



PARKING CHARGES FROZEN

The cost of Guildford Town's short-stay car parks has been frozen by the Conservatives to help local residents and businesses.



COUNCIL TAX KEPT LOW AGAIN

Conservative Guildford Borough Council have agreed a low Council Tax increase of just £2 a year for the average household.



CONSERVATIVES VOW TO PROTECT OUR GREEN BELT

Thanks to pressure from your local Conservative Borough Councillors, proposals for developments in Chinthurst Lane, Shalford, and for a traveller site at Stonebridge have been dropped.

The fight goes on however against Blackwell Farm, with Conservative candidates **Michael Illman** and **Mike Parsons** opposing any attempt by the University of Surrey to expand into the countryside.

About 20,000 comments were received by Guildford Borough Council on the consultation to the draft Local Plan, including many from Shalford, Compton and Artington.

The Council has now announced that it will bring forward a



Conservative candidates Michael Illman and Mike Parsons are clear that Shalford's Green Belt must stay

revised draft Local Plan later on this year to take account of the comments received. Mike Parsons said: "It is vital that we have a Local Plan that protects

our local green belt, preserving the character of our villages, and provides the new affordable homes local families need."

A BRIDGE TOO FAR FOR NETWORK RAIL?

In September last year, a Network Rail maintenance vehicle damaged a footbridge at Shalford Rail Station.

The Bridge had to be demolished as a result and this has closed a footpath used as a safe route to Shalford Infant School.

Thanks to pressure from local residents, councillors and our Parliamentary Candidate Anne

Milton, Network Rail has finally announced a date to rebuild the footbridge.

Hopefully work will start in August 2015 on what local people want – a bridge that is safe for people on foot and on cycles.

Network Rail has also proposed replacing the busy road bridge over New Pond Road near Guildford Crematorium – with an

even narrower one! Shalford campaigner **Michael Illman** said: "We need a wider replacement bridge, with facilities for pedestrians and cyclists to use it safely."

Thanks to the intervention of our local MP, Parish Councils and Borough Councillors, Network Rail is thinking again, and Surrey County Council is looking at helping to fund a new, improved bridge.

ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

■ The new zebra crossing installed on Kings Road in Shalford now appears to be working well, and assisting people to access the new grocery store and café in the village centre.

Shalford Conservative candidates Mike Parsons says: "I am delighted that after years of campaigning we now have the new crossing on Kings Road. The wait has been frustrating but it's good that people of all ages can now cross safely."



Surrey County Council is currently reviewing parking restrictions in Shalford village, particularly on Chinthurst Lane, to see if safety can be improved. New proposals are due in the summer.

A NEW PARISH FOR CHILWORTH?

■ Guildford Borough Council received 400 representations during its consultation on parish arrangements for Chilworth.

Part of the village (including Hornhatch, Tillingbourne School, St Thomas' Church) is in Shalford Parish, and part of it lies in St Martha Parish. Some residents have asked for a new Parish to be formed uniting the two parts of the village. **Mike Parsons** and **Michael Illman** would like to thank residents for their views and will review them carefully.

NEW FORUM TO TACKLE FLOODS IN SHALFORD

Local Borough Councillors have successfully argued for new funding to help clear and maintain local ditches and culverts, and to help prevent flooding.

This work should take place over the summer and will support the initiative of Shalford, Compton and Artington Parish Councils who are jointly setting up a Local Flood Forum to tackle drainage problems in the area.

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THE CONSERVATIVE MANIFESTO FOR GUILDFORD BOROUGH

Guildford's Economy

- ✓ Continue to keep **Council Tax** down, giving taxpayers value for the money they pay
- ✓ A thriving **Guildford Town Centre** with support for businesses in our local parades and villages. **Freezing car short-term parking charges** for 2015/16 to help both residents and retailers
- ✓ Deliver a **Masterplan for the Town Centre** and provide affordable housing on brown field sites including Slyfield



The Environment



- ✓ **Cutting congestion** across Guildford, on the A3 and in the Town. Conservatives are fighting to improve the one-way system in town, access to the A3 and provide a safe routes across Guildford for pedestrians and cyclists
- ✓ Guildford has met its target of a **70% recycling rate** in some areas thanks to your help. We will expand **food waste recycling** to flats

Our Vibrant Communities

- ✓ Deliver a new draft **Draft Local Plan** — taking into account constraints, residents' views and protecting the Green Belt
- ✓ Pilot **Safe Zones at schools** to ensure that our children can stay safe on their way to school
- ✓ Providing the **affordable homes** we need for future generations and key workers while protecting our countryside and heritage



CONSERVATIVES SET STRONG BUDGET FOR GUILDFORD

By finding £1million in savings this year and another £1m in new income, Conservatives have set a budget that boosts services, allows money to be spent in our area and keeps Council Tax low to help residents get on.

In the past four years, Conservatives in Guildford have focused on improving the financial position

of the Council so that the benefits can be passed on to residents.

They have saved more than £6million and secured more than £3.5m of additional income. This has included a review of the Council's management structure — saving £250,000 — and has kept Council Tax to just 1.5% this year, less than an 5p extra per week.

Among the important projects that are secured by the latest budget are new riverside cycle

routes, the provision of affordable homes to the next generation and key workers, grants for disabled facilities, works on the roof at the Spectrum Leisure Centre and the development of North Street.

Extra money for Council services is going into fixing Guildford's Infrastructure, waste and recycling, a new customer services centre, better parks and open spaces and support for more of Guildford's vulnerable families.