

Scottish Senior Citizens Unity Party

The party was formed on 3rd February 2003, after John Swinburne had heard Labour Minister Andrew Smith saying ; *'If you want a decent pension then work longer and save harder'*, at a conference in December 2002. So incensed was he that he contacted the Electoral Commission to find out how he could start a party. The start of the SSCUP.

Eleven weeks after formation John stood in the 2003 Scottish Elections on 1st May against Jack McConnell in the Motherwell and Wishaw Constituency. He polled 1597 votes and saved his deposit coming 5th behind the Lib Dems and close behind the SSP.

He also stood as a List Candidate for Central Scotland. Polling 17,146 votes and elected as a List M.S.P. this time beating the Lib Dems and the Greens.

The Party stood in 3 regions, the others being West of Scotland where we recorded 7100 votes and in Glasgow 4750. With a party formed 11 weeks previous, polling 28,996 votes with an expenditure of just over £3,000 and very few members.