

**YOU DON'T VOTE
THEY WON'T CARE
MAKE THEM CARE**

**VOTE FOR
RICHARD
KINGSTONE
(INDEPENDENT)**

You want...
A simple, easy to manage weekly refuse collection service

Planning decisions that reflect the wishes of residents and NOT national policy.

Councillors who do what the people want, NOT what their Lord and Masters in Whitehall dictate.

An end to the 'family system' that runs this fine town.

Someone to stand up for YOUR rights!

Vote KINGSTONE on May 1st

A message from
Richard Kingstone
Mercian Ward's Independent Crusader

Hi

On May 1st you have a chance to make a real difference to how Tamworth is managed.

At the moment, as you are probably aware, Tamworth is under the control of the Conservative group. Since my 'brush with fame' over the wheelie bin scandal I have met many serving Councillors from the both the Tory and Labour groups.

The one overpowering feature of each of these meetings is of the sheer arrogance most Councillors have displayed towards myself or what ever cause I have been lobbying them with.

Most Councillors just didn't care.

But I do care!

So ask yourself this, could you name any of the three current serving Mercian Councillors? Probably not.

Have you ever met any of the three current serving Mercian Councillors? Again, probably not.

Most of the electorate in the Ward will either know me or know of me. My track record over the past ten years of serving the people of Tamworth through various organisations should make it clear that I am a man who gets real results.

So vote 'KINGSTONE' on May 1st and I guarantee not to let you down.

Thanks for reading,
Richard

RICHARD KINGSTONE - INDEPENDENT
"A local man representing local people!"



**Richard Kingstone wants
YOUR
support on May 1st**



Mercian Ward now has a truly INDEPENDENT candidate to choose from

Richard Kingstone is the first real Independent candidate that Mercian Ward has had to choose from in many, many years.

WHO IS RICHARD KINGSTONE?

Richard came to Tamworth and the Mercian Ward in 1977. Since moving here as a young boy he has been educated at both Coton Green Primary School and Rawlett Community Sports College. Richard now lives with his family in the heart of the Ward.

"If anyone knows what the Mercian Ward and its people are like then it is Richard Kingstone!"

IS RICHARD A TRUE LOCAL CANDIDATE?

Most residents within Mercian Ward will know Richard or know of him. Perhaps you see him regularly over Wiggington park walking his dog. Maybe you have bumped into him in the Atlantic Fish Bar. He probably teaches (or has taught) one of your children or grandchildren.

"So this means Richard would be the only 110% accountable, fully accessible Councillor Mercian Ward could possibly have!"

WHY VOTE KINGSTONE ON MAY 1st?

Not one of the three other candidates will be able to guarantee 100% that they will always vote in the best interests of the people within Mercian Ward. By the very nature of the 'party' system times will arise when they will be forced to vote against the wishes of the people. Richard pledges to you now that this will not be the case if elected.

RICHARD KINGSTONE
INDEPENDENT through and through!

What is Richard all about?

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Richard Kingstone - The 'Wheelie Bin' man

RICHARD KINGSTONE

'As seen on C4's Dispatches TV programme.'

RICHARD SUPPORTS...

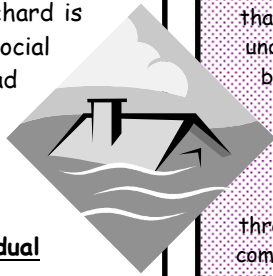
Richard supports local activists in their endeavours to stop further housing and industrial developments in and around the Mercian Ward such as the Anker Valley plan.

Richard supports the idea of a return to weekly black bin collections and isn't fooled by Labour and Conservative claims that they want the same.

Richard supports local Conservatives in their attempts to stop Labour plans to close local post offices.

Richard supports local residents in their desires to rid the Ward of anti social behaviour. As a victim of anti-social behaviour in recent months Richard is convinced that one of the causes of anti-social behaviour displayed by young people is bad parenting. As such parents of unruly children need to be made more accountable.

Richard supports the right of the individual to make informed choices!



A TRULY INDEPENDENT MERCIAN WARD CRUSADER

Agree with Richard or not - you must agree that he has not been afraid to speak out and has certainly ruffled a few feathers in Marmion House.

A voice like Richard's is not often heard nowadays, but it is often thought. It's the voice of reason, unhindered by petty party politics. Unafraid to run the risk of a backlash from the 'politically correct' namby pamby sort seen running our fine country these days.

VOTE KINGSTONE ON MAY 1st!

Say NO! to Chip & Bin



The campaign that started it all off!

RICHARD QUESTIONS...

Recycling - Just think about for a minute. Why do we recycle? Is it to 'save the planet' or simply to reduce the amount of waste the goes into landfill? If it's to 'reduce waste to landfill' then why aren't we getting a reduction in our Council Tax for this 'saving' we are making?

Anker Valley - Tamworth Council is planning to allow some 800+ houses to be built just off the Ashby Road. Apart from the increased traffic and visual impact on the area there is a hidden impact that will directly affect many Mercian Ward residents. **FLOODING!** Last summer it was all too apparent that the Riverside housing estate and surrounding areas are under a new threat of flooding due to increased flood plain building in other parts of Tamworth and surrounding areas.

The Anker Valley development will result in increased rainwater being diverted into the river Anker. This will mean that at times of heavy rainfall (as we had last summer) Mercian residents may be directly under threat from increased flooding. Rest assured that insurance companies will quickly realise this and premiums will increase.

Why do you insist on 'hurting' the very residents who put you in power Tamworth councillors?

RICHARD LOBBYS...

'Chips & Bins' - Richard became one of the councils first 'victims' of this ludicrous scheme to micro chip our wheelie bins. Despite protests to the contrary from Tamworth Council, Richard is fully convinced that the micro chipping of our wheelie bins will eventually lead to a system that involves residents paying by the kilo for the disposal of household refuse. Even today Richard refuses to have a micro chipped wheelie bin and takes his refuse to the tip at Lichfield instead.

To add insult to injury our Conservative council says that it opposes the chipping of bins, yet it brought in chipped bins back in 2006 and continues to chip our bins today!

Why does he oppose such a scheme? One reason is that why should the end consumer (i.e. we, the people) be penalised for increased packaging forced upon us by the manufacturers?

When we buy apples we don't need them cling filmed onto a polystyrene base - a paper bag will do fine.

Also, we already pay in our Council Tax for our household refuse to be taken away. The chipping of bins will result in residents paying twice for an already reduced service.

Elected or not, Richard will continue to fight the chipping of wheelie bins!

Stop Press... Are Tamworth Council cracking under the pressure? It looks like they may be about to stop chipping our bins. Check the website below for the very latest info! ...

QUESTIONS? - CALL 739368

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