

## OUR COMMITTEES

Parties are allocated seats on the council's committees in proportion to the number of councillors elected for each party.

If you want to know more about the work of any of our committees, please look on the council's website. But we will keep you informed!



### JULIAN FREEMAN:

- Planning
- Licensing (General)
- Nonsuch Park Joint Management



### ALISON KELLY:

- Community and Wellbeing
- Financial Policy
- Strategy & Resources



### JAMES LAWRENCE:

- Audit & Scrutiny
- Crime & Disorder
- Standards & Constitution



### JULIE MORRIS:

- Environment and Safe Communities
- Licensing and Planning Policy

## SURREY'S BLUE WALL COLLAPSES

In further dramatic events on May 4<sup>th</sup>, Liberal Democrats in **Surrey Heath** gained 14 seats to take control of the council. Lib Dems gained **Guildford** from No Overall Control. Conservatives in neighbouring **Mole Valley** were virtually wiped out, retaining only 3 seats, in an overwhelming vote of confidence for the new Liberal Democrat council there. Liberal Democrats increased their overall majority in **Woking** and became the largest single party in **Waverley**. And all that's before we mention the stunning result for the Liberal Democrats in nearby **Windsor and Maidenhead!**

## THANK YOU, DAVID!



David hands the reins to James

Sadly, **David Gulland** had to stand down as a local councillor at the recent borough elections. He was elected as a College Ward councillor in 2019 and his proactive and people-centred approach to many issues, especially the Chalk Pit and other planning issues, will have been much appreciated by many residents.

**David** says "It's a shame that my family and business commitments mean that I had to stand down, but I hope that I can serve our community again one day. Meanwhile, I know that James, Julian and Julie will be great councillors for the residents of College Ward and Epsom & Ewell."

# FOCUS

## on COLLEGE and STAMFORD

Liberal Democrats

From your local Lib Dem **FOCUS** team:

**Cllr. Julian Freeman**  
**Cllr. Alison Kelly**  
**Cllr. James Lawrence**  
**Cllr. Julie Morris**

and your Lib Dem parliamentary candidate **Helen Maguire**



Julie, Alison, Julian and James prepare for their first council meeting as the new-look Lib Dem group.

# THANK YOU!

to all residents who voted for the Liberal Democrat FOCUS team in the recent council elections.

## Got a problem? Then contact the FOCUS team:

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## The Result in College

<b>Julie Morris</b>	<b>1225</b>
(Lib Dem - elected)	
<b>James Lawrence</b>	<b>1142</b>
(Lib Dem - elected)	
<b>Julian Freeman</b>	<b>1121</b>
(Lib Dem - elected)	

Residents' Association 501  
(average of 3 candidates)

Conservative 488  
(average of 3 candidates)

Labour 327

Your votes for the three **College Ward Lib Dem** candidates and for **Alison Kelly** in **Stamford Ward** mean that the Liberal Democrats are now the second largest party on the borough council. This will enable us to provide an **effective opposition** to the Residents' Association party.

In future, there will be separate leaflets for **College** and **Stamford** to give you more local news about **FOCUS** action in your ward and asking for your comments, ideas and issues.

## The Result in Stamford

<b>Alison Kelly</b>	<b>439</b>
(Lib Dem - elected)	
Residents' Association (elected)	431
<b>David Buxton</b>	<b>395</b>
(Lib Dem)	

Residents' Association 389

Conservative 342  
(average of 2 candidates)

Green 283

Labour (average of 2 candidates) 226





# Helen Maguire...

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## Seeking a New Deal for Burgled Residents

As a former Royal Military Police officer, I fully support local residents who want to see action on crime and anti-social behaviour.

Over 2,000 burglary cases reported to Surrey Police last year have been closed without a suspect being identified. Small wonder, when police numbers have been cut so far that an officer attends the scene of crime in fewer than half of cases.

We need a return to community policing where officers are visible, trusted and have the time (and the resources) to focus on solving crime.

Reversing the nation-wide loss of the 4,000 Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) since 2015 would help. Surrey Police alone has lost 30% of its PCSOs, leaving just 88 currently active on our streets.

The Liberal Democrats are calling for a new **"Burglary Response Guarantee,"** which would demand that all domestic burglaries are attended by the police and properly investigated.

