

## Things to know about this By Election and the Tory controlled Burgess Hill Town Council...

- The Tory candidate stood for the Lib Dems in May 2011  
**Is this a form of 'coalition' none of us are aware of?**
- The Town Council has had the new and special 'power to promote well-being' for several years **and not used it yet**  
**This power could have been used to save the public toilets in Cyprus Road car park**
- The Town Council has money set aside for 'Street Scene Improvements'...  
**But has not repaired broken glass in many of its bus shelters for years**
- There used to be a little used 50% grant from the County Council for new and replacement bus shelters  
**If you don't use it... You loose it!**
- Burgess Hill Tories talk of a £40m (yes £40m) agreement with developers for the 4,000 new homes to come in the future – The 'Northern Arc'  
**But what will come first... the houses or the money – what's your guess?**
- Many of you live in roads that are crammed with parked cars – probably commuters. So why do we have two car parks that are underutilised?
  - **Cyprus Road car park has had a fenced off area for years**
  - **Half of Queens Crescent car park (near the railway station) is blocked off**

**WHAT HAS THE TOWN COUNCIL DONE ABOUT THIS?**

## DO YOU TRUST POLITICAL PARTIES?

Are you one of many who, according to the Hansard Society 2012 Annual Survey are...

**DISGRUNTLED?**  
**DISILLUSSIONED?**  
**DISENGAGED?**

Apparently, only **42%** of those surveyed expressed any interest in politics – down from **58%** previously, and...

...only **24%** believe in the current system of coalition government.

**On Thursday 10th May in the MEEDS NORTH BY ELECTION you have a choice between five political parties, a Haywards Heath resident and:**

**5**

**Tom O'HARA**

**X**

**TRULY INDEPENDENT, LOCAL & EXPERIENCED**

## What makes me tick...

I can directly relate to poor quality housing and lack of adequate low cost homes. As a child and teenager I lived in a run down rented terraced house with an outside loo and without running hot water until I was in my early 20's. A council house would have been a 'luxury'. New houses must meet the needs of today – not what developers want.

I experienced redundancy and unemployment in my early 50's, being told I was too old and over experienced and I know how hard it has been for my children to find full-time employment. A good education counts for little if there are too few job vacancies.

With volunteering in decline, I am concerned about the survival of many local organisations – particularly those for youth and the aged. I have a 'soft spot' for the Boys' Brigade, which had a big influence on my outlook to life. I believe it is important to 'put something back' into the community.

The Citizens Advice Bureau is very close to my heart. More and more people are turning to the CAB for help and advice – more so if it becomes the frontline service for trading standards. I am very concerned at the recent hard-nosed central and local government austerity measures that have dramatically reduced funding to the point where the CAB in Burgess Hill is constantly struggling. Just what is happening to David Cameron's Big Society when gift tax relief is being capped and 'political correctness' and 'health and safety' measures go way beyond good old common sense?

**VOTE X  
INDEPENDENT  
VOTE X  
TOM O'HARA**

**MEEDS NORTH WARD – 10th May**