

**Guildford's  
Achievements  
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Guildford  
Conservatives**



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# Conservatives are delivering Housing for you



Conservative Councillors in Guildford have:

- Enabled the provision of 655 new affordable homes, for rent & shared ownership, over the last 4 years on new housing developments.
- Directly delivered 92 new affordable homes on our own brownfield sites including:
  - Guildford Park Road on previous open-air car park site (160 homes, 64 for affordable rent)
  - Apple Tree pub site in Park Barn (18 homes, all for affordable rent with nine fully wheelchair accessible)
  - Ladymead site near the new Fire Station (12 homes, all for affordable rent)
  - Other smaller scale sites (21 homes across five sites, all for affordable rent).
- Delivered 11 new traveller pitches.
- Introduced improved regulation of houses in multiple occupation to protect renters and tenants.
- Invested £1.2 annually helping people remain in their own homes.
- Introduced an outreach service to support homeless families.
- Supported 355 families having difficulty coping.
- Supported 8 refugee families.
- Provided homes to just over 1000 households from our waiting list in the last 4 years.

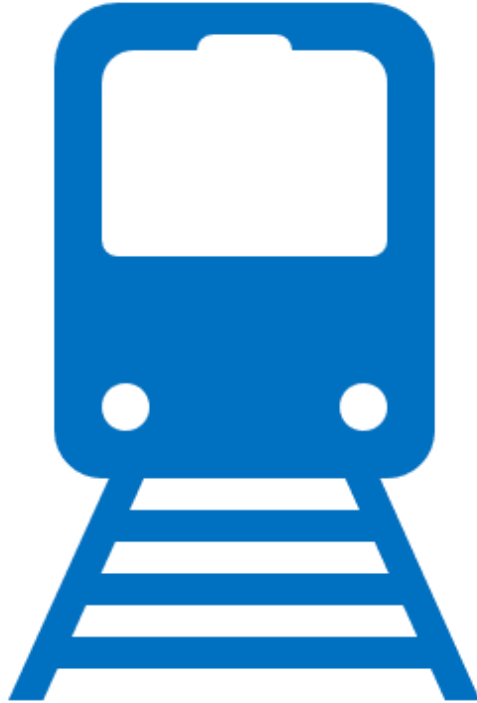
# Conservatives are supporting older, vulnerable and less advantaged people in our community

Conservative Councillors in Guildford have:

- Supported our local community through Project Aspire and grants totalling £1.7 million.
- Delivered 36,500 community meals every year.
- Launched the Community Lottery to increase funding for local organisations.
- Awarded £300k in grants to Community and Voluntary organisations
- Arranged 10 community arts events for the Big Draw during month of October each year, with over 650 participants.
- Deliver Easter and Summer holiday 'Fun in the Summer Holidays' for kids.
- Delivered wellbeing workshops to support tenants of sheltered housing, those with mental health issues, school groups and others through the arts.
- Supported an intergenerational group to produce a short commemorative film as part of 'Guildford Remembers' WWI project.



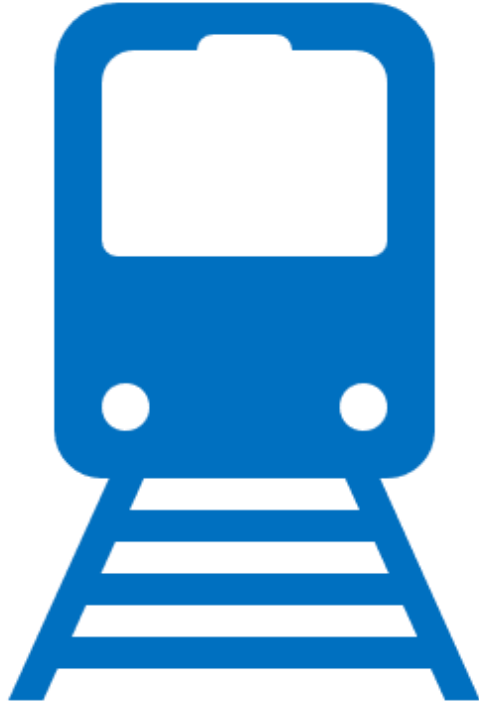
# Conservatives are making travel in Guildford and our villages easier (1)



Conservative Councillors in Guildford have:

- Secured £23.6m to Unlocking Guildford Traffic Package includes:
  - Sustainable Movement Corridor (West) – prioritising pedestrians, cyclists and buses to give reliable and safer journeys..
  - Quality Bus Corridors – providing accurate real time information and better journeys .
  - Blackwater Valley Hotspots – to tackle congestion with improvements on A31, A331 and A323.
  - A31 Highway Resilience Corridor – to upgrade the Hogs Back with improved drainage and road surface.
  - Guildford Town Centre and Approaches Phase 1 – providing joined up signals and information to aid your journeys in and around Guildford.
  - Surrey Flood Alleviation Schemes – to protect the town Centre homes and businesses from flooding.
- Forward funded the development of Guildford Park West station next to the Hospital to aid congestion and help key workers in Guildford.

