

Keeping You Informed

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My Councillor Website provides residents with a wealth of information that includes details of:

- ◆ How I can help you as a Councillor
- ◆ An A to Z of help available from local and national organisations
- ◆ Funds available for residents in need
- ◆ How to go about reporting a multitude of issues to the relevant Local Authorities

If you haven't taken a look it's well worth visiting

Amphill.Info

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My Website and associated Facebook (2000+ 'likes') and Twitter (1000+ 'followers') pages for Amphill have been keeping residents up-to-date with the latest developments for many years

Amphill.Biz

w: www.amphill.biz

Developed on a voluntary basis to promote the town's shops and businesses on behalf of Amphill Chamber of Trade

Amphill App

Created to keep you informed on your smart phone

Amphill Welcome Pack

A resource for new and old residents with a wealth of useful information. Download both the pack and app from www.amphill.info

Be Independent on 7th May 2015

Vote for

Mark Smith

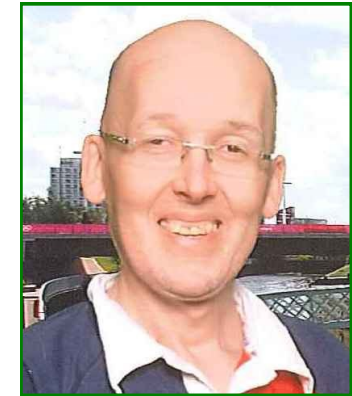
Amphill's Independent Candidate for Central Beds

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Be Independent Vote for Mark Smith



7th May 2015

to represent **Amphill** on
Central Beds Council

**Your Candidate with
a Proven Track
Record of
Community Service**

Tired of Petty Party Politics?

**Then vote for your
Independent candidate with
your community at heart**

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My Proven Track Record of Community Service

- ◆ I'm 52 years old and a lifelong resident of Ampthill. After severe illness during the 1990's I have been passionate about doing more for my community
- ◆ I work for a Local Community Development Charity
- ◆ I've served Ampthill in the following capacities over the past 18 years:
 - ⇒ Ampthill Town Mayor (2005/2006)
 - ⇒ Ampthill Town Councillor (1997 to 2015)
 - ⇒ Mid Bedfordshire District Councillor (2007 to 2009)
 - ⇒ Central Bedfordshire Councillor (2011 to 2015)
- ◆ I'm a Trustee/Committee Member of local voluntary groups that include:
 - ⇒ Ampthill and District Good Neighbours – Founder and Chairman of this community care scheme, whereby those that can help voluntarily offer assistance to those in need in Ampthill and Maulden
 - ⇒ Ampthill and Flitwick Timebank - Founding member and Chairman of this new initiative for the area, where members can exchange their skills and the currency is time
 - ⇒ Ampthill Festival - Committee member for over 15 years
 - ⇒ Mid Beds Citizens Advice Service - Volunteer and now trustee

Why be Independent on 7th May when you cast your vote?

- ◆ 99% of people do not belong to political parties
- ◆ Whilst other candidates' allegiances may lie first with their party and second with their community, an Independent will place interests of their community first.



The authority can be arrogant, complacent, self-congratulatory and deceitful as typified by:

- ◆ The debacle over the failed adoption of an acceptable Gypsy and Travellers plan - with the distress that this caused to many communities
- ◆ The non-payment of the Government Localisation of Council Tax Support Scheme (LCTSS) Mitigation Grant to Parish Councils - this has assisted Central Beds Council in keeping their element of council tax down, whilst foisting cuts on to the parishes with the result that many parish precepts are set to rise.

These examples go to the heart of why the authority needs independent scrutiny



w: www.independents4centralbeds.org.uk.

The existing group of seven Independent Councillors currently form the opposition on Central Beds Council. The hope with this election is that this number will be boosted.

Watch the Independents for Central Beds Video at:

- ◆ YouTube: <https://youtu.be/2PRPj0Xyzxl>



Having served on Ampthill Town Council since 1997 and as a lifelong resident of the town, I have a keen understanding of the issues that affect our fabulous community, namely:

- ◆ **Parking** - I am supportive of the Town Council's efforts to develop a parking strategy and it is indeed hoped that the new Church Street Car Park will be part of that solution
- ◆ **Over-Development of the Town** - with recent permissions, development in the town has reached its limit in my view and I will fight any future development
- ◆ **Helping our Fellow Neighbours** - Ampthill is a really go-ahead community with a wonderful community spirit, as witnessed by volunteers from the town year on year staging the fantastic Ampthill Festival and other community events. I've tried to play my small part in developing the Ampthill Good Neighbours scheme that has just celebrated its 9th anniversary of assisting residents in need. Plus, with others in the town I'm in the process of developing the Ampthill and Flitwick Timebank, which will benefit our communities

I have assisted residents with a variety of issues over the past four years and will endeavour to do so to the best of my ability over the next four years if re-elected

Vote

Mark Smith
Independent

and only Vote

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If you want to ensure you have Independent Representation on Central Beds Council