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We Deliver! Three Stars and Council Tax Rise is Less Than Inflation



Local Campaigner, Peter Smallbone, celebrates the Three Star Award with Alistair Bert MR, Conservative Deputy Chairman



Until the Conservative-led Council took office in 2004, the Audit Commission had **never** awarded Birmingham any stars. We also had **underperforming** Housing and Social Services. This year marks another fantastic milestone in the continuing transformation of the Council with the Audit Commission awarding Birmingham **three stars** for the very first time. This is despite a **below-inflation** Council Tax rise of **1.9%**.

Local Conservative Campaigner, **Peter Smallbone**, is delighted, he says: "Another great result for the Conservative-led Council



Your Quinton Conservative Team (clockwise from top left) Parliamentary Candidate, Cllr. Dairine Alden, Cllr. Len Clark, Cllr. Jane Jones and Local Campaigner Peter Smallbone

policies, the right team and plenty of hard work, **we can keep delivering for the people of Quinton**. And improved services needn't mean increased Council Tax - a below-inflation rise gives you **value for**

Save Quinton's Post Offices!

Bulk Refuse Collection Update

Quinton's Conservative Campaigner, **Peter Smallbone**, has some important news about the **bulk refuse collection**. He says:

I'm pleased to announce that we've had **four years** of bulk refuse collections throughout Quinton Ward. Many local residents have told me how valuable the scheme is and I realise what a difference it can make. However, **the Government is abolishing the funding** that makes this scheme possible. Although there is some new funding coming along, the Government still hasn't told us whether we'll be allowed to use it for bulk refuse collections in the future. **We're doing everything we can to continue this important service - we'll keep you informed of progress.**



Your Quinton Conservative Team collecting signatures outside a local Post Office on Court Oak Road

March sees the arrival of officials from Post Office HQ - they will decide whether any of the planned **2,500 Post Office closures** will be in Birmingham.

Local Campaigner, **Peter Smallbone** is trying his best to make sure Quinton won't be affected. We're already underserved for Post Offices compared with some other cities - Manchester has nearly **twice as many** per person as Birmingham! It's not fair that they



Peter collects another signature from a local resident outside the Post Office on World's End Lane

should be cutting back even more. We've organised a petition to let these officials know the local strength of feeling on this vital issue. Quinton has four Post Offices, and I want **all of them** to stay open for business."

Would you like to help save Quinton's Post Offices? Get in touch with Peter on 643 6478 or email peter@petersmallbone.com.

Useful Information

Local Campaigner Peter Smallbone: 643 6478 or www.petersmallbone.com

Cllr Jane James: 423 1559

Cllr Len Clark: 684 0814

Parliamentary Spokesman Cllr Deirdre Alden: 427 2681 or www.deirdrealden.com

Police (non-emergencies): 0845 113 5000 (emergencies: 999)

Rose Road Police Station: www.west-midlands.police.uk/roseroad

Refuse, street cleaning, bulk waste, abandoned cars: 303 1112

Council Recycling: 303 1935 or www.birmingham.gov.uk/recycling



Local Campaigner, Peter Smallbone, with Quinton Councillor, Jane James, inspecting the building work

New Police Post for Quinton

Local Conservative Campaigner, **Peter Smallbone**, is pleased to announce that the long-awaited Police Post in the **Welsh House Farm area** is nearing completion.

Peter says: "We're keen to **reduce crime and anti-social behaviour** in Quinton. In partnership with the local Police, we're building a Police Post in **Blandford Road**, between **West Boulevard** and **Welsh House Farm Road**. This will greatly improve the Police presence in this part of Quinton. We're sure this will benefit local families and the community. **We're working hard for all of Quinton Ward.**"

Let's Get Those Alleyways Clean!



Local Conservative Campaigner, Peter Smallbone, hard at work

Along with the local Conservative 'Hit Squad', Quinton Campaigner, **Peter Smallbone**, recently rolled up his sleeves and got another alleyway spick and span.

Peter says: "Local residents use alleyways a lot and I think that they should be kept just as clean as pavements. We paid a visit to the alleyway between **Quinton Road West, West Boulevard and First Meadow Piece** to give it the once-over. We collected lots of bags of rubbish which we took away and disposed of. We hope you like the results!"



Hit Squad member, James Bird - lots of full rubbish bags and a clean alleyway



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