

Thames Ditton & Weston Green Residents' Association

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Elaine SESEMANN



YOUR RESIDENTS' CANDIDATE FOR ELMBRIDGE - 4th MAY 2023

Remember to bring photo ID to your polling station

From Elaine:

I am honoured to be the Residents' Association candidate, standing for the seat currently held by Cllr Karen Randolph as she steps down after 16 years of invaluable service to Thames Ditton and Elmbridge.

I have lived in the local area for the past 29 years and am now retired after a varied career - School Business Manager of Cranmere Primary School, tax inspector and teacher. I have three children, the youngest of whom is now at university. All attended St Paul's Primary School on Hampton Court Way.

I've always been involved in the local community. I run a walking group, volunteer at the monthly soup lunches at Our Lady's church, and I've been a member of the Ember Players (currently Treasurer) and Ember Sports Club for 25 years. My motivation is to foster strong, positive community links and relationships, and to make things work as effectively as possible for the organisations I am involved with.

I want to further the RA's work - helping the Thames Ditton - Molesey area to develop and thrive, and listening to the needs and concerns of residents and businesses. If elected, I will be an effective Councillor, working in a dedicated team alongside RA co-Councillors, Caroline James and Alex Batchelor.

I aim to make a positive difference, and hope to have your support on 4th May.

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Why vote Residents' Association?

RA Councillors are independent of national party politics. Together with fellow Councillors in the Elmbridge Residents Group, they lead the Council effectively and efficiently - for residents.

- ***We live in Thames Ditton ward and work for the interests of all its residents and businesses.***
- ***We work as a team providing comprehensive Residents' Association Councillor cover at both Borough and County Council levels.***
- ***We keep in contact with you through regular open meetings, dedicated website, Twitter and Thames Ditton Today magazine.***
- ***We work hard and respond to residents' needs. We get things done!***
- ***We fight to preserve our precious Green Belt.***



Elaine with Thames Ditton ward Residents' Association Councillors Alex Batchelor and Caroline James



Residents' Association Priorities



- **Housing & Green Belt:** Support well-designed sustainable development and more affordable housing. Defend our Green Belt, Green Spaces & Riverside. Resist inappropriate development.
- **Public Transport:** Fight to retain and improve the performance of our train and bus services.
- **Health & Wellbeing:** Support and expand physical and mental health services for all residents, especially those in greatest need.
- **Climate Change:** Encourage residents to address the impact we have on our climate, and the changes we can make in our community to help alleviate it.
- **Local Environment:** Maintain and enhance our outdoor spaces by clearing litter, adding greenery and promoting recycling.
- **High Street Shops & Businesses:** Promote and maintain our commercial community. Fight against loss of premises by changes to residential use.

Some examples of how your Residents' Association has worked for you



Set up the volunteer monthly litter-picking groups in TD+WG



Initiated and organised TD & WG's first **Nature & Climate Festival**



Saved our popular bakery from property conversion to residential use

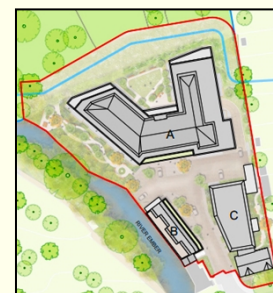


Installing & regularly maintaining **Christmas tree lights** in the High Street



Responded to resident's appeal to provide **emergency throwlines** on popular Albany Reach

Supporting local residents in opposing the overbearing development on the **Molesey Venture** site



Elmbridge Residents Group: The ERG leads the Council as the largest party grouping.

A vote for your local Residents' Association is never a wasted vote in Elmbridge. We believe local politics is for local people. Our Priorities:

Prudent financial management - Continuing to deliver a balanced budget, with affordable Council tax rises (2.8%) and targeting spending for greatest resident benefit.

Community Support - Helped 1500 vulnerable families with food vouchers; set up a £500,000 Cost of Living support fund; ensuring we have a sustainable service.

Water safety - set up a £30,000 fund to improve safety on our waterways, including more throwlines, training, free swimming lessons and subsidised lifeguard courses.

An original, visionary draft Local Plan which preserves our Green Belt and also provides housing that is more affordable and greener.

Protecting our environment - Aim to be carbon neutral by 2030; making council vehicles and buildings greener; more EV charging points.

Preparing for the future - Launched a new Vision 2030 for a sustainable, thriving, community-oriented Elmbridge.

You can find out more about the Elmbridge Residents Group at: www.elmbridgeresidentsgroup.com

For a strong Residents' voice, vote **Elaine Sesemann**

