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Including St. Crispin's, Upton, Camp Hill and part of East Hunsbury

Thank you



Dear Resident,

Firstly, may I take this opportunity of thanking you for supporting me at the County Council Election in June. I was delighted to have been re-elected to represent my local community on the County Council. It was especially pleasing to have doubled my majority. I look forward to representing all of you over the next four years.

Under Conservative control, Northamptonshire County Council is doing well. Education standards and school facilities are improving, the most vulnerable have a greater say in their own care plans, roads are gradually being maintained to a higher standard and Council finances are under control. This is really important in the current financial climate.

There is much to do locally apart from the issues referred to elsewhere in this newsletter: the matter of the valued brown bin collections that the Lib Dem Borough Council has cut, ignoring Conservative proposals to maintain it; improvements to our parks and open spaces; environmental maintenance throughout the area; roads throughout Upton and St Crispin's; making the ban on HGVs using Hunsbury Hill Road and Ladybridge Drive official and legally enforceable; the provision of youth facilities; addressing anti-social behaviour. **Together with my colleagues I will continue to work hard on these issues.**



Very soon you'll have the opportunity to vote in a General Election and I hope you will support our Conservative candidate, **Andrea Leadsom**. Hopefully the country will vote out of office this tired, discredited and out of touch Labour Government that has brought our country to financial ruin.



In May 2011 you will have the opportunity to cast your vote and express your opinion on the disastrous Lib Dem Borough Council that is doing so much damage to our town and cutting the services that you value. I hope you will support my colleagues when that election comes.

While reiterating my thanks for your support, may I also take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous and successful New Year.

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Development

Local Conservatives have been at the forefront of the campaign against the proposals for the massive and unjustified development of thousands of houses around Northampton, particularly those to the south east of the town.

Development in this area will impact upon the Wootton Brook that flows close to West Hunsbury. An Environment Agency report of 2008 states that the present flood defence standard for the Wootton Brook would at best mean flooding once in every 50 years and in places as frequently as once in every 10 years. The Wootton Brook regularly floods, particularly in the Collingtree area. The proposed development south east of Northampton will cause the flow of water in the Wootton Brook to increase significantly and increase the risk of flooding throughout its length, including the area of West Hunsbury.

Conservatives accept the need for development to meet local housing needs. We consider that the vast areas of 'brown field' land in Northampton should be developed ahead of that on green fields. We do not consider the Government's housing targets for the area are justified, and we do not support local planning decisions resting with unelected quangos such as the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation.

A Conservative Government will scrap the current housing targets and abolish the Development Corporation, putting the responsibility for planning and development back in the hands of accountable Local Government.



At Wootton Brook

Community Facilities – St Crispin's



At St Crispin's

We are pleased that plans are moving ahead to provide community facilities at St Crispin's. We particularly welcome the provision of Nursery, Health and Retail facilities although we want to ensure adequate parking in order that Kent Road does not become congested due to on-street parking. We also welcome the provision of a Community Centre at St Crispin's. However we consider the proposed location for this facility, alongside retail, health and other facilities to be inappropriate. We feel that a Community Centre could be better located alongside other community facilities.

Developers at St Crispin's are required to provide changing facilities for use in association with the sports pitches they are to develop. We consider that a Community Centre would be better sited alongside these facilities. This will hopefully lead to a combined facility, similar to that at Wootton that is greatly valued and used by the community. This will make both facilities more actively used and vibrant; attractive to the community; fit for purpose; and less likely to be vandalised.

We will work to establish the best community asset we can on your behalf, and we would welcome your views as to how and what facilities would best meet the needs of your local community.

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