



**From Steve Burkmar, Dr Sabine Lohmann and Penny Forbes-Forsyth
Election day is 7th May 2015**

SPELTHORNE IN SAFE HANDS: a message from your Conservative Candidates for the residents of Staines South:

Floods

January and February of last year were some of the worst times for our residents. The flooding and the ensuing clear up were difficult and frustrating and no amount of compensation can fully help replace the damage caused to someone's family home.

Your local Councillors worked throughout the flooding and successfully lobbied Government to make Staines South as safe from the waters this Winter as possible. We will continue to fight for even more funding to prevent further flooding on your behalf.



Spelride Investment

£250,000 is being given to new Spelride buses for our residents as you have told us this is a valuable service.

Dog Fouling

This successful campaign made "The Sun" newspaper and is so successful it is being copied by other councils across the country. Residents have told us that this is a big problem and we have listened.

Joint Enforcement Team

Spelthorne is one of two pilots for Surrey. The purpose of the team is to provide efficiently co-ordinated enforcement across all authorities to rid our borough of anti-social behaviour. Cllr Forbes-Forsyth stated "It has been hard work but a real privilege to work with the all the officers on this trial. As a result of this the council have given police officers enforcement powers and the Chief Constable has given council officers police enforcement powers. Now we have teams on the ground that can deal with unwanted behaviours, such as dog fouling, noise, fly tipping, graffiti etc. instead of sending residents from pillar to post to get things sorted. It is no less than our residents deserve."



Gravel Extraction

We will continue to lobby for our residents **AGAINST** gravel extraction. The County Council are now consulting on the Minerals' Plan – please let your views be known via: restore@surrey.gov.uk or the Technical support team on 020 8541 9897. We will continue the fight against anymore gravel in Spelthorne.

Developments in Fordbridge Park

Councillors are here to bat on behalf of their residents. It was with this in mind that Cllrs Forbes-Forsyth, Pinkerton and Davis lobbied the leader of the Council to give the Spelthorne Mental Health Association a new home in Fordbridge Park. The new centre has opened and is proving success for the association.

We are also pleased to welcome the tennis club in the park and are delighted that, with our support, planning permission was obtained for the building of a tennis pavilion with café. This will be a welcome new amenity in the park for our community.

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Are there any issues you would like to mention to us

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Spelthorne Youth Awards and Careers Fair

On Thursday 5 March 2015, the Spelthorne Youth Awards were held. Cllr Forbes-Forsyth, as Deputy Leader and portfolio holder for Young People, gave out the certificates on the evening. She said "It is always fantastic and humbling to celebrate the achievement of our young people."

Cllr Forbes-Forsyth came up with the idea of running a Careers Fair to promote aspiration among our young people and with the help of Natalie Papworth, her company Innervate and the schools, we have successfully held two annual Careers Fairs for all our year 10 students and are planning the next one. She said "It is so important to show children the art of the possible before we ask them to choose what they want to be."

Surrey and Spelthorne residents provides over £6billion to Government each year but receives only a fraction of that in return to fund all essential services. Surrey's funding from Government at £203 per head is the 4th lowest in the country (nationally £260 per head). We will continue to argue for fairer funding on your behalf. We will continue to cut waste and encourage local authorities to work closer together to save our residents money.

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