

# Elmbridge Borough Council Elections: THURSDAY 5 MAY 2016

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### Your local choice for Walton Central



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Dear Resident,

On 5 May you have the opportunity to vote for three people to represent you on Elmbridge Borough Council. This election is being fought on new boundaries after a successful request by Elmbridge Conservatives for a reduction in Councillor numbers from 60 to 48.

As Walton residents passionate about representing our town, we will be a strong team for the new Walton Central ward. We want to see a vibrant town centre, and the character of our area maintained and enhanced. We will always fight to protect our green spaces and community facilities. The three of us have had our own businesses, and we will champion businesses in our area.

Walton Conservatives fight hard for our town. Since the Conservatives took control of Elmbridge Council in 2006, the Playhouse has been refurbished, the old library has been turned into a valued Community Hub and the Day Centre in Manor Road has been extended.

We hope to speak with many of you during the campaign – do get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Please support us on 5 May so together we can be your team for Walton Central.

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### Our priorities are:

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**Planning** – We will fight to protect our town and quality of life from over-development and challenge planning applications that do not take design and density into consideration. We will put pressure on developers to allow for sufficient parking so that the stress seen down many roads is not exacerbated. We will continue to resist encroachment of our local Green Belt.

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**Surrey County Council** – Many matters are dealt with by Surrey County Council rather than Elmbridge Council, and we will work closely with Walton's Conservative County Councillors Rachael Lake and Tony Samuels on issues such as the state of our roads and schools.

3

**Value for Money** – We will work with colleagues across the borough to keep costs down and secure value for money whilst ensuring front line services are protected. Despite difficult financial times, this year Elmbridge's Conservative Council has increased its core funding to key voluntary sector organisations and added £10,000 to the small and medium grants fund.

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**Standing Up for You** – As your local Councillors, we will listen to your concerns and help wherever we can. We would regularly report back to you, and be easily accessible including at the monthly Walton Conservative Councillors surgery. We would ensure Walton Central has a strong voice in the Council.



### About Andrew

Although I was born and raised in Yorkshire, I have spent almost all of my adult life living in Walton. I am married and we have brought up two children. I worked for many years in petrochemical instrumentation, but more recently I have been running my own small property maintenance business.

In addition to political activity, I have been Treasurer of my estate's Residents' Association and was Civilian Chairman of Walton & Hersham Air Cadets before their amalgamation with Brooklands Squadron. I have been involved in local politics for many years and now have the time to commit to being a local Councillor.

### About Paul

Walton has been home for my wife, Cathryn, and myself for nearly 30 years and I was brought up in the borough and attended schools here. We live in Sandy Way and are active members of the Sandy Way Residents' Association. My small business is also in Walton (I cycle between home and office!). This means I am well aware of the issues we face in Walton Central and I have the experience and knowledge, along with my Conservative colleagues, to tackle them.

### About Christine

I came to live in Walton in 2012, moving from the London area. I have experience in several business sectors including owning my own companies working in the Information Technology sector for blue chip companies in the City, Brussels and New York. I have two teenage sons, the elder is an apprentice and the younger is taking his A Levels. I believe we need more affordable housing for our children, without over-development of our area and ensuring the Green Belt is protected. I want to see our streets kept smart, a vibrant town centre and protection for our parks and children's play areas.

## LOCAL ISSUES, LOCAL ACTION, LOCAL CONSERVATIVES



# CONSERVATIVE ELMBRIDGE - LET'S KEEP MOVING FORWARD

## ELMBRIDGE IN SAFE HANDS



Conservatives



### 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 WALTON

### WEYLANDS NO WAY

Your Walton Conservative Councillors have campaigned against the Weylands proposal for a new industrial estate since the first application in 2013. Our main concerns are Green Belt, additional HGVs on our local roads and the impact of emissions on air quality.

In conjunction with the Weylands No Way campaign group, we started the petitions against both applications. Elmbridge Council objected to the current proposal late last year and Surrey County Council (SCC) is currently waiting for additional information from the applicants before deciding the application. We are taking up residents' concerns about the proximity of the site to housing and asking SCC to remove the site from their Waste Management Plan.

To sign the petition visit [petitionbuzz.com/petitions/weylandsnoway](http://petitionbuzz.com/petitions/weylandsnoway).



### STANDING UP FOR WALTON

Your Walton Conservative candidates are local residents who form a strong, united team fighting for Walton. Our eight current Walton Councillors form a large part of the Conservative administration at the Council and we are able to ensure our town's voice is heard and listened to when decisions are made. Between us we have a voice on all the main Committees including Planning, the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Licensing and the Borough's Cabinet. We also lobby outside bodies such as South West Trains, Thames Water, the local health authorities and Paragon/Elmbridge Housing Trust.



### KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH YOU

Being a local Councillor is about more than Council meetings. Being active in our community is just as important. Whether that's our stall at Heritage Day each year or helping residents set up a Community Speed Watch.

Walton Conservatives are the only party to deliver regular newsletters. We do three a year to every home, plus special newsletters ensuring residents in particular parts of Walton are kept up to date on issues relevant to their area – for example about upcoming exhibitions, planning applications or public consultations.

We run a monthly surgery at Walton Library and are always contactable by phone or email to assist and advise you with any local concerns.



All our newsletters since 2015!

### PLANNING AND GREEN SPACES

Planning is an important issue in Walton, and we seek to find a balance between the need for new homes and ensuring development respects Walton's character and infrastructure. New housing must not only fit in with the area, but also take into account density and parking and the quality of life enjoyed by existing residents. We are increasingly concerned about 'garden grabbing' across the area, and we will always fight to protect our local Green Belt.

Using the Government's new 'Local Green Space' designation we are championing for greens across Walton, such as at Shaw Drive, Severn Drive and Riverhouse Gardens, to have additional protection.



## KEEP ELMBRIDGE IN SAFE HANDS - VOTE LOCAL CONSERVATIVES ON 5TH MAY