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Popular local councillor to stand down at election ahead of house move

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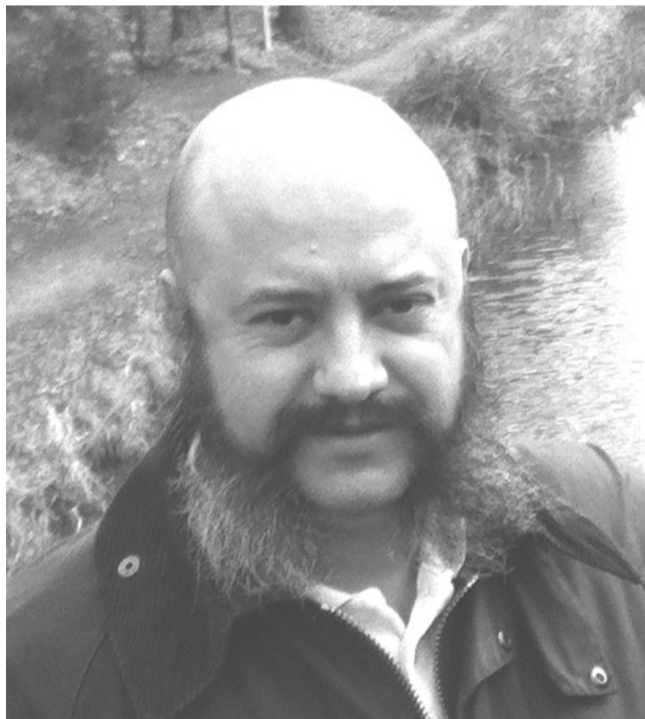
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KEVIN WORKS FOR BROOKWOOD CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE IS ACTIVE COMMUNITY FIGURE



Kevin Davis, one of Brookwood's most active community figures, will be seeking election in May

Voters in Brookwood will have the opportunity to elect one of the village's most active volunteers after Woking Conservatives selected **Kevin Davis** as their candidate in the May 2012 elections.

Kevin has lived in Brookwood for 13 years after seven years living nearby in Knaphill. He is an Assistant Explorer Scout Leader and has also been Akela at Brookwood Cubs during two separate stints.

He has organised poppies in the village on behalf of the Royal British Legion since taking over from Mac Fryatt in 2003. With other residents, he has helped to restore the red telephone kiosk opposite Brookwood Social Club as well as a bench on the canal nearby.

Kevin said: "I consider myself privileged to live in a village with an amazing history and with such diverse amenities, which make the village unique in the district. I am passionate about our community and improving our surroundings.

"I look forward to meeting everyone and listening to residents' views during the next few months."

ACTION AROUND THE AREA



■ **Kevin Davis** talks to a resident on a canalside bench that he helped restore. He is now seeking a waste bin for it after a request from young people.

■ His involvement with Brookwood Scouts meant **Kevin** featured on top of the fourth plinth in Trafalgar Square promoting volunteering in Scouting.



KEVIN RAISES CONCERN OVER TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Kevin Davis has been involved in discussions about the lights at the Brookwood crossroads for most of the past 10 years. He foresees problems could occur when the Brookwood Farm development goes ahead and more cars begin to use the junction.

"We already have problems with the timing of the lights," said Kevin. "This is a junction that has had quite a bit of money spent on it but the issues have not been satisfactorily resolved. I have already liaised with our County Councillor using the knowledge I have about how the lights work and if elected, I would be in an even better position to suggest improvements."



Kevin anticipates future issues with the Brookwood traffic lights



■ County Councillor and Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee chairman **Linda Kemeny** is delighted at the work carried out on the canal.

GLYNIS TO STAND DOWN AHEAD OF HOUSE MOVE

Brookwood's popular and hardworking councillor **Glynis Preshaw** is to stand down after four years ahead of a move to the West County.



Glynis, who was elected in 2008, has decided to move with her husband down to Devon later this year and is reluctantly stepping down in May.

She said: "It has been a real honour and a privilege to represent Brookwood for the past four years and I have enjoyed working with residents on issues surrounding Fishwick Island, planning matters and Brookwood Cemetery.

"In **Kevin Davis**, I think we have a really excellent and knowledgeable local candidate who is passionate about Brookwood. I really hope residents will elect him to succeed me."

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KEVIN RINGS CHANGES WITH PHONE BOX RESTORATION

Brookwood Conservative candidate **Kevin Davis** was one of a number of local residents who worked for four months restoring the vintage telephone box near the entrance to Brookwood Station.

Following the news that BT intended to get rid of the old box, Kevin's group decided to adopt the landmark red structure, knowing that by restoring it they would maintain another part of Brookwood's character.

Funds for the restoration were raised entirely locally and all the work was done by Kevin and his fellow volunteers. They stripped the telephone box back to its metal and repainted it inside and out, as well as providing replacement glass and finishing the crowns above the telephone sign in gold leaf.

When it was finished, Brookwood councillor Glynis Preshaw cut a symbolic ribbon to open the telephone box, although the inside is not accessible as it is used as an exhibition space for the village.

Kevin said: "I think everyone involved in this project was very proud of the result. We have saved one of the three original telephone boxes in the village and it is quite a special one as it dates from before the Second World War.

"I don't know of another that is still standing in other parts of the Woking area and I hope residents enjoy it as they walk past."



Before and after: Kevin working on the telephone box (left) before the fruits of his labour are unveiled by Cllr Glynis Preshaw with fellow restorer Alan

KEVIN AND LINDA SEE CANAL PROGRESS

Conservative County Councillor for Brookwood **Linda Kemeny** was joined by Borough Candidate **Kevin Davis** to survey the progress of work on the Basingstoke Canal.

Kevin, who is a lengthsman for the Surrey and Hampshire Canal Authority for the Brookwood stretch of the canal, regularly walks the footpaths to look out for any repairs that need doing.

Linda, who is chairman of the Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee, met Kevin on the footbridge to assess its condition.

"I am very encouraged with the work that Surrey County Council is funding, which should enable to canal to be open next year," said Linda. "I'm also impressed at how knowledgeable Kevin is about Brookwood's section. I really hope he is elected so that I can work with him on canal issues."



Kevin Davis and Linda Kemeny meet on the Sheet's Heath Bridge

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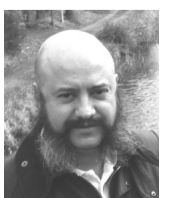
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