

VOTE

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OXTED & LIMPSFIELD RESIDENTS GROUP



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

In 2016, I was delighted to be elected as your Councillor for Oxted North and Tandridge. Now I am asking for your vote again in the Tandridge District Council elections on May 6th.

- **RE-ELECTING ME** is a vote for an independent, non-political voice who will represent you, who will listen and will keep pushing for the interests of residents and local businesses. 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 we have already achieved.

- **ACHIEVING 2 HOUR FREE PARKING** in Ellice Road car park after the Conservative administration cut it down to only 1 hour; supporting Oxted's businesses, for example by defeating a large increase in business parking permit charges proposed for Oxted; securing a £500,000 Council grant towards a new pavilion for Master Park; fighting for infrastructure and affordable housing, preventing inappropriate development; pressing for better financial management at the Council, and most importantly, putting residents first.

- **CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:** I am regularly in contact with Tandridge local beat officers, the Master Park Committee, the Oxted BID board and local neighbourhood watch groups to try to address some of the major issues around crime in our area and to work with residents and local groups to reduce anti-social behaviour. As Vice Chair of the Community Services Committee I have been able to work with my colleagues on the committee and officers to address the problems with fly-tipping; most recently, having signs erected by the recycling bins in Chalkpit Wood to deter people from leaving their waste at the site. This has had a positive result and we have also been able to identify some of the culprits.



- **IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE** to work with residents and businesses acting as a bridge between constituents and the Council. It's a diverse ward with a variety of needs and concerns and I have learnt a lot by working with residents and assisting with housing, planning, benefits, crime and community issues. If re-elected, I aim to continue 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. I won't always have the answers but will definitely help arrange access to the people who do!

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

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REPRESENTING RESIDENTS

RE-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. We will keep working to ensure residents' interests are put first.



At the Local Plan Examination in 2019, working with our top planning QC funded by residents' donations, we made detailed alternative proposals for rewriting the Plan – to deliver infrastructure such as schools and health services, to protect the Green Belt, to provide higher numbers of affordable housing for local people. The Council's Plan does not address the existing infrastructure deficit, 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. We were up against a poor quality Local Plan which ranks Oxted at number one in the whole District for additional housing with Green Belt at Chichele field, Stoney field (beside St Mary's Church) and land west of Chalkpit Lane,

assessed by it as "deliverable and developable." That's in addition to its proposed "garden community" of 4,000 houses on Green Belt in South Godstone.

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

CHICHELE FIELD FOOTPATHS: I have just given evidence at a public inquiry to support OLRG's application for three new rights of way across Chichele field. With the help of dozens of residents, it's taken eight years to get this far. The application was approved by Surrey County Council in 2018, but an appeal was then lodged by developers and landowners. The inquiry Inspector will decide whether or not to confirm the rights of way. For the moment, the paths remain closed to the public.



HEALTH AND WELLBEING: As the Vice Chair of the Tandridge Health and Wellbeing Board and my own work in healthcare, I am always keen to speak to residents about any issues relating to this. I also represent Tandridge District Council on the Tandridge Access Group which has been responsible for initiating many improvements to assist those with disabilities and which aims to ensure residents with disabilities are considered and recognised when developments, refurbishments and schemes are planned across the district.

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PUTTING THE COMMUNITY FIRST

RE-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 re-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.

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

I have lived in Oxted for over 20 years with my husband Mark and my daughter and run my own business as a health rehabilitation instructor. I am President of the Oxted Royal British Legion which is a great honour. OLRG has 7 Councillors, including my fellow Ward Councillors, Catherine Sayer and David Stamp, and we are linked in the Council with 6 other Independents from around Tandridge 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. 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 or by completing the form on this link: 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 NORTH AND TANDRIDGE WARD

Thursday, May 6th

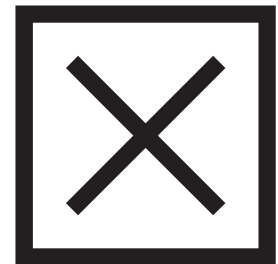
Polling stations are open from 7am to 10pm

Voting for residents of Oxted North is at
Oxted Community Hall in Church Lane RH8 9NB

Voting for residents of Tandridge is at
Tandridge Village Hall in Tandridge Lane RH8 9NN



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If there is anything you would like to chat about, please just get in touch at jackiewren13@gmail.com or phone 07814 663586 or send me a message at the Oxted & Limpsfield Residents Group Facebook page: 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

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To join OLRG email: oxted.residents@btinternet.com

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