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on local issues

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With Epsom Town & Downs

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## News from your County Councillor TINA MOUNTAIN



### Street lighting - why is the Borough council prioritising a pond over night time lighting?

Surrey County Council's funding has been reduced because of the government's desire to reduce the deficit nationally. This has resulted in the County Council having to make

savings across the board so as to protect core services such as social care. One area that has caused local controversy has been the switching off of street lights between midnight and 5am.

Many residents believe this is a price worth paying as it is environmentally friendly and helps fund crucial services to vulnerable children and the elderly. However all Borough Councils have been given the option of paying out of their own funds for the lights to come back on. The cost is £125,000 for 5 years. Our Residents' Association controlled Borough Council has declined that offer despite campaigning against the lights going off. At the same time they have committed to spend £120,000 to refurbish the pond in Rosebery Park. The council could decide to prioritise keeping the lights on at night for the next five years instead of non-urgent work on a pond. **What's your view? Please let me know.**



Rosebery Park Pond

### The truth about road repairs

Contrary to rather alarmist statements from Residents' Association councillors the highways budget for Surrey is not being drastically cut. Budgets under the control of local County Councillors have been reduced, but the money being spent by the County Council on highways has remained

roughly the same. It is irresponsible in my view to suggest there are highways cuts when there isn't a reduction in overall spending.



Essential road repairs are still being carried out. Pot holes will be filled, residents' parking schemes will still be implemented and yellow lines installed where required. The government has given large sums of money for Project Horizon which provides for the improvement, resurfacing and repair of local roads. Epsom & Ewell's County Councillors will decide which roads to prioritise. Only recently the County Council have committed £600,000 to improvement works at our main town centre junction. **If you have any concerns about highways issues then please get in touch.**

### Epsom High Street

What a mess! Work will soon start on changing South Street to being open to two-way traffic. I have fought against this proposal for the last six years, but our Borough Council will not change their view. The change will take about nine months. Delivery lorries will park on pavements, the number of cars allowed to queue for the Ashley Centre will halve and taxi drivers fear losing all their business as they are relocated. There is a designated council officer to deal with traffic problems, **please contact me if you are heavily inconvenienced.**



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## Fight to retain conservation areas

This year I have fought to retain our stables. I have supported the racing industry by funding the refurbishment of the bridle path adjacent to Langley Vale Road. I am funding horse crossing lights in Headley Road to increase the safety of the newly reopened stable yards.

I fought and succeeded in retaining the hedgerow along Burgh Heath Road when the owners of the lower paddocks of South Hatch stables wanted to pull down over 30 feet of hedgerow and replace it with tarmac and double opening gates - all to facilitate a field of hay!

## Out of hours Doctor appointments

You can now see a GP in the evening or at week-ends. You can book an appointment in advance or on the day. If you are unwell when your doctor's surgery is closed, you can phone 01372 738 373 from 18:00 to 21:00 on weekdays or from 09:00 to 13:00 at the weekend to book an appointment. You will then be seen by a local NHS GP with full access to your medical history.

There is no charge for using this service.



## Help me keep in touch with you - [tmountain@epsom-ewell.gov.uk](mailto:tmountain@epsom-ewell.gov.uk)



It often happens that there is important information that affects just you, your road or your community. It's not always possible to deliver a leaflet to let you know. Please may I have your email address so that I can contact you about local issues relevant to you that you need to know about e.g. a planning application, road works or policing matters. Your email address will only be used for my work as a county councillor and not handed on to third parties.

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# EPSOM RESIDENTS BACK THE CONSERVATIVES IN COUNTY COUNCIL AND GENERAL ELECTIONS



## Thank you to everyone who voted Conservative in this year's elections

Epsom Conservatives achieved victories across Epsom in this year's county and general elections. Chris Grayling was re-elected as our Member of Parliament with his highest number of votes and share of the vote ever (33,313 and 60% respectively).

In May's county elections Tina Mountain was re-elected as our County Councillor here in Epsom Town & Downs. This seat

was held by the Residents' Associations between 1997 - 2013 and it is down to Tina's hard work as an excellent local representative that she first took the seat in 2013 and has now held it with a bigger share of the vote.

