

inTouch

News from Cllr Sam Jenkins and John Osborn, your Conservative team in Egham, Hythe and Pooley Green



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Cllr Sam Jenkins and local resident John Osborn

About us

As a current Councillor, **Sam** has a reputation for being proactive and people-focused. He actively supports residents, having helped over 130 people with various issues since he was first elected. Sam has spearheaded many key initiatives, such as successfully campaigning for Runnymede Borough Council to participate in the Disability Confident scheme.

John is an experienced campaigner who lives in Egham with his fiancée, Polly. He worked with Sam to co-found the Residents Against Downtimes (RAD) pressure group, has helped pass national anti-crime legislation as an aide to an MP, and is a keen member of the Egham Tabletop Society.

Summer bin disruption

Sam has been contacting residents whose bins have been missed, getting collections sorted, and keeping locals updated. Sam will table a motion at the next Full Council to seek accountability from Labour for allowing these disruptions to happen.

Streetworks

Sam and John have been weeding and litter-picking across Egham, Hythe and Pooley Green. If there's an area near you that needs doing, get in touch via: eghamconservatives@gmail.com!



Parking charges

Sam and John forced Labour and the so-called independents into a partial U-turn on evening and overnight charges. Their campaign led to the £3 night charge being scrapped and replaced with a £2 flat rate, saving residents some money.



Walnut Tree Gardens

An update from Cllr Sam Jenkins



I recently asked locals for feedback on Walnut Tree Gardens, and your views were clear: we need to replace rotting benches, set up a gardening initiative, install amenities for children, and tackle the anti-social behaviour which plagues this park.

Well, let's make it happen! I've inspected the site and spoken to the relevant officers, who have made a start by reducing the height of the the Austrian pine by about nine feet (3m). The greater visibility should help deter anti-social behaviour.

I'm also seeking funding through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to replace the park's worn seating and bins, install additional picnic benches, and introduce a built-in game for children. I will keep you updated on how the bid progresses!

Should it be successful, I will look to organise a volunteer-led "kitchen garden", which will grow and harvest edible plants for the health and wellbeing of local residents. If you'd like to get involved or ask any questions, please do drop me an email via changemakersam@gmail.com.

Kind Regards,

Sam Jenkins

Stopping the rip-off

Runnymede Borough Council paid a **hefty sum** to a company called BDO to audit its financial records.

But have BDO provided value for money? The Council was required to accept their services from 2018 to 2023, and in that time, only **one audit** has been completed.

Every other audit, from 2019 onwards, has not been signed off due to BDO **failing** to get the work done.

And the worst part? The Council is being forced to **waste tens of thousands of pounds** for undelivered audits when it could be investing in essential local services instead.

Shockingly, the central government has **no power** to interfere in this matter and **protect your money**.

That's why Sam introduced a motion calling on the government to **review its powers** and help councils stuck in **bad service limbo**. The motion passed unanimously, and follows a complaint Sam raised against BDO last year.

