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Dear Resident,

WHY AM I CONTACTING YOU?

I am delighted to be putting myself forward as a candidate to represent Chipstead, Kingswood, Woodmansterne and Burgh Heath at the local elections being held on Thursday 4th May.

Your local Borough Councillors Simon and Caroline, together with County Councillors Luke and Rebecca have been working hard all-year-round on the issues that matter most to you, and I hope you will put your faith in me to join them in representing you and your priorities on Reigate and Banstead Borough Council.

WHY I WANT TO REPRESENT YOU

Having worked for the much-treasured National Trust and as a keen local walker with my two Golden Retrievers Willow and Lola, it's unsurprising that I share the enjoyment of our local green spaces with so many of you and have loved supporting the work of the Banstead Commons Conservators.

Like you, I am deeply passionate about protecting our Green Belt and green spaces, and share your desire to retain the individual character of the four villages within our ward. Chipstead, Kingswood, Woodmansterne and Burgh Heath all have their own identities, and if elected as your local Councillor, I will work tirelessly to ensure those identities are protected.

My conversations with local people - and my own journeys on our local roads! - have also given me a deep sense of the improvements that are needed to prevent damage to vehicles and improve safety - I will use the strong relationships I already have with our local County Councillors Luke Bennett and Rebecca Paul to work to get these improvements.

Moreover, I have seen the work by local residents to reduce the speed limit through Chipstead Village to 20mph, a long-standing campaign which I will join County Councillor Luke Bennett in throwing my weight behind.

I WILL BE THERE TO HELP YOU!

Most importantly, if elected on Thursday 4th May, I will be a champion for you and your interests at Reigate and Banstead Borough Council, working closely with our excellent local groups and residents' associations, and supporting local events and causes.

I look forward to meeting you and others in the coming months, but in the meantime, please feel free to contact me using the details provided.

Yours faithfully,

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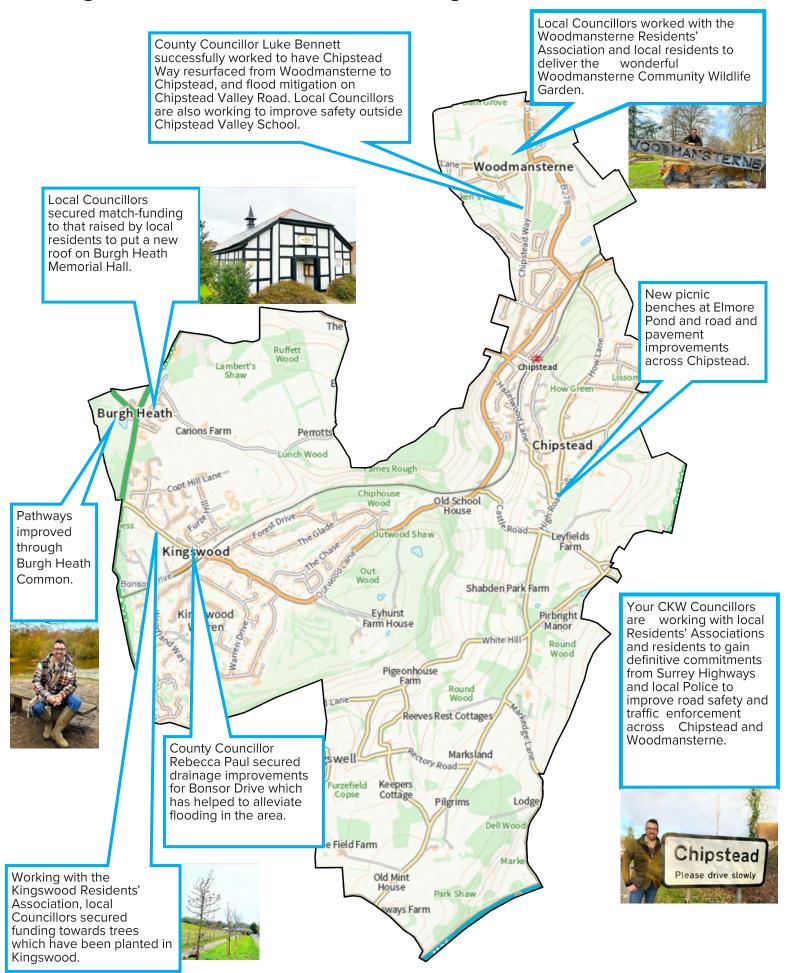
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Your Conservative candidate for Chipstead, Kingswood, Woodmansterne and Burgh Heath.



