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Your Town

Esher can benefit from Community Funding by way of CIF Funding. If you have any project or ideas in mind which you would like partial funding for or have just simple ways of improving your town, please contact your local Conservative Councillors Tim Oliver, David Archer or Simon Waugh.

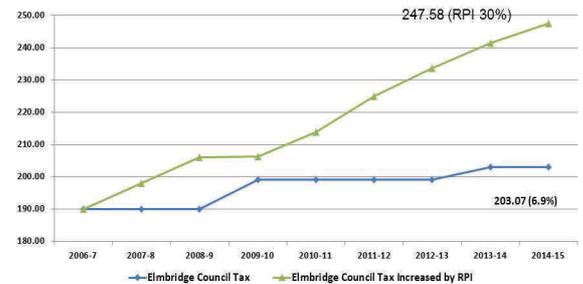
Elmbridge freezes Council Tax again

■ Esher residents will be pleased to learn that Elmbridge will freeze its component of the Council Tax next year, and will do so again for 2015-16 if the Conservatives are re-elected in May.

Since taking control in 2006, we have frozen the Council Tax for six out of eight years. As the graph shows that means an increase of only 6.9% compared to retail price inflation of 30%. Esher Councillor and Elmbridge Council Deputy Leader, Tim Oliver, told In Touch, "In the last 8 years, we have made savings over £8million and faced a

huge reduction in central government grant but we have still protected all our much valued services, such as those for the community, leisure and the environment while maintaining our financial support to our thriving voluntary sector". Esher Councillor, Simon Waugh added, "this continuing record of achievement is the result of our determination to maximize efficiencies, and always secure value for money for our

Elmbridge Council Tax compared to inflation increases



residents. Elmbridge is an excellently managed Council".

Flooding

2014 has started with some of the wettest weather recorded with widespread storm damage and flooding. Elmbridge has had several severe weather warnings and both the River Thames and River Mole have burst their banks. Whilst the Environment Agency is responsible for co-ordinating action they rely on the Borough Council and other agencies to provide front line support.



sandbags to vulnerable areas, with information leaflets delivered to all those at risk.

Elmbridge has played a full part by:

- Setting up an Emergency Room at the Civic Centre with staff providing cover 24 hours a day including week-ends.
- The delivery of several thousand

- Allowing free parking in some council car parks for roads affected by flooding.
- Stockpiling additional sandbags in central locations for residents to collect when

necessary; to cater for the daily changes in 'at-risk' locations caused by weather, river and tidal surges.

- Putting the Community Centres on stand-by to shelter any residents who may have had to leave their homes at short notice.
- Maintaining a register of residents who were most in need of help and they were visited and supported in person or by daily telephone calls throughout the risky periods.
- Reviewing local hotel accommodation availability daily and making arrangements for their emergency use if required.

Fortunately, Esher itself has so far escaped serious impact; but it is good to know that our council has contingency plans and has been able to rise to the challenge.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Please give us your contact details so we can keep in touch with you about the issues you have raised:

Name
Address
Home/Mobile No
Email

Please return to: EWCA, 3 Bridle Close, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 2JW

HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

- Display a poster at election time
- Deliver leaflets
- Attend social events
- Join the local Party
- Vote by post

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PLANNING

■ New Conservation Area Designated at Lakeside Drive.

Your Conservative Councillors supported Elmbridge Borough Council decision to designate Lakeside Drive as a Conservation area which was agreed at the November Planning meeting.

Lakeside Drive is a unique 1970s development of 16 houses designed by renowned architect Royston Summers which are framed against an 18th Century Lake.

Councillor Simon Waugh who sits on the Planning Committee, welcomes the new designated Conservation Area as they protect areas of special interest and continue your Conservative Councillors work in protecting and enhancing Esher for future generations. There are now 25 Conservation Areas in Elmbridge.

DOMINIC RAAB MP Open Meeting in Esher



On Tuesday 15th
April from 7.30PM
at the Bear Public House, High
Street, Esher.

These meetings are open to all and provide an opportunity to ask Dominic any question on any issue, local or national.

Keep up to date with Dominic and receive the bulletin direct to your email by signing up at <http://www.dominicraab.com/>

Car parks

Your Councillors have asked the Police to step up their regular monitoring of the car parks in the town. Due to a small rise in crime at car parks we are liaising with the Police to combat crime. Please be vigilant.



Lower Green

Your Esher Councillors are working with Lower Green Community Association to raise the profile of Lower Green as an important part of Esher. We are planning to support investment in improving facilities at Lower Green especially the sports area.

Pathway

Your Conservative Councillors secured a £20,000 grant to improve the pathway between the High Street and the Library working with Esher Business Guild. Please let us have your comments for other local improvements.

King Georges Hall

Your Conservative Councillors are working with the trustees and users to develop a long term sustainable strategy to ensure a quality community hall that is sustainable and fit for purpose for the residents of Esher.

Your Councillors

If you need any assistance please contact one of your three Conservative Esher Ward Councillors, Tim Oliver, David Archer or Simon Waugh.



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