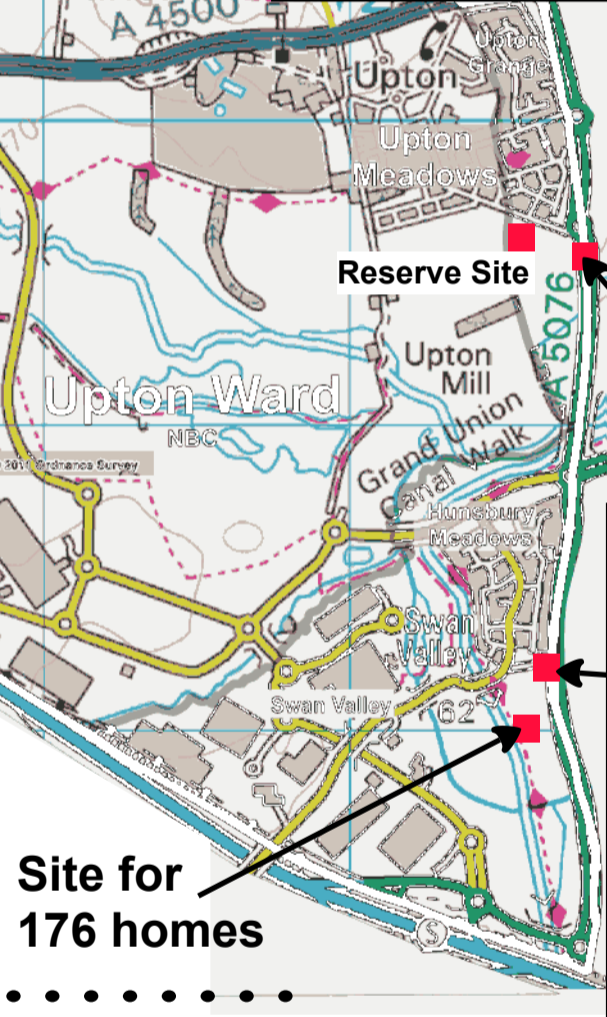


After many years of effort the non-existent footpath has been up-graded. There is still work to be done to get 24hr pedestrian access to Hunsbury Meadows from Sixfields but I intend to continue this project.

Banbury Lane Underpass



After being approached by a worried mother concerned about her daughter having to walk through the dark underpass, Cllr Matthews got the County Council to renew the lights damaged through years of vandalism.



Site for 176 homes

Promise of more.....

Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) have stated they intend to develop their Upton Reserve Site



Proposed site for more houses

HCA have stated that they wish to build houses on the reserve site as they have not reached their target (no. of homes), on their development in Upton.

A view has been put that these houses will look out of place. What do you think? In 1998, this reserve site was flooded but since then the Upton flood plain has undergone major changes.

For sometime now Cllr Matthews has been pressing HCA to build a play area for the 8-13 year olds on this site, with HCA giving unconvincing reasons against. We now know the reason why! HCA still intend to put the play area here but how long will it be?



ACTION ALL YEAR ROUND - NOT JUST AT ELECTIONS

Real Success for Northampton



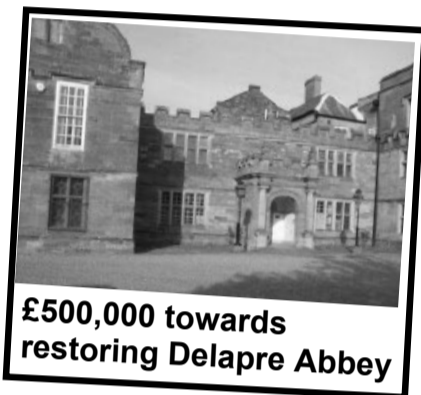
£49 MILLION to improve council houses

Council housing in safe hands

The Liberal Democrats on the Borough Council have secured over £49 MILLION to improve council homes over the next few years, on top of the £6 MILLION already spent, to bring the entire stock up to Decent Homes standard. Lib Dems also plan solar panels in Council homes to cut fuel poverty and protect the environment. New Council homes with solar panels have already been built in Kings Heath.

Real Improvements to our town

Our town centre had been neglected for too long. The Liberal Democrats have securing a deal to expand the Grosvenor Centre and replace the bus station. Unless the Conservatives win and carry out their threat to block the project. We also have plans regenerate the riverside, a new skate park, and investment to restore Delapre Abbey. All of this done without cutting services, without a council tax rise, and despite cuts in the Borough Council budget similar to those of the County Council!



£500,000 towards restoring Delapre Abbey

Parks, Open Spaces & Tourism

Northampton's parks are one of our town's greatest treasures. New play facilities have been built in many of our town's premier parks, with more planned. Abington Park has seen a replanting of its rose garden and repairs to the band stand. The parks are all clean - and it is a Lib Dem aim to have all of Northampton's premier parks attain green-flag status in a second term of control.



Going for Green Flag status for our premier parks

Rubbish and Recycling

Brown bins will now be collected every 2 weeks, instead of every four. All other recycling boxes - including new 'food waste' boxes, will be collected weekly. If there's anything left to put in your black bin - these collections will remain unchanged! As well as a vastly improved service - this new system will save the taxpayer £1.7 MILLION a year.

All of this done without cutting services, without a council tax rise, and despite government cuts in funding similar to those of the Conservative County Council!



Garden waste collection back to every 2 weeks
Other recycling every week!
Starting summer 2011!

OR Failure with the Conservatives



Traffic and fumes will plague pedestrians in Abington street as the Conservatives implement their plan to bring traffic to Northampton's main shopping street.



Council tenants will worry about the future as a new Conservative Council prepare to sell off their homes, putting at risk a £49 million government grant to improve Council homes in Northampton.



Finances in a mess, as the new Conservative council takes the council backwards. Just as has happened on the County Council where Conservatives have cut street lights, road safety, buses and care for vulnerable people while wasting money on photocopiers, an office in Brussels, and increasing the number of top paid council cabinet members.

Rubbish Collection Calenders...

were sent out as normal by the Council, without the changes we've told you about being included. This is because until the new arrangement come into force, the old method carries on unchanged.

Nothing to worry - the changes have been confirmed and will be introduced in the summer as announced!

Your choice in Upton is either the Conservatives or your Liberal Democrat Focus Team

(No Labour Candidate is standing)

Please support your Focus Team.



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