

Elmbridge Borough Council Elections: THURSDAY 5 MAY 2016

**GLENN DEARLOVE
LEWIS BROWN
BARRY CHEYNE**



**Your local choice for
Oatlands Park & Burwood Park**



Conservatives

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Dear Resident

We have had the honour of representing the residents of Elmbridge on the Borough Council for a combined total of over forty years. We hope that we have been able to help many of you with your concerns, your queries, your complaints and, occasionally, your frustrations about what is happening in your Borough.



We are writing to you now to ask for your support this year at these very crucial local elections so that we can continue working on your behalf. There is much to do in these difficult times to ensure that you receive the very best value for money from the Council Tax you pay.

We look forward to your support on 5th May so we can go forward together for the sake of all residents of Oatlands and Burwood Park.

Glenn Dearlove

Lewis Brown

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Our priorities

- 1** We will continue to resist over-development of our Borough but strive to ensure adequate and proper housing for residents whilst protecting the Green Belt and other amenities.
- 2** We will continue to work with the police and other agencies to ensure that crime continues to fall and that those responsible for crime will be apprehended.
- 3** We will continue to bring pressure to bear on the Highways Authority to properly repair and maintain our roads.
- 4** We will work to continue the improvement of our waste and recycling performance.
- 5** We will serve only in the best interest of all our residents and will always be available and accountable to them.



About Glenn

Glenn has served as a councillor for Weybridge and Elmbridge for 16 years. He has lived in Weybridge for 42 years and presently resides in Oatlands and has run a professional business in Weybridge since 1977. He loves Weybridge, he wants to continue his commitment to Elmbridge and ensure it's the best place to live. He is a Cabinet Member for the Environment which includes the excellent refuse and recycling service. His aim is to improve this service further and increase the re-cycling rate. Glenn is an active charity fund raiser, including organising charity golf events for a number of mayors.

About Lewis

Lewis has lived in the Walton and Weybridge area all his life and attended Cleves and Rydens schools. He was elected to represent Oatlands Park on Elmbridge Borough Council in 2014 and has served on the West Area Planning Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

He works in digital marketing, has been appointed to the Surrey Museums Consultative Committee, and grew up playing for local rugby side University (now Weybridge) Vandals.

About Barry

Barry has been an Elmbridge resident for 50 years and an elected Member of Elmbridge Council for twenty two years representing Hersham South and subsequently Oatlands Park since 2000. He has served on most of the Council's Committees and is currently Chairman of the West Area and Full Planning Committees. He served as Mayor of the Borough in 2010/11. Barry is very active elsewhere in the community, being President of St John Ambulance Weybridge, Chairman of Governors at Oatlands School, Trustee and past Chairman of Walton Charity, Chairman of the Elmbridge Sports Council and a Trustee of other local charities.

LOCAL ISSUES, LOCAL ACTION, LOCAL CONSERVATIVES

CONSERVATIVE ELMBRIDGE - LET'S KEEP MOVING FORWARD

ELMBRIDGE IN SAFE HANDS



OUR PLEDGES TO YOU

WE WILL

- ✓ Continue to work hard as Conservatives to provide excellent services and value for money for our residents.
- ✓ Work closely with residents and community groups to oppose inappropriate development and seek to protect the character of our borough whilst striving to ensure adequate and proper housing for all those who live in our borough.
- ✓ Promote and support a vibrant and successful business, retail and social environment in our town centres.
- ✓ Proactively engage with and support our community and voluntary sector partners.
- ✓ Above all, listen to our residents and act upon your concerns and needs.

YOUR CONSERVATIVE COUNCIL

As Conservatives we believe in value for money as well as open, transparent and effective democracy. That is why as Conservatives we have eliminated unnecessary and wasteful expenditure from Elmbridge Borough Council achieving savings of nearly £10 million over the past 7 years. We have also delivered on our pledge to reduce the size of the Council (it had the most elected Councillors in Surrey). This is why the whole Council is up for election. We will continue to look for ways of streamlining your Council.

