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CONSERVATIVE TEAM IS WORKING FOR US ALL

Councillor Geoff Davis is seeking re-election in Holy Trinity next May and is joined by Alex Chesterfield and Gerry Lytle

■ Holy Trinity's Conservative team have been working hard for residents on planning, parking, environmental and other issues and are seeking to continue their work after May next year.

Councillor **Geoff Davis** has been re-elected by the Conservatives to continue to get the results that residents want and he is joined by current Councillor for a neighbouring town centre ward **Alex Chesterfield** and **Gerry Lytle**, a well-known local architect and member of the Guildford Vision Group.

Geoff and Alex have been Councillors since 2015 and have been working closely with residents and residents' groups to get our voices heard at the Council on issues such as town centre

planning, parking and the environment.

Geoff said: "I'm really delighted to be re-elected in this ward and will continue to knock on doors and talk to as many residents as possible. There is so much going on at the moment locally and I am looking forward to speaking with you on the issues that you think are important."

Alex added: "So much of my work during the past three years has been focused on the Town Centre and I'm looking forward to addressing any concerns residents have about its future."

Gerry said: "I have been working in the town centre and Holy Trinity ward for 40 years and I know together we can make it even better for residents, shoppers and workers."



Geoff, Alex and Gerry in Guildford High Street

ALEX WORKS FOR BETTER PARKING IN HOLY TRINITY



■ **Alex Chesterfield** has been working as part of a small group looking at how to improve on-street parking in Guildford town centre to provide better overall parking facilities for residents.

Recommendations were focussed on amending the current permit parking scheme to provide residents with a more reasonable chance of being able to park nearer to their homes.

The recommendations will be considered by Surrey County Council, then opened up to public consultation. Alex will continue to work hard to ensure the changes are in line with residents' needs and welcomes your views on the topic.

She said: "We all enjoy the convenience that being near Guildford town centre bring but one of the drawbacks is parking in our residential roads. Hopefully the work of our group will help address that."

NORTH STREET UPDATE FROM PROJECT LEADER GEOFF DAVIS



■ Holy Trinity Councillor **Geoff Davis** is the lead Councillor for the North Street regeneration, which is looking to update this area of the town for the 21st century.

Geoff said: "I'm working hard to finalise the much-needed development of this area. We have made good progress and the work continues."

"I'm particularly pleased to announce that North Street - described by residents to me as being like an obstacle course - will be re-surfaced by the end of February this year."

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CONSERVATIVES LOOK TO PROVIDE BETTER PLAY AREAS FOR FAMILIES

■ Your Holy Trinity Conservative team has heard calls from local parents about the lack of play spaces for younger children in Guildford town centre.

As a result, Guildford Borough Council and town-centre Councillors have been working with a group of local residents to radically improve Westnye Gardens, opposite Debenhams.

Gerry Lytle said: “If we are to keep our town centre a vibrant and welcoming space in the future, we need to ensure that there are suitable facilities for families to enjoy as well as shopping and entertainment.

“I think what is being worked on is a

very important recognition that the town centre is really for everyone.”

Alex Chesterfield said: “I’m thrilled to be supporting an amazing project to turn Westnye Gardens into a fantastic new nature-based park.

“Despite the transformation, we are looking to make sure that it maintains the special character of the Garden, while being fun for children.

“Both residents and visitors will really benefit from the play area in the middle of the town. As a mum of two, I cannot wait until the park opens later this year and hope that many residents will feel the same way.”



Geoff, Alex and Gerry outside Westnye Garden, currently being transformed into a play area

HIGHWAYS TO RECEIVE £20M POTHOLE REPAIR

■ Surrey County Council has applied for and received extra funding to help in the fight against potholes.

Surrey has some of the busiest roads in the South of England and not only sees millions of commuter movements each year but is also the subject of development and on the route to our south coast ports.

As a result, heavy vehicles are particularly present and this increases wear and tear.

In recognition of this, the County Council has applied for £20million this year and £20million next year in order to prevent the situation of past winters where repair teams have not been able to keep up with pothole reports.

The extra money will allow more teams to be available for fixing potholes as they are reported by members of the public. Last winter, the number of reported potholes almost doubled.

Geoff, Alex and Gerry said: “This is good news as it will allow us to be more responsive. We will be fighting to ensure we get our fair share.”

AFFORDABLE HOMES FOR HOLY TRINITY

■ Residents have told Geoff, Alex and Gerry that more affordable housing is desperately needed in the area for key workers, young families and professionals, while balancing the need to safeguard the character of Guildford town centre.

Gerry said: “Our focus is on using underused land for family housing. As a first step, we were delighted that four new two-bedroom homes have just been completed at The Homestead, off Warren Road in Guildford and will soon welcome new tenants.

“We need to make sure that our town centre has a strong residential offer as well as commercial and arts uses.”

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