Epsom West was won by Bernie Muir who successfully defended the smallest majority in all of Surrey (21 votes over the Residents' Associations). Epsom West was a Lib Dem seat between 1993 and 2015 when it was won by the Conservatives in a by-election. The Residents' Associations collapsed into fourth place.

Chris, Tina and Bernie now provide a strong voice for Epsom to make sure we take the necessary steps to improve our town over the coming years. After more than 80 years of a Residents' Association controlled Borough Council we believe Epsom & Ewell needs a change of leadership. The success of local Conservatives in this year's county council elections means we are well placed to challenge the RAs for control of the Borough council in 2019.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Conservative Borough councillor in Epsom then please read the article on the last page of this leaflet.



# NEWS FROM CHRIS GRAYLING MP



## Longer trains coming down the track

Many of you will have experienced the reduced services into Waterloo this summer while the work on the station has been carried out. It's a multi-hundred million pounds project funded by the Government to improve transport for our area. It may have been a frustration, but the result is good news for us locally.

The main part of the work has been to extend platforms 1-4 so they can take ten coach trains, not the existing eight coach ones. And later this autumn those ten coach trains will be arriving on our line, increasing the number of seats and the space for the morning commute by a quarter. It follows the recent expansion of most of the Southern trains from eight to ten coaches, and I hope it will make a real difference to commuting from the Epsom and Ewell area.

## The future of Epsom Hospital

As many of you will be aware, the local Trust has opened a discussion with the local community about the future of its services. The Chief Executive wants to relocate many services to a new hospital in Sutton. I have been assured by senior people in the NHS that this is a low-level discussion, and it will not have a significant impact on their future plans for the NHS in South West London.

The NHS in Surrey is also clear that Epsom is an important part of its future plans.

We all want the best possible services for our local community, but I am clear that Epsom's future should not be shaped by the needs of the NHS in London.

## Chris out and about in the constituency



With George Burnett, co-founder of the Ashtead Rye Meadow Wetlands, at the launch event

Receiving a cheque for his chosen charity, Epsom and Ewell Age Concern, at the Stoneleigh Chariot Festival



## Help me keep in touch with you

Email me at [news@chrisgrayling.net](mailto:news@chrisgrayling.net) and ask to be added to my regular news updates on constituency matters or you can find regular updates on my activities online at [www.chrisgrayling.net](http://www.chrisgrayling.net).

Chris holds regular constituency surgeries and you can either email him at [chris.grayling.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:chris.grayling.mp@parliament.uk) or telephone 01372 271306 to make an appointment



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# Conservatives

## Do you know a champion for your local community?

We are looking for councillor candidates who want to serve our local community in Epsom. We welcome all potential candidates who care about representing Epsom residents views and the interests of Epsom.

Conservatives across Britain are working hard to build a country where people have more opportunity and power over their lives; a country where families are stronger and society is more responsible; and a Britain which is safer and greener. Conservative councils can be trusted to deliver high quality, value for money public services. You can help be a part of this by standing as a Conservative candidate.

Perhaps you are already involved in our local community and want to take the next step. Or you may be looking for a worthwhile and rewarding way to help your local neighbourhood.

You may already have an idea of the type of people who stand as councillors, but this image could be outdated. You could be the fresh new talent that our council is looking for.

In May 2019 the entirety of Epsom & Ewell Borough Council is up for election. 38 seats will be contested across the Borough with 15 of those seats being in Epsom. Your local Conservatives will be fielding a full slate of candidates and will already holding seats in Epsom and building on holding both County Council seats in Epsom this year we will be looking to increase the number of Conservative councillors within our town.

If you, or someone you know, might be interested in finding out more about what might be involved, we want to hear from you. To find out more please contact Sean Sullivan via [office@epsomconservatives.org.uk](mailto:office@epsomconservatives.org.uk)

## Have you considered joining us as a local member?

Hundreds of local residents support the work of the Conservative Party locally by joining us as members. Membership also allows you to be part of the democratic organisation that is the Conservative Party giving you a vote in leadership elections and the selection of our parliamentary and council candidates. Joining us locally gives you access to our events whether social (such as drinks and garden parties), policy discussions or hearing from national political figures.

If you would like to join please click the "join online" button on our home page at [www.epsomconservatives.org.uk](http://www.epsomconservatives.org.uk)



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