

# FOCUS

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"Working All Year Round"

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SOUTH WERRINGTON & NORTH GUNTHORPE RESIDENTS' NEWSLETTER

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\* Noise Complaints: 747474

# RICHARD OLIVE

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(Local Resident, Activist and Campaigner)

## MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT ON THURSDAY MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>

This election is set to be a close finish between local **Lib Dems**, the so-called "Independent" and the *Conservative* candidates.

Labour are out of the race here!

## A STRONG VOICE FOR SOUTH WERRINGTON AND NORTH GUNTHORPE!

## More like "Independent From the Truth"...

The 'Independent' candidate in this year's local election is the guy who already gets paid to represent you. Have you heard from him outside of election time? Perhaps that is why he now faces a fight for survival! You may have noticed he is claiming to be above politics? In stark contrast **Aristotle** (a father of modern day civilisation) stated, "man is a political animal", which one do you think is telling the truth?

For example, the so-called 'Independent' seemed perfectly happy to be 'political' when offered the role of Mayor? Not to mention his many years of being political as a *Conservative* councillor, before jumping ship to start a separate political group, which he is now leader of? **Let us also not forget that:**

\* He has sided with *Conservatives* on several occasions at the Town Hall, even failing to support motions and ideas put forward by your **Lib Dem** ward councillor **Darren Fower**.

\* He failed to oppose the *Tory* Councils budget this year, which included an increase in your council tax and cut backs to services.

\* The year before, he even voted in favour of the Councils budget that again included more **increases in Council Tax** and reductions in the council services you pay for!

\* **Serious about crime?** Well he never bothered to attend a local area police panel meeting in the last year!



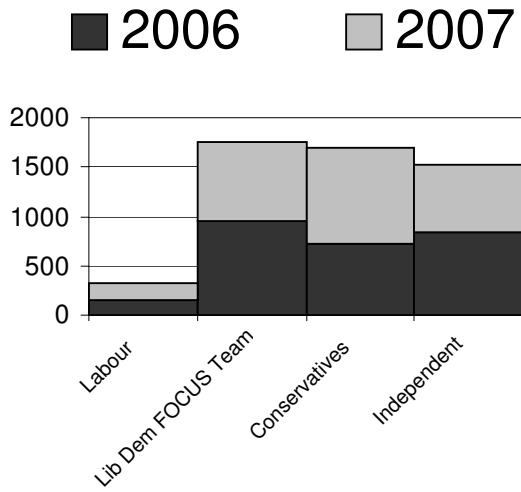
## 3 Reasons To Back Your Local Lib Dem Team:

1. The **Lib Dems** are fighting for local action on crime and to improve recycling.
2. A vote for the **Lib Dems** is a vote against years of *Conservative* failures in our area.
3. Only the **Lib Dems** can beat the *Conservatives* here in South Werrington and North Gunthorpe.

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

Votes Received From Last 2 Election Results:



Just a few *Conservative* actions in the last year or so:

- \* Cut funding to the **Citizens Advice Bureau**.
- \* Stopped their obligations to **Westcombe Engineering Services** that helps disabled people into work.
- \* Relied on extensive outsourcing, to the tune of approx **£6 million** of taxpayer's money spent on consultant's fees.
- \* Continuing plans for a multi million pound incinerator, controlled by the Council, when other more environmental options were ignored. If successful your Council Tax is expected to increase significantly!
- \* A 20% reduction in council staff during 2007 alone!
- \* Aaxed grants for more than 2,000 low-income parents who struggle to pay for their children's new school uniforms. **SEND THEM A**

**MESSAGE ON THURSDAY!!!**



**\*\*\*\* TORY FACTS \*\*\*\***

It's a common held thought, that the *Conservative* incumbents at our **Town hall** are a breed apart from those nationally! **Peterborough City Council** Under the local *Tories* is an oligarchy. For example, the *Conservatives* nationally threw disgraced former *Conservative*



councillor Nev Sanders, out of the party. Locally, the *Conservatives* gave him the freedom of the city!

What about commitment? **Richard Olive** has lived in this area for over 30 years and been part of the **FOCUS Team** for nay on 5 years. The *Conservative* candidate for this area is standing for election on Thursday, because he spectacularly failed to win election last year in **North Werrington!** Basically you're his second choice, what a cheek! He does not even live in the ward. What an opportunist! For the record **RICHARD OLIVE** does live in this ward!

Under this *Tory* "power-crazed" Council we have seen:

- \* They spend **£40k** of your tax money looking into an unwanted casino for the city!
  - \* Wasted **£175k** of your council tax on installing bus lanes on the Town Bridge, only for them to retreat and make the lanes temporary!
  - \* A *Tory* councillor **arrested** for Council Tax "irregularities".
  - \* *Conservatives* make, arguably, the biggest and most costly fiasco in our city's history, by selling off and closing down several local secondary schools!
  - \* The *Conservative* dominated planning committee ignore the views of local residents on several major and minor planning applications in this area!
  - \* The *Conservatives* get rid of the Council Trees Team and instead significantly increase the Councils press office team, at an annual cost of over **£600k p/a!** Not to mention spending **£2 million** on advertising and publicity last year.
  - \* The present *Conservative* councillor for this area has opposed calls for action on roads like **Lincoln Rd** and **Gunthorpe Rd**, by members of the **Lib Dem FOCUS Team**.
  - \* Postal fraud problems in areas of this city and ex-mayors being arrested.
  - \* The *Conservatives* introduce a scheme whereby councillors can get extra pay. **Guess what!** They are the only ones who get it?
- \*Your Council Tax increase by 28%+ since 2001/2002!**

**MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!** On Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, please make sure you vote. Don't let the 'GRIM REAPER' reap the electoral harvest!

- Vote Richard Olive and get someone to represent you that actually lives in the ward, unlike the *Tory* candidate!
- Vote Richard Olive, as someone who puts peoples first – not his political party!
- Vote Lib Dem FOCUS Team to elect the only candidate free from any political whip.
- Vote Richard Olive LIB DEM FOCUS TEAM as your community champion.

**VOTE RICHARD OLIVE**

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