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## PUTTING HILLINGDON RESIDENTS FIRST



A message from Cllr Ray Puddifoot

Despite all the doom and gloom about reductions in government funding for council services and facilities in other authorities, during the last four years in Conservative Hillingdon we have gone from strength to strength.

As well as continuing to invest in our libraries, schools, roads, leisure facilities and parks and open spaces, I have recently announced that once again there will be no increase in Hillingdon's Council Tax. All residents will see tax frozen until 2016 and for those over 65 tax is frozen for five years until 2019.

It has never been more important than now to have sound financial management in Hillingdon, which is why it is essential that a proven Conservative Administration is returned at the local elections on 22nd May.

There remains tough financial challenges ahead of us and there is simply no other political party in Hillingdon that comes close to our track record for financial management and the delivery of services and facilities that our residents tell us are important to them.

### Hillingdon Conservatives: Putting Residents First

Ray Puddifoot MBE  
Conservative Leader,  
London Borough of Hillingdon

## CONSERVATIVE HILLINGDON FREEZES COUNCIL TAX AGAIN

### ■ Twelve Year Council Tax Freeze for Over 65s

Conservative Hillingdon Council has recently announced that it will retain a freeze on local Council Tax until at least 2016, and until 2019 for the over 65s.

Those households with at least one person over 65 since the Council Tax freeze began in 2007 will have saved £900 by April of this year, and will continue to save over the next four years due to the **SOUND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT** of the Hillingdon Conservative Administration.

**REMEMBER**  
**Only Conservative Councillors have the ability and commitment to deliver both strong financial management and services for our residents.**

**0%**  
**Increase for Hillingdon Residents**

All Hillingdon Council Tax payers will see their Council Tax frozen for at least a further two years - seven years in total.

## HILLINGDON CONSERVATIVES PUTTING HILLINGDON RESIDENTS FIRST

Whilst other Councils have reduced services and facility provision the Conservative Administration in Hillingdon has provided our residents with:

- The only complete Library Rebuild and Refurbishment programme in the Country.
- More investment in Parks and Open Spaces resulting in the award of 24 Green Flags, more than any other Council in the UK.



- Fees and charges frozen year on year, parking charges for residents in Hillingdon are far lower than neighbouring boroughs using your **Hillingdon First Card**.
- An investment of £50m in state of the art Sports and Leisure Facilities.

- A fully funded Investment of £150m in Schools to ensure that every Hillingdon child has a primary school place close to home.
- Record investment in Road Maintenance.
- Easy to use Weekly Refuse and Recycling collections.



## **Changes to the Eastcote/East Ruislip Team**

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In Eastcote you are fortunate to have three first class Councillors who serve both your Ward and the Borough well. Both Cllrs Bruce Baker and David Payne have announced their retirement at the next local elections and both the administration and I are grateful for their hard work, dedication and service to the residents that they represent. I am delighted that Becky Haggar and Nick Denys have been selected to stand as Conservative Candidates in Eastcote and East Ruislip Ward in May 2014 elections. I am confident they will be first class Councillors and will work well with Cllr Catherine Dann. A strong team for Eastcote and East Ruislip.

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## **Hillingdon Libraries get longer opening hours**

Since being refurbished and re-equipped with state of the art computers and a new book list, librarians have seen a large increase in the number of residents of all ages using the facilities. In response to this increasing demand, and due to good financial management, your Conservative Council will be able to fund additional staff for extended opening hours in the future.

### **Hearing Aid Batteries**

Residents who require hearing aid batteries can now obtain them from Manor Farm Library.

This historic Manor Farm Complex has seen record numbers of visitors due to Council-sponsored events held there. The Medieval Festival was exceptionally well supported last summer.



**Cllr Catherine Dann shows new candidates Becky Haggar and Nick Denys Eastcote and Manor Farm Libraries where Councillors hold their Ward Surgeries.**



**Nick checks out a newly resurfaced road**

### **Highgrove Swimming Pool & Fitness Centre**

The Council's £5.7 million refurbishment of Highgrove Swimming Pool and Fitness Centre is now complete and has seen an increase in uptake of people using this service. Many people expressed how reasonable the residents' charges are and are also pleased there are no plans to increase fees .

### **Warrender Park - New Outdoor Gym**

A new outdoor gym has been provided in Warrender Park for the residents, another improvement to the Green Flag awarded park. Becky said, "The equipment in Warrender Park is great fun and holds just the right challenges. It's certainly great for all ages and abilities and combines nicely with those blue skies and outdoor jogs!"



**Becky tries out Warrender Park Gym**

### **Roads Resurfaced**

As part of the Council 's ongoing commitment to improving roads and pavements in the Borough, we are pleased to see that work has taken place in Azalea Walk, Dormywood, Flag Walk, Horns End Place and Lovatt Drive. Nick Denys said, "It is good to see money being used efficiently in the Borough, so more can be spent on roads. "

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