



Vaccination programme a national success story

The British vaccination programme is a national success story. Over 25 million people have received a clinically approved vaccine for COVID-19 in the biggest and fastest vaccination effort the world has ever seen. Over 33,000 people in Hart have now been vaccinated. This is a phenomenal achievement. It matters because it allows us to move away from current national restrictions and return to a sense of normality.

The government is aiming to offer a vaccine to everyone in the top nine priority groups, including care home residents, healthcare workers, people required to shield, and everyone aged 50 and over, by 15 April. The remainder of the adult population should be vaccinated by the end of July.

Vaccination centres were quickly established by the local Clinical Commissioning Groups at The Monteagle Surgery (Yateley), The

Memorial Hall (Church Crookham), The Harlington (Fleet) and the Hampshire Court Hotel. The Yateley centre received wide praise as the first GP-led vaccination centre to launch in the Frimley Health and Care system.

Our thanks go to the large numbers of dedicated staff and volunteers that help to deliver the vaccinations daily to residents of Hart. The vaccination programme continues at pace as restrictions are gradually relaxed.

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Conservative Group Leader Cllr. Dr. Anne Crampton has contributed to the vaccination programme in Hart with other individuals also volunteering at local vaccination centres.



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Conservatives for Church Crookham's future

Hart's finances are out of control?

Effective management of Council finances is critical to ensure that key local services are maintained in the future. The CCH/LibDem led Council is budgeting for a loss of £381,000 next year and a further £1 million the year after. They are budgeting to fail.

There is no impact from Covid-19 assumed in their numbers. It is a 'business as normal' budget. And yet, costs have increased by just over £1 million. This is a dramatic increase.

Also contained in this budget is £279,000 for the 10,000 new houses at Shapley Heath. The development is not needed, and there is currently no confirmed funding to support the project.

The finances this year are even worse. Council staff costs have been increased by close to £1 million. Let us not forget the £128,456 wasted on the failed pedestrianisation scheme.

The choice is clear. A Conservative run Council, with a track record of delivering balanced budgets, cost-effective services, generating £1.2 million of revenue each year from the new £23 million leisure centre and building reserves. Or a CCH/LibDem run Council who have dramatically increased costs, wasted money on unnecessary projects and are budgeting to fail.



The CCH/LibDem run Council is planning for a deficit of £381K next year and £1 million the year after.



£22.1 million of central government business grants funding for Hart.



£46.4 billion of UK furlough payments (to 13th December 2020).

£33.5 million government support for Hart

A staggering £33.5 million of financial support has been provided to Hart since the start of the pandemic. The funding includes business rates relief, council tax hardship, business grants and £1.97 million direct funding to Hart District Council. This number does not include payments for the 5,600 jobs furloughed in North East Hampshire. Up to December 2020, total UK furlough payments totalled £46.4 billion.

The level of funding for local businesses is also extraordinary. £9.06 million for business rates relief, £88.8 million of business loans covering 2,108 businesses in North East Hampshire and a vital £22.1 million of business grants.

The one responsibility of the CCH/LibDem led Council was to pay these grants efficiently and promptly to businesses desperate for much needed financial support. In this vital task, they failed. There have been continued complaints of poor communication and delays to payments. Throughout the pandemic, the grant payment performance of Hart District Council has been significantly worse than other neighbouring local authorities.

As restrictions are eased, it is important that we continue to look for ways to support businesses. We must protect our local economy and our town and village centres.



Your Conservative team will again put Church Crookham first.

Your Crookham Conservative candidates

Your Conservative candidates for the May local Council elections are passionate about the local community. CCH Councillors are increasingly accused of being out of touch with local issues and opinion and continue to support a failing Liberal Democrat led District Council. It is now time to support Conservative candidates who are dedicated to once again putting Church Crookham first.

Michael Thorne and Richard Martin have been selected as your District Councillor candidates for Crookham West & Ewshot. They are both active Parish Councillors.

Stephen Parker has been selected as your District Councillor candidate for Crookham East. He will also be your Conservative candidate in the Hampshire County Council elections.

Your Conservative team continue to campaign on issues that are important to local residents, such as the new roundabout at the dangerous Redfields Lane/A287 junction.

Working together... We reopened Fleet High Street

Hart Conservatives worked closely with the local community to bring the Fleet Road Pedestrianisation scheme to an end and campaigned tirelessly in support of residents and businesses.

The road was closed in August of last year. Traffic was re-directed along residential roads, access was restricted for the elderly and disabled, and many businesses suffered a decline in trade.

