

# ELMBRIDGE RESIDENTS' GROUP

## If...

- You are weary of party politics and mistrust politicians
- You throw party brochures in the bin
- You want to keep our green spaces and our heritage
- You want the Council to manage services effectively
- You want to keep and make good use of community assets
- You want Councillors who listen to the views of their residents
- You want to protect services for the elderly and vulnerable
- You want practical decisions not political dogma

## then...



# You are one of us

We are Elmbridge residents from all walks of life who care about the place and its people. We belong to the Residents' Associations that work together in the Elmbridge Residents' Group. We consult residents, all of them, several times a year. Unlike career politicians, we represent local people and not a national political party. We put up seasoned people as candidates for election to the Council. We have 21 Councillors out of 60 in Elmbridge with a fine record of local government. We should like to have a majority to deliver our goals.

## It's up to you

### We Will

- Cut Councillors' allowances. Over three years the current administration's leaders have put up their own allowances by a staggering 40% or more. We voted against and if you give us a majority we will cut them back.
- Keep Council Tax down. The current rulers of the Council 'promised' to keep increases to zero, but put it up by more than twice the rate of inflation last year - when there were no borough elections...
- Defend our Green Belt and heritage. In the past eighteen months the current Council rulers have voted *en bloc* for two hotels to be built on Green Belt land in Esher; overdevelopment of the Walton swimming pool site; the destruction of an historic old building in Esher; and, overriding the views of local people and their ward councillors, for a massive overdevelopment right opposite Hampton Court Palace - a site of national importance.



**Potholes, poor road surfaces,  
streetlights that don't work...**

- Maintain and improve services to the elderly, including those that enable them to continue to lead independent lives. The ruling party has cut such services and raised charges well beyond the rate of inflation. We will back volunteers, who provide invaluable support.



**Community Transport budget cut by £89,000**

- Make proper use of community assets such as community halls, public toilets and car parks - not keep them empty to sell them off.

- Cut the amount the Council spends on outside consultancies and on telling residents how wonderful it is.

- Maintain levels of local representation, local accountability, and local consultation, contrary to the present Council leaders' wishes.

- Call for Elmbridge to be made a Unitary Authority with responsibility for road maintenance and school planning, areas where the oversized, remote and inefficient Surrey County Council has failed.



**Walton Public Toilets closed 16 October 2009**

# What to do

No matter which way you vote in national elections, if you'd like local administration to be unshackled from the national parties, then look on your council ballot paper for your local Residents' or Independent candidate. These are the members of the Elmbridge Residents' Group that successfully ran the Council for over fourteen years. A period in which it rose from a shambles the auditors would not sign off, to 'excellent' status with the Audit Commission.



- **Esher Residents' Association**
- **Hersham Village Society**
- **Hinchley Wood Residents' Association**
- **Molesey Residents' Association**
- **St. George's Hill Independents**
- **Thames Ditton and Weston Green Residents' Association**
- **The Walton Society**

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**Please don't stay at home and grumble.  
There is something you can do about it.**

**Help us by supporting:**

- **Residents' Association** • **Amenity Society** • **Independent Candidates**

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