



InTouch

Lower Sunbury and Halliford Conservatives

INSIDE News around our area

March 2021

Dear Resident,

This is the first InTouch that we have been able to produce this year because of the restrictions caused by the pandemic, and we think it is right to start by recognising and thanking not only all the NHS and Care workers for their hard work and dedication, but also all the teachers and police who have acted above

and beyond the call of duty throughout this difficult time. Let us also not forget both Surrey County Council and Spelthorne Borough Council who have been brilliant in their work in supporting the national effort. Now thanks to our roll-out of the vaccine we can all look forward to a gradual relaxation of restrictions and

start looking to the future. **The Surrey County Council elections are on May 6th** and is your opportunity to return the Conservative Council that has achieved so many successes during these difficult times.

Buddhi Weerasinghe to stand as The Conservative Candidate for Lower Sunbury and Halliford in the forthcoming Surrey County Council Election on May 6

Buddhi says

“I live in Halliford with my wife Anoma and three children.

I have been active in the community for over 30 years as a School Governor, Voluntary Teacher, and as a Trustee of several charities. I also co-founded a Traders’ Association to support local business communities. Recently, I delivered a Rapid Covid Response project aimed to help young people in Sunbury and Halliford affected by the pandemic. I have also been working closely with our current County Councillor Tim Evans on issues affecting our community.”



My priorities, if elected as County Councillor for Lower Sunbury & Halliford would be:

■ Road Safety:

- To build on the ongoing work to extend the 20mph zone in Lower Sunbury.
- To continue to encourage and enable more local cycling and walking routes.
- To ensure that local roads and footpaths are safe for all users.

■ Green Environment

Whilst we all understand the need to build homes, our local Green Belt is a critical ‘lung’ in all our lives. I will continue to support and protect the Green Belt. As a resident of the area, I understand the concerns about the Eco Park. I support Surrey County Council’s decision to take legal action against the contractor and will continue to campaign to have the gasifier and its stack removed.

■ Flooding:

Recent flooding has again shown how vulnerable our riverside properties are in extreme conditions. I support the Lower Thames Relief Scheme and will press for further protection for Sunbury.

■ Make Spelthorne Zone 6 Campaign

Sunbury and Halliford are home to three stations: Kempton Park, Sunbury and Upper Halliford station. Not one of these train stations is currently in Zone 6. It is long overdue, so I will continue to lobby relevant authorities and South Western Railway to extend Zone 6 as far as Shepperton”

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Tim is stepping down after 12 years of public service



Having served first as a Borough Councillor and then your County Councillor from 2013, Tim Evans will be stepping down. However, he will be active in the community and will support residents whenever he can.

Tim says "I have had a great innings and really enjoyed my time on Surrey County Council but it's time to hand over to a younger person!

Buddhi is the ideal choice to be your representative and will be a great Councillor."


Surrey Council's Top 10 highlights



Investing £170m in accommodation for Looked after Children, Extra Care and independent living, to ensure those most in need can live safely and independently



Investing £100m in Surrey schools and £80m in Special Educational Needs



94% of Surrey schools are rated either good or outstanding



Launched Surrey's Virtual Wellbeing Hub to support people's mental health, with more than 8,300 visits from May-October 2020



Investing £264m in our highways to boost active travel and improve journeys around the country



Investing £105m for "Greener Future" projects like renewable energy, active travel and low emission transport




Investing £253m in flood alleviation to protect tens of thousands of homes and business



Invested £1m in improving and refurbishing our fire stations



Planted 20,000 trees in the last year and plan to plant a total of 1.2 million by 2030



Launched the Greener Futures Climate Change Strategy, backed by £500m for renewables, electric vehicles, and building improvements to push us towards net-zero

Register for a Postal Vote

Due to the pandemic, many of you may want to consider applying for postal votes. We have delivered Postal Vote application forms to most of our residents. Those who haven't received them yet can download the application from <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-for-a-postal-vote> or contact us for a postal vote form.

Good news from our Conservative led Councils

Surrey has entered legal proceedings with Suez, the contractor, with a view to bringing this long overdue issue to an end.

“This is great news for residents, many of whom have fought long and hard to resolve issues and concerns related to the Eco Park”, said Buddhi.



Well done **Spelthorne** for restoring the historic Lendy Lion memorial in the Walled Garden last February. It should never have been covered in the first place.



The **Spelthorne/Surrey Joint Committee** has agreed to install a new outdoor gym in Cedars Park.

Exercising outdoors improves personal physical and mental health.

■ **Spelthorne** declared a Climate Emergency and have adopted a carbon-neutral target.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Surrey recently launched a project to plant 1.2 million trees in Surrey by 2030. Buddhi recently launched an online survey to ask residents where they wanted new native trees to be planted. Following the many responses received from residents, Tim Evans has ordered additional trees to be planted on the following roads.

Maryland Way, Queensway, Brackenwood, Hawkewood Road Upper Halliford Road, Haslett Road and Chestnut Walk

Buddhi worked closely with Tim for cleaner and greener roads and footpaths. As part of this campaign, Upper Halliford Station Road and the Footpath from Nursery Road to the Station have been cleared resulting in many positive comments from residents.



Gaston Bridge Road- Halliford Road Improvements

Cllr Tim Evans recently commissioned road safety improvement work at the junction of Halliford Road with Gaston Bridge Road. This comprised widening the footpath, improving the central island and installing tactile paving on both footways.



Charlton Lane Road Resurfacing in early June

Surrey has confirmed that resurfacing on Charlton Lane will be carried out in early June and we will have the knee rail on the footway repaired at the same time.



Lower Hampton Road

Following a safety audit, new signage will be installed by Puck's Corner including flashing warning signals indicating, "Double Bend, Reduce Speed Now", upgrading the existing 30mph signs and chevrons on the fence.



£ 2000 relaunch grant for The Sunbury Fuel Allotment Trust

The Sunbury Fuel Allotment Trust, founded in 1921 to alleviate fuel poverty in Lower Sunbury had been inactive in recent years but has been now been revived, helped by a £2000 relaunch grant from Surrey County Council's Members' Community Allocation funding supported by County Councillor Tim Evans.

This initiative was strongly supported by Buddhi who said, "All action to eliminate fuel poverty is very welcome and I strongly support this grant initiative from Surrey CC"

Your Local Conservative Team



Alfred Friday



Cllr Tim Evans



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