The disastrous scheme was introduced by CCH and the Liberal Democrats. They refused

to consult and did not listen to the public outcry. When the Conservatives proposed a motion to reopen the road, they turned their back on residents and businesses and voted as one to keep the road closed.

In total, over £125,000 of public money was wasted on this failed project. The damage to local businesses and the local community could be far greater.

We must now do all that we can to support local businesses and create a vision for the future of our High Streets.



The failed pedestrianisation scheme damaged businesses and caused misery for many residents.



Scan the QR code above to complete the survey.

We would like your opinion on local issues

We want to represent the interests of local residents in Church Crookham. To help us understand what is important to you, we would like your opinion on local issues.

Please complete our online survey at www.nehc.org.uk/campaigns (or scan the QR code).

Remember, It is not too late to register for a postal vote.

To download a registration form, please visit... www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-for-a-postal-vote

and return the form to

Electoral and Registration Services
Civic Offices
Harlington Way
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GU51 4AE



Hart's CCH/LibDem coalition have really let us down. I'm not a Conservative, but their candidates have impressed me and won my vote.

**Annette Whibley,
Church Crookham**



The building of the new roundabout at this dangerous junction must be enforced.

New roundabout delay?

Do we have to wait for another serious accident at the Redfields Lane/A287 junction while the developer delays the new roundabout and puts profits ahead of safety? We all know that this junction is dangerous.

We are all waiting for the new roundabout to be built. The requirement was completion before any of the houses are occupied on the Watery Lane development. It can't be completed a minute too soon.

Why has the CCH County Councillor done nothing to address this issue?

After Hart Conservatives raised the importance

and profile of this issue, the Hart District Council Planning Committee refused permission for this new roundabout to be delayed. The developer has now appealed this decision.

County Council candidate Stephen Parker has already raised this with the County Deputy Leader and been updated with progress, but his actions are limited before election.

Let us hope that the continued inactivity of the sitting CCH County Councillor will not further delay the building of the roundabout, thus unnecessarily risking lives.

Shapley Heath risk

In 2019, the Planning Inspector ordered the planned development at Shapley Heath be removed from the Local Plan. The Inspector said that the houses were not needed, and no consideration had been made for the effects on local communities and the environment.

The Shapley Heath Garden Community would be a sprawling new town that would join Fleet with Hartley Wintney, Winchfield and Hook.

Over the past two years, the LibDem/CCH led Council has spent over £188,000 on progressing this development. And now they are accelerating their plans to build 10,000 new houses at Shapley Heath. This year they are budgeting to waste a further £279,000 of your money on this unnecessary development, despite no confirmed government funding to support this project and a budgeted deficit of £381,000 for next year.

A development at Shapley Heath would be nothing less than a supersized urban expansion, reaching across all of Hart. It would have a devastating impact on local infrastructure such as schools, roads, railways, medical centres, and leisure facilities for many years to come. It would deprive Fleet and Church Crookham of much needed investment for the future and would lead to further inevitable decline of our town and village centres.

We oppose this development. A Conservative run Council would immediately cancel the plans to build 10,000 new houses at Shapley Heath.

Free parking

Hart Conservatives want to introduce one hour of free parking in all of Hart's Council car parks. We would also introduce a range of initiatives that would support local business, make shops and services more accessible and encourage more people into our town and village centres.

The provision of dedicated 'parent and toddler' parking spaces would be a key priority in selected car parks. We would also make available a small number of free parking spaces for staff of Fleet Community Hospital, together with a privately funded community bus between Church Road car park and Fleet Medical Centre. This would help to manage current parking difficulties at Fleet Hospital and provide a useful link between this facility and the town centre.

We would also encourage the introduction of business led parking support schemes such as that offered by Sainsbury's in Fleet town centre.

Finally, we would look to introduce a modern, simple parking system to replace the existing unpopular, unreliable parking machines currently in operation across Hart Council car parks.

The CCH/LibDem administration initially promised to deliver 30 minutes of free parking, with no overall increase to the total parking fees. After much delay and broken promises, they proposed dramatic increases to the cost of medium and long-term parking. The proposals have been widely criticised and rejected by Parish Councils, Fleet Town Council and Fleet Bid. CCH and the Liberal Democrats cannot be trusted to support our town and village centres. They have repeatedly failed to recognise the difficulties that retailers face on a day-to-day basis. They are letting the community down.

Hart Conservatives are committed to provide solutions that support the local community.



It is vital that we support local businesses and encourage more people into our town and village centres.