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News from your local Conservatives in West Hunsbury and Camp Hill

## NEWS FROM YOUR WEST HUNSBURY

### BOROUGH COUNCILLOR -

### BRIAN OLDHAM

Firstly I'd like to wish all residents of West Hunsbury and Camp Hill a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Having been elected to represent the residents of West Hunsbury and Camp Hill on Northampton Borough Council in May, I remain extremely proud of my position, which provides me the opportunity of making a difference in the area I live by dealing with the many and varied problems you bring to my attention.

Since being elected I have dealt with over 900 E-mails and a similar number of telephone calls and messages about issues affecting daily life in the area. The calls include a host of issues ranging from parking problems, neighbourhood disputes, planning and traffic matters, and issues relating to our Parks and Open Spaces. Many of these I have been able to resolve to residents' satisfaction, although some remain outstanding. I continue to enjoy helping and working for residents in the way I promised.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, you should be seeing some action on issues I have been campaigning and dealing with for a period of time, including:

- the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Ladybridge Drive close to Ladymeade Close (currently being done)
- traffic calming measures in Shelfleys Park
- the installation of vehicle activated speed signs along Ladybridge Drive and Hunsbury Hill Road
- the erection of a bus shelter on Hunsbury Hill Road, close to Hawkridge.

Please remember that I welcome you contacting me on issues affecting you, and the area of West Hunsbury and Camp Hill. I regularly exercise my dog around the area, so please feel free to approach me at any time. You may also E-mail or call me - my contact details are opposite. I also hold a surgery for residents following my bi-monthly local 'Crime and Local Issues' meetings, held at Parsons Meade Community Room. The next meetings will be on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011 and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012, both at 7.00 pm.

With all good wishes.

*Brian Oldham*

Your West Hunsbury and Camp Hill Conservative Borough Councillor.



Brian in Ladybridge Drive as the work progresses on the pedestrian crossing.



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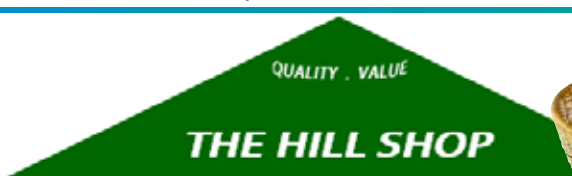
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## **STREET LIGHTING**

The switching off of street lights has been of concern to local residents. On behalf of over 30 residents Brian formally appealed against the County Council's decision to switch off a number of street lights at several locations, especially where there is a perceived danger to public safety. It is pleasing that some of Brian's appeals have been successful, although disappointing that others have not.

## **DOG FOULING**

More recently Brian has had many complaints concerning dogs continually fouling the re-furbished childrens' play area in Shelfleys Park adjacent to Ladybridge Drive. Notices should soon be erected in the area to hopefully persuade dog owners to be more mindful of the problems their dogs cause to others, particularly children using the play equipment. Brian will also be asking Borough Council Officers to ensure that the Bye Laws regarding dog fouling are fully enforced in this area.

## **BUS SERVICES**

As promised, Brian has continued to pursue the County Council and the transport companies, to ensure that residents have an effective bus service that adequately meets their needs. Brian is increasingly disturbed

by the local 'Focus Team's' continual scare mongering regarding this issue. We can only conclude that they are seeking political advantage over this issue, regardless of the impact upon residents. Be rest assured that Brian will continue to work tirelessly in your interests on this and other matters.

## **SPEED RESTRICTIONS**

Over a long period residents have complained about the irregularity of speed restrictions along the various stretches of the town's ring road. Together with County Councillor David Hugheston-Roberts, Brian has achieved agreement for the reduction of the speed limit from 70 to 50mph along Danes Camp Way. We hope that this will improve road safety in the area, allay the fears of local residents, and above all reduce the speed of many vehicles.

## **COUNCILLOR EMPOWERING FUND**

David Hugheston-Roberts has asked 'intouch' to remind you that he has an Empowering Fund of £7,000 in 2011/12. Although a lot of this fund is currently committed, the fund is able to assist projects and organisations in the area David represents. Recently David has assisted local schools in the West Hunsbury and Camp Hill area with funding to provide football

skills training for younger children. Please feel free to contact David if you feel you have a project that could benefit with funding from his Empowering Fund in future years.

## **SHELFLEYS LAKE**

Shelfleys Lake is a significant feature of the Wootton Brook. This watercourse is an integral part of the land drainage system relative to the south of Northampton. The lake is the responsibility of Northampton Borough Council and is not well maintained. It is very silted up. Brian is endeavouring to get the Council to establish and implement a regular maintenance programme for the lake, as well as getting it dredged. The brook itself and the weir are the responsibility of the Environment Agency, who Brian will be contacting to ensure they discharge their maintenance responsibilities.



Brian in Hunsbury Hill Country Park with students and staff from the Hunsbury Park Primary School planting primulas in their park garden. The plants were provided by 'Enterprise', the NBC Park's contractor.

## **BRIAN OLDHAM**

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