# Conservatives are making travel in Guildford and our villages easier (2)



Conservative Councillors in Guildford have:

- Secured £10m funding from Homes England towards the Ash Road Bridge under the Housing Infrastructure Fund to ease congestion and mitigate from housing development.
- Delivered significant cycleway/pedestrian improvements to towpaths to enhance riverside routes.
- Created Schools Watch with 30 schools regularly patrolled, with over 2700 move ons and just under 400 penalty charge notices issued.
- Introduced Pay by Phone and Contactless carparking while holding prices to help both residents and businesses in Guildford.
- In collaboration with SCC have assisted delivery of the first fully-electric P&R service in the UK (Glide).
- Secured investment of £1m in sensors that enable GEMii's 'Guildford Parking' app to access information about 12,500 car park spaces in and around Guildford, giving real-time space availability and cost information.

# Conservatives Councillors are regenerating and improving Guildford town centre and urban areas

Conservative Councillors in Guildford have:

- Published the Town Centre Masterplan and Adopted a new Town Centre Regeneration Strategy
- Have entered co-development phase for almost £53m of further funding from Homes England to take forward the Slyfield Area Regeneration Project for 1500 new homes, new sewage works and depot.
- Purchased the Odeon Cinema to kick start the regeneration of Bedford Wharf and open up the River to the town.
- Secured planning permission for the delivery of a new Walnut Bridge to provide better pedestrian and cyclist links between the Guildford Station and Town Centre.
- Completed a capacity study with Network Rail for Guildford Mainline Station to deliver future train capacity for Guildford.
- Set up and recruited a dedicated Major Projects Team to take forward significant regeneration and infrastructure projects on behalf of the Council;
- Restored the High Street Setts and improved public realm in Tunsgate with Chapel Street and Swan Lane refurbishment starting soon.
- Guildford in Bloom – involving the local community to celebrate their gardens and open spaces!
- Public arts installations – Silver Shoon, Sutherland Memorial Park, the Shalford Swift Tower.

# Conservative Councillors are Protecting our Environment (1)



Conservative Councillors in Guildford have:

- Established new Climate Change Task Group with the aim of reducing the Borough's emissions and to become a net zero carbon council by 2040.
- High quality recycling and waste services - 97% satisfaction rates carrying out around 6.5 million container empties every year.
- Reached 60% recycling in 2016/17. Guildford is 2<sup>nd</sup> in Surrey and 17<sup>th</sup> in the whole country.
- Invested over £2.1 million improving the energy efficiency of our housing stock.
- Cleaned 640 miles of road, emptying over 1000 litter and dog bins and clearing 1400 tonnes of litter, waste, leaf fall and detritus.
- Undertook 18 night time cleans of the A3 (each closure covers up to 5 miles of carriageway) with plans to increase up to 22 this year.
- Provided 17 public toilets free to users.

# Conservative Councillors are Protecting our Environment (2)

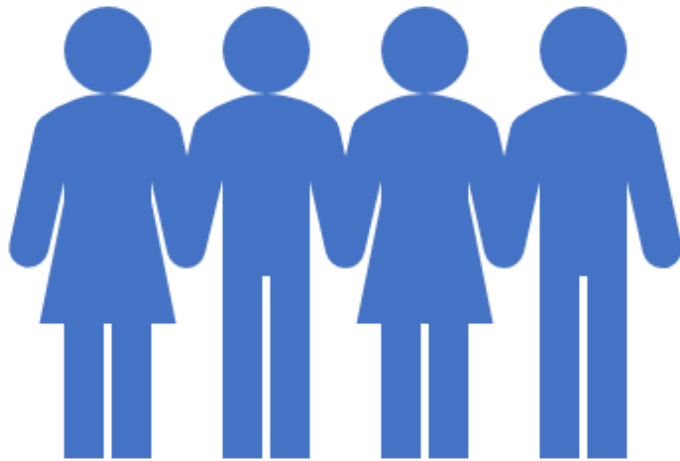


Conservative Councillors in Guildford have:

- Introduced a JET team to enhance our enforcement work on ASB, Fly Tips, Litter, Dog Fouling and Waste.
- Delivering air quality plan with a focus on reducing reliance on the car.
- Spectrum Combined Heat and Power Plant to increase renewable energy.
- Provision and Support of charging infrastructure on Council premises (12 charge points) and car parks (4 charge points with plans this year for a further 18 at car parks and P&R sites)
- Introduction of electric fleet. 9 light vehicles (vans and cars) are now fully electric representing just under 10% of our light vehicle fleet.
- Reduced the energy consumption by 60% in our car parks and provided better lights.



