



Karen RANDOLPH



ELECT HER ON 7th May 2015

A Message from Karen

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Dear Resident

It has been a great privilege to represent Thames Ditton Ward for the last eight years – the challenges of the role continue.

My experience continues to convince me that local decisions must be made by local people who understand what their impact will be. National party politics have no place when resolving local issues.

Planning takes up a lot of my time. I feel strongly that we need to make sure that changes to our locality are changes for the better for us and do not damage the unique character and nature of our village and its surroundings. The village high street is the hub of our community; its viability and vitality must be maintained and developed. When residential values are so high, maintaining and supporting the retail life of our very special village is a major challenge.

Health services are a central issue for all of us; I hope to be able to continue to work for the provision of high quality and accessible local health services at a time of steadily reducing budgets.

Our green spaces are fundamental to the character and quality of our environment. I am opposed to building on Green Belt land, but it is equally important to protect the smaller pockets of green space which provide such a valuable amenity. We need to increase the number of houses available to our increasing population but it is essential to make sure this is done in a carefully managed and sensitive manner. If you agree that local government should not be dominated by the national political parties then please vote for me on Thursday 7th May.

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Thames Ditton and
Weston Green Residents' Association
is about **LOCAL ISSUES** and **ACTION**.
Why you should vote for an independent candidate:

KAREN RANDOLPH



KAREN has been your councillor for the past 8 years and has lived in Thames Ditton since 1985. She is married with two grown-up children.

She has served on the Planning and Environmental committees, is Vice-Chairman of the East Area Planning sub committee and has been co-opted onto Surrey County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee.

Karen was chairman of the Thames Ditton & Weston Green Residents' Association and is the Chairman of the Friends of Thames Ditton Hospital and of Save Our Surrey Community Hospitals campaign.

A trained mediator, Karen also works as a volunteer for Mediation North Surrey and runs her own market research consultancy.

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**Trust in the main political parties has reached a new low.
Whichever way you vote nationally in the General Election
on Thursday 7th May, in Elmbridge, your independent
Residents' Association candidate is a successful alternative.**

WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE FOR A RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION CANDIDATE

Party politics and Town Halls should not mix. It wastes time, talent and your money.
The Residents' Association has fought since 1934 to protect and enhance Thames Ditton's character and amenities. The Association is for local residents - every one of them.
Unlike the political parties, we keep in contact with you through bi-monthly open meetings, social events and delivering the "**Thames Ditton Today**" magazine to EVERY home in Thames Ditton, and through our very active **www.residents-association.com** website.

Your Residents' Association Councillors work hard to achieve a better environment.

● **GREEN BELT AND OPEN SPACES.**

Residents Association councillors are consistent in the fight to protect our Green Belt and playing fields - unlike the political parties who all too often vote for building on school playing fields and in the Green Belt.

● **PLANNING.**

Successfully supported residents objections to over-development and un-neighbourly extensions.
Actively supported retention of shops and restaurants in the High Street.

● **HIGHWAYS.**

Potholes, poor roads, streetlights that don't work are a disgrace. Surrey County Council has failed in this area, and we continue to work with our Residents' Association Surrey County Councillor to improve the service.

● **CAR PARKING.**

To enhance the vitality of the High Street the Residents' Association has :-

- fought successfully against the Conservatives' deeply unpopular proposals for pay and display meters.
- worked with local businesses to introduce some free short-term parking in the High Street.
- enabled the construction of Pip's Path for easier access from the car park to the High Street shops.
- protected the village car park from encroachment by developers.

● **COMMUNITY.**

Having saved the Ember Centre for the Retired from closure, we are working to develop services at the refurbished Thames Ditton Centre for full community use.

RA councillors worked with Thames Ditton Hospital Friends to provide echocardiograph, ultrasound and ENT equipment for NHS patients at Emberbrook.

Played a major role in running the Vera Fletcher Hall, providing a much needed community/arts focus, compared with Elmbridge Conservatives who have closed public halls and reduced funding for the arts.

● **ENVIRONMENT.**

Improved services for recycling, removed fly tipping and abandoned cars.

Graffiti, unsightly signboards and vegetation removed from Thames Ditton station bridge.

New playground equipment at Summer Road Recreation Ground.

Funded and planted spring bulbs throughout Thames Ditton.

Karen Randolph is concerned with the future of Thames Ditton

NOT PARTY POLITICS

For Thames Ditton VOTE Karen Randolph

