

## A Message from Caroline

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As your candidate to follow on from Ruth Lyon, who is standing down after an historic 45 years as our councillor, I am very privileged to be representing the Residents' Association.

My family and I have lived and worked in the village for many years (I helped my parents run the Village Bakery in the 80s and 90s) and have seen many exciting changes in our vibrant community since then, due to Residents' Association initiatives. For example, Pip's Path linking the High Street to the car park, the one-hour parking bays, the hugely popular Christmas Fair & Lights, and the Thames Ditton Centre for the elderly - all giving a heart to our community.

Over the years we have faced many threats - a huge Tesco supermarket overlooking Giggs Hill Green, the selling of car parks for development and, more recently, the loss of our bus service. Thanks to our RA councillors these threats have all been averted.

We are under increasing threat from over-development, loss of green belt, and degradation of our historic environment. We need RA councillors to defend our interests.

If you feel that national party politics should not dominate local government and what affects our community, then please vote for me on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

# ELECT HER ON 3rd May 2018

Thames Ditton & Weston Green  
Residents' Association  
is about **LOCAL ISSUES** and **ACTION**.

**Vote for an independent candidate:**

## CAROLINE JAMES



**CAROLINE JAMES** cares passionately about Thames Ditton. She was brought up in the area, attended school here, and since 1994 has lived with her husband in the centre of the village. Her two children attended local schools. Caroline currently runs a recruitment company in central London.

Caroline has been an active campaigner on local issues. She is a local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator and co-organises the popular biennial Secret Gardens of Thames Ditton. She has served for many years on the Thames Ditton Conservation Advisory Committee and has a keen interest in planning matters.

When she's not commuting into London you might see Caroline on Giggs Hill Green where she's a regular at the local boot camp.

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***Working for residents and our community***

## **KEEP NATIONAL PARTY POLITICS OUT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

### **Why You Should Vote for the Residents' Association Candidate:**

- Residents' Association councillors all live locally and care for their community, working solely for its interests, and are not influenced by national party politics.
- They keep in contact with you through bi-monthly open meetings, social events, dedicated website and Thames Ditton Today delivered to every household.
- RAs have the most effective and hard-working councillors. They get things done!
- With extensive representation, a Residents-led group has formed the administration for the past two years, protecting and enhancing our amenities and environment.  
*Go to [www.residents-association.com](http://www.residents-association.com) to see their long list of achievements.*
- The Residents' sound financial management in Elmbridge has maintained services while having the lowest borough council tax increase in Surrey - less than one third of the hefty increase imposed by Conservative Surrey County Council.

### **How Your Residents' Association Councillors Work for You:**

#### • **PLANNING AND GREEN BELT**

RA councillors are committed to defending Elmbridge's Green Belt, our open spaces and playing fields, protecting our heritage from inappropriate building that degrades the historical character of our area. They continue to strive for well designed development with homes the size we need, where we need them, all the time pressing for the upgrading and additional provision of essential infrastructure.

#### • **ROADS**

They work closely with our RA Surrey County councillor to push for improvements in the unacceptable state of our roads - the result of Conservative Surrey County Council cut-backs.

#### • **LOCAL SHOPS AND BUSINESSES**

RA councillors strongly support the retention of shops and services to maintain community vitality. They have enabled readily accessible parking facilities for customers, both on-street and car park. They spearheaded the much acclaimed monthly Farmers' Market and continue to actively support it.

#### • **COMMUNITY**

Having saved the Ember Centre for the Retired from closure, our RA councillors have expanded services at the refurbished Thames Ditton Centre for full community use, e.g. the popular Men in Sheds group.

Strong action by our RA councillors prevented the cancellation of our vital bus service links to Surbiton.

#### • **ENVIRONMENT**

RA councillors have instigated major initiatives to enhance our outdoor space, such as the Thames Ditton and Weston Green Litter-Pick groups and the Thames Ditton in Bloom planting projects.

**Caroline James is concerned with the interests of residents**

**NOT PARTY POLITICS**

**For Thames Ditton VOTE Caroline James**

