

# THINK BIG

What does your local community need? A new community centre? Collaborative work space? A community food growing space? A space to train and learn?

Your Surrey County Councillors Rachael Lake and Tony Samuels are promoting Surrey's 'Big Idea' and encourage you to speak to your neighbours and community groups in your area about how you can deliver exciting, inspiring and 'place-changing' projects together.

Projects that meet the criteria and prove that they will deliver a positive benefit for local people will be taken through an application process and the first funding will be administered in Spring 2021. Over 300 potential projects have been posted on Surrey's website - [surreycc.gov.uk](http://surreycc.gov.uk).

- The Fund can be used for Capital, one-off costs - *the Fund cannot pay for ongoing running and maintenance costs;*
- Projects that fit with the aims of Surrey's Community Vision;
- Projects that have the support of your local community.

To find out more contact Rachael or Tony with your idea and how to apply. Further information may be found on the Surrey County Council website -



### SURREY COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND



## Protect Our Environment

During the lockdowns, particularly during the Summer some residents have left our parks and open spaces covered in rubbish from picnics and barbecues. Cty Cllr Rachael Lake said: "it has cost the councils across Surrey tens of thousands of pounds to clear up the mess, including Elmbridge. We now have face masks to contend with. The message is clear 'Take It Home'.

## Elmgrove Hall

Cllr Christine Richardson is championing the redevelopment of Elmgrove Hall supported by Cllr Chris Cross and County Councillor Rachael Lake. Chris and Rachael support Christine so that Elmgrove Hall does not lie derelict for several years like the Ansell Hall.



Above: Cllr Christine Richardson together with prospective Walton Central candidate Paul Liptrot, are seeking to ensure that there is a community facility within the re-development and that it will not close the current hall until the building works start.

Left: Cllr Chris Cross by the derelict Ansell Hall.



Ansell Hall



## Parking changes in Station Rd

The Walton South team, led by Malcolm Howard, Christine Cross and John Cope, have worked hard to obtain the much needed 4 extra parking spaces for the taxis at Walton Station during peak times and used for 8 extra free short stay public parking spaces for the rest of the day.

The LibDem/RA have also grabbed more cash from parking at the cost of the hard-pressed rail commuters. Surrey County Council through Tony Samuels have confirmed that four extra spaces will be allocated for taxis along Station Avenue for their sole use during peak hours. This will happen this year subject to the pandemic.



Left to right: Dominic Raab MP and Cllr Malcolm Howard.

## The Halfway

The Halfway has a vast array of shops and restaurants but feedback from local residents shows an unaware-ness of the nearby car park. Your Conservative Team have put forward a plan for a larger double sided sign to indicate that there is a car park



### 25% CAR PARK PRICE HIKE

With on-street parking and increased awareness of the car park can boost local businesses footfall. The 25% increase in parking charges passed by the LibDem/RA administration will deter shoppers and increase the misery already being felt by local shops. The Birds Eye development shall further increase retail units, but there appears to be a shortage of parking spaces .

### HALFWAY GREEN

The Halfway Green surrounded by its mature trees, would make for a great location to sit and watch the world go by, with a coffee or a light bite from the halfway. With the significant increase in flats, residents are concerned with the lack of green spaces to enjoy with friends or their families and your local Conservative team will continue to preserve our green 'lungs'.

We will look to the future by supporting our local shops and balancing that with the needs of residents.

Your Local Conservative Team is focussed on improving the Halfway by working with our borough and county councillor colleagues to secure additional funding for further seating on the Halfway Green and better signage.



Left to right: Cllr Malcolm Howard and Cllr Chris Cross

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## ELMBRIDGE PROSPECTIVE COUNCIL CANDIDATES

### Walton South JOHN COPE

Currently John is a Director of a charity that every year helps many thousands of people go to university, college, or start an apprenticeship. Alongside this, he is also a governor of a special needs school and has been appointed by central government to the board of the organisation that oversees the apprenticeship and technical education system in England.

Returning Elmbridge to an efficiently run council won't be easy and a new Conservative council administration would need a robust recovery plan in place.

John will ensure Walton has a strong voice and his main priorities are:

- Regenerate the Halfway shops and support local businesses hit by the pandemic.
- Protect and improve our local green spaces, including the park on Severn Drive.
- Campaign for a more efficient council and keep Council Tax as low as possible.



### Walton North LEWIS BROWN

Lewis has grown up in the ward in Cambridge Road, attended Grovelands School and served as a local councillor in Elmbridge between 2014 and 2019. He's always been passionate about improving his hometown.

Times have been incredibly tough for all and local businesses are going to need all the support they can get from their representatives. Heathside Walton is a wonderful opportunity for local pupils but Lewis knows a development like this brings challenges and concerns like traffic. Lewis will also campaign for a renewed focus on keeping our streets and green spaces clean.



### Walton Central PAUL LIPTROT

Paul Liptrot and his wife, Cathryn, have lived in Walton for more than 30 years. He was brought up in the borough and attended schools here. They live in Sandy Way and are active members of the Sandy Way Residents' Association. This means he is well aware of the issues in Walton Central and has the experience and knowledge to tackle them, working closely with Councillor Christine Richardson and County Councillors Rachael Lake and Tony Samuels.

Planning is one of Paul's top concerns and challenging poor developments is a priority. He wants to see Walton's streets kept smart, a vibrant town centre and protection for our parks and play areas.

Paul is a semi-retired journalist with an office in Hersham and he always cycles between home and office.



## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The 2020 Remembrance Day was yet another victim of Covid. As numbers had to be limited to attend the service and to those laying wreaths the commemoration service was transmitted via Podcast. The County and British Legion wreaths were laid by local councillors Rachael Lake and Christine Richardson at the Walton War Memorial.



### 'PETNAPPING'

Surrey has seen an increase in the theft of dogs and more recently cats. Residents are asked to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour, or if you spot a lost pet please make a report to Surrey Police

via [www.surrey.police.uk](http://www.surrey.police.uk) This is a terrible and sadly growing offence that emotionally affects owners of all ages.

## SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Rachael Lake and Tony Samuels are re-standing for the County Council and will continue to protect our local environment and provide a strong voice for all residents to make our area an even better place to live, work and raise a family.

### Walton RACHAEL LAKE

Rachael believes it is vital that appropriate infrastructure is in place before large scale residential and commercial developments are built. She will champion for good quality roads, pavements, cycle and mobility access.

Walton has the busiest roads in Elmbridge and Rachael will ensure it gets its fair share of the £265m funding available due to the county's Conservative administration's excellent budget management.

Young people are a priority for Rachael and in 2009 she founded the Elmbridge Community Fishing Academy for 8-16 year olds. She is also working with the new Heathside Walton school management team to ensure the necessary infrastructure is in place to make it a flagship school for Walton residents.

### Walton South & Oatlands TONY SAMUELS

Walton and Oatlands have one of the highest levels of air pollution and Tony has been vociferous in his support for the implementation of effective mitigation measures. Traffic is a major contributor to air quality and HGV traffic plays a large part in this and Tony will not support any development of Walton South and Oatlands because of its detrimental effect.

Tony is the most recent chairman of Surrey County Council and has seen first hand how our NHS and uniformed services have handled the pandemic and in his position he has supported our Police, Fire & Rescue and Ambulance crews as much as possible.

