

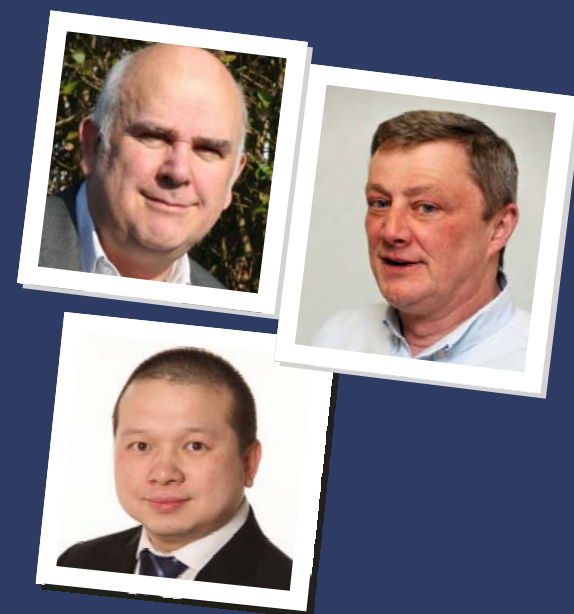
Claygate Matters



Elmbridge Borough Council Elections: THURSDAY 5 MAY 2016

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**FOR CLAYGATE, FOR YOU!
CLAYGATE CONSERVATIVES**



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Dear Resident,

We are proud to call Claygate our home. We strive to protect our wonderful Village and to make our community an even better place in which to live and work.

We seek to protect our Green Belt, open spaces and trees and woodlands. We will continue to partner closely with our County Councillor, Mike Bennison, to get even more of our roads and footpaths repaired and to press for more local, accessible school places. We pledge to work hard to promote a vibrant social, business and retail environment in Claygate, including protecting our Village car parks.

We will champion our community and voluntary organisations, fight to protect vital services, listen to residents and act upon your concerns. We will do all that we can to make a difference. Please do call or email any of us about any issues you wish to raise.

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Our priorities are to:

- Safeguard our Green Belt, open spaces, trees and woodlands and oppose out of character development.
- Get more roads, potholes and footpaths repaired and gullies and drains cleaned.
- Resist the sale of our Village car parks, lobby to reduce car park charges and tackle anti-social parking.
- Press for more primary and secondary school places.
- Support our local police to make Claygate even safer.
- Champion our community, its voluntary organisations and local businesses.
- Be guardians of the public purse, keeping local taxes increases to a minimum.
- Uphold vital community services for all, but especially the young, elderly and vulnerable.

Clearing tree damage from Church Road caused by the Easter storm



About Geoff

Geoff has lived in Claygate all his life and he has been closely involved in local matters for many years as a Parish and Borough Councillor. He has made Claygate's voice heard at borough and county level on development, parking and anti-social behaviour. He has responded to a wide range of residents' issues, including housing, trees, parking, planning and helping to arrange emergency transport during bus strikes. He is an active supporter of the Green Belt and strongly opposed to over-development in Claygate.

About Mark

Mark has lived in Claygate for nearly ten years, having friends who have lived in the Village for many years. He brings significant financial experience from his previous business career and a commitment to do the best for the community in which he lives. He knows that Claygate is a gem of a Village – it's independent minded, so is he. As a Parish Councillor, Recreation Ground Trustee and a member of a number of our local organisations, year round he listens and talks to residents and does his best to sort out local issues. He will continue to be a strong advocate to get the very best for Claygate.

About Xingang

Xingang is standing for Claygate because he wants to contribute further to the community in which he and his family live. Claygate is a Village which has its own unique spirit and soul and he is so proud to live here. He has worked with charities for many years and he is also a magistrate. His business background is in Public Transport Planning as an engineering consultant for National Rail, the Docklands Light Railway, London Buses and also in finance.

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OUR MANIFESTO FOR CLAYGATE - CARING AND CAMPAIGNING FOR ALL

SAFEGUARD OUR ENVIRONMENT

Claygate is a green and pleasant place in which to live and work - we want to keep it that way. We will work to influence the Elmbridge Local Plan in order to conserve our Green Belt, enhance protection for our open spaces, such as the Recreation Ground and 'Old Village Green' by the Hare and Hounds and to protect our trees and woodlands. We need new homes, but we will not support inappropriate development and we will push for faster, stronger Council enforcement against unlawful development.



