



# InTouch

## Sunbury & Halliford Conservatives

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### From the Branch Chairman

Welcome to this bumper edition of InTouch covering many local issues in Sunbury and Halliford. So much has happened this year! We mourn the passing of our beloved Queen after 70 years of dedicated service and look forward to the coronation next May of King Charles III.



AND as we welcome our third Conservative Prime Minister this year (Good luck Rishi!) it is gratifying to see both Surrey County Council and Spelthorne Borough Council remaining in Conservative hands. Both Councils have redoubled their efforts to help residents with the increasing cost of living. See more at

[Surreycc.gov.uk/welfare](https://Surreycc.gov.uk/welfare) and [Spelthorne.gov.uk/support](https://Spelthorne.gov.uk/support)

Next year also sees local elections for Spelthorne Borough Council. If you're interested in becoming a Councillor do contact me as Chairman of the Sunbury Branch.

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### A message from your Surrey Conservative County Councillor in Lower Sunbury-Buddhi Weerasinghe

As your Conservative County Councillor I have been working hard to address issues that concerns our community. Over the last 18 months, my focus has been to work on



- Improving transportation and road safety
- Local schools, youth and children services
- Environment issues, floods, air-emission and greener future
- Healthcare including adult social care
- Local business
- Community engagement

I have been meeting residents, local organisations and charities to understand issues we have in our community such as

- Lower Sunbury Residents' Association (LoSRA)
- Riverside Art Centre
- Sunbury Sports Club
- Sunbury Amateur Regatta
- Sunbury and Walton Sea Cadets
- Sunbury Ferry Ltd
- Friends of Sunbury Park
- Halliford Village Pottery
- Local schools ..... Contd.

My approach is to engage with residents and take a pragmatic approach to achieve a better outcome for the community by

- Hosting residents' engagement meetings before spending public funds
- Actively engaging on social media with residents and providing regular updates
- Working with local campaigners and lobbying relevant authorities.

See below some of my work. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns that affect our community.

Thanks to Conservative run Spelthorne Borough Council Sunbury will benefit from over £1.2m Community Investment Levy (CIL) money being invested in three major projects that will really benefit our community

- £800,000 of matched funding for the desperately needed enlargement and improvement of the Sunbury Health Centre. *More detail inside.*
- £400,000 for the expansion project at Bishop Wand School
- Investment on the new Outdoor Gym in Cedar Park

Separately our Surrey Police commissioner has secured £237,000 funding to combat anti-social behaviour around Sunbury Cross.

### Getting things done

- Local charities in Sunbury and Halliford received £ 5000 from my member allocation.
- Lyndhurst Avenue Pavement repairs completed.
- Little girl Rosie's petition resulted in The Avenue getting a safer pedestrian crossing
- Harfield Road will be resurfaced
- Part of Green Street/Church Street to be resurfaced
- Halliford Road is to have speed cameras

### Campaign highlights

- Support for Thames Street Road Safety and Protect our Heritage campaign
- 'Include Spelthorne into TfL Zone System' campaign gets my support at Surrey CC

### Surrey Council Highlights

- £ 50,000 for Lower Sunbury and Halliford from Your Fund Surrey
- Highways funding £ 150,000 for Lower Sunbury and Halliford Roads and pavements
- Grant to help reduce your home costs this winter
- Surrey Skills Plan launched
- Surrey Healthy Streets
- Surrey Health and Wellbeing strategy launched.

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### Young Leaders are the future of our country. Rosie's petition secured £ 70K funding for a zebra crossing

Thank you Rosie Gurney, the young girl who campaigned for safer road crossing on the Avenue. Rosie, then a pupil of Chennestone School worked extremely hard to get the petition heard at the Spelthorne Joint Committee. She presented the petition to the council herself. As a result of her petition, the Committee allocated £ 70,000 for traffic calming measures and installation of a Zebra Crossing on the Avenue. Buddhi met Rosie and her parents and thanked Rosie on behalf of Surrey Council.

As Conservatives, we applaud Rosie's initiatives and encourage our local young people get involved in community activities and become leaders.

Do you want to make a difference in our community and keen to work with people, then

Please join your local Conservative Branch

Contact : Tim Evans; [tim@timevansconsulting.co.uk](mailto:tim@timevansconsulting.co.uk)

#### Spelthorne Young Conservatives

Are you aged 17-25 and live in Spelthorne?

Become a future leader of our nation. Join Spelthorne Young Conservatives.

Contact the Chairman of Spelthorne YC : Rohan Vijihalwar on [rohan\\_vijihalwar@hotmail.com](mailto:rohan_vijihalwar@hotmail.com)

### THE AVENUE – PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS WITH TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

Following on from the Residents' Engagement Meeting on the 13th May Buddhi has been working with the Surrey Council Highways team to develop proposals for safety measures on The Avenue, Lower Sunbury.

Following comments from local residents, the scheme has been revised to focus on pedestrian safety improvements at the junction with Manor Lane.

The proposal to include the entire length of The Avenue in the Thames Street 20mph Zone was rejected.

