

IN TOUCH with OATLANDS



News and updates from your Conservative representatives for Oatlands & Burwood Park Ward

Autumn 2021

Planning for the Future

THE focus of intense interest for many residents across the Borough has become increasingly centred on planning, the new Local Plan and concerns for the protection and preservation of the Green Belt which is so much a feature of Elmbridge and is so greatly prized and appreciated by virtually everybody who lives in or visits the area.

As many of our residents will know, Elmbridge has been working on preparing a new Local Plan for a number of years and hopefully the task is nearing completion and a new draft Local Plan is currently on target to be approved by Council in early February next year.

This will be the second draft plan, the first having been rejected by Members of the Council due to the reliance on the release of Green Belt for future development.

Once approved the Plan will be published and will go to an inspector appointed by the Planning Inspectorate for examination and only after that Inspector has assessed the Plan and the evidence upon which it has been based and

prepared and deemed it as fit for purpose will the new Local Plan go to Council for adoption. Once adopted, it will become the document containing the policies against which all planning applications across the Borough will come to be measured.

It is clear that Council must ensure that it has up to date, workable policies which will not only protect our valuable Green Belt but will also encourage the right type of development in the right places across the Borough.

On a more local note, it has become increasingly clear over the more recent past that developers are looking more and more intently at Oatlands and the possibility of further intense development. In the medium and longer term it will not be possible to resist further development and in many instances we should not, but it must be the right development in the right places if we are to protect what I started calling many years ago "The Spirit of Oatlands".

Councillor Barry Cheyne

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C/Councillor Tony Samuels

CONSERVATIVE Surrey County Council is giving local communities over £100m over the next five years to spend on projects that improve their local area. So please 'think big' and submit your big ideas for what you think our community needs. Whether it's a new community hall, new play areas, a new swimming pool, collaborative working places, new sports pitches, a community food growing place or a place to train and learn, let us hear your ideas and aspirations. Visit www.surreycc.gov.uk/yourfund

News in Brief

THE play area in Oatlands Recreation Ground recently received funding to replace the roundabout which had been a major concern for parents. The trampoline which was damaged beyond repair has been removed for safety reasons. Your Elmbridge Councillors are pressing for it to be replaced as soon as possible but there is a significant cost involved.

THE poor condition of the noticeboards at the Recreation Ground has been raised by a number of residents and we are looking at ways in which they could be repaired or replaced. Currently there is no budget for such work.

THE suspension of the green waste bin collection with little or no notice and no final collection rightly angered many residents. Conservative Councillors pressed the ruling Lib Dem/RAs Administration to ensure that residents are compensated and that there will be no further cancellation of bin collections.

SURREY County Council is proposing to introduce a cycle route between Grotto Road and Oatlands Drive. This will particularly benefit Oatlands Ward children going to St James' School. However, your Councillors are concerned about the lack of a crossing point on Oatlands Drive and are pressing for this to be considered as part of the scheme.

ELMBRIDGE is considering a licence for companies who walk five or more dogs in our parks. The aim is to deter those who are using Elmbridge parks to avoid charges in other boroughs. This will reduce the impact on residents who feel pushed out of their local park.

We'd like your views. Please complete the survey on the back page.

 **Conservatives**

LOCAL PARKING

PARKING in and around Oatlands village is becoming increasingly difficult for local people and detrimental to local traders.

Your Elmbridge Councillors achieved the introduction of a number of 2 hour parking bays and a reduced number of business permits in 2019. However, earlier this year the Liberal Democrat/Residents' Associations Coalition which runs Elmbridge Council decided to scrap the 30 minute parking charge in all car parks. As a result, it now costs £1 to park for 30 minutes in Oatlands which deters many people from using the car park and village shops.

Conservative Councillors proposed that village car parks should retain a 30 minute option but disappointingly this was voted down by the ruling Coalition. We will continue to press for better parking options to support local people and local businesses.



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CASH SUPPORT FOR ST MARY OATLANDS AND WALTON LEIGH SCHOOL

ELMBRIDGE Councillors recently supported bids by St Mary Oatlands Church and Walton Leigh School for grants from the Council's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). This levy is money collected by the Council from developers.

St Mary's received a contribution towards the resurfacing and landscaping of their car park. Since then **Councillor Ananya Banerjee** has been working with the church to develop the project further. Once complete, it will benefit not only church goers but also parents of children at Cleves School as well as those who attend the many activities at the church. **Walton Leigh School** received a contribution towards the refurbishment of their hydrotherapy pool. The improvements will allow better access for all pupils and community groups who use the facility.



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10am

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St Mary Oatlands Church,
Oatlands Avenue

Lest we forget...

Looking after Oatlands

A **BIG** thank you to the **Weybridge-in-Bloom** volunteers who have looked after our local area and helped make it look so attractive.

Weybridge-in-Bloom is a non-political community project and new volunteers are always welcome.
www.weybridgeinbloom.org.uk

Coming soon ... Friends of Oatlands

If you are interested in helping to set up this organisation to look after Oatlands, please contact **Hilary Butler** (details right).

Tackling Potholes

SURREY County Council has become one of the first UK local authorities to trial artificial intelligence (AI) technology to spot potholes.

Cameras fitted to dashboards inside Council vehicles scan for defects and transmit their location, width and depth to the highways team. The Council is investing £200m over five years to improve 350 miles of road and 180 miles of pavements.

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HOW TO RETURN THE OATLANDS SURVEY

1 Fill in the survey overleaf and let us have your views on the issues that matter to you

2 Fill in your details so we can respond to your concerns and represent you better

3 Tear off this page of the leaflet along the dotted line

4 Fold this page into 3, with the address below visible on the outside and your survey results tucked away inside

5 Secure it and put it in a post box - no stamp required!

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OATLANDS RESIDENTS' SURVEY

Fill in, fold up, and send back to us **FREEPOST**

1 What are your top **THREE** priorities for the Government following the national pandemic? Please number from 1 to 3 (1 being the highest).

- The NHS (hospitals and GP surgeries)
- Environment & Climate Change
- Education
- The Economy
- Social Care
- Transport (trains and buses)
- Roads
- Defence
- Other – please specify

Are there any comments or issues you'd like to raise?

3 Thinking ahead to the **local elections in May 2022**, how likely are you to vote?

<No chance of voting Certain to vote>

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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2 Which **THREE** of these local issues do you think should be prioritised?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Weybridge hospital site redevelopment | <input type="checkbox"/> Keeping down Council Tax |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protecting green spaces | <input type="checkbox"/> Recycling and rubbish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning and sensitive development | <input type="checkbox"/> Road and pothole repairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting local shops and businesses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parking | <input type="checkbox"/> School places provision |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transport and congestion | <input type="checkbox"/> Leisure, libraries and culture |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth activities |

4 In order to make this survey representative, how did you vote in the last local elections?

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservative | <input type="checkbox"/> Independent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Labour | <input type="checkbox"/> Other/Didn't vote |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lib Dem | |

6 Again thinking ahead to the local elections in May 2022, what are the chances of you voting for each of the following parties – on a scale of 0-10, where 0 means there would be no chance of you voting for the party and 10 means you would be absolutely certain to vote for the party?

Please tick <No chance of voting for this party Certain to vote for this party>

Liberal Democrat	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Labour	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Conservative	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Independent	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Green	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Other	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

(Please state name of Other) _____

YOUR DETAILS

PLEASE WRITE IN BLOCK CAPITALS

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