

2016 Council election and new administration in Elmbridge

Following the elections held on 5th May, in which the Conservatives lost overall control of Elmbridge Borough Council, the Residents' parties have formed an administration with the Liberal Democrats.

Councillor Janet Turner has been appointed to the Cabinet as Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture, responsible for Arts & Culture; Sport & Leisure; Parks & Recreation; Promoting Healthy Lifestyles; Youth; Children's Issues (including Member Champion for Child Protection); Museums; Public Halls; Cemeteries; Tourism; and Public Conveniences.

Councillor Nigel Haig-Brown is vice-chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and is a member of several other committees, including Audit and Standards, Planning and Licensing.

Separately from the change of administration, Councillor Tannia Shipley, having been Deputy Mayor in 2015/16 has, as expected, been elected to serve as Mayor for 2016/17.

Thus all three of our Hinchley Wood and Weston Green councillors now hold key positions, having been re-elected to the Council with over 80% of the votes cast. The full result was:

<i>Tannia Shipley (Hinchley Wood/ Weston Green Residents' Associations)</i>	1950
<i>Janet Rita Turner (Hinchley Wood/ Weston Green Residents' Associations)</i>	1906
<i>Nigel Haig-Brown (Hinchley Wood/ Weston Green Residents' Associations)</i>	1861
<i>Charlotte Alexandra Sharman (Local Conservatives)</i>	465
<i>Martin George Fox (Local Conservatives)</i>	459
<i>Craig David Harrison (Local Conservatives)</i>	441

We thank all those who supported the residents candidates to achieve this outstanding result.

Across the Borough the Conservatives took 22 seats, Residents 19 and Liberal Democrats 7, making Elmbridge the only English council where the Conservatives lost control in the 2016 elections.



We are pleased to see the completion of the refurbishment at the railway station, and particularly the installation of bicycle racks on the Station Approach side, which are already being well used, and hopefully taking some of the pressure off local commuter parking.

HWRA Councillors Nigel Haig-Brown and Janet Turner are seen here checking out this welcome new facility.

Dates for your diary (details overleaf)

Road closures: Surrey Classic Cycle race - 31st July

Hinchley Wood Fun Day: 10th September



Budgens Post office counter

We continue to receive reports of problems with the service provided at the Post Office since it was relocated within the Budgens store, despite the promises made when the opening hours were reduced from those originally envisaged. However, with the withdrawal of subsidy from sub-post offices, it is important to be aware that if the service ceases to be financially viable, there is a risk of losing it altogether.

Fun Day 10th September

This year's Fun Day will be on Saturday 10th September in the Memorial Gardens from 11 a.m. to 3.30 p.m., with all the usual attractions for young and old alike, including Punch and Judy, burgers and a circus workshop for 7 to 11 year olds. Do come and join us if you can.

Road representative vacancies

We have a few road representative vacancies in the following roads:

Dorchester Close
Manor Drive
Couchmore Avenue
Priors Wood

If you would like to join our friendly team of community helpers please contact Roy Turner on 020 8398 1565 or e-mail user@royjanet.wanadoo.co.uk.

This is not an onerous task and it keeps you in touch with other residents.

Our Residents Association councillors for Hinchley Wood and Weston Green ward are available to help with any issues or concerns you may have about local services.

For matters pertaining to Hinchley Wood, please contact Janet or Nigel:

janet.turner@hinchleywood.org.uk 020 8398 1565

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Councillors Tannia Shipley, Nigel Haig-Brown and Janet Turner

HWRA Councillors' Surgeries: second Saturday of each month. Please check the HWRA notice board and/or website for details of time and venue.

www.hinchleywood.org.uk

If you would like to receive e-bulletins from HWRA, please go to the Contact page on the website and click on the 'subscribe' link.

Road Closures

This year once again there will be extensive road closures around Hinchley Wood for the London-Surrey 100 and Classic cycle races all day on Sunday 31st July. For more information see www.prudentialridelondon.co.uk/info-hub/road-closures/

Verges

Residents will have noticed the poor state of grass cutting in Elmbridge. The contractors are one year into their contract and we have received many complaints about the service.

Our ward councillors advise residents to report inadequacies with the grass cutting to Elmbridge Borough Council at probinson@elmbridge.gov.uk stating the road name and the complaint. If you have taken any photos this would also be very welcome.

Overhanging shrubs

Once again we remind residents to keep their shrubs trimmed back to their property boundary. We have had reports of passers-by suffering scratches from overhanging plants, and they are a particular hazard for the elderly and those with pushchairs.

Parking survey

Surrey County Council will be carrying out a parking survey in Hinchley Wood during July and August, with a view to drawing up proposals for changes in the pattern of parking restrictions. We will pass on further details of this as and when we have them.