

# VOTE

# Deb SHINER

## OXTED & LIMPSFIELD RESIDENTS GROUP



## Your vote is crucial on May 6th. This is why...

More than ever, it is important to elect to Tandridge District Council someone who will represent you, who will listen, and who is independent and non-political. As a Hurst Green resident, I have seen the change for the better that Oxted & Limpsfield Residents Group (OLRG) and associated Independent Councillors are making and I want to build on what they have already achieved.



### • **FIGHTING FOR BETTER SERVICES FOR HURST GREEN RESIDENTS,**

working with local health care providers to bring improved facilities to our area, pushing to ease the commuter parking problem, opposing inappropriate development, pressing for better financial management at the Council, and most importantly, putting residents first. OLRG Councillors took part throughout the Local Plan Examination. Working with our top planning QC funded by residents' donations, we are pushing for a new primary school in Hurst Green instead of a housing development, to protect the Green Belt, and to provide a higher percentage of affordable housing in developments.

### • **CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:**

I very much share concerns about the amount of crime, especially overt drugs use, the fear of crime, and police response times. I am keen to work with the local beat officers and neighbourhood watch groups to address some of the issues around crime in our area and to work with residents and local groups to try to reduce anti-social behaviour.

• **ACHIEVING 2 HOUR FREE PARKING** in Ellice Road car park after the Conservative administration cut it down to only 1 hour. OLRG also fought, and defeated, a large increase in business parking permit charges which the administration was proposing for Oxted.

• **TOGETHER WITH** my fellow OLRG Ward Councillors, Lynn Mills and Chris Langton, I will work for the interests of residents and local businesses. I aim to actively follow up all issues raised and keep pressing until the right outcome is achieved. OLRG Councillors are not afraid to challenge the status quo. This is your home and my home, and I am determined to look after it.

***Please do vote for me and the OLRG team on May 6th in this crucial District Council election.***

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## ***Your voice in Oxted South***

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# REPRESENTING RESIDENTS

***ELECT ME and I will fight to make sure that infrastructure is put at the heart of the Council's planning process, and that national policy for the protection of the Green Belt is implemented.***



The Planning Inspector who is examining the Council's Local Plan has now said he has "significant concerns" about whether it is sound. He has given the Council two options: continue with it and try to address his concerns or withdraw it and start a new one. OLRG will keep working to ensure residents' interests are put first. Infrastructure is a key issue. Oxted South's infrastructure is hugely stretched. There is a recognised deficit in infant school provision, a single Health Centre serving a very large area which is not easily accessed from Hurst Green, and parking is inadequate. The Council's Plan does not address the existing infrastructure problems, nor does it provide new infrastructure to support new housing because important funding providers have said they will not be funding projects attributed to

them in the Plan. Two sites in Hurst Green have been allocated in the Plan for new housing. One is the Green Belt site HSG13 Land west of Red Lane, earmarked for 60 homes. OLRG set out to the Local Plan Inspector why the site should not be released from the Green Belt but, if it were to be, we put forward a process for allocating it instead for a primary school. The second site, HSG14 Warren Lane Depot, earmarked for 50 homes, is now not being proposed for development until 2030/2031 instead of 2021/2022 as originally planned. The Council has assessed a number of other Oxted South sites as "deliverable and developable" putting them at risk of development in the future. At the Local Plan Examination, OLRG made detailed alternative proposals for rewriting the Plan - and to deliver infrastructure such as health services and schools, to protect the Green Belt, and to provide higher numbers of affordable housing in areas that the Council's own evidence explains have the highest need.



***ELECT ME and I will fight for your interests on all important local issues.***



**COMMUTER PARKING:** OLRG Councillors have submitted evidence to Surrey County Council outlining the impact on residents, the possible options, and what the next steps could be. The options could include station parking on two levels, further highway parking restrictions, local road improvements, land for a Park & Ride with a minibus feeder. It's likely to be a long process but hopefully there can be a coordinated approach to easing the problem. At the moment, the priority is to see how people's travel arrangements stabilise post-Covid.

**WOLFS HILL:** A vehicle activated sign for cars approaching the bottom of Wolfs Hill is being installed to help slow traffic and alert drivers to pedestrians walking along the road. This is being funded by Oxted Parish Council and, as a Parish Councillor, I was delighted there was agreement to paying for it as there has been a lot of road safety concern from residents.

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# PUTTING THE COMMUNITY FIRST

## ***ELECT ME and I will work for better financial management.***



The Council now has severe financial difficulties. These were triggered by a failed change project called Customer First brought in by the Conservative administration. It was supposed to save money but has gone millions over budget. We are concerned that Johnsdale car park, a public asset, was sold for only £750,000. In addition, the administration has so far spent around £3 million on its Local Plan. Whichever of the Plan Inspector's two options is chosen going forward, it will cost a lot more money. In just three years, more than half the financial reserves have been spent leaving the Council struggling to stay solvent. To try to balance the books, other political groups approved a borrowing facility of a massive £200m to buy commercial investment properties - they outvoted our group of Councillors. In May last year, in the wake of the

pandemic, they wanted to make another multi million pound purchase of a commercial property outside of the District, but this time our Councillors managed to halt it after Government warnings about the risk involved. I am concerned that these huge loans are underwritten by Council taxpayers who will face cuts to services and/or raised taxes if things go wrong. **If elected, I will press instead for shared services with other nearby Councils as a way to cut costs and to get better services for residents.** But I do not support the recent proposal by Surrey County Council for one huge unitary authority for the whole of Surrey. I believe that would be a step too far and would be likely to badly disadvantage Tandridge residents and mean an unacceptable loss of control over local issues by local people.

## ***ELECT ME for an Independent voice who will put the needs of the local community first.***

I have lived in Hurst Green for ten years and in that time have become increasingly aware of the matters that concern residents, especially crime, housing, and planning. In 2019, I was elected as an Oxted Parish Councillor which has given me a good understanding of residents' priorities. I have worked within various businesses during my career, primarily within customer services. OLRG has 7 Tandridge District Councillors and we are linked in the Council with 6 other Independents from around the District. I strongly 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. My only allegiance is to the community and not to party politics. Tandridge is now a "hung" Council with no group in overall control.



*OLRG's Councillors*

**If just a few more OLRG/Independents are elected on May 6th, we will become the largest group and be able to have a much stronger voice for residents. If you want the community's voice to be heard strongly, please do vote for me and the OLRG team.**

With worries about Covid-19, you may wish to apply for a postal vote which you can do by emailing: [customerservices@tandridge.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@tandridge.gov.uk) or by completing the form on this link: [www.tandridge.gov.uk/Your-council/Voting-and-elections/Register-to-vote](http://www.tandridge.gov.uk/Your-council/Voting-and-elections/Register-to-vote) Or you can vote in person on May 6th at the polling station.

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# TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION

## **OXTED SOUTH WARD**

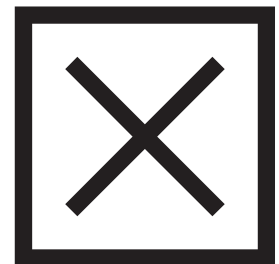
**Thursday, May 6th**

**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 you would like to discuss any issues or concerns, please do email me at [debshiner58@hotmail.com](mailto:debshiner58@hotmail.com) or phone 07592 610449 or send me a message at the Oxted & Limpsfield Residents Group Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/oxtedresidents/](https://www.facebook.com/oxtedresidents/)

*If you would like to support me in any way or would like to display an election board, please contact me as above. Many thanks.*

Best Wishes

Deb Shiner

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