



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

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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.

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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.



Keeping Children Safe



To help keep children in Northwood safe and to develop road awareness, the Council provided cycle and pedestrian training for pupils at Frithwood Primary School, Northwood College and St Helen's School.

Road Safety staff also visited Frithwood Primary and Northwood College to give a Be Safe Be Seen assembly.

Pedestrian training was provided at Holy Trinity CE School, along with the road safety at a "Be Safe Be Seen" assembly.

Hillingdon Libraries get longer opening hours

Since being refurbished and re-equipped with state of the art computers and a new book list, librarians at Northwood Library 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.



Roads Resurfaced



A record amount was invested in roads maintenance last year. The Conservative Council allocated a further £6 million to ensure Hillingdon's highways are the best possible quality. This has been done by shrewd financial management and by finding ways to work more economically.

As part of the Council's ongoing commitment to improving roads and pavements in the Borough, we are pleased to see Frithwood Avenue, Murray Road and Northgate in Northwood were resurfaced.

Recycling gets even better



Northwood residents can sign up for a Food Waste Collection, a service which has been available to Hillingdon residents since October. The weekly recycling service diverts food waste for composting instead of it being sent for landfill disposal. Residents who register for the service will be issued with:

- A 7 litre internal 'kitchen caddy' - to collect the food waste in their kitchens
- A roll of corn starch bags to line the kitchen caddy.
- A 23 litre external food storage bin with self locking lid, to store the full corn starch bags until the bin is emptied each week.

Another additional service is the weekly collections of textiles for recycling and reuse. Clothes are to be placed in the new lilac bags. Unlike most other recycling, the Council will get no money from this collection but will donate all profit to Charity.

CONSERVATIVES SUPPORT LOCAL SHOPS

Your Northwood Conservative team have been working alongside Northwood Residents' Association and the new "Save Our Northwood" Committee to support the campaign to protect our local shops. It has been successful in making a large retailer rethink their future plans.

NORTHWOOD BOWLS CLUB

Your Conservative Councillors were happy to see the refurbished toilet facilities open at Northwood Bowls Club. This was achieved by a successful bid to the Conservative Council's



Cllr Carol Melvin presenting a cheque to the bowls Club

Chrysalis Fund. The club also received a grant for £4000 from your Councillors Ward Budget for new equipment and refurbishment of the equipment store. Cllr Carol Melvin said, "This is a wonderful pastime. It enables people of all ages to get out, meet people and helps them keep fit by doing something they enjoy."

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