*Helen*

## UPDATES FROM ALISON



**Alison Kelly** has been finding out why the bridge from Castle Road onto Epsom Common has been closed for so long. Surrey County Council gave Network Rail till 30<sup>th</sup> April to complete the work, but when work commenced, a major UK Power Networks electric cable supplying power to Stamford Green was found within the bridge. Prior to any further work the electricity must be rerouted. Council officers have warned Alison that this could be a long project.

**NO MOW MAY**

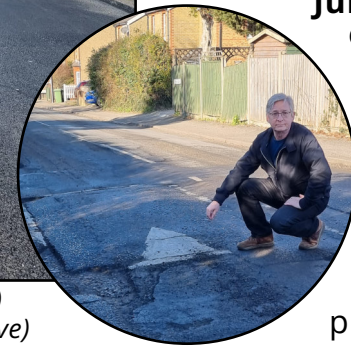
The contract to mow verges has moved to Surrey County Council and they will cut them 4 times a year. Meanwhile Epsom retains responsibility for most open spaces. Residents have identified some areas that have been missed so Alison will follow up over the summer to ensure nowhere is missed.



The first meeting of the new Planning Committee has decided that the proposed flats on the corner of **West Street and Station Approach** can go ahead after the height was reduced from 12/13 stories to 6 and other issues raised by the Planning Inspectorate have been addressed. However, the applicants' own predicted view (above) shows that it will still have a visual impact from **Fair Green and West Hill**.



Burgh Heath Road as it was (right) and the smooth new surface (above)



## BURGH HEATH ROAD RESURFACED AT LAST

**Julian Freeman** highlighted in a previous edition of **FOCUS** the awful state of Burgh Heath Road which rendered it almost undrivable. We complained about it to Surrey County Council, and so did many residents. At last the council have listened and done something about it - just one week before the Derby. Purely coincidental, we're sure!! We prefer to think it was down to the combined pressure of local residents and **FOCUS!!**

## COLLEGE WARD NEWS IN BRIEF

These are just some of the issues which are either new or ongoing and which the **FOCUS** team is progressing on your behalf. There's not enough space to put in much detail, but rest assured your councillors are on the case of these (and several other) issues.

- **Aldi** - the revised plans for a new store on the old dairy site will come before the Planning Committee soon so have your say on the council's planning portal.
- **Alexandra Rec** - funding has been agreed for the new sports pavilion but we are waiting for dates to demolish the old portacabin.
- **Allotments** - there is a waiting list of 166 prospective tenants for the Alexandra site - a new allotments forum is to be convened.
- **Briavels Court** - freeholders want to put a fourth storey on the buildings, which is permitted development. We are in touch with residents there.
- **Chalk Pit** - the saga continues with the county's proposal to allow a further six months of dust/noise without permission. The residents' group has been reconvened with almost daily reports of dust and noise.
- **Grass cutting** - damage to trees has been reported and strimming should leave a metre width around tree trunks in future
- **High Street** - both sides of the road are plagued by delivery bikes. We are liaising with the county council about a dedicated parking area.
- **Links Road** - has taken all the displaced parking from near to the Chalk Pit where there are now double yellow lines.
- **Local Plan** - meetings are being convened as we go to press. Meanwhile, we are pushing for the public consultation results to be made public.
- **Pitt Place** - the brick wall which collapsed into Church Road should be rebuilt.
- **South Hatch** - development is taking place out of hours and the council's enforcement officer has been alerted.

## Standing up for carers

**The Liberal Democrats' Carers' Leave Bill has just passed its final stage in Parliament and received Royal Assent to become law.**

The Act will give an estimated 2.4 million carers across the UK a statutory right to take five days of unpaid leave per year. This will help carers to better balance paid work alongside unpaid care.

Introduced by Lib Dem MP

Wendy Chamberlain, and steered through the House of Lords by Lib Dem Peer Lord Fox, the Carers' Leave Act has been described by the charity Carers UK as a 'landmark' piece of legislation.

Lib Dem parliamentary candidate, **HELEN MAGUIRE** said, "This is a fantastic step forward in our continued campaigning to stand up for the rights of carers."

