

# FOCUS

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SOUTH WERRINGTON & NORTH GUNTHORPE RESIDENTS' NEWSLETTER

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"Working All Year Round"

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\* Police: 0845 456 456 4

\* Street Lighting: 453523

\* Abandoned Vehicles: 425338

\* Noise Complaints: 747474

## ROAD SURFACES

Continuing to call for action on road surfaces in this area, local councillor **Darren Fower** and FOCUS Editor **Richard Olive** have been talking to residents in roads not seen as a priority by the council.

There are still too many stretches of road in this area in an appalling state with potholes so deep you could almost lose your foot in them.

Recently **Lib Dem** councillors proposed changing the council budget to put £100,000 extra into resurfacing – without needing to raise taxes. But **Tory** councillors voted against it!

If **Tory** canvassers visit or telephone you ahead of the elections on 1 May, maybe you could ask them why the **Tories** turned down this plan.

## LIB DEMS OFFER NEW VISION FOR PETERBOROUGH

Liberal Democrats in Peterborough have launched a manifesto for the local council elections. It says what Lib Dem councillors will do if they have a position of influence on the council after the elections on 1 May.

Some key points in the manifesto are:

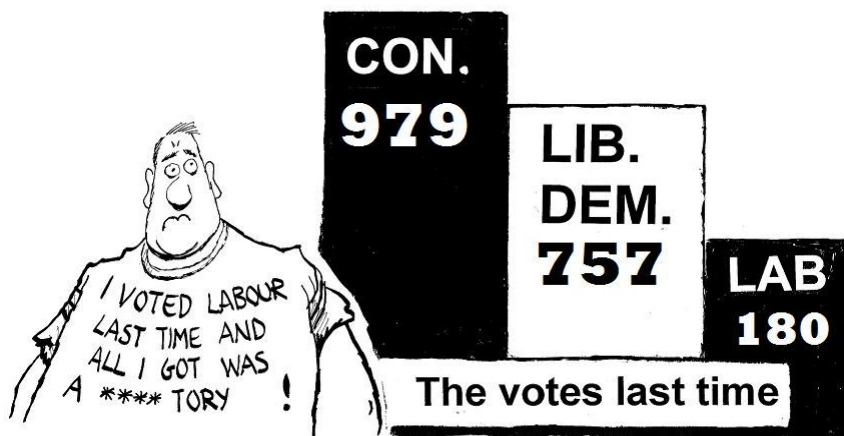
- More money for repair of road and pavement surfaces in residential areas, such as South Werrington and North Gunthorpe.
- Protection of green spaces, trees, woods and allotments.
- Better public transport facilities, including more frequent evening services, an all year round park and ride scheme and more bus shelters.
- An end to council secrecy and a greater role for local people and communities in the making of key council decisions.

Local **Liberal Democrat** FOCUS Editor **Richard Olive** said: "One leading **Tory** councillor told me he would like the **Tories** to have all the seats on the council. That just shows how drunk on power they have become.

"We are the only party which provides them with effective opposition and we have clear alternative policies which we will seek to implement if we get more councillors and greater influence on the council. Peterborough is rapidly becoming a one party state. We need more **Lib Dem** councillors to provide effective opposition and an alternative vision for Peterborough's future"

*If you would like a copy of the Lib Dem manifesto please contact either Darren or Richard.*

## 2007 Local Elections



Let Richard know what YOU think! Go To [www.campaigns.libdems.org.uk/SWNG](http://www.campaigns.libdems.org.uk/SWNG)

# RICHARD OLIVE WORKING ALL YEAR ROUND

# LIB DEMS SAVE YOU £30

The *Tory* controlled Council, who now have nearly 70% of the City Council seats (Labour has just one seat!), has finally announced their plans to charge local resident £30 'a pop' to replace any wheelie bin stolen, is to be scrapped, following pressure by the **Lib Dems** at the Town Hall! The news is welcomed by **Richard Olive** and the rest of the **FOCUS** Team. The **Liberal Democrat** group on the City Council, were the only group to react strongly and accurately by "calling in" the decision, a formal council procedure that enables for further scrutiny and public awareness on the decision. Commenting, **Richard** said, "This was a shocking proposal. It would have lead to more bins being stolen, not less, as it effectively gives them a tradable value! There was also a danger that, if people lost their green or brown bins, there could be a reduction in recycling."



## TORY SCHOOLS POLICY REDUCED TO RUBBLE

The **Peterborough Evening Telegraph** recently reported that the council has to pay out large sums to transport children around the city to secondary schools, as there is a big shortage of school places!

Yet in the past few months, the council has demolished the old Bretton Woods School and proposes to build *guess what* to replace it - a housing estate (which will mean even more school pupils) and some retail warehouses.

This area has a great school, **Ken Stimpson**, but there is a danger that it will be forced to take more children than it is designed for.

Local **Liberal Democrat** candidate and local resident **Richard Olive** commented:

"Three years ago our *Tory* council started closing schools because they said there was a surplus of school places.

"They knew Peterborough's population was going to grow rapidly but instead of keeping the school buildings they knocked them down and flogged off the land to developers.

"The council has had more directors of education in recent years than most kids have had school dinners, exam performance is falling and local education policy is in a total mess! Local children and their parents deserve better than this!"



**LABOUR CAN'T WIN HERE !**  
**(LIB DEMS CAN !!!)**

(RICHARD ON A ROAD SAFETY SURVEY)

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