



# James Crawshaw **X**

YOUR RESIDENTS' CANDIDATE FOR ELMBRIDGE ON 5<sup>th</sup> MAY



## A message from James

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After moving to Hinchley Wood in 2006 I became a road representative for our local Residents Association. This gave me the opportunity to get to know my neighbours better and become more informed of local affairs. I've never harboured ambitions to enter politics, but I have known Nigel Haig-Brown for many years, so when he decided to stand down, after two four-year terms as borough councillor, I offered to stand in his place.

You might wonder what importance Elmbridge Borough Council has in your lives. Since it looks after planning permission, refuse collection, the local environment, recreational facilities and services for the elderly and vulnerable, it really has an outsized impact on your well-being.

That is why you should consider the Residents' Associations on election day, or before if you receive a postal vote. Local matters are best decided by local people, not apparatchiks controlled by national party headquarters. Residents' Association councillors are free of party politics and act in your interests. In our ward, they have done so honestly and reliably for nearly 90 years.

So please make your vote count on 5th May. Local politics do matter. And local people are the best placed to represent you.

*Action on behalf of residents - we get things done!*

## Tree planting in Hinchley Wood Memorial Gardens



*Planting of two new trees to mark the Platinum Jubilee and HWRA's 90th Anniversary - James with HWRA co-chairs Peter Arthur and Saranne Bristow.*

## New benches at Milbourne Pond



*Councillor Gill Coates chatting by the new benches - a Thames Ditton and Weston Green RA initiative.*



*James is ready to join our experienced team of Hinchley Wood & Weston Green Residents' Associations Councillors, alongside Gill Coates 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.

### **Your Hinchley Wood and Weston Green councillors' priorities are:**

**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.

## **Elmbridge Residents Group - shaping the vision of Elmbridge Borough Council**

**The ERG is the largest single group in Council**, forming a dynamic non-political Residents Association-led administration.

Our priorities:

**A sensible, prudent budget** - one that will help **reduce our use of reserves** as we build back from two years of pandemic.

**Services for the community** - we continue to provide a **comprehensive range of services for young and old:** Meals on Wheels, sport and recreation, seven Community Centres, a Youth Hub, community transport and many more.

**Keep Council tax rises below inflation** – Elmbridge increased its share of council tax by **2.16%**, in contrast to Conservative-led Surrey Council's 4.99%.

**An original, visionary Local Plan** - we have shaped the draft Local Plan so that the final version:

- **Preserves all our Green Belt**
- **Reduces** by over 25% **the untenable housing target** the Government tried to impose on us
- Provides for **housing that is more affordable**
- Ensures future building will be to standards that **lead us towards Net Zero Carbon**

You can find out more about the Elmbridge Residents Group at: [www.elmbridgeresidentsgroup.com](http://www.elmbridgeresidentsgroup.com)

**For a strong Residents voice on the council, vote:**

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