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YOUR RESIDENTS' CANDIDATE FOR ELMBRIDGE ON 6th MAY

A message from Gill

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I moved to Weston Green in 2000, shortly after Tannia Shipley was first elected as our Residents' Association councillor. In that time I have witnessed the tremendous work she and our other Residents' Association councillors have done, so I feel very privileged to be asked to represent the Residents' Associations of Hinchley Wood and Weston Green in the forthcoming election.

What sets Residents' Association supporters apart is the conviction that local matters are best decided by local people. We are not swayed by national agendas or party politics. Residents' Association councillors are independent and free to let common sense prevail and that is one of the reasons why the residents-led Elmbridge Council has been so nimble and effective in its response to the pandemic.

As a local resident I have been a commuter, a mum, a dog owner, a carer and a volunteer (I am a trustee of Citizens Advice and I have personally delivered nearly 1500 Meals on Wheels to vulnerable people during the pandemic.) So I've experienced first-hand the commitment of Thames Ditton/Weston Green and Hinchley Wood Residents' Associations to improving local services, protecting our green spaces and preserving the special character of Weston Green and Hinchley Wood and I want to continue that good work. I like to get things done, but I also listen.

If you agree that local government is better in the hands of local people, I hope you will give me your support on 6th May.

Action on behalf of residents - we get things done!

Restoration of Milbourne Pond



Refurbishment of Hinchley Wood Memorial Gardens



Monthly volunteer litter picks in Hinchley Wood and Weston Green



New all-weather path to Esher Station





Gill is ready to join our experienced team of Hinchley Wood & Weston Green Residents' Associations Councillors, alongside Nigel Haig-Brown and Janet Turner

Why vote Residents' Association?

As independent Residents' Association Councillors we serve the interests of the local community, not those of national political parties.

We work as a team to provide a comprehensive cover for the ward's residents.

We live in the ward and are readily accessible to deal with residents' concerns – through regular Association open meetings, phone and email.

We are among the hardest working on the Council and in the wards – we get things done!

Since 2019 a Residents-led Administration has delivered excellent results for the benefit of Elmbridge local communities.

Our priorities:

Planning: Resist inappropriate development, and support sustainable development with the necessary infrastructure.

Green Belt and open spaces: Continue to protect our Green Belt and other open spaces, and encourage their use for recreation.

Resident wellbeing: Support the elderly and vulnerable members of our communities, and promote opportunities for young people to reach their full potential.

Amenities: Promote and maintain our thriving communities by protecting and enhancing local shops and other community facilities.

The Residents' Group - leading Elmbridge Borough Council action on:

Environment: Protecting our **vital green spaces**. Making Elmbridge a greener and more sustainable borough by enacting policies to: achieve carbon neutrality, reduce plastic waste, and improve air quality and green infrastructure.

Financial Management: **Maintaining all our current services**, especially those for the elderly and vulnerable; investing in proper maintenance of community assets; running **prudent budgets** to keep any council tax increases to a minimum.

COVID-19 Response: **Providing greatly expanded support** for those suffering health, welfare or financial issues during the pandemic.

Planning and Housing: Providing **genuinely affordable homes**, particularly for young people and families, in places spread evenly across the borough. Pressing Surrey County Council to provide the **infrastructure improvements** and upgrades required for housing.

Continuing to **challenge the government** on its excessive and unrealistic housing target for Elmbridge.

For a strong Residents' voice, vote Gill Coates