Determined to preserve our Green Belt and open spaces

FIX OUR HIGHWAYS

We remain concerned about the state of our roads, footpaths, gullies and drains. Partnering with Mike, our County Councillor, we ensured that many Claygate roads were included in the £100 million Surrey County Council (SCC) project to resurface many of our worst, well travelled residential streets. Coverts Road, Common Road, Foley Road, Aston Road and The Avenue have been repaired. We are pleased that after pressure, SCC have announced a new £20 million dedicated programme to improve pavements. We expect utility companies to live up to their responsibilities and in particular we will continue to pressurise Thames Water to ensure that water leaks and drainage repairs in our roads are responded to and sorted quickly.



Working together to get our roads and pavements repaired

PROTECT OUR VILLAGE CAR PARKS

Our two Village car parks are vital community assets and we will oppose any plans either to sell them or to introduce charging on Sundays. Torrington Lodge behind the Co-op and Hare Lane by Champions are owned by Elmbridge Borough Council (EBC). We will engage with other Villages in the borough to lobby for one hour free parking in Village car parks - consistent with the one hour free on-street parking on The Parade and Hare Lane slip road.



We will defend our Village car parks

This could boost our local shops and relieve congestion. We will push SCC to undertake their on-street parking review to try to find an acceptable Claygate solution to tackle mainly out of Village, all day on-street commuter parking issues.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL POLICE

We will continue to partner with our local police, as they tackle crime and anti-social behaviour, to make Claygate even safer. Surrey Police are undergoing reorganisation and safer neighbourhood teams will become smaller. We want to ensure that our police continue to understand and act on local concerns and needs and that they retain a critical link to our community. We will do our best to assist, including supporting Neighbourhood Watch and Speed Watch.



Partnering with our local police to make Claygate even safer



We will seek more local, accessible school places

PRESS FOR MORE SCHOOL PLACES

The shortage of local, accessible school places is a major concern to many families and there is unprecedented demand on school admissions. Surrey County Council (SCC) have responded with the biggest school expansion programme in its history. However, it is imperative that more school places of choice, both primary and secondary, are made available

locally especially so that our children do not have to travel long distances to school due to poor transport links.

CHAMPION OUR COMMUNITY AND LOCAL BUSINESSES

We will always put the interests of Claygate first and continue to partner with and champion our many community organisations that work so tirelessly on behalf of our Village. We aim to ensure that our local businesses can take full advantage of schemes such as the Elmbridge Civic Improvement Fund (ECIF), a business grant scheme which offers money to local businesses to help attract more people to the area and boost the local economy. To date the fund, established by the Conservative led Council has provided over £1 million to local businesses and projects. An example being funding towards replacement heritage style lamp posts on The Parade.



We will promote our community organisations and local businesses

BE GUARDIANS OF THE PUBLIC PURSE, KEEPING LOCAL TAX RISES TO A MINIMUM

Your local Conservative led borough council has achieved savings of over £10 million in the past seven years and a zero borough Council tax increase in seven out of the last 10 years. It has increased funding for the voluntary sector, worked closely with partners to provide in excess of 1000 affordable homes and reviewed all key contracts. We will ensure that the borough Council tax paid by Claygate residents is spent wisely so that each penny works as hard as it can to deliver the best possible services.



Spend taxpayers money wisely to deliver the best services



Support our crucial voluntary services

UPHOLD VITAL COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR ALL

We will vigorously support Council funding of community services and applaud the role of the voluntary sector and volunteers. Council funding of the voluntary sector has helped hundreds of organisations over the years. Currently it provides support for 9 core organisations, including Voluntary Action Elmbridge, Esher and District Citizens Advice Bureau, Elmbridge Rentstart and Concern and Help for East Elmbridge Retired (CHEER).

Additionally, in 2014/15, the Annual Awards Panel made grants to 37 voluntary, community and faith sector organisations. Your borough council operates 7 Centres for the Community at a net annual cost of £1.3 million. Due to fantastic support from volunteers the Council is able to provide a 7 day a week Meals on Wheels service and in the last year prepared and delivered over 55,000 meals.

ON THURSDAY 5TH MAY - FOR CLAYGATE, FOR YOU! - LOCAL CONSERVATIVES