



# **Unionist**

## **ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY**

**Templepatrick**

**Danny Kinahan**

Danny Kinahan is your MLA since June 2009 and, along with Councillors Mervyn Rea and Paul Michael, has continually worked hard on all aspects raised by those of you living in and around Templepatrick.

**Planning** - There have been many planning issues in Templepatrick from large developments such as the ones on Lyle Hill Road or the Castleton apartments and on smaller developments such as those at the Masonic Hall and in the Village itself. We have tried at all times to protect the village both by protecting its height limit on the main road, and by controlling the number of apartments being built. The planning system is about to change so that the community has more say and power in the decisions and I hope you will all play your part.

**Templepatrick Action – Masterplan** - It was excellent to see such a good turnout at the Templepatrick Action Group/Antrim Council's recent meeting and I hope it is the start of many more taking part in the great work that this community group does.

**Speeding and roads** - The large number of cars (17,500 per day) creates numerous problems for the village. Roads Service have indicated that a direct M2/International Airport road is unlikely to happen in the near future but it needs to be planned for the long term future. Pressure has been kept up at all times to keep the roads properly maintained. (Please keep raising these matters as Roads Service do their best to respond within their resources)

**Transport/Infrastructure** – We desperately need better transport between the airport, Belfast and Larne, which does not pass always through Templepatrick. Roads Service indicate it is 20-30 years away but by then it will be too late. We need the rail line improved and the park and ride at the Ballymartin stop has been mothballed. I have pushed continually in the DRD committee for increased park and ride facilities.

**Bonfire** – There were many complaints about the bonfire and the tyre pile built at the Twelfth holiday last year. I am working with those involved to try and find a site away from the village and school where, if wished, an enjoyable bonfire evening can be held.

**Chestnut Trees** – The sad need to fell the 200+ year old chestnut trees at the lights mean we need to try and replace them or make better use of the stumps as seats or flower pots.

**Crime** – After the theft of the ATM machine at the Milestone (the 16<sup>th</sup> to be stolen), we pushed for extra vigilance to be kept on JCBs, means to track stolen money etc. It is sad to see our village portrayed as a place of crime. We work closely with the PSNI at all times and I am sure you have always appreciated their help too.

**Paradise Walk** – The footpath now exists to Parkgate and in time we need to improve walking routes around the other rural roads.

**Six Mile River** – In the last four years we have had four pollution incidents and the River Trust and anglers need everyone's help to watch the river so that it does not reoccur.

Templepatrick and its surrounding area is very special to me and I encourage anyone to contact me with problems, queries or suggestions.

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