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# SIMON STANDING UP FOR HEATHLANDS

**Simon Ashall** has been selected as our Conservative candidate for 2018. A former local journalist and campaigner, Simon is listening to you on the issues that matter.

■ Simon lives in Hook Heath with his wife Laura and their two daughters Grace, five, and Connie, three. Both girls go to school in Woking and Laura works in procurement in Surrey.

Simon was a reporter and later News Editor of the *Woking News and Mail* before moving into Public Relations for a local authority and then a FTSE350 company based in Woking Town Centre.

A staunch defender of the Green Belt, Simon's opposition to building on land between Mayford and Hook Heath is known among his colleagues.

He is also interested in helping find solutions to traffic problems in Brookwood and on the A320, particularly once Hoe Valley School opens.

"I am delighted to be selected for this seat where I live," said Simon. "But my campaign is about what residents want and need. I will be out across our area during the next few months to listen to your views on how we can make Heathlands Ward even better.

"In the meantime please get in touch if you would like to discuss any issues or visit [www.heathlandsintouch.com](http://www.heathlandsintouch.com)."



Simon Ashall is our Conservative candidate for 2018

## Respected former Council Leader standing down

### JOHN STANDS DOWN AFTER 19 YEARS

■ Former Council Leader **John Kingsbury** has announced that he is to stand down as a Heathlands Councillor in 2018.

John represented St John's and Hook Heath from 1999-2016 and has been a Heathlands councillor since 2016. Among his many achievements was to help secure a new St John's Memorial Hall.

John said: "I feel after 19 years on the Council, nine of them as Leader, it is time for me to stand aside and let the younger generation through. I have no doubt if elected Simon will be an excellent representative for our ward and he has my absolute support."



John Kingsbury is standing down

### SIMON IS CLEAR ON GREEN BELT

■ Heathlands Conservative candidate **Simon Ashall** says that removal of land between Mayford and Hook Heath from the Green Belt would be against the interests of residents.

If elected, he has pledged to oppose any development of land off Saunders Lane. He believes that the site is inaccessible and too environmentally sensitive to be appropriate for any kind of development.

"I would like to see that whole area of the Hook Heath escarpment and Saunders Lane designated as natural green space and protected," said Simon. "I am right behind residents' attempts to get the Council to think again."

## KEVIN & AYESHA JOIN HEATHLAND PROJECT

■ Surrey Heathland Partnership is running a programme of heathland management and restoration called Surrey's Last Wilderness. Heathlands councillors **Kevin Davis** and **Ayesha Azad** recently joined the partnership, visiting the Heathlands areas.

This project is supported by Woking Borough Council, along with 12 other partners and by the Heritage Lottery Fund. Of the 26 sites involved in the

programme, several are in Heathlands ward - Brookwood Heath, Prey Heath, Sheet's Heath and Smart's Heath.

The project involves organising grazing and clearance of invasive scrub and bracken as well as promoting an understanding of heathland and encouraging good practice in its management. For further information, please visit [www.surreyheathlandproject.org.uk](http://www.surreyheathlandproject.org.uk).



Ayesha and Kevin visiting Sheets Heath

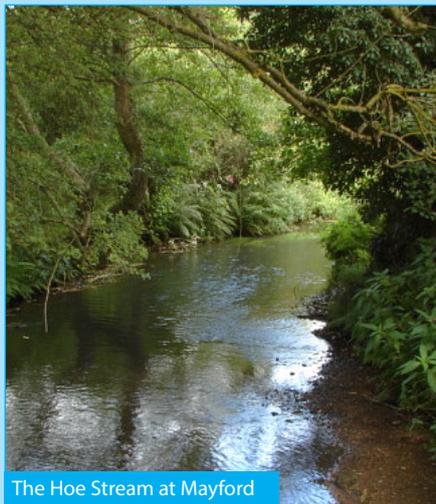
## PUBLIC WELCOMES NEW HOE VALLEY SCHEME

■ Plans to promote biodiversity and reduce the risk of flooding in Mayford have been welcomed by residents following a consultation meeting at Mayford Village Hall.

Two drop-in events were held and Heathlands Councillor **Ayesha Azad** attended the one in Mayford.

She said: "The Hoe Stream Flood Defence Scheme was completed in 2012 and has been a great success but did not extend to Mayford.

"We have always wanted to see the scheme protect further homes and businesses, as well as creating additional green space and I am glad residents have had their say on this proposal."



The Hoe Stream at Mayford

## News **SNIPPETS**

### ACTION ON POTHOLES

■ Residents of Brookwood have had to put up with potholes along Connaught Road for far too long, especially near the church and the village school.

Working with Surrey County Councillor **Ayesha Azad, Kevin Davis** has ensured that the A324 is placed onto the County Council's list of roads to be resurfaced. Kevin said: "Hopefully we should see some improvement in the near future."

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