



Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood & Weston Green Your Residents' Candidates



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Remember to bring photo ID to your polling station

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My family and I came to Hinchley Wood over 20 yrs ago and have always found this a happy place to live. I want to help keep it that way, along with nearby areas in this part of Surrey. Our communities face increasing pressures due to tightened council budgets and over-scaled housing developments, and if elected I aim to ensure these are not allowed to degrade our neighbourhoods. Our homes are much more than a roof over our heads. I shall continue the fight to retain our Green Belt, especially that separating Surrey from London; and I want the new East Surrey Council to be effective for residents from the start, so that local democracy does not become too distant. For this I hope to have your support on 7th May.



Simon Inspecting one of the many potholes in our local roads

From Scott 1 Elm Tree Avenue, Esher
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I have enjoyed living in Weston Green for a total of 13 years, bringing up 2 daughters. I feel deeply about it, and the surrounding areas - it is not only my home, but also of my daughters who have chosen to remain here to bring up their families. So I am fully vested. I believe the new Unitary Council will give a sharper focus on important local amenities and issues. But with this major change in local government, it is vital that someone speaks for residents with determination and commitment. I have the energy and resolve to undertake the necessary work as your representative. I will drive change where it is needed, yet work hard to maintain the things we like most about this area. To do this I am asking for your vote on 7th May.



Scott discussing with RA Cllr Gill Coates the RA-led plans for the restoration and year-round preservation of Marney's Pond in Weston Green.

Why Residents?

- **Residents Councillors live in their ward**, putting residents' interests at the heart of everything they do.
- **They are independent**, not subject to national political party agendas instructing them how to act.
- **They are readily accessible** and keep in touch through regular local Residents' open meetings.
- **They respond to residents' needs** - working hard to get things done!

Don't be swayed by national issues or scare-mongering hype. Local government is about local issues, and needs independent Councillors with local knowledge acting for their communities.



Residents' Association Priorities



- **Planning & Infrastructure:** Resist inappropriate building; support sustainable development with well co-ordinated local infrastructure, ie. roads, GP surgeries and schools.
- **Highways:** Keep pressing the council to improve our road and footway resurfacing and repairs.
- **Health & Wellbeing:** Ensuring those requiring Children's services (eg. Special Needs) and Adult services are not left behind.
- **Financial Management:** Strive to extend the sound financial planning of our borough council into the new East Surrey Unitary Council.
- **Local Environment:** Maintain and enhance our outdoor spaces by clearing litter, adding greenery and promoting recycling.
- **Amenities:** Promote and maintain the vitality of our village centres by supporting local shops and other community facilities.

Some examples of how Residents' Councillors have worked for us

For Children: Spearheaded Elmbridge Council's *Play Strategy Extension*, improving the value and safety of **children's play areas**.

Introduced additional funding for enhanced **Child Support** and **Special Educational Needs** measures in Surrey Council's budget.

Road Safety: Set up **road crossings** and **traffic calming** near schools. Brought in **parking measures** in busy roads to improve sight lines and traffic flow.

Green Belt & Planning: Financial and Councillor support for Long Ditton RA's application for **Village Green status**. Opposed Taylor Wimpey's large unsafe proposed development on Hill Park Roses land.

Environment: Organising resident **litter picks** every month in Hinchley Wood and Weston Green, and **cut-back of vegetation overgrowth** in our greens.

Initiated and funded village **pond restoration** and enhancement projects to cope with the effects of climate change on them.

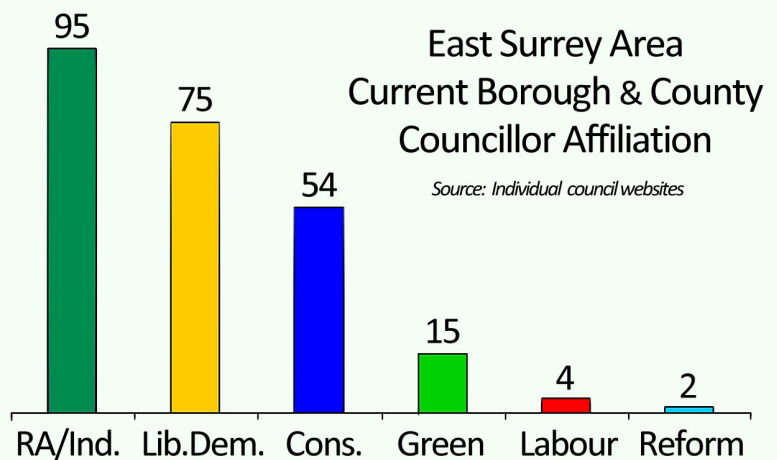
Set up a **Flood Group** to advise residents about their River Thames flood risk, flood resilience measures, and to acquire removable flood barriers - to install as conditions require.

Instigated and running our annual **Nature & Climate Festival** to encourage residents to live more sustainably.

Residents' & Independent Councillors make up the greatest number in existing councils operating in the East Surrey area

Our ward will form part of the new unitary authority of East Surrey. At present the composition of all Surrey County and Borough Councillors that sit in the East Surrey area is clearly led by Residents and Independents.

Voting for your Residents' candidates in Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood & Weston Green ward will therefore help ensure that your voice will continue to be heard in council.



For a strong Residents' voice, use both your votes for:

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