

Elmbridge Borough Council Elections: THURSDAY 5 MAY 2016

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**Your local choice for
Hinchley Wood & Weston Green**



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**Hinchley Wood & Weston Green
Conservatives**

Dear Resident

We are honoured to have been chosen as your Conservative candidates in the new Ward of Hinchley Wood and Weston Green at the forthcoming election. If successful, we will always defend the great quality of life in our local area including our open spaces, the ponds, the commons and local businesses.

Under the Conservatives, Elmbridge is flourishing. Services and the environment are of a consistently high standard and because the finances are well managed we have been able to freeze the borough portion of the Council Tax for 7 out of 10 years. Savings have been achieved with zero impact to frontline services or the grants the Council gives to voluntary organisations like Meals on Wheels – an enviable record few councils can match.

By electing Conservative Councillors on 5th May you will give Hinchley Wood and Weston Green an influential voice on the Conservative-led Elmbridge Council.

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About Martin

Martin is married with two teenagers and has lived here for 18 years. Weston Green, with its fine open spaces, is a good place to raise a family and he intends to keep it that way. A lawyer and public prosecutor for many years, he knows a few things about the causes of crime and is keen to work with the police to tackle all forms of offending. Martin also understands the need for good schools - both his children went to local ones - and he would do his best to secure these for our area. He wants to use his skills and experience to argue the case for Hinchley Wood & Weston Green in the council chamber.

About Craig

Craig has lived in Elmbridge since 2000 and, having recently moved to Weston Green, has played an increasingly active role in supporting the local community. He is married to Alexandra who has worked in Esher for over 15 years and has one son. As a former secondary school maths teacher, Craig is passionate about education and gets involved regularly with his two nieces who go to school in Molesey and Weybridge. He has enjoyed a successful career working within financial markets and now works in London as Commercial Director for a leading property business.

About Charlotte

Charlotte has lived all her life in Hinchley Wood and attended three local schools - Weston Green Prep School, St Paul's Primary School in Thames Ditton and Holy Cross in New Malden. She is currently studying Politics and International Relations at university. She is active in her university Conservative Association, serving on the committee and taking part in fundraising and campaigning in local and Parliamentary elections. Her charity work includes volunteering for Oxfam and fundraising for Mencap.

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.



OUR PRIORITIES FOR HINCHLEY WOOD AND WESTON GREEN

ACTION ON LOCAL ISSUES

Give Hinchley Wood and Weston Green a more influential voice. Your local Conservative team is well placed to work with our County Councillors, Borough Councillors and our local MP, to ensure action is taken on local issues such as getting our roads fixed.



A FRESH VOICE

Provide a fresh voice and a different viewpoint on the Council for Hinchley Wood and Weston Green.



PROTECT OUR OPEN SPACES

Oppose inappropriate development and help protect the Green Belt which is so close to this new Ward. We will always speak up if our open spaces are threatened as these are essential to the great quality of life that Hinchley Wood and Weston Green provide. Ensure our parks and green spaces remain safe, well tended and enjoyable places to visit.



LOCAL SUPPORT

Help build our local spirit, community organisations, services and businesses.



YOUTH & EDUCATION

Champion youth services in the Borough, at a time when many young families are moving into the Ward. Improve early years provision and youth services, and press for more primary and secondary school places.



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