

# Elmbridge Residents' Group

## Continuing the Good Work

**Two years ago we gained control of the Council after 10 years of Conservative rule.**

### EXAMPLES OF OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

- The last two years we have delivered the lowest Council Tax increases in Surrey alongside improved services.
- Delivered on the Sports Hub in Walton.
- Introduced a flexible parking strategy across the Borough including free Saturday parking in some areas.
- Invested in a more robust Planning Compliance Team.
- Rescued the underperforming grass verge and green spaces contract – it's now working.
- Worked with the Lawn Tennis Association to protect and enhance the provision of public tennis courts across the Borough.
- Initiated the provision of flats in Weybridge, Thames Ditton and Cobham for homeless families to reduce the dependency of B&B accommodation outside the Borough.
- Major asset purchases to generate income to support the Council's budget and provide possibilities for regeneration, to include housing.
- Despite problems at the start, a new Waste Contract has now settled down providing a more comprehensive service at less cost to the local taxpayer.
- We have actively supported our volunteers.

*The successful alternative to national Party Politics*



### Residents' Put Residents FIRST

We are Elmbridge residents from all walks of life who care about the place and its people. We belong to the Residents' Associations that work cohesively together as the Elmbridge Residents' Group.

We are in constant contact with our local residents throughout the year. Unlike career politicians, we represent local people and not a national political party.

We represent the views and aspirations of our local residents, as well as having a Borough - wide view. We do NOT accept donations from developers or lobbyists.



# AFTER 10 YEARS OF UNDERINVESTMENT BY THE PREVIOUS CONSERVATIVE ADMINISTRATION WE ARE:

- Refurbishing and improving the Council's Car Parks and reviewing their affordability.
- Establishing a housing company to increase our capacity to deliver social and affordable housing.
- Creating a Council fund to provide and support infrastructure schemes across the Borough.
- Upgrading facilities at our halls and day centres.
- Providing leadership and work with stakeholders on tackling unauthorised traveller incursions, moorings and anti-social behaviour.
- Increasing support to the local business community.
- Raising the profile of green issues in all aspects of life in the Borough.



## FINANCES

Despite the drastic reduction in Government grants and reduced financial support from Conservative run Surrey County Council, we have maintained all of our services including those for the elderly and most vulnerable in the Borough. We have cautiously added to our portfolio of local Investment Properties in a way that will reduce the pressure on Council Tax payers arising from reduced Government funding.

The result is that in the last two years we have delivered the lowest Council Tax increases in all of Surrey, while maintaining sensibly balanced Budgets.

## PLANNING

We remain committed to defending the Green Belt, open spaces and protecting our heritage. We will strive to enable the provision of genuinely affordable homes, particularly for young people and families, in the right places, with an emphasis on quality and design. We will press for the upgrade and infrastructure improvements needed (schools, transport, roads, health services, water and sewage), already over capacity in so many areas, to cater for the increased housing. We will continue to work to ensure that aspects so important to our environment, such as air quality and green infrastructure, are amongst our highest priorities.

## Your Choice

No matter which way you vote in national elections, if in May you'd like the local administration to be unshackled from national politics, then look on your council ballot paper for your local Residents' or Independent candidate. These are members of Elmbridge Residents' Group that has successfully managed the Council for the last two years.

**Esher Residents' Association • Hersham Village Society • Hinchley Wood Residents' Association  
The Walton Society • Molesey Residents' Association • Weybridge and St. George's Independents  
Thames Ditton & Weston Green Residents' Association**