

VOTE FOR ALL THREE CANDIDATES

Bryan **BLACK**
Chris **LANGTON**
Deb **SHINER**

OXTED & LIMPSFIELD RESIDENTS GROUP

May 2nd - Vote for all of us to keep your residents-run Council

This year, all 43 councillors on Tandridge District Council have to stand for election due to a Government ward boundary review. It means you will be voting for **THREE** candidates in Oxted South instead of one as in previous years. The Oxted & Limpsfield Residents Group (OLRG) candidates are Bryan Black, Chris Langton and Deb Shiner who are currently your three Oxted South Tandridge District Councillors. We are all standing for re-election and would be delighted to be able to continue to represent you.



Voting for all three of us is the only way to keep the council run by residents for residents, with an independent, non-political voice.

● **ADMINISTRATION:** If re-elected, we will continue to be part of the Residents Alliance which has run the council since May 2021 when we took over from the Conservatives. For the last two years, Chris has chaired the council's finance Committee (Strategy & Resources) and has played a key role in getting the finances back on track from a position close to bankruptcy which we inherited. At a time when many councils are struggling to stay solvent and a number have declared bankruptcy, we are pleased to say that we have been able to set a balanced budget for 2024/25 without cuts to services and we have been able to keep 2- hour free parking in Ellice Road car park. We are also really pleased to be the number two council in Surrey for recycling performance and number eleven in the whole of England.

We were delighted to receive a letter from the Government's Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities praising our successful efforts since becoming the administration:

"The department recognises and commends the Council's effort to grip and manage its budget pressures, and the successful steps taken to deliver the transformation and savings programme in 2022/23 and in 2023/2024."

Please do vote for all three of us on May 2nd in this crucial District Council election.

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REPRESENTING RESIDENTS

RE-ELECT US ALL to fight for your interests on all important local issues including:

- **CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:** This year, as an OLRG community initiative, a CCTV system began operating in Hurst Green and Oxted aimed at deterring crime and anti-social behaviour. CCTV has been installed in Hurst Green, including around the Community Centre, in Station Road East, Station Road West and Master Park with monitoring equipment in Tandridge District Council offices. This is a joint project which OLRG councillors have led and is backed by Oxted Parish Council (where Deb is a councillor), Oxted BID (Business Improvement District), Tandridge District Council, Limpsfield Parish Council and the Master Park Trustees. Oxted Parish Council is kindly providing the bulk of the funding with contributions from Limpsfield Parish Council and the BID.



- **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT:** We are committed to enforce against breaches of the planning rules such as the unauthorised caravan site off Tanhouse Road. Enforcement and stop notices were issued quickly, all of which were ignored. The council then went to court and won with fines issued but the 4 mobile homes are still there. The council is now preparing to go to court again. We fully recognise the concern of residents over this matter.

- **INAPPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT:** We will do our utmost to protect the area from inappropriate development. The Local Plan, submitted in 2019 by the previous administration, has been found unsound. It was submitted without first securing funding for improvements to J6 of the M25 on which the Plan depended. Its failure means unsuitable applications are coming forward for Green Belt sites. OLRG's policy is to resist inappropriate development, where necessary defending at appeal, while also bringing forward suitable housing sites. We were pleased that the application to build on the Green Belt off Woodhurst Lane to which there were numerous objections especially on highways grounds, has been withdrawn. We are working on completing a new Local Plan as soon as possible.

- **AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** We have started a new council house building programme for 200 homes over the next five years, mostly on council owned land though, where affordable, land is also being bought for housing. There are plans to build 12 council houses on the garage area at Wolfs Wood and 23 on part of the council's Warren Lane depot site. We are also aiming to maximise affordable housing in new developments and to work with housing associations, developers and landowners to secure sites and funding for new affordable housing - rented and shared ownership.

- **HURST GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE:** We are delighted that the council has supported a bid by Hurst Green Community Association for £120,000 for the design work to renovate and extend the Community Centre. The funds will come from the council's Community Infrastructure Levy collected from new development.



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PUTTING THE COMMUNITY FIRST

RE-ELECT US ALL 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 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 loss of services to residents. We have chosen instead to cut the council's costs and to reshape and slim down the council. We have also brought in strict accounting rules. We are working on sharing services with other councils, on digital innovation, and on commissioning at least some services from outside providers to achieve better value for money. We have had to make £5.5m of savings in three years and so we are very pleased to say we have been able to set a balanced budget for 2024/25 and to do so without reducing services. Some fees are rising but increases for services to residents have been kept to a minimum. The Council Tax rise is 2.99% which is £7.11 per year for a Band D property (or 14p per week). Going forward, there are still areas where cost can be taken out but we are also working on generating income, for example by selling the council's expertise in particular services.

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



Bryan Black: I have really enjoyed representing Oxted South as a Tandridge District Councillor for the past two years and am keen to continue campaigning for the interests of residents and businesses. I am a member of the council's finance Committee, the Planning Committee and the Community Services Committee, and also the council's representative on Holland Sports Association and the Surrey Environmental Partnership. I have lived in Oxted for over 30 years and for the last 12 years in Hurst Green with my family.

Chris Langton: I chair the council's finance Committee which has been a challenging task over the last two years, ensuring there is a realistic and deliverable plan for cost reduction. If re-elected, I now want to focus more on income generation, carried out in a responsible way. Away from the council, I am a volunteer for Prince's Trust and for the Shaw Trust, both of which help the long term unemployed 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.



Deb Shiner: It has been a real pleasure working with residents for the last three years and I am proud to be part of our great community. I am delighted to have the opportunity to stand again. As well as being Vice Chair of the Community Services Committee and sitting on the Housing Committee, I am the council's representative for the Hurst Green Community Centre. This year, working with the Centre Manager and many volunteers from Hurst Green, I was able to organise the provision of a free Christmas Day lunch for residents who would otherwise have been on their own. I am very keen for this to become an annual event.

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TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION

OXTED SOUTH WARD

Thursday, May 2nd

Polling stations are open from 7am to 10pm

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

Vote for all three OLRG candidates to keep your residents-run council



Vote
BLACK



LANGTON



SHINER



If you are voting in person, don't forget to bring your photo ID.

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