



InTouch

FAREHAM TITCHFIELD DIVISION

We alone have got the priorities right

Conservatives put the elderly at top of the social care list



SOCIAL CARE for Hampshire's elderly is in the safest hands – the **CONSERVATIVE** County Council.

The proof lies in the financial facts.

This year, social care costs will increase by £21 million, so we had to make a bold decision to increase council tax by 4.99% to ensure our old folk are properly looked after.

That was the maximum allowed without a referendum and that was what we did at the February budget meeting.

So where did the other parties stand on this vital issue?

Labour: Proposed a 3.99% increase which would have produced a short-fall of £5.3 million.

Liberal Democrats: Voted against the budget, but as usual offered no alternatives as to how it could be funded.

County Councillor Geoff Hockley commented: "I don't like paying extra council tax any more than anybody else, but I could not face the electorate unless everything had been done to protect the elderly in need of social care.

"No one in Hampshire is getting any younger and any one of us might wake up one day needing it.

"Yes, the **CONSERVATIVES** REALLY DO CARE."

WHAT CONSERVATIVES HAVE DONE

- Kept council tax low for a decade
- £100m Fareham road improvement package
- Dualing A27 Fareham to Segensworth
- Upgraded St Margaret's roundabout
- 90% of schools rated 'outstanding' or 'good'
- Traffic calming Yew Tree Drive, Whiteley
- Provided £9m Holly Hill Leisure Centre
- Brought superfast broadband to 95% of homes
- New roads, jobs at Solent Enterprise Zone
- Top priority for adult social care and education

WHAT CONSERVATIVES PLAN TO DO

- Upgrade M27 Junctions 9 and 10
- Extend Whiteley Way to north of Curbridge
- Biggest school building programme in UK
- Top priority for elderly with extra care homes
- More placements for young adults
- Construct new southern section Newgate Lane
- Light controlled Barnes Lane/A27 junction
- Start Stubbington by-pass in 2018
- New play scheme for Holly Hill Leisure Centre
- Extend Holly Hill Cemetery

So many good reasons and more on Thursday, May 4 to vote CONSERVATIVE for

X GEOFF HOCKLEY X

Serving Titchfield community has been a privilege, says Geoff Hockley



Dear Resident

It has been a considerable privilege to serve as your County Councillor for the last 12 years. I have worked with many of you within the division and have helped to resolve many constituency problems.

The Titchfield Canal has now reached a very positive outcome with at least 15 tons of rubbish being removed from it, allowing a positive flow of water, fish and wildlife.

For the first time in many years the canal has not overflowed and residents with gardens bordering the canal have been able to enjoy those areas which in the past had often been very wet or unusable.

Geoff chats to one of the 45 Amey workers who made such a good job of clearing out the canal.

The 1,300 A3 posters which I placed on wheelie bins in a number of roads within Catisfield are still firmly fixed to the bins and, week in and week out, give the message to traffic to slow down. These have been a total success and I suspect more will be obtained BY ME and used elsewhere within my division.

I continue to belong to the Titchfield Village Trust and have recently given £1,000 to them from my county budget to assist with floral plans for the village. I have also been able to help the village bowls club which has given me much pleasure.

Within Catisfield I was able to get rid of the old lamp standards in Fishers Hill and to replace them with lamps more in keeping with the historic nature of the area. I also had the unpleasant concrete posts removed from outside the Abbey and replaced with oak posts so much more in keeping.

Although Titchfield Common is within my division, it is looked after on a Borough basis by Councillor Sarah Pankhurst who works extremely hard and is a total asset having obtained considerable finance for re-roofing the Abshot Community Centre and many other projects. What would I do without her?

Conservatives take great pride in our beautiful county, so I hope you will again give me your support on Thursday, May 4 so we can continue to offer Titchfield residents the best value and the best services.

Yours sincerely,

Geoff Hockley
(County Councillor for Titchfield Division)

KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY

GEOFF HOCKLEY has represented Titchfield Division since May 2005, a responsibility he finds rewarding and enjoyable.

He's married to Connie who is one of the Borough Councillors for Titchfield and for 2016/17 the Mayor of Fareham, with Geoff serving as her Consort.

They have two children, both married, and five grandchildren.

For many years, he worked in Zambia and later in Kenya where he was the general sales manager for an American multi-national corporation with responsibility for Sub-Saharan Africa.

He was also a member of Round Table, serving as chairman and area chairman in Zambia and chairman in Kenya. Geoff and Connie returned to England in 1980, although he went back to Africa occasionally.

Before retiring, he worked for the charity The Trident Trust which gave Year 10 students work experience placements. During this time, they lived in Catisfield, Locks Heath and Titchfield and have now settled back in Catisfield.

