

VOTE

Chris LANGTON

OXTED & LIMPSFIELD RESIDENTS GROUP



May 4th - Vote to keep your residents run Council

I have really enjoyed representing Oxted South as a Tandridge District Councillor for the past four years and would be delighted to have the opportunity to continue this role. I stood for election back in 2019, having recently retired after 35 years in manufacturing and project management within the aerospace and food industries. I saw the change for the better that Oxted and Limpsfield Residents' Group (OLRG) Councillors were making and I was keen to get involved and work for our community. I am currently a volunteer for Prince's Trust and for the national organisation Shaw Trust, both of whom support those in long term unemployment to find work or to start up their own business. I am also a South London schools adviser and volunteer locally for the National Trust.

● **ADMINISTRATION:** I am part of the alliance of residents and Independent Councillors which has run the Council since May 2021 when we became the largest group and took over from the Conservatives. Since then, we have got the finances back on track from a position close to bankruptcy which we inherited. As Chair of the Council's finance committee (Strategy and Resources) over the last year, I have played a key part in setting a balanced budget for 2023/24. This has included being part of the OLRG driving force for ensuring there is a realistic and deliverable plan for cost reduction. We have achieved this without major cuts to services or cuts to the amount of money available for grants to voluntary organisations. Crucially, we will not need to touch our reserves. We have also been able to keep 2 hour free parking in Ellice Road car park.



● **CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:** Tackling this issue is a priority for me. The tendering process is now underway for CCTV cameras to be installed at the shops in Hurst Green and Station Road East and West in Oxted. OLRG has co-ordinated support for the scheme from Tandridge District Council, both Oxted and Limpsfield Parish Councils, Oxted BID (Business Improvement District) and the police. We hope CCTV will act as a deterrent to crime and anti-social behaviour which I know is a major concern to residents. Over the last two years, I have held two meetings with Police and local residents in Hurst Green and have then discussed the issues raised with the Borough Commander.

Please do vote for me and the OLRG team on May 4th in this crucial District Council election.

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REPRESENTING RESIDENTS

RE-ELECT ME and I will push for your interests on all important local issues.

MY PRIORITIES also include improving infrastructure, especially pressing for more health services locally, preventing inappropriate development and protecting the character and community feel of our area, taking planning enforcement action where necessary, and ensuring more affordable and council housing provision.



LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES: A number of meetings were set up with representatives of the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group and with Oxted Health Centre to discuss options for providing at least some health services in Hurst Green. The issues involved are quite complex but the talks continue.

TANHOUSE ROAD CARAVAN SITE: I was part of the TDC / OLRG Legal team that went on to the site just before Christmas to issue temporary stop notices. Since then, I've worked alongside TDC Planning and Legal Officers to understand the next steps legally open to us. I fully recognise the concern of local residents and will ensure that we take whatever steps are necessary but nonetheless legally compliant.

OTHER ISSUES: I successfully worked with local residents to limit the hours that a playing field floodlight system could be used. I have continued to push for an improvement for pedestrians on Wolfs Hill. We now have a speed-activated warning sign but although our demand for rather more has proved "challenging", we continue to push the highways authority Surrey County Council. Finally, I'm part of the team working to provide a relaxing courtyard outside the shops in Pollards Oak Road.

RE-ELECT ME and I will fight against inappropriate development and for better infrastructure.

We are working hard to get a Local Plan approved for the District. The Plan was submitted for examination in 2019 by the previous administration and was not of our making. The Planning Inspector has expressed serious concerns about it in particular about the delivery of the proposed South Godstone garden community and the capacity of junction 6 of the M25. We are now putting forward a new proposal to shorten the Plan period deleting the garden community and other sites about which the Inspector has raised concerns, to acknowledge the Government's recent proposals for changes to planning policy, and to improve infrastructure provision for those sites that go ahead. We hope the Inspector will accept our proposal because, without an up to date Plan, there is the risk of increasing speculative applications on the Green Belt in our area. If that were to happen, I will do my utmost to protect us from inappropriate development and also to secure much needed infrastructure improvements as OLRG has worked to do ever since we were formed.



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PUTTING THE COMMUNITY FIRST

RE-ELECT ME for prudent financial control and protection of frontline services.

One of the most difficult issues our administration faced has been keeping the Council solvent. We inherited a £920,000 annual hole in the budget due to a pension costs error. At that time, the Council was close to issuing a section 114 notice – effectively bankruptcy. We did not have the option of using reserves to balance the books because they had already been severely depleted. We were determined from the start to



avoid major cuts to services. We have chosen instead to cut the Council's own costs and, to do that, have embarked on a root and branch review to reshape and slim down the Council to try to ensure expenditure no longer outstrips income. We have also brought in strict accounting and reporting rules. We are working on sharing services with other councils, on digital innovation to give better customer experience and efficiency, and on commissioning at least some services from outside providers to achieve better value for money. For the financial year 2023/24, we are having to find £1.7m of savings, a big challenge on an annual budget of £11.9m especially at a time of high inflation affecting our costs. So I am very pleased to say that we have been able to set a balanced budget and to do so

without major cuts to services or cuts to the amount of money available for grants to voluntary organisations. Some fees are rising but increases for services to residents have been kept to a minimum and 2 hour free parking in Ellice Road car park has been retained. We have also ring-fenced some money as a "Cost of Living" fund to help residents in urgent need as necessary. The Council Tax rise is 2.99% which is £6.90 per year for an average property (or 13p per week). If re-elected, I will have very much in mind the need to focus what resources there are on the services that matter most to residents and to provide you with the services you deserve and for which you pay your Council Tax.

RE-ELECT ME for an Independent voice whose only allegiance is to the local community.

I believe that Independent Councillors - who are not told what to do by a political party - are the only way to ensure the community is always put first. Working with my fellow ward Councillors, OLRG's Deb Shiner and Bryan Black, I will listen and work with residents in Oxted South to deliver a Council that truly works for us all.

If enough OLRG/Independents are elected on May 4th, we will be able to continue as a residents run administration. If you want that to happen and for the community's voice to be heard strongly, please do vote for me and the OLRG team.



And if you are voting in person, don't forget to bring your photo ID. These are the first elections where photo ID is needed. Please contact me as overleaf if you need any more info about this.

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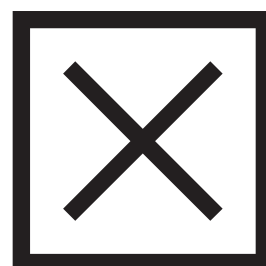
Thursday, May 4th

Polling stations are open from 7am to 10pm

**Voting is at Hurst Green Community Centre
4 Oak Close, Hurst Green RH8 0BA**



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If there is anything you would like to chat about, please just get in touch at:

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or send me a message at the Oxted & Limpsfield Residents Group Facebook page:

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*If you would like to support me in any way or would like to display an election board,
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Best Wishes

Chris Langton

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