



InTouch Hershham

News from your local Hershham Conservatives

SURREY POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER ELECTION

Please remember to vote on November 15th. Julie Iles is our excellent Conservative candidate and you will be hearing about her plans and priorities in the weeks ahead.

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Time to fix the Hershham clocks



DOES time stand still in Hershham? Surely not!

Have you noticed there are three large clocks in Hershham on the tops of buildings, but none are actually working?

Who would have thought how difficult it would be to fix them – but alas that is the case.

Cllr. Mary Sheldon has been looking into this and has been in touch with those responsible for these clocks to encourage them to get them fixed – one is above the entrance to the Hershham Shopping Centre, another over doorway of Academy Hairdressing and the third is on the small turret above the Castle Wildish building in Molesey Road.

They are now all in the process of being repaired – so watch this space and let's hope time will now move on in Hershham!

In a flap about railway pigeons

CLLR. Ian Donaldson is engaging with Network Rail to try to resolve the problems of pigeons at the Halfway Railway Bridge.

We will update you when the problem has been resolved.

Hopefully the pigeons will soon have to look elsewhere for a comfortable abode!

Half-term fun at Hershham library

ALL Hershham councillors are in full support of maintaining the excellent services of Hershham Library, run so efficiently by Sue and her team.

The Friends of the Library continue to organise a wide range of activities for young children during school holidays and half term.

There will be a fireworks and Guy Fawkes themed fun craft session for children aged between 4 and 10 on Friday 2 November between 11 and 12 noon - tickets available from the Library.

Elmbridge is up with the best

THE Audit Commission's Annual Governance Report on Elmbridge Council accorded the highest acclaim for its financial statements and value for money, adding that "the Council compared highly with the best authorities!" Praise indeed.

Working hard for Hershham!

HERSHAM Surrey County Councillor Margaret Hicks reports on her continuing achievements, campaigns and successes for residents.

"Twenty years on from when I was first privileged to be elected as your Surrey County Councillor for Hershham, I am as eager and committed to serving our community, helping solve individual problems and doing everything I can to put Hershham firmly on the map as a great place to live.

Much of my recent focus has been on securing road improvements in Hershham, and I have been able to allocate over £40,000. I am pleased to say that these include Mole Road around the junction with Profumo Road, Old Esher Close in the area around the tree planter, Linfield Close and Rydens Grove around the junction with Molesey Road. And residents of Eastwick Road will be delighted (and relieved!) to learn that it will be completely resurfaced in the next few months.

Regarding speeding problems in Burwood Road (pictured) I want



to say that I shall wholeheartedly support and will press for effective measures that must include a new 20mph speed limit.

Each three months I drive round all the roads in Hershham and submit comprehensive lists to Highways regarding defects and slowly but surely the pot holes in particular are being filled. I will also be providing the financing for VAS signs on

Westcar Lane reminding motorists that it is a 30 mph zone.

An additional highways task is getting dropped kerbs installed on the Queens Road between Westcar Lane and Burwood Road, and have just received confirmation that they will be built in this financial year.

Hershham's schools and young people are a top priority for me.

I have given financial support to Bell Farm Primary School towards outdoor equipment for the Reception Class, and helped St. Peter's Church in funding the new audio

equipment and Hershham Youth Trust towards the insurance costs. Congratulations to all our students attending the schools in Hershham for the encouraging Key Stage, GCSE and A Level results showing marked improvement.

Bell Farm became a primary school this September with Burhill Infant School following in 2014.

I visited the Hershham Youth Trust during the summer months. It offers six days a week opening for up to 80 young people who respect and enjoy the opportunities on offer.

Flooding after heavy rain has been a long term problem in parts of Hershham but these should be a thing of the past. The emergency work at the foot of Burwood Road has worked well. And I can report that Highway Officers will be carrying out extensive work in Mayfield Road to find where the water accumulates which pours out of drains and results in flooding.

Last but not least...I greatly enjoyed being a Surrey Ambassador during the Olympic cycle events and was delighted by the wonderful atmosphere along the routes and especially in Hershham.

I have suggested that we call it the 'Golden Route' after Bradley Wiggins won gold on our roads!"

You have a say at the roadshow



ON AUGUST 15th the Elmbridge Borough Council Roadshow came to Hershham Green.

Despite the gloomy weather residents came to 'have their say' and there were many smiling faces - something to do with free face painting?

Local families also enjoyed giant jenga and other games. The Council's partners, Surrey Police and Surrey Fire and Rescue, also joined in the fun, encouraging children (and adults) to tour the emergency vehicles and pose for photos with police hats on.

Elmbridge Borough Council is setting its vision for 2013-2018, and was consulting on this at the Roadshow.

Your local councillors (pictured above with Waitrose staff) and service providers were there to get feedback on Council services such as recycling, development control, and community safety.

