



After a hard-fought campaign, congratulations are due to Halliford resident Buddhi Weerasinghe who was elected in May as your Surrey County Councillor. Buddhi is very active on social media and can be followed on.



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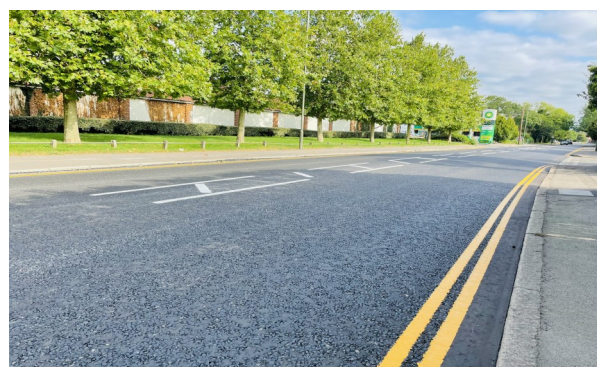


*"I was delighted and honoured to be elected as your County Councillor in May. I humbly appreciate the trust placed in me and shall continue to work tirelessly to improve the lives of all our residents here in this lovely Spelthorne Division of Lower Sunbury and Halliford."*

## Highways and Byways

Over the Summer, the following resurfacing and other works have been completed, following pressure from Buddhi and his predecessor Tim Evans.

- ✓ **Staines Road East**
- ✓ **Charlton Lane; damaged knee-railings were also replaced**
- ✓ **Croysdale Avenue**
- ✓ **Nursery Road cutback of overgrown hedges and trees.**



## Highways and Byways —continued

Buddhi has now reported the following roads for repair and necessary maintenance work.

### Loudwater Road

dangerous manhole cover and potholes with uneven and worn surfaces

### Green Street/Church Street Road Junction and Footway

maintenance work and/or for resurfacing.

### Halliford Road

Speed limit and weight restrictions on HGV vehicles

### Hawthorne Way

Parking issues; reopen the access used by coal trucks.

### Oak Grove

Disabled Access in and around Oak Grove, Staines Road East and Sunbury Cross






## Irresponsible parking near Beauclerc School on French Street

Residents have raised concerns about parents who park on the corner of French Street and Elizabeth Gardens on the pavement with obvious inconvenience and dangers.

Surrey County Council carried out a “Road Safety Outside School” investigation.

The Officers recommend that the school need to register with ModeShift STARS and work towards completing a Bronze accredited Travel Plan.

French Street	Picture	Problem highlighted	Solution
Point 1		Parking on pavements and at the mouth of the junctions with The Pennards and Elizabeth Gardens	Double yellow lines from the mouth of the Pennards to the 'School Keep Clear' markings <b>1</b>
Point 2			Double yellow lines at the mouth of Elizabeth Gardens, extending to the 'H' bar outside No. 203 on French Street
			

Officers also recommended:

\*Double yellow lines from the entrance of the Pennards to the 'School Keep Clear' markings

\*Double yellow lines at the entrance of Elizabeth Gardens, extending to the 'H' bar outside No. 203 French Street

## Spelthorne in the TfL Zone 6 Oyster /Contactless cards

Buddhi joined campaign "Spelthorne in the Zone, Oyster for Spelthorne" and continues to lobby relevant authorities to get Spelthorne into TfL Zone 6.

Residents are kindly requested to follow the campaign

Facebook page : <https://www.facebook.com/spelthornezone6>





## Electric vehicle charging points pilot project in Surrey

Surrey County Council (SCC) is leading a two-year electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure pilot.

As part of this pilot project, Surrey Council had identified a site The Avenue to install electric vehicle (EV) charging points during Autumn/Winter 2021.

However, due to the limited number of parking bays in The Avenue and as requested by the local business community, Surrey CC has been asked to look again at the locations to install EVCP.

If you have suggestions where you would like to see local On-street EV charging points to be installed locally please email Buddhi or do it online.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/sustainable-driving/electric-vehicles/electric-vehicle-charging-point-pilot-scheme>

## Planning

### Benwell Phase 2 defeated thanks to the Conservatives

This proposed development, widely criticised in Sunbury, and opposed by the Conservatives but backed by the current Lib Dem, Green, Harveyite Administration, was defeated at a recent meeting of the Spelthorne Borough Council Planning Committee, with Sunbury “Independent” Councillor Helen Harvey defying local opinion and voting for it to be built. Without the three Conservatives voting against this dreadful proposal, we would have ended up with a monstrosity.