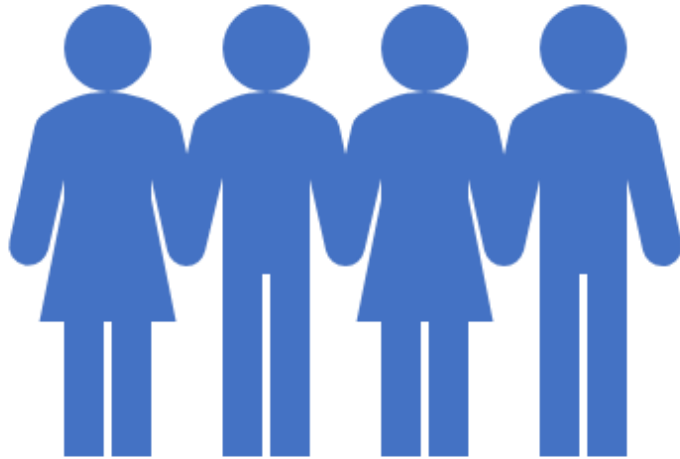
# Conservative Councillors are enhancing sporting, cultural, community, and recreational facilities (1)



Conservative Councillors in Guildford have:

- Developed an exciting vision for a new destination to celebrate innovation and creativity which will involved the extension and refurbishment of the current museum. cultural and innovation hub by refurbishing the museum.
- Protected Community Assets such as Wanborough Barn with volunteers.
- Delivered G live – and this year, best results yet, record financial performance, highest ever attendance, and a record surplus.
- Supported the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre to deliver youth theatre.
- Leased the Electric Theatre to ACM with requirement for community use and reduced cost to the ratepayer.
- Funded Southern Pro Musica including outreach into schools - offering a year's tuition on string instruments in a number of schools and introducing kids to world music.

# Conservative Councillors are enhancing sporting, cultural, community, and recreational facilities (2)



## Conservative Councillors in Guildford have:

- Refurbished Spectrum, repaired the roof and plans for future redevelopment.
- Delivered a new cricket pavilion at Woodbridge Meadows.
- Continued the only Tourist Information Centre in Surrey supporting over £300m of tourism activity with 5m day visitors and 6000 jobs in tourism.
- Supported events such as Christmas Lights, High Street Farmers' Market, Alice Day and Christmas at the Castle.
- Delivered community engagement and outreach into our history and heritage through "Your Stories, Your Museum" and "Our History, Our Identity".
- Provided a new War Memorial for service personnel post 1945 and their families.
- Created a New Public Arts Advisory Group that will ensure future improvements to the Public Realm.

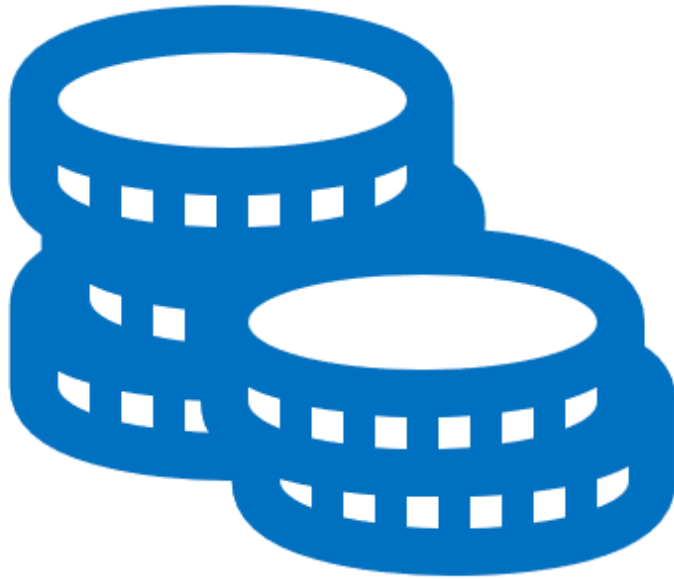
# Conservative Councillors are delivering sustainable and proportionate economic growth



Conservative Councillors in Guildford have:

- Delivered Rural Economic Strategy and the development of a strong rural partners network.
- Provided a new free business advice Service for any business located in the Borough – this is being delivered by the BE Group and provides phone, web and 1:1 advice
- Created a Guildford business grants programme which has seen significant take-up. The Scheme has been extended to Experience Guildford for the retail sector and also Surrey Hills Enterprises
- Promoted Innovation with an Awards event in December at the Guildhall. There were ten award categories, 80 attendees with eight sponsors. Many of the award winners are now contributing to the Innovate Guildford Festival
- Delivered an Annual Innovate Guildford Arts and Science Festival at G-Live. Over 5000 visitors. There were a number of benefits from the event including public engagement with science, skills agenda, strengthening business and University relationships and retail boost.

# Conservative Councillors deliver strong finances for Guildford



Conservative Councillors in Guildford have:

- Delivered effective financial management, planned ahead to provide the wide range of vital services and opportunities that our residents and businesses need to flourish.
- Second lowest council tax in Surrey in 2018-19
- Created a strong financial position, which also helps the Council address future funding challenges.
- Invested £86 million through our capital programme in 2019-20 and £375 million over the next four years – along with securing £28 million of inward investment
- Delivered £11 million of savings made in the last five years and with our plans to transform our services to make them more efficient and cost effective.
- Managed and let a wide range of 5,200 homes at social housing rents and we are reducing these rents for the fourth year in a row, by 1% in 2019-20, helping those on low incomes. At the same time we will spend £5.1 million maintaining and improving our tenants' homes.
- We are investing £74 million in building a mix of new homes for sale or affordable rent across our borough in the next four years.
- All for less than 10% of the council tax that we collect.

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