

Winter 2017/18

# JOHN IS STANDING UP FOR HOE VALLEY

Hoe Valley Conservatives have selected **John Lawrence** as our candidate for the local elections in May 2018. John was Councillor for Old Woking from 2015-16.

■ In 2015, **John Lawrence** became the first Conservative Councillor for Old Woking in nearly half a century. Residents voted for him as a hardworking local resident who wanted to get the results they deserved.

In 2016, boundary changes saw Old Woking join with Kingfield and Westfield as the new Hoe Valley ward and John was not elected under the new system.

But he is working hard and still wants the opportunity to serve local residents in the area that he lives. John is standing on a platform of flood alleviation along the Hoe Stream,

of combatting anti-social behaviour and tackling parking outside our schools.

“I really enjoyed the opportunity I had to represent local people for a year,” said John. “I think I’ve still got a lot to give and so I’m standing again to work on the issues that matter.

“I live in Old Woking with my wife Sally and I’m a builder by trade so I meet and work with a lot of people. I’m going to be out and about over the next few months and I look forward to speaking to as many local residents as possible.”



John Lawrence is campaigning for our area

## News from Hoe Valley

### PARKING AROUND LOCAL SCHOOLS

■ Residents around our local schools - in particular in Queen Elizabeth Way and Bonsey Lane - are increasingly concerned about the number of cars parked nearby at collection time and the effect this has on safety.

They are both narrow roads and there have been concerns about access for emergency vehicles as well as how safe the roads are for children on foot emerging from school.

Conservative candidate **John Lawrence** said: “I will press Surrey County Council to deal with this problem. They are both the education and highways authorities.”



John in Queen Elizabeth Way

### YOUTH WORKER FUNDED

■ Old Woking Conservative County Councillor **Liz Bowes** has been able to help fund a youth worker at The Club, Old Woking, helping to give young people living nearby the opportunity to engage in activities and development beneficial to their futures.

The Club is a youth drop-in centre based in the Old Woking Community Centre. The Club was formed in 2005 in the absence of any similar facilities in the Community and seeks to reduce anti-social behaviour.

**John Lawrence** said: “I know how important The Club is to our area and I’m really grateful to Liz for helping it do more for the community.”

## CONSULTATION ON NATURE RESERVE

■ A consultation has taken place on plans to upgrade White Rose Lane Nature Reserve. The plans include a boardwalk, allowing easier pedestrian access to White Rose Lane.

The Nature Reserve is a site of damp alder woodland and a number of voluntary groups are active with scrub clearance and removal of the highly invasive alien plant Himalayan Balsam.

Wildlife observed within the site includes owl, bats, deer, frogs

and various species of rare fungi.

“Conservative Councillor **Mark Pengelly** pushed for these plans to go out to consultation, and I’m pleased they have,” said **John Lawrence**. “The boardwalk is crucial for local people who need a safer walking route.

“The plans will also enhance the environment, reduce flooding and ensure more people can share in the wonderful things the nature reserve has to offer.”



John Lawrence in the Hoe Valley Nature Reserve

## PUBLIC WELCOMES NEW HOE VALLEY SCHEME

■ Plans to promote biodiversity and reduce the risk of flooding in Kingfield, Westfield and Old Woking have been welcomed by residents following a consultation meeting at Pool in the Park.

Two drop-in events were held and Hoe Valley candidate **John Lawrence** welcomed the consultation.

He said: “The Hoe Stream Flood Defence Scheme was completed in 2012 and has been a great success.

“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 scheme.”



John is delighted about the new scheme

## News SNIPPETS

### STREET LIGHTS NOW BEING KEPT ON LONGER

■ Surrey County Council has announced that it will amend street lighting policy and keep street lights on until 1 am from November 2017, rather than switching them off at midnight.

**John Lawrence** said: “I am delighted that the street lighting is being kept on longer; this should help combat anti-social behaviour.”

### PAVEMENT WIDENING

■ The pavement on the south side of Guildford Road has just been widened by Surrey County Council.

As well as the widening work, drainage and vegetation issues were also addressed, along with some revitalising of road markings.

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