

I have attended all the Northumberland County Council South East Area meetings over the last 3-4 years, have a better attendance record than the sitting councillor and spoke at most, always promoting and putting the needs of Bedlington first.

I have also taken part in all major consultations for NCC including Economic Policy, Parking, Local Development Framework and Core Strategy, as well as many national ones too.

Over the last couple of years I have trained in mentoring, both social mentoring and business/entrepreneurial mentoring, community development, environmental sustainability training, procurement and commissioning training, social enterprise training, community spaces regeneration training, VCS board management training and winning bids and tenders. These are the sorts of expertise I made available to the community groups I work with in an effort to make the Bedlington groups **sustainable and successful**.

I was one of the principles behind Bedlington's pre-Olympic Torch parade which the BBC came up and covered. I worked with Leading Link and the Salvation Army to deliver some of their events last year and successfully applied to HLF for funding to roll out an ambitious Heritage project for Bedlington. As part of that heritage project I found the old coat of arms for Bedlington, commissioned by BUDC and last seen over 40yrs ago.

Time it was seen again I think!



*Bedlington and the Shire, steeped in history and heritage, an attractive small market town, its own international brand, easy transport links to Newcastle, deep water port, good schools, central hub for the Towns around, a community willing to engage and yet almost contemptuously under-invested in by various local and now Unitary authorities.*

*It's difficult to understand why we haven't seen the likes of a sports or leisure center built here given the amount of funding being paid out by Bedlington residents in various taxes. I also wonder what happened to all that planning gain money, which must run into many millions of pounds, the developers had to pay for the privilege of building the newish estates in Bedlington? Much has been said about the money from the Golf Club sale (£500,000) but that pales into insignificance alongside the **MILLION POUNDS** Tesco reputedly paid for the gap site and the car park, where has all that gone?*

*A principle common denominator is the fact that, by and large, the same elected officials are in place.  
**Time for a harsh judgment on their performance!***

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**BEDLINGTON**  
not for politics



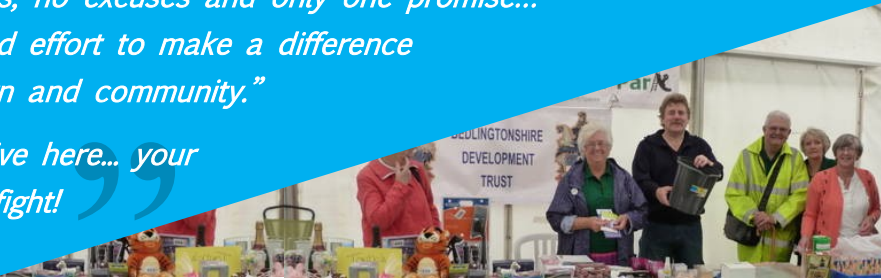
vote  
**INDEPENDENT**  
vote for  
**MALCOLM ROBINSON**  
on Thursday 2nd May



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*“No apologies, no excuses and only one promise...  
a determined effort to make a difference  
for our Town and community.”*

*Like you I live here... your  
fight is my fight!*”



*“*vote for  
**BEDLINGTON**  
*not for politics”*

*“Bedlington has always voted along party political lines,  
but isn't it time for a change?”*

*Under Wansbeck District Council we were third in line  
behind Ashington and Newbiggin. Under Northumberland  
County Council, third place is a pipedream!*

*With some difficult decisions coming up in the next  
3-4 years, we need someone fighting Bedlington's corner.*

*Vote for someone NOT beholden to a political party,  
someone who doesn't have to clear whatever they want to  
say with a party official first, someone who can cast a vote  
because of the merits of the argument not because they  
have been instructed to do so and someone who can put  
the needs of Bedlington first and foremost  
without fear or favour.”*



*in short, vote for...*

**MALCOLM  
ROBINSON**

*on Thursday 2nd May*

**YOUR TRULY INDEPENDENT LOCAL CANDIDATE**

A lot of people living in Bedlington will know me from the 20 odd years I spent running Bedlington Auto Spares on Glebe Road; a business which I hope became synonymous with giving unbeatable value for money for Bedlington residents.

For the last 3 years I have worked with various local and countywide community groups lending a hand wherever needed.



In taking the lead and presenting the public face for Bedlingtonshire Development Trust I have been uncompromisingly proactive, as our first YouTube video promised. We produced 3 videos, “Everyone is talking about Bedlington”, “Another Bedlington Video” and “Queen Elizabeth 11 Fields in Trust.” Just go to [www.youtube.com/bedlingtonshiredt](http://www.youtube.com/bedlingtonshiredt) to view them.

Gallagher Park, always a bone of contention because of a lack of facilities there, after carrying out a community consultation with nearly 4000 replies, we now have a dedicated group looking at developing the Park in response to the replies which came forward.



*The Trust also brought IT training to help  
Bedlington residents and saw around  
60 people through the courses.*



*Not only having it now listed as a Queen  
Elizabeth II Park, we also won a national  
award for Gallagher Park.*