

# Chris Frost

Chris Frost has lived in Epsom for more than 30 years. He and his wife Liz have raised their family here.

Both professionally and as a local resident, Chris has an extensive history of caring for people's concerns and acting on their behalf. Starting out his professional life as an Industrial Chemist, Chris then spent most of his career as a Human Resources manager for a multi-national company. He also served as a Director of their pension scheme.

Locally, Chris joined the Woodcote Residents' Society in the 70's and was Chairman for four years from 1993. In 1997 he was elected Councillor to Surrey County Council, where he has served the people of Epsom & Ewell and has achieved many successes during the last 12 years.

## Achievements

Chris' recent achievements include:

- \* Traffic calming in Langley Vale Road and Downs Road
- \* Highway improvements outside St Martin's Infant School
- \* Several Vehicle Activated Signs installed at the request of local residents
- \* Additional trees planted in Alexandra Rec
- \* Many parking issues resolved with the involvement of local residents
- \* Improvements to the Chalk Lane environment
- \* Planned introduction of a No Cold Calling Zone
- \* New footpath in Warren Rec
- \* Successful campaigning with others for hospital services and protection of Lavandou stables

## Strong track record serving local Residents

**Independence of Action:** Being independent of a national political party, Chris is not told what to do by Political Group Leaders at County Hall. Instead he takes his lead from local people who will be the ones affected by County decisions.

**Experience:** 12 years' experience as County Councillor means Chris knows the right people to contact to get things done. If a resident wants to resolve an issue with a council official, or a road junction needs to be made safer, Chris has a strong track record in making things happen.

**Epsom Hospital:** Chris has been a founder member and Treasurer of the cross-party Epsom Hospital campaign group whose activities have led to some major successes in preserving local health services that were under threat of closure. He has also represented the County Council on another hospital committee to consider a Surrey businessman's offer to buy the hospital site and provide a range of hospital services.

**School Expansions:** Regrettably, the law does not provide for formal consultation with local residents about temporary school expansions. The Council now requires St Joseph's, Southfield Park and Wallace Fields Infant Schools to expand their numbers of places. Many years ago, Chris recommended that the then new Southfield Park School be designed with future expansion in mind. His recommendations were agreed. As a result, the design will adapt easily to accommodating the additional entry form and extra traffic. Regarding Wallace Fields, Chris is already working with Highways staff to come up with measures to help reduce the amount of additional traffic.

**Roads & Pavements:** The bad weather last winter certainly played havoc with our roads, and far more money is needed to bring them up to an acceptable standard. The Tory administration at County Hall decides the finance and scheduling for resurfacing our

roads and pavements. Nevertheless, when two dangerously large potholes in Longdown Lane North were brought to Chris' attention, he pushed for immediate action and the holes were filled within 48 hours.

**Road Safety Schemes:** As a result of Chris' campaigning and consultation with residents, several highway hotspots have been altered. Traffic calming measures installed in Burgh Heath Road and Langley Vale Road have significantly reduced the number of personal injury accidents. Additional parking restrictions around St Martin's School, necessary for child safety, have encouraged more parents to walk their children to school.

**Parking:** Chris receives many requests for additional parking restrictions in his Division. Decisions are made by the "Local Committee" that has a Residents' Association majority. Before restrictions are introduced, Chris is careful to consult residents in places where such proposals may be controversial, and seeks a compromise wherever possible, such as in Chalk Lane, Chartwell Place and Squirrels Way.

**Lavandou Stables:** Chris has campaigned to stop inappropriate development of the Lavandou Stables, and has spoken at the Borough Council's Planning Committee about the traffic problems such development would cause.

**Environment:** 12 years of service to Woodcote Millennium Green and to the Members' Steering Group of the Lower Mole Countryside Management Project, demonstrate in a very practical way Chris' concern for our environment. Chris helped plan recent improvements to the Community Recycling Centre at Blenheim Road. Chris is now pushing for longer opening hours and further improvements to the adjacent road network to ease traffic flows.

The photo shows Chris and the County's Executive Member for the Environment cutting the ribbon at the Centre's re-opening last summer.



*"Chris' extensive knowledge and experience has been invaluable to me over the last two years. I continue to be impressed by how quickly he deals with issues. His facilitating approach has been especially helpful when residents of Langley Vale come to me with County matters, which I am able to pass on to him to resolve. Chris works unstintingly behind the scenes on behalf of local residents."*

**Councillor Teresa Cass**

*"The immediate environment has received Chris' committed attention for over a decade. Without him, the restoration of the pond and laying of natural paths in Woodcote Green (opposite the back of Epsom General Hospital) may never have happened. The success of this wonderful woodland margin is due to his inspired leadership and project management. Chris applied for Millennium funding for the project and got it. The area is now free from the threat of development.*

*Now called 'Woodcote Millennium Green', he has been instrumental in encouraging local effort and necessary fundraising to support it. He has been seen many times wearing waders up to his armpits whilst clearing the pond. He continues to contribute his labour regularly along with others who largely maintain the Green voluntarily."*

**Linda Boddy, Chairman,  
Woodcote (Epsom) Residents' Society**

*"Experienced in the job, committed to putting the community first, responding promptly and positively, Chris Frost has our strong support. For example, take his immediate intervention when a local couple in their 80s, described by Surrey County Council as 'very good tenants for many years', suddenly received notice to quit. Seeking to justify its actions, Surrey said: 'The Council has a duty to protect its assets. The Council's policy is to dispose of properties whenever the opportunity arises to obtain the best value.'*

*Chris stepped in and after fighting the case for some months extracted the following statement from Surrey: 'There is absolutely no plan to evict the existing tenants and the intention is to ensure that they can live in the SCC property that they consider home for the rest of their lives.' Said the couple: 'We are so grateful for Chris' help in overturning Surrey's policy, allowing us to stay in our much loved home.'*

**Colin White, Acting Chairman,  
The Association of Ewell Downs Residents**

**Dear Resident,**

My primary aim is to be available to all residents. I play an active role in many Surrey County Council activities and with my considerable experience, I can help any resident who needs practical hands-on advice in matters to do with the Council. Having worked for a multi-national company, I am well used to dealing with a large complex organisation like the Council where I know the right people to contact to get things done.

I believe that local government works best if there is an independent voice questioning and proposing constructive alternative solutions. I am that voice because I am free of national party political ties and dogma.

In dealing with the issues residents bring to me, if you re-elect me I will:

- \* Persist in campaigning for more money for road repairs
- \* Continue to work out your parking problems
- \* Work to resolve school expansion issues
- \* Ensure that using the 'tip' in Blenheim Road is even easier
- \* Redouble my efforts to see services are maintained at Epsom General Hospital

We all know that Epsom is a great place to live – together we can make it even better! Whichever your national political allegiance, please vote for me. Having your vote means I can continue to represent local residents' views on Surrey County Council.

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**For Those Voting by Post:** If you would like a Postal Voting Ballot but have not yet registered, you can obtain a form from the Town Hall (tel: 01372 732000). Last date for registration is 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009. If you are completing your postal ballot before I have been able to visit your area, please do feel free to call or e-mail me or contribute to the discussion forum on my blog page (above) if there are any issues you would like to discuss.

## Surrey County Council Election on 4th June 2009

### VOTE



**Chris Frost**

The candidate authorised by  
the Residents' Associations of Epsom & Ewell

He is sponsored by:

The Association of Ewell Downs Residents  
College Ward Residents' Association  
Woodcote (Epsom) Residents' Society