

# RICHARD ROBINSON

for South Derbyshire



*A strong voice to serve all our communities*



Richard pictured with his family (left to right, daughter Laura, wife Sarah, Richard and son Joseph).

## **Just a little more about Richard**

- Richard first stood as a Parliamentary Candidate in Charnwood, Leicestershire in 2005 and took 2500 votes off the Tories, achieving the 4<sup>th</sup> lowest swing throughout the whole of the East Midlands. These figures were confirmed by statisticians in the House of Commons Library.
- At borough and county council level, Richard has fought and won elections in 1991, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003 and 2007. In 2003 and 2007 Richard topped the poll in his 3-member borough council ward.
- Born in Derbyshire & lived in Allestree (Derby) from 1962 to 1973.
- Married to Sarah, two children, Laura aged 16 and Joseph aged 12.
- Graduate of Nottingham Trent University.
- Drummer & percussionist – toured with Mal Pope, Esther Alexander & Phil Baguley on the Strands of Gold Tour 2004.  
See [http://www.goldrecords.co.uk/albuminf/Strands\\_of\\_Gold.htm](http://www.goldrecords.co.uk/albuminf/Strands_of_Gold.htm)
- Richard is a Leeds United Fanatic.
- Richard has a dry sense of humour (being a Leeds United fan, that comes with the territory).

See Richard on **YouTube** :- <http://www.youtube.com/richardsrobinson> - Labour Party Conference Speech 2007, and appearing live with Johnny Vaughan and Westlife when he was a Parliamentary Candidate at the last General Election.

Richard's on **facebook** :- <http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=686163968>

## What sort of Labour MP would Richard be in South Derbyshire?

Firstly, I'd like to tackle the issue of antisocial behaviour and make a real difference in communities in South Derbyshire. I know from campaigning in the Church Gresley by-election, and from my own council experience, that two of the most common complaints from people are about antisocial behaviour and the lack of respect shown by some youngsters. Ideally I'd like to see a community police officer in every school.

Secondly, I'd like to help improve regeneration in the constituency. As one of the fastest growing areas in the country, the demands on public services, housing, public transport and local facilities are extremely high, with competing demands for resources from neighbouring constituencies very prominent. Alongside the "Respect" agenda, therefore, I would really like to concentrate a lot of my focus and efforts on ensuring that our towns and villages throughout the South Derbyshire constituency can flourish.

One of the issues that I'm extremely passionate about is increasing the availability of public transport, especially for those who are elderly and disadvantaged. I have pioneered a new flagship bus service in Broxtowe, linking over 6,000 constituents with the tram network in Nottingham, working closely with my MP Nick Palmer. I have led the negotiations with private sector funders who have provided significant funding for a service set to start 3rd October this year. I would like to put to use the extensive experience I have gained here to tackle some of the undoubted challenges throughout the South Derbyshire constituency.

As your Labour MP I would:

- ✓ Work relentlessly to help win back Labour control of South Derbyshire District Council
- ✓ Make use of new technology to keep in touch with South Derbyshire constituents on a frequent basis
- ✓ Campaign all year round
- ✓ Champion the cause of the disadvantaged in South Derbyshire



*Richard pictured right with Tim Stockdale - Managing Director of Newton Fallowell Estate Agents in Swadlincote.*

Tim says, "Richard's got a great sense of purpose, drive and determination, which I've witnessed at first hand in previous elections! I've known Richard for over 20 years now and have followed his political career with interest.

I have no doubt that he'll prove to be a formidable campaigner & first class Labour MP for South Derbyshire".

## Three Labour MP's give their views on Richard:



**Patricia Hewitt MP for Leicester West**

*"I know Richard as someone who works tremendously hard and is a fine ambassador for the Labour Party in the East Midlands. He's very committed to his work and also manages to maintain a good sense of humour."*



**Geoff Hoon MP for Ashfield**

*"I have known Richard for a number of years and have always found him to be a man of integrity. I believe working alongside an MP has given him valuable experience. Also Richard's ability to correspond with constituents is excellent, as I have witnessed first hand when on occasion we have taken surgeries together in Eastwood. I am sure if selected he will be a credit to South Derbyshire."*



**Nick Palmer MP for Broxtowe**

*"I'd honestly recommend Richard for South Derbyshire. The seat needs someone who is good at producing good customised pitches to all the little town and villages in the patch, and Richard does that to perfection"*