Your Conservative Councillors work hard for you <u>all-year-round</u> - here's some recent achievements across Chipstead,

Kingswood, Woodmansterne and Burgh Heath!



YOUR COUNCIL WORKS FOR YOU

Reigate and Banstead is a Conservative-led council with a strong record of delivering for residents.

We are proud to have developed and implemented robust planning policies, policies that protect the special and individual characters of the areas in which we live.

We are one of the greenest councils in the country, and one of the very few councils that kept regular waste collections running throughout the lockdowns.

Important regeneration projects are progressing in Redhill and other key parts of the Borough, a new Community Development service is bedding in, and we are exceeding our affordable housing targets. We are actively tackling homelessness and helping people in need, working with specialist partners and County services.

Help us return Conservative councillors to continue building the community you love, and the community we all need.



Working for CHIPSTEAD, KINGSWOOD, WOODMANSTERNE AND BURGH HEATH



PROTECTING GREEN SPACES

Across our area we are lucky to have a slice of rural Surrey on our doorstep. I'll work tirelessly to protect it for us, for future generations - and for nature.

You can be sure protecting our green spaces will be a priority for me, as it is for you.



IMPROVING LOCAL ROADS

This year the Conservatives at Surrey County Council have put more resources and staff towards tackling potholes and improving pavements - I'll work with local County Councillors Rebecca Paul and Luke Bennett to see that our area benefits from this local funding.



PROTECTING LOCAL CHARACTER

As Reigate and Banstead Borough Council begins its process to formulate a new Local Plan, I'll work with Councillors, local groups and you as residents to ensure the wonderful character and identity of our villages is retained and protected.

6 REASONS TO VOTE FOR JED

- We continue to deliver the great local services you want, making every penny of your taxes work its hardest for you.
- Our waste service has a 74% satisfaction rate, and we are always looking how to improve its impact on our environment.
- We've been leading a local response to world problems, helping refugees escape desperate situations.
 - We've exceeded our target
 delivering 900 affordable
 homes and helping
 residents stay local while
 retaining local character.
- The investment in the regeneration of our towns is providing more homes and work opportunities for everyone.
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IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ BEFORE YOU GO TO VOTE IN PERSON

BE AWARE OF CHANGES TO VOTING

If you are planning on voting in person, it's important that you are aware of the changes.

From 4th May, most elections in England will require you to bring photo ID to allow you to vote at a polling station. This will also be the case for General Elections from this October. If you do not bring photo ID with you, the election officials **will not** issue you with a ballot paper.

As before, your polling card will be sent to you, but this time it will be larger than in the past as it will contain a QR code to help election officials to check your details. You do not need to bring your polling card with you to vote, but it is strongly recommended that you do.

This system will be new to most people, so please be patient whilst everyone gets to grip with the process.



QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE

Why are things changing?

Whilst our way of voting is considered safe, the changes will help to prevent fraud at the ballot box.

What is acceptable photo ID?

On the whole, officially issued documents like your passport or driving licence will be accepted, as well as some travel passes. See the link below for more information on what's approved.

What if I haven't got a suitable photo ID?

You can get a free Voter Authority Certificate by applying **before** 25th April. You can download the forms at **https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate**

The Council may be also able to help you if you can't access the internet, so call them on 01737 276 000 if this is the case.

Will I need to provide photo ID if I vote by post?

No. There are other identity checks already in place for postal votes. You can download a form to apply for a postal vote from the Council's website at https://www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/info/20318/voting_and_elections/290/postal_and_proxy_voting

I'm in a vulnerable group or I support people who may need some extra help. Where can I look?

The Electoral Commission has booklets and guidance on its website. Visit https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/partner-charity-or-local-council/voter-id-resources for more information.

I don't like the changes, can I opt out?

No, this change is compulsory. If you want to avoid photo ID then you should consider voting by post.

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

The best source of information is the dedicated page on the Electoral Commission's website. This is at:

www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id

Alternatively, you can scan this QR code which will take you to the same page.

Please do make sure you're aware of the changes as they affect everyone and it's important you get to cast your vote.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 17 April—Last day to register to vote
- 18 April—Last day to apply for a postal vote
- 25 April—last day to apply for Voter Authority Certificate
- 4 May—Polling day

