

STOP ROTHERHAM HOSPITAL CUTS

SAVE LOCAL NHS SERVICES

The Con-Dem government are trying to wreck our National Health Service through vicious cuts and more privatisation.

Overpaid bosses at Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust want to slash £50 million over the next 3 years by closing beds, shutting wards and getting rid of 750 jobs.

While front-line NHS staff face redundancy, we learn that:

- *£680,000 was lost through an email scam
- *the patients records IT system installed for £50 million still doesn't work
- *nearly £3 million has been paid to private consultants in the last 3 years
- *and a financial consultant is still being paid at least £150,000 a day



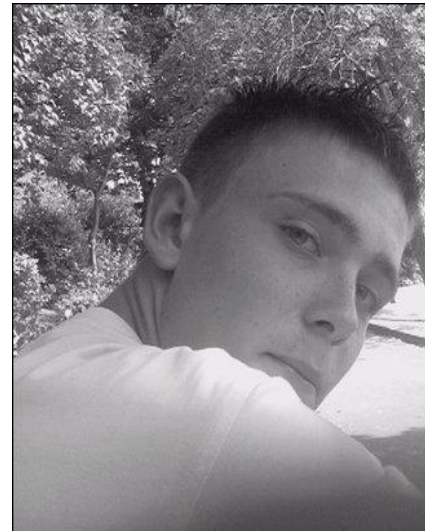
Joe (front centre), with TUSC petitions at Lobby of Trust board at Rotherham hospital in January

The Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition (TUSC) collected over 3,000 signatures against these cuts. **Joe** presented the petitions to the Trust board at a protest at the hospital last month. And TUSC are working with the trade unions and the public to build a mass campaign to save our local hospital services.

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MALTBY TOWN COUNCIL

Maltby North ward, by-election Thursday 7th March



JOE ROBINSON was born in Maltby and still lives here with his young family. Joe is almost 21 years old and works as a plater/welder. He has been active in the campaign to save Rotherham hospital from the brutal cuts announced before Christmas. Joe has also twice protested against racism and the far-right at Unite Against Fascism rallies in Rotherham.

Joe says: “A quarter of Maltby’s population has left in the last ten years. Now the pit has shut with the loss of 550 jobs. Maltby needs young people and young people need a future. As a young person myself, I feel that I can shake up the Town Council from its complacency.

“Maltby has always been Labour but the Labour Party seem to take people and their votes for granted. If I get elected, I will be a voice for you on the council not tied to a party line, and I will work WITH and FOR the community.

“I come from a socialist family but all I’ve known in my life is ‘New’ Labour who don’t seem much different to the Tories to me. That’s why I’m a Socialist Party member and I am standing for the Trades Unionist and Socialist Coalition (TUSC) in this by-election.”

Vote JOE ROBINSON
Trade Unionists and Socialists Against Cuts



WHAT'S THE POINT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL?

- Labour didn't want this by-election to even take place. They were just going to co-opt one of their own on to the town council. But **Joe Robinson** found out that there was a vacancy and got the 10 signatures to force an election.
- **There's no point in having a town council if nobody knows when it meets or what it does!**

If elected I would demand greater transparency with the public, as at present the website reports very little and even less in a timely fashion. The MTC notice boards around Maltby are also poorly maintained with meetings not appearing on them and old notices remaining up for far too long. Maltby Town Council should speak for the community, but that is difficult when most people have no easy access to information. I would seek weekly updates to the web page and notice boards.

- **The public closure of our bowling greens and tennis courts:**
If elected I would press for the reversal of this decision using available funds from the councils contingency budget, as I feel that the bowling greens are valuable as a place of socialising for the primarily older community that use them.
- **The condition of our local parks:** If elected I will seek to improve the condition of all parks in Maltby. I feel that our parks need to be cleaned up and better maintained, I will site some examples: the shelter on the Manor park, the general condition of Coronation park (graffiti, broken apparatus etc.) I want to have each park cleaned and an assessment carried out for repairs.

STANDING UP AGAINST TORY CUTS

Cameron, Osborne and Clegg are making working-class and middle-class people pay the price for the bankers' greed and speculation. The Coalition govt plan austerity cuts until at least 2018. Whilst the rich get richer, we suffer redundancies, pay freeze, benefit cuts, 'bedroom' tax, and cuts to our NHS, education and council services.

Rotherham Labour Council has passed on these cuts shedding hundreds of jobs and closing youth centres and libraries. Instead of doing the Tories' dirtywork, councillors should be standing up to the government and representing the local people who elected them.

If elected, Joe and TUSC will vote and organise campaigns against the cuts at Maltby Town Council and Rotherham Borough Council.

Who and what is TUSC?

The Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition (TUSC) was established in early 2010 to enable trade unionists, socialist and community campaigners to come together to stand candidates in elections to provide a fighting alternative to the mainstream parties.

TUSC is supported by the rail union RMT and its General Secretary Bob Crow, as well as other socialists and trade unionists.

TUSC have stood candidates in Rotherham council elections for the last two years and stood a candidate in the Rotherham parliamentary by-election last November after Denis MacShane had to resign for fiddling his expenses.

In Rotherham, TUSC has spearheaded the campaign against the drastic cuts being proposed in Rotherham Hospital services (see overleaf).

If you want further info or would like to help Joe's campaign, please ring Rotherham TUSC on 07706710041 and/or visit www.tusc.org.uk