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MERROW CONSERVATIVE TEAM WORKS FOR US

Councillors Philip Brooker, Graham Ellwood and Jennifer Jordan are seeking re-election in Merrow next May.

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

Councillors Philip Brooker, Graham Ellwood and Jennifer Jordan have been re-selected by the Conservatives to continue to get the results that residents want.

Philip has been a Councillor since 2015, Graham, who is also a County Councillor, since 2011 and Jennifer for a total of 23 years since 1987. All have helped to combat anti-social behaviour such as fly-tipping and inconsiderate parking, especially near schools.

Graham said: "I'm really delighted to be re-selected in this ward and want to start knocking on doors and talking to

as many residents as possible.

"I look forward to meeting you and hearing your views."

Philip added: "I have really enjoyed the opportunity to serve residents in Merrow for these past three years and I believe we have been effective as a team.

"I really hope to be able to continue to deliver the results residents want to see after May."

Jennifer added: "During the past 23 years I've got to know many of you and it is a real pleasure to be standing again. I hope that we can demonstrate to you our commitment to our area and that you will see fit to support us again.

"I look forward to meeting you during the course of the campaign."



Graham, Jennifer and Philip with Anne Milton

LOCAL PLAN UPDATE SAFEGUARDS PAY AND PLAY



■ Philip, Graham and Jennifer have fought hard and successfully to keep any development at the Merrow Pay and Play Golf Course out of the Local Plan.

They are very conscious that Gosden Hill Farm remains in the new Local Plan. Technically, the site is in the Parishes of Clandon and Burpham but the volume of housing and the traffic would inevitably affect Merrow if it were to go ahead.

Consequently, your Councillors are fighting to get new infrastructure in place before development, in particular they strongly favour a new four-way junction at the existing Send/Clandon junction with the A3 to keep extra traffic away from Merrow via Burpham.

Philip said: "We have tried to retain as much of Merrow's existing space as possible and will fight to keep any impact of Gosden Hill away from residents here."



NEWLANDS CORNER

■ As a County and Borough Councillor, Graham has been made fully aware of the concerns residents have about car parking charges and development at Newlands Corner in the neighbouring Shere division.

"It was a big issue during the County elections in 2017 and continues to be now," he said. "I have successfully fought to keep the nature trail and other development away but the charges are a Cabinet decision. I will continue to push them on this and make sure your views are heard."

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CONSERVATIVES FIGHT TO COMBAT ANTI-SOCIAL PARKING IN MERROW

Following the establishment of a Joint Enforcement Team (JET) of Surrey Law Enforcement Officers, the team has been working hard to combat anti social parking in Merrow especially outside schools at drop off and pick up time.

They have been present on a rota basis at schools across the Borough to engage with parents who park inconsiderately with a view to changing the behaviour of those who make it difficult for parents and children to use the pavements. They also deal with drivers who block residents' drives.

Whilst the JET will always seek to engage and educate drivers first, they do have the power to issue fixed

penalty notices for repeat offenders.

In addition, your Merrow Conservative team has been instrumental in bringing about the new three-hour parking restriction at Merrow Parade, which is enforced by Guildford Borough Council's traffic wardens. This action has stopped people parking there all day and freed up spaces for shoppers.

Jennifer Jordan said: "Commuter parking has been an issue at Merrow Parade for a long time and was detracting from residents' and visitors' ability to use the shops.

"I'm really pleased that we have been able to work for a solution that has really helped the situation."



Jennifer Jordan, Graham Ellwood and Philip Brooker behind Merrow Parade

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 on the road surface.

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.

Cllr Graham Ellwood, also the County Councillor for Merrow, said: "This is good news as it will allow us to be more responsive. We will be fighting to ensure Merrow gets our fair share of resources."



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STOPPING FLY-TIPPING AND DOG FOULING

The JET has been deployed regularly to combat those who fly tip and fine them through the courts where appropriate.

CCTV has been used to gather the proof needed and has been very effective in many places such as the area of parking behind the Merrow Parade shops.

In addition, a Public Space Protection Order against dog fouling has been introduced at Merrow Downs and the team are monitoring this and issuing fixed penalty notices to repeat offenders.

Apart from the unpleasantness caused by the minority, dog waste can be extremely harmful to children who come in to contact with it.

AIR QUALITY REMAINS GOOD IN GUILDFORD

Your Conservative team has been actively involved in improving air quality within our borough. Guildford is by no means an area of poor air quality and we aim to keep it as such.

They have been monitoring air quality and taking action in several "hot spots" with the intention of reducing nitrogen dioxide levels.

Your Conservative Councillors are actively seeking to enrol schools in Merrow in an Air Quality project involving pupils and with a view to monitoring nitrous oxide levels at drop off and pick up times. This will be achieved using air quality meters to assess the levels of dangerous gasses caused by exhaust fumes.



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