Elmbridge continues to be not only one of the highest performing Councils in the country but also one of the most sought after boroughs to live in. Conservative councillors will do all they can to maintain our residents' quality of life by keeping increases in council tax to the minimum, investing in your borough, opposing inappropriate development and continuing to deliver high quality efficient services to our residents.

This year will see a reduction in central government funding of £550k which is 28% less than we received last year (Elmbridge now receives just £21 towards the £125 annual spend per resident). To cover a proportion of that shortfall we are having to increase the Elmbridge element of the Council Tax by £3.93 per year for a Band D household. This will ensure we can continue to deliver those vital services you rightly expect from your Council.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Since taking control of the council we have

- Invested in the improvement of our town centres through grants from the Elmbridge Civic Improvement Fund.
- Achieved zero Borough Council Tax increases in 7 out of the last 10 years (the Residents' Political Parties put up taxes in 12 out of 13 years).
- Given local communities access to funding for improvements to their locality through the Community Infrastructure Levy.
- Increased funding to the voluntary sector and provided use of the Elmbridge Community Hub.
- Worked closely with our partners to provide in excess of 1000 affordable homes in the borough.
- Put the Council on a strong financial footing with robust governance and accountability.
- Seen the level of residents' satisfaction with our services rise to an all time high of 88%.
- Planned to start the building of a state-of-the-art Sports Hub in Walton.
- Reviewed all key contracts - for example, waste collection, maintenance of green spaces and CCTV monitoring - to deliver the best value for money.
- Pursued joint working with other local authorities, Surrey Police and key stakeholders to provide more effective services.



CARING AND CAMPAIGNING IN OATLANDS PARK & BURWOOD PARK

PARKING IN OATLANDS

One of the major problems we have experienced for many years in Oatlands is indiscriminate parking around our schools at drop-off and pick-up times. This has always been particularly bad in Oatlands Avenue and neighbouring roads around Cleves School to the point of creating a danger to both children and local residents. With the projected expansion of the school it is certain that the situation will deteriorate even further.

We have been in constant contact with Cleves School and with Surrey County Council ever since the proposed expansion was considered and we have made strenuous efforts to ensure that alternative arrangements are made in order to ease this long-standing problem. We believe that our representations have not been in vain and the School and the County Council are actively examining new traffic management arrangements including introducing parking restrictions in Oatlands Chase and creating a second "off road" drop-off point.



PLANNING

Of all the functions that the Borough Council exercises, Planning is probably one of the most important and often one of the most controversial.

Recently Oatlands and Burwood Park have seen their fair share of contentious planning decisions. In Oatlands it has been the proliferation of flatted developments whilst in Burwood it has been the destruction of period houses and the development of larger properties in their place. We, your candidates at this election, have not previously had the pleasure of serving the residents of Burwood but our record shows that wherever possible we have tried to resist inappropriate and over-development in Oatlands and Weybridge. As a result we have often been able to refuse or amend planning applications that we felt have fallen below the standards we would wish to see maintained in our wards. We believe that homes are needed and we welcome good sustainable development in Oatlands and Burwood Park as we do across the whole of Elmbridge.



SUCCESSFUL WASTE COLLECTION

Elmbridge currently enjoys the benefit of an excellent waste collection service of which the Borough is justly proud. The current recycling target for 2016 of 52% has already been achieved and there is now a further initiative, which is already underway, to improve our food waste collection service and this is already showing significant results. With our new joint waste contract with other neighbouring Boroughs and Districts, we aim to further improve our services and expand the types of waste to be recycled.

One of your candidates at this election, Glenn Dearlove, in his position of Portfolio Holder for the Environment has led all of these initiatives from the front and his tenacity has shown outstanding results for the benefits of the residents of the Borough, and the other candidates have been pleased to give him their strong support.



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