The scheme aims to promote a safer environment and reduce conflict between vehicles and pedestrians. It is anticipated that particular benefits will be for both child and adult pedestrians walking and cycling to and from the local schools.

It is proposed to:

- Install a zebra crossing south of the raised table on the junction with Manor Lane.
- Create a 'pinch-point' on the carriageway at a point north of the raised table on the junction with Manor Lane.
- Install two sets of two road cushions on the south approach to the zebra crossing, to reduce speed
- Install two sets of two road cushions on the north approach to the pinch point.

In addition, the current 20mph Zone will be extended 75m to the junction with Saxonbury Avenue and The Avenue. This will benefit both pedestrians and motorists using/accessing the busy parade of shops and businesses.

### Local Plan Update

We still await the completion of the consultation on the Local Plan. Spelthorne BC will then be asked to approve it. Then and only then will planning applications be heard to determine for example whether the plans to build on the field between Hazelwood Drive and School Walk are allowable. The local Plan has been 10 years in the making and is driven by the Government's unreasonable targets (based on outdated forecasts) for required housebuilding in Spelthorne. An ongoing saga...

### Tree Planting in Lower Sunbury and Halliford

As part of "Surrey's One million Tree planting program", Buddhi has allocated funding to plant trees. Please suggest locations where you think trees should be planted. [Buddhi.Weerasinghe@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:Buddhi.Weerasinghe@surreycc.gov.uk)

### Save Green Space

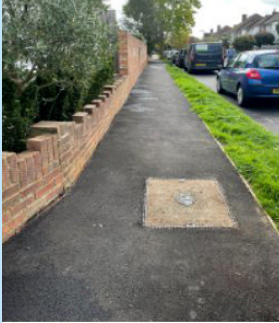
There are many small but valuable green spaces in Sunbury and Halliford.

Buddhi and local resident John Maxen have submitted representations to save these spaces at

- Upper Halliford Road ( foot of the railway bridge)
- Halliford Village
- Stratton Road
- Montford Road/Forge Lane
- Falcon Way
- Hamilton Place
- Kenton Avenue

**Sunbury and Halliford Conservatives:  
Campaigning to keep Sunbury and Halliford  
a greener place to live**

## Lyndhurst Avenue and Croysdale Avenue



Extent of works: —————

Residents will be pleased to learn that Surrey Highways resurfaced the road and recently completed reconstruction work on the pavements in Lyndhurst Avenue.



### PUBLIC PETITION

MAKE THAMES STREET SAFER AND PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE

Buddhi made a representation at the SCC Highways & Community Resilience Decisions Meeting with the main petitioner, Patrick Leaney, and stressed his support for the petition to

- Install a speed camera on Thames Street
- Smooth the run-on/off rumps of the speed bumps (not remove them) to reduce reverberation and harm to the heritage buildings in the street.

### Spelthorne in TfL Zone Public petition

The petition now has now more than 16,000 signatures. Buddhi is closely working with the main campaigner until a satisfactory outcome is achieved. If you have not signed the petition yet, please sign it today. Here is the link.

<https://www.change.org/p/spelthornezone6/responses/21765>

### Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner met Sunbury & Halliford



Lisa and Buddhi have met residents of Vereker Drive, Green Street, Church Street and Hawthorne Way to discuss local criminality, burglaries, anti social behaviour and anti social parking. Increased CCTV in Sunbury and Halliford was discussed.



Buddhi with the local community policing team



## Local businesses need the support of the local community



Buddhi recently met with popular local business- "The Sassy Apron" to discuss the challenges local businesses face. Sassy Apron specialises in fresh bread, pastries & cakes, including vegan, a fantastic deli selection, and, of course, delicious coffee!

Local businesses are the heart of the economy and we all need to protect and support them.

## Bishop Wand School received £ 400,000 CIL funding



£ 400,000 for Bishop Wand School's Expansion project has been allocated from CIL Funding.

Surrey County Council, The London Diocesan Board for Schools, and the Governing Body of Bishop Wand C of E School proposed that The Bishop Wand C of E School be expanded from a standard entry of 186 (6 forms) at year 7 to 210 (7 forms) from September 2022. As a result, the school will be enlarged from a 930 place secondary school to a 1050 place secondary school.

Surrey County Council is funding the increase through the Basic Need Grant for expansion of Secondary School places. In addition, it is proposed that an additional classroom is to be built to accommodate an additional 40 places increasing the sixth form capacity to 220 places.

This will bring the total school capacity to 1270.

## Sunbury Health Centre to receive £ 800,000 from CIL funding.



We are all aware of the difficulties of cramped accommodation at the Sunbury Health Centre in Green Street.

Designed 60 years ago for a catchment of 6,000 it now has to cater for around 20,000 patients causing obvious problems with timely appointments.

The decision of Conservative led Spelthorne Borough Council to allocate £800,000 CIL funding to match the NHS funding in order to enlarge and improve the Centre is a massive and most welcome decision. We look forward to the benefits in due course.

## Meet Your Local Conservative Team



Alfred Friday



Tim Evans



Andrew Hirst



John Maxen



Buddhi Weerasinghe