

Winter 2022

HOW A CONSERVATIVE COUNCIL WORKS FOR YOU

At both the borough and county council, Conservatives make sure the services you want are delivered effectively, whichever town or village you live in.

The past couple of years have shown how important it is to have well-run councils, focused on delivering quality services for you. From helping people during lockdown to using County Hall for vaccinations, Conservatives have been at the heart of local decision making.

As part of the return to normality, Surrey has continued its Project Horizon programme to renovate our road networks, and at the same time make it more usable by cyclists and pedestrians. Equally, Reigate and Banstead Borough Council has been investing in

improvements to our town centres, community hubs and green spaces. Having strong leadership has allowed both councils to take decisive action during difficult times without having to compromise for political purposes.

You may not have a Conservative councillor today, but the plans and policies set by our councillors aim to benefit everyone. We have a proven record of delivering on local priorities and we'd like to take this opportunity to set out just some of the things we've been doing on your behalf.



Tadworth Leisure Centre: a great asset for all of our community

REGENERATION THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

The most important thing a council can do is provide affordable places to live and places to enjoy.

Regenerating Preston has been a key plan for our borough and county councils. In Chetwode Road and Homefield Gardens, there are works to improve surfaces and parking as well as making crossing easier for pedestrians.

In the summer of 2021, Camelia Close was completed, providing a mix of apartments and houses, owned both privately and by a housing association. These new homes and improvements, combined with the new



Camelia Close: using your money wisely to provide the housing you've asked for

Tadworth Leisure Centre, show what's possible when councils can work together for the benefit of everyone.

BETTER COMMUNITY CENTRES

In July, Reigate and Banstead Borough Council held a consultation into services at local community centres.

Among the key findings was support for tackling loneliness and services for older residents being important things centres should provide. For example, in Banstead people wanted to see gentle exercise, social activities and special events.

Cllr Rod Ashford (Exec member for Community Partnerships) will be using the findings to develop new plans for centres, so keep an eye open for future consultations.

TACKLING LITTER

Following the closure of the Holly Lane recycling site in Banstead, we remain committed to tackling the blight of littering.

You may notice a number of purple rubbish sacks along the roadside. These have been filled by local litter pickers with support from the council who provide the bags and pick equipment as well as collection.

To help households, waste collections continued on their normal schedule over the

Christmas holidays, allowing some of the excess rubbish to be collected from the doorstep. Whilst some people still left a lot of rubbish at recycling sites after Christmas, this was quickly cleared and illegal tippers will be pursued.

It's also been great to see the Tadworth, Kingswood, Lower Kingswood, Walton & Burgh Heath Litter Pickers short listed for the #LitterHeros award in the February 2022 Keep Britain Tidy awards.



With great local recycling options, there is no excuse for fly tipping

£8.8 MILLION BEING SPENT ON LOCAL PROJECTS

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is charged on new developments and that money funds local improvements.

CIL money has to be spent in the area that development took place in, and the bulk of it on infrastructure. For example, £72,000 was spent to create a shared walk and cycle path on the A240 between Preston, the Beacon and Banstead Town Centre.

Other projects include improving Nork Park, increasing parking at the village parade in Kingswood, new bus shelters in Preston, helping the Tattenham Health Centre and widening footpaths in Burgh Heath. Your Conservative-led councils make sure that every local voice is heard.



New bus shelters, a small thing that makes a big difference

News SNIPPETS

Getting a fair deal for Surrey's roads

Surrey's roads are some of the most used in the country, yet receive funding well below that needed for good maintenance.

Recognising this, Cllr Rebecca Paul has started a petition calling for funding that reflects the amount of use our roads have to deal with. Properly maintained roads keep traffic moving and reduce the risks associated with drivers weaving to avoid potholes and expensive repair bills.

If you'd like to sign the petition, visit <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/601963>

Improving roads is just a part of Surrey's wider sustainable local transport plan. This aims to: avoid trips by better planning, help shift travel to sustainable modes, and promote improved vehicle efficiencies.

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There's no such thing as a typical Conservative. Our members come from all walks of life, and like you, want to see our community thrive. Our councillors are there to help everyone, and if you'd like to join us, drop us a line using the details opposite.