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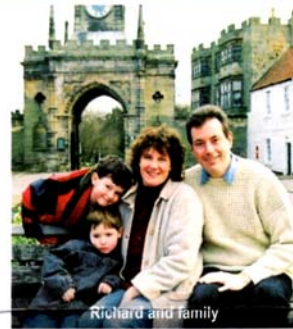
# ACTION FOR BISHOP AUCKLAND

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## LOCAL MAN FIGHTS SEAT

Last year Richard Bell was selected by Local Conservatives to contest this seat at the General Election, beating off competition from two London hopefuls. Richard said then: "Labour takes people here for granted,

and has not delivered, particularly on jobs. How many manufacturing jobs have to be lost in Spennymoor before they take responsibility? I will fight to get more done. We need quality employment here paying good wages."



"I pledge to work to improve services at our hospital"

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## Fighting to Improve Hospital Services

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Bishop Auckland Hospital cost £67million, yet its services were under threat as soon as it was built.

In June 2001 Derek Foster MP assured us that it would continue to provide a full range of medical and clinical services. Back then it had already lost full Accident & Emergency cover. Since then, following the Darzi report, and despite a 10,000 name petition, it has lost its special care baby unit, leaving only the midwife-led delivery service.

It's a concern how many people have to travel to Durham or Darlington for treatment these days. The inconvenience is even worse for patients in upper Weardale or Teesdale. I pledge to work to improve services at our hospital.