Geoff has worked on various County Council committees, including Environment and Transport as vice-chairman, Fort Nelson Liason Group, Regulatory A and B and more recently two committees of Hampshire Fire and Rescue, one as vice-chairman.

So he understands how the County works and where to represent the views of residents. Having a Borough and County Councillor in the same house can help to resolve queries!

He belongs to the Titchfield Village Trust, the Catisfield Village Association and supports the Friends of St Peter's which raises funds for the fabric of the parish church.

He liaises closely with local schools and Titchfield Haven, where he has helped with various projects including the provision of the dog house and the new path from Titchfield to Cow Bridge.

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'I'm always in touch with what's going on in Titchfield Division'

Football club secretary thanks Geoff for invaluable training facilities grant

YOUNG footballers will be able to hone their skills thanks to Geoff Hockley.

Alan Cooper, secretary of Locks Heath Football Club, writes: "The club has had its fair share of challenges on its way to achieving its objectives in developing a community-based football club ranging from age 15 to senior adults.

"One of the main problems was affording the required level of training facilities for almost 80 players within this age range.

"During a meeting with Councillor Geoff Hockley, the problem was discussed and immediately recognised.

"He did not want to see so many youngsters losing the opportunity of developing throughout their footballing career within one club and kindly arranged a grant to fund the hire of suitable training facilities.

"As a direct result of Geoff's vision and generosity, Locks Heath Football Club is now able to develop the mechanics neces-



Alan Cooper (left) says: "Thanks Geoff. Your support has been invaluable and contributes to the club's success to date."

sary to enhance their players' football skills.

"The contribution enables players to participate in highly distinguished tournaments, which will broaden their discipline and character, on and off the field, which is invaluable to their future endeavours."

A 'can do' man, a stalwart of his parish

TITCHFIELD residents have praised Geoff Hockley's commitment to the community and his willingness to listen to any issues they raise.

Mrs Joan Hunt, of Titchfield: Geoff is always available to sort out any problems, small or large.

"He is reliable, helpful and a good friend to all residents in the Titchfield Division he has represented for many years."

John Hiatt, of Titchfield: "He's a good man, Geoff Hockley. He's a 'can-do' man. He answers calls for help willingly and courteously, with no hope, expectation or reward except the satisfaction of helping other people. I wish I could always act so selflessly."

Peter Swan, of Titchfield: "Geoff Hockley is a stalwart of his 'parish', devoted to people's needs and can always find time to discuss local and county matters. His encyclopaedic knowledge of the area and wide experience makes him a superb advocate for the functions of a councillor. He is approachable, amenable and personable. It would be hard to find a better candidate."

Andy Traves, of Titchfield Common: "It's a pleasure to have a councillor like Geoff. He has considerable experience, which makes the assistance he can bring very productive. He always takes keen interest in local affairs and supports local organisations like Titchfield Bonfire Boys. My father recently raised an issue about overhanging vegetation which he quickly resolved."

Steve McSevich, of Segensworth: "Geoff Hockley has been a committed and stalwart County Councillor who has consistently delivered on his pledges and promises for those that he has represented for the past 12 years.

"Geoff is a genuine man of his word and will continue to do what is right for his constituents."

David Fletcher, of Segensworth: "I am delighted to endorse Geoff's re-election campaign. "I have always found him to be most helpful and accommodating whenever I've had a problem."

CONSERVATIVES provide positive leadership and make the right decisions by planning ahead to spend your money wisely

Geoff cares about Titchfield

New children's home welcomed



Geoff welcomes Ferne Lodge, a purpose-built children's home in Catisfield due to open at the end of April. It's one of 5 being built as part of the County Council's strategy to support children needing residential care.

No more rising damp



South Street resident Peter Swan emailed Geoff to say how pleased he was with new gullies installed there to prevent damp seeping into properties.

Enhancing the neighbourhood

Geoff and his neighbours brought spring colour to their area by planting daffodil bulbs – free from the Borough Council – in the grass island in Heath Lawns, Catisfield.



Canal walk without muddy boots



Walkers have Geoff to thank for getting the County Council to replace the muddy path beside the canal with this new country gravel path.

Connie's mayoral 'co-pilot'



Geoff's duty as Consort took him on a mayoral visit to Daedalus where Connie was taken up in a Britten-Norman Islander. They are pictured with chief test pilot Graham Tomlinson and Chief Executive William Hynett.

Bollards deter verge parking



David and Finlay Fletcher and Louise wanted to stop vans parking on the verge at Abbey Nurseries and are happy with the bollards Geoff had erected.

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