



News from Egham Hythe ward

From Mark Adams, Cllr Alex Balkan and Dr Ben Spencer MP

Residents meeting 15th March - Join us!

Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator Mark Adams has organised a community meeting for residents to raise concerns to their representatives and the police.

The meeting will be on Wednesday 15 March, from 5.45pm-7pm at The Hythe Centre. This will be an opportunity for you to raise matters and ask questions to the Surrey Cabinet Member for Environment Cllr Marisa Heath and Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner Ellie Vesey-Thompson.

Cllr Alex Balkan will be there along with Mark Adams, the local Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator. Mark previously served on Runnymede Borough Council and continues to work with Alex on a variety of community issues, many of which are covered in this newsletter.

Together Alex and Mark are pushing for increased police resources and attention into Egham Hythe, however the police and RBC Community Safety can only take action if incidents are reported.

So please report all incidents of antisocial behaviour by calling 101.

At the meeting you will hear about our priorities this year including tackling litter, enhancing our green spaces, fixing potholes and supporting young people. We have also been engaging with Network Rail to reduce waiting times at level crossings - an issue locally for decades!

Mark and Alex are driven to help and enhance the lives of all residents.



Cllr Alex and Mark Adams with Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner Ellie Vesey-Thompson who will be answering your questions.



Runnymede Council will be taking to the streets of Egham with new vacuum powered devices. They are the latest kit in the fight against litter. Cllr Alex Balkan said: "Broken glass in playgrounds will also be tackled by this new kit and we hope you will soon see a positive difference around Egham."

Ben opposes Labour's ULEZ tax

The Labour Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, is to charge Surrey residents who drive older or polluting cars £12.50 per day to drive into London boroughs from August.

His Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) is being massively expanded to Outer London boroughs which border Surrey.

Dr Ben Spencer, our MP, said: 'Rather than tackling air pollution the ULEZ expansion is a shameless London tax, to make up for the Mayor of London's budgeting failure. It will clobber local businesses and commuters

who face a huge tax simply to get to work. I'm calling for scrappage schemes, conversion of the bus fleet to zero emissions, and an ambitious Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) manufacturing mandate to tackle air pollution.

'I'm delighted that Surrey County Council has joined other councils in launching a legal challenge to the ULEZ, and I am working with colleagues and councils to protect local residents and business and fight this harmful scheme.'



Dr Ben Spencer MP says Labour's own research shows that ULEZ expansion will have a minimal effect on air pollution.



Mark's level crossing motion passed by RBC

Runnymede Conservatives have kick-started the process of lobbying stakeholders to shorten waiting times at our level crossing.

Egham Hythe candidate Mark Adams said: "We are standing up for residents on a matter which blights lives daily.

"Unnecessarily long waiting times means being late, idle cars causing more pollution, poor health, and speeding.

"Cllr Alex Balkan proposed a motion at the council and we have been working on this quality of life issue and fighting our residents' corner.

"We also requested signage to remind drivers to turn off their engines while waiting, to reduce pollution."

This is the start of the long campaign to attain support from multiple stakeholders to shorten level crossing waiting times.



With Mark Adams's leadership the 30 Causeway planning application was rejected due to flood risk & poor design

Great services, low tax and local investment

Runnymede Conservatives are continuing to deliver excellent services for residents while maintaining the lowest council tax in Surrey.

Cllr Tom Gracey, Leader of Runnymede Council, says: "I am delighted that we have passed an ambitious budget for the forthcoming year.

"It supports residents most in need, protects the services offered by the Council and provides secure foundations for continued growth.

"We are investing in our social housing, upgrading our IT to allow residents to access more services online, enhancing our parks and open spaces. In tough times we will continue to deliver for local families."



Runnymede Conservative leader Cllr Tom Gracey

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Community hub

Mark Adams and Cllr Alex Balkan's pivotal project of a Hythe Centre community hub is almost a reality.

Runnymede Council is finalising negotiations with the NHS to be the building's anchor tenant. There will also be a community café, health services and activities for children and all.

Playground revamp

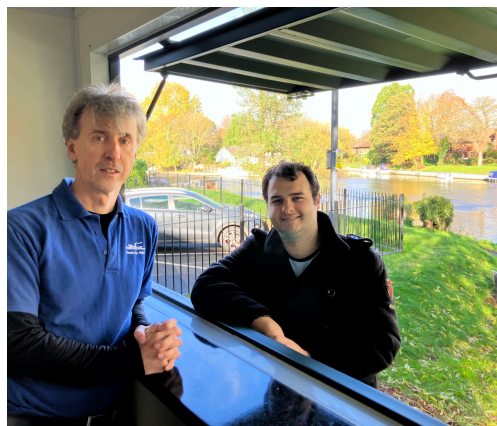
Mark and Alex have pushed the council to revamp our playgrounds and replace older equipment. Finally works should be commencing in the coming months. Soon children can safely enjoy quality playgrounds.



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Don't let Labour wreck Runnymede

Runnymede Conservatives have a proven track record of delivering low tax and quality local services - with your support we will do even more.

Labour plan to exploit fears around the global cost of living crisis to seize control of Runnymede Council in May. They would impose a chaotic coalition of Greens, Lib-Dem and independents that would take our borough backwards.

Don't let that happen. Vote for your Conservative candidate on 4 May and keep Runnymede in safe hands.