

Prosperous
Woking Conservatives are creating a borough that is open for business by attracting major retailers, creating jobs, encouraging apprenticeships for young people and improving our town and village centres.

Accessible and Safe
We will bring forward schemes such as a new access road for Showwater and pedestrian and cycle tunnels for Victoria Arch to reduce traffic congestion and make Woking a safer place.

Strong Community
Woking is a borough where we work to support those least able to support themselves. We will maintain grants to voluntary organisations such as **Woking Community Transport**, support our community day centres and support important local services.

Sustainable
We will build on our successes – from recycling to green energy – to create a more sustainable borough with strong bio-diversity and improved publicly accessible green spaces. We see Woking as a pioneer of green initiatives – but only when they make commercial sense or deliver real benefits to residents, such as flood protection through the Hee Valley Project, its recently opened country park and improvements to the Basingstoke Canal.



Fair
Woking Conservatives are committed to creating a borough where those who need help receive it. We will protect services for older residents, continue to help our tenants save money on energy bills and provide more decent and affordable housing.

WOKING CONSERVATIVES Manifesto 2012

- 1 NO increase in Woking's share of Council Tax**
- 2 NO cuts in services**
- 3 NO cuts in levels of grants to the Voluntary Sector**



If you would like to raise an issue of concern, or help our campaign, please contact: 01483 773384 or enquiries@wokingconservatives.org.uk

WOKING CONSERVATIVES – OUR PROMISES TO YOU

- 1 We will maintain our record of low Council Tax** after achieving two increases in Woking's share for the past two years.
- 2 We will continue to invest in Woking's economy** to help attract new business and jobs – particularly for young people – and offer better shopping for residents and visitors.
- 3 We will move towards a fantastic 65% recycling target** having achieved 60% during the final quarter of 2011. We will bring forward innovative ideas for more recycling collections.



Council leader King Johns-Jones believes making clear promises is important

- 4 We will continue to improve publicly-accessible green spaces** and deliver our programme of new play and sports facilities for children and young people.
- 5 We will invest in more community buildings** such as St Johns Memorial Hall, Horsell Village Hall, a new Horsell Scouts and Guides building and other community projects.
- 6 We will tackle dog fouling borough-wide** by backing the "Foul Play" campaign to make Woking a safer, cleaner and more pleasant place for us all.



Councillors Tony Branagan and Beryl Hamwicks outside Horsell Village Hall

Clear promises – delivered for everyone



HOW WE DELIVERED ON OUR 2011 PLEDGES

IT'S ABOUT BEING ACCOUNTABLE

Woking Conservatives understand that residents don't always have time to keep up with what is going on at the council. But every day, your councillors are making decisions that affect you.

That is why we introduced our manifesto. Not all local political parties publish them but we felt it was important to make a clear set of promises for which you could hold us accountable. And each time we launch a new manifesto, we give an update on how we did last time.

So if we don't keep our promises, you will know. But we think you'll agree that we have fulfilled all the pledges we made last year.

WE PROMISED: IMPROVE COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

We have opened a state-of-the-art community building next to the Leisure Centre, home to seven active community groups and built a new headquarters for the Sea Cadets in Goldsworth Park. Planning applications have also been submitted for a new St Johns Memorial Hall, improvements to Horsell Village Hall and a new Horsell Scouts and Guides building – all to be funded from the sale of surplus council assets – and a pavilion and clubhouse at New Monument School in Maybury.



Councillors Colin Kemp and Laura Ashall at the Sea Cadets building



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WE PROMISED: NEW PLAY AND SPORTS FACILITIES

This year has seen excellent progress on improving facilities around the borough. There has been completion of a new sports pavilion and junior pitches on the former Astra site at the former Astra site at Byfleet, a new multi-use games area at West Byfleet and the construction of a new enclosure over an outdoor swimming pool at Goldsworth Primary School with solar electricity enabling year-round swimming.

WE PROMISED: MAINTAIN LOW COUNCIL TAX

Last year, we froze Council Tax and along with Surrey County Council were able to offer a total freeze.

This year, we have kept our pledge once again by not increasing Woking's share, which has remained at the same level for three years.

More money in your pocket



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WE PROMISED: MEET A 60% RECYCLING TARGET BY 2012

This was a very tough target but we achieved 60% in the last quarter of 2011, due to very successful food and green waste schemes. We are now looking for innovative ways to increase recycling even further in Woking.



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Councillors Tony Branagan and Beryl Hamwicks at Woking Police Station

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WE PROMISED: ADDRESS ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Neighbourhood Officers have worked with the police and other authorities to reduce anti-social behaviour. We approved further funding for Woking Street Angels to ensure this valuable service continues to make our streets and young people safer.



How the re-opened Town Square will look later this year

4 We have continued to invest in Woking Town Centre, providing more space for existing retailers and welcoming new ones such as Pret A Manger, Cafe Rouge and Jane Norman. Woking Library is soon to re-open as the largest and most modern in Surrey.



CLEAR PROMISES – DELIVERED FOR EVERYONE