

## **Comments on the Conservative canvassing brochure**

- The Conservatives state that our Council tax is the highest in Surrey. See our chart on Council Tax that shows how it is really distributed. Conservative run Surrey County Council takes over 75% of your Council Tax and during the last 14 years their portion of the Council tax for a band D house has risen by £640 whereas the Resident Group run Elmbridge Borough Council's proportion has only risen by £33.
- The Conservatives state: "Our roads are in a disgraceful state of repair and resemble an old moth eaten patchwork quilt that is full of holes". We agree but the responsibility for the state of our roads is entirely with the Conservative run County Council that takes 75% of your Council tax.
- The Conservatives imply that MRA Councillor Ian Donaldson supported the Surrey County Council developer's application to build houses on the school playing fields at Chandlers Field. This is totally incorrect. Cllr Ian Donaldson and all the other MRA Councillors strongly opposed this application and it was unanimously refused by the Planning subcommittee and Cllrs Ian Donaldson and Vic Eldridge assisted the Borough at the hearing opposing the appeal by SCC's developer.
- The Conservatives imply that the MRA should have objected to the Tesco roundabout at Hurst Park. Councillors Peter Parker and Ian Donaldson met with Surrey Highway Engineers Dept before the project was started to try to get a larger roundabout similar to the one at Saddler's Ride but were told that SCC did not see any reason to build a larger roundabout and that a smaller one would be better for lorries as they could drive over the middle! They have now partly seen the error of their ways and agreed to slightly modify the roundabout but it is still like re-arranging the deck chairs on the Titanic!
- The Conservatives say that they live in Molesey but their Molesey South candidate lives in Cobham.