### 36/38 Minsterley Avenue- Planning Application

Residents in Minsterley Avenue have been very pleased to note that Spelthorne Planning Committee unanimously rejected the planning application of 36/38 Minsterley Avenue. Although it is not county councillors’ responsibility, at the request of residents, Buddhi contacted Surrey Highways teams, raised the profile of the case, discussed residents’ concerns with the ward councillors and shared residents’ concerns with fellow conservative councillors who took an informed decision.

## Children and Youth

Buddhi says, “Having three children of my own I will work very closely with the school leaders and governors of all schools in Lower Sunbury to ensure our children get access to all services provided by Surrey CC so that schools can provide the quality education which our children deserve.”

Our schools are truly inclusive and I appreciate the dedication of the schools’ leaders who support our children in need and I have already been discussing issues relating to Education, Health Care Plans (EHCPs) and the Special Education Need and Disabilities (SEND) provision. Accordingly I arranged a visit from the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning of Surrey CC to meet the Head of one of our local schools to discuss funding for EHCP/SEND provisions.

Separately I met with the Surrey County Council Strategic Commissioning Manager (Youth Provision) to discuss Surrey’s Family Resilience Universal Youth Offer and plans for our young people. It was also great to talk to the CEO of Surrey Clubs for Young People about how best to support the Sunbury Youth Centre.”

## Local Business

The Covid- 19 pandemic has presented an unprecedented challenge to many businesses and self-employed people here in Sunbury and Halliford. With our local shops it really is a question of “Use it or Lose it”

Buddhi has been tireless in his efforts to create a platform for local businesses in Sunbury and Halliford to come together, to discuss the issues that they all face.

With the support of the Spelthorne Business Forum, the first-ever such event in Sunbury took place on 30th July where over 25 business owners gathered at the newly opened Spelthorne Business Hub in Hanworth Road (spelthornebusinesshub.com). The local business community had the opportunity to meet and talk with our MP and Secretary of State for Business and Energy, Kwasi Kwarteng and Surrey Council’s Deputy Chief Executive Michael Coughlin.



# Conservatives serving Sunbury since 1885!

The recent relocation of the local Spelthorne Conservative headquarters has revealed records showing that meetings of Sunbury Conservatives first took place in July 1885, making it the longest established political organisation in our community - and still trying to make life better.

## £ 1000 allocated to the highly successful Sunbury Ferry project

says Buddhi, "I was very happy to allocate £ 1000 towards purchasing life jackets to be used by volunteers of the Sunbury Ferry project which connect Sunbury on Thames and Walton on Thames"



**Tim Evans retired from public service** After 12 years of public service, Tim Evans retired as county councillor. He remains as the Chairman of the Sunbury and Halliford Conservative Branch of the Spelthorne Conservative Association. He is also continuing his service to the Surrey Pension Fund as Chairman of the Surrey Local Pension Board.

**Spelthorne Young Conservatives. Invitation to Young people in Sunbury and Halliford** To help young people engage in the democratic process and take part in politics, Spelthorne Young Conservatives are pleased to welcome new members. Please contact : [janinduaw@gmail.com](mailto:janinduaw@gmail.com)

## We deserve better than this!

Although it is over 2 years since I retired from Spelthorne Borough Council I am saddened that I am still being approached by local residents and businesses, because they are unable to get help from the current elected and unelected individuals that claim to represent us .

We deserve better than this, and so does Sunbury. Local residents who would like to stand as candidates . If you feel you could be one of them please contact

[office@spelthorneconservatives.org.uk](mailto:office@spelthorneconservatives.org.uk)

With your help we can make Sunbury a better place.

Alfred Friday  
Conservative Councillor  
Sunbury East 2011-15 and 2015 -19.  
Mayor of Spelthorne 2016-17.

## Invite to members to join Sunbury and Halliford Conservatives Branch.

There has never been a more exciting time to be involved in politics locally.

Sunbury Conservatives have over 130 years of history. Being a member of your local Conservative branch means that you have joined the most open and democratic political party in Britain. Being a member is about joining a group of people in Sunbury and Halliford who really care about our villages and what to stand up for and make a difference in a number of ways.

We would like to invite you to join Sunbury and Halliford Conservatives Branch.

Reasons to join local Conservative branch:

- The chance to make a difference in our local community through our campaign work
- Regular updates of social and political events throughout the year
- The chance to meet new and interesting people and network
- Invitations to attend the Party Conferences and meetings
- Taking part in the Conservative Policy Forum that helps the party develop its policies

Opportunity to vote for and stand as a candidate for local and national elections

Please contact branch Chairman : [tim@timevansconsulting.co.uk](mailto:tim@timevansconsulting.co.uk)

## Your Local Conservative Team



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