The Hershham shops also entered into the spirit of the event by providing free goody bags, charity tombola, and tasting sessions of delicious cheeses, cold meats, and wine (non-alcoholic).

John O'Reilly and Malcolm Howard sincerely thank Hershham residents for their support in the May elections. Both greatly enjoyed and appreciated meeting you on the doorsteps (despite the awful weather at times!) and receiving your feedback. John was returned to represent Hershham South by a large majority, but after a nail-biting count, Malcolm lost in Hershham North by just 64 votes.

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Barley Mow roundabout

THE Olympic cycling planting on the Barley Mow roundabout has been great for the summer, but what plans are there for the future? Your local councillors would welcome ideas and suggestions for appropriate planting on this highly visible site. If you have any thoughts on a design or planting scheme please phone or email one of your Hershams councillors (details above) and let them know what you think.

Nordic walking in Hershams



After completing a busy year as Mayor of Elmbridge, Hershams Councillor John Sheldon had his feet literally back on the ground, sampling the Nordic Walking course which he funded with Community Connect. He reported "I found it ideal full body exercise, that can be enjoyed by anybody for no more than the modest

cost of the special poles – though even these can be borrowed." Since the lessons from instructor Sharon Taylor, the activity seems to be taking off, with members of the original group being joined by others for regular walking in our many lovely rural locations.

Burwood Rd speeding

COLIN Flexman and Michelle Wentworth, who both live in Burwood Road, write on behalf of many local residents.



"At the Police/Residents Panel Meeting in July, residents again raised the issue of excessive vehicle speeds through Hershams and Burwood Road in particular.

Burwood Road and its 'feeder' roads serve a number of hugely popular community-based venues and activities. The small area directly adjacent to Hershams Green includes: **Lilliput' Pre-School Nursery, Burhill School, the children's playground area on the Green, (with no safe crossing area of any kind on Burwood Road), various children's groups at the St. Peter's Church Hall, and the St. John Ambulance Headquarters in Faulkners Road. There is also the busy doctors' surgery in Pleasant Place, Hershams Day Centre, the shops and a large number of equestrians from local stables regularly using Burwood Road and Burhill Road.**

Our prime objective is to secure a 20mph speed limit (from 30mph) through Hershams village, including the section of Molesey Road from the Barley Mow roundabout to its junction with Queens Road, and from the above junction to the Westcar Lane roundabout; Burwood Road from the Queens Road junction through to the 40 mph speed limit markers adjacent to Turners Lane, Burhill Road and Pleasant Place, Westcar Lane, Green Lane, Thrupps Lane and Mole Road.

Please support and sign our petition by contacting Colin on 01932 244362,

Your Conservative Hershams Borough Councillors and county Councillor Margaret Hicks fully endorse these proposals and will be arguing forcefully for their adoption at the next Surrey Local Area Committee meeting on Nov 19th, 4pm, Civic Centre.

That's an improvement!

A NUMBER of Hershams businesses have successfully applied for funding from the Elmbridge Community Improvement Fund.

The Fund was established in 2009 to promote the economic, social and environmental well-being of the Borough, and in Hershams your Conservative councillors have been encouraging shops and businesses to use it to initiate improvements, whether for shop fronts, signage, promotional or marketing events.

Hershams in Bloom also applied for help with the cost of the flags and flagpoles they installed in the village just in time for the Olympic Time Trial on 1st August.

The scheme has now been extended to March 2014 – apply to Elmbridge Borough Council www.elmbridge.gov.uk/business/ecif.htm



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THERE has been an increase in reports of unsolicited (cold calling) telephone calls offering a risk assessment of your home to see if you are eligible for a security box, or saying they are working with the government to offer free burglar alarms.

Should you receive such a call please say NO! This is pressure selling and scare mongering and the 'free' alarm or security box usually comes with a lengthy and expensive monitoring contract!

If you wish to buy an alarm the advice is to obtain three quotes and read the small print. For free independent advice contact Elaine Burtenshaw-Kindlen, Crime Reduction Advisor, on 01483 637350 (Burtenshaw-Kindlen14613@surrey.pnn.police.uk).

with South West Trains.

A working group, involving elected members, representatives of the trade and officers has been established. What are your views? We will update you on developments.

County Councillors have transferred £40,000 to the highly successful Elmbridge Street Smart Team to increase the number of minor works such as tree overhang, sign washing, ditch clearance, street vegetation. This is an excellent example of County and Borough working together.

At a police panel meeting in July your councillors joined residents in voting to keep speeding as the priority for the Hershams area.

In the past month officers have carried out speed checks and high-visibility patrols in Hershams. As a result, over 60 drivers were issued penalties or warnings.

The next meeting will be at St Peters Church Hall, Burwood Road, on Wednesday 14th November, 7.30pm. Please make a note and come along.

A new taxi rank in Mayfield Road opposite Walton station was proposed this month, initially with three spaces operating 24 hours.

There are significant local and practical issues to consider, and there will be further discussions

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