



Councillor Richard Bell

As one of your local labour Councillors I thought it important to provide you with some details about Richard the person, rather than the usual party slogans that don't mean a lot to most people.

Born and educated locally, having lived all my life in our local community. I left my local comprehensive school in 1976, taking up my first job with L.W. Evans LTD where I became a time served joiner. My hobbies include Gardening and football – being a life long Sunderland Supporter and season ticket holder.

I was first elected to represent our local community on the city council in 2000, at the age of 40, with the aim of improving the local area and local environment. During my time on the council I have supported many local community groups, securing funding to help them in their work. Recently, with my ward colleagues, I have fought and secured funding to rebuild Redhouse and Castle View secondary schools.

During my time on the council I have developed a closer relationship with the local police task force and community groups, resulting in the concerns of residents being addressed – for example arranging an alcohol ban around some of our shopping parades and have been instrumental in securing funding to equip local police patrols with state of the art video camera equipment, which is used regularly on foot patrols within our community.

I am currently Chair of Highways & Planning having previously served for a number of years as chair of Sunderland North Area Committee.

Those people who know me are aware that I am prepared to campaign for the local community within which I live and I give you an assurance that this will continue for as long as you maintain your confidence in me.

Yours sincerely

Richard