

ELECTION OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR FOR WEST MOLESEY. RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION CANDIDATE

ERNEST MALLET

1. THE MALLET FAMILY

Ernest and his wife, Brenda, have lived in Molesey since 1965 – 48 years.

Their 5 children all went to Molesey Schools and Brenda, a teacher, ran a Nursery School which gave many Molesey children a good start in life. Ernest worked for a large local electronics firm and later ran his own electronics business in Molesey for 17 years. Ernest and Brenda had a major interest in local education and in the 1970's, they led the campaign to secure the old Esher Grammar School as only the second Sixth Form College in the country, for the great benefit of all Molesey children and their families.

2. AN EX-BOROUGH COUNCILLOR & EX-MAYOR - WHAT'S ERNEST'S COUNCIL RECORD?

AT ELMBRIDGE COUNCIL:

First Residents Chairman of the Borough Council's prime decision making committee –

The Policy & Resources Committee.

Prime mover in getting new Council offices out of the shambles which existed.

Responsible for Council Depot re-organisation. Brought in Computers at Council.

Major force in establishing the Borough's Brooklands Museum & Painshill Park.

Served on and chaired virtually all of the Borough's committees at various times.

Did major stints as Chairman of the demanding Housing Committee which rebuilt large sections of run-down West Molesey housing and led the innovative scheme for first time buyers to acquire starter cottages designed by a Molesey architect.

AT COUNTY COUNCIL:

Worked on Committees and Task Groups to improve social care for the elderly.

Has been an active and contributing member on the County's Planning Committee dealing with Schools, Quarries and Waste Stations.

Has obtained over £200,000 in grants for all kinds of Molesey and Local Area projects including Gardens & Allotment Societies; Art Clubs;

Sport & Youth Organisations; Social Clubs for the Elderly; Scout Groups and Churches of all denominations; Neighbourhood Watch;

Magical Molesey & Talking Newspaper. He has now completed 16 years as your county councillor including a 3 year stint on the

Surrey Police Authority.

3. WHAT'S ERNEST DONE FOR MOLESEY?

Ernest served on most of Molesey School's governing bodies at various times. Has always played a major role in advising residents on planning issues.

Was the major force in securing the Hurst Meadows open riverside land and the present Graburn Way extension to this open space.

Almost single handedly persuaded the Council to secure The Wilderness 18 acres sports ground for public access and use by Molesey Juniors Football Club.

Was a significant part of the Molesey Residents Team which prevented the old Molesey Tip being sold for development and then successfully got the Council to spend considerable funds to convert it for safe public open space use now as Molesey Heath

Recently was a major force in getting SCC to fund maintenance of the Bishop Fox estate open space.

4. WHAT'S ERNEST DONE AS A MOLESEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEMBER?

Ernest has served variously as secretary, treasurer & Chairman of Molesey R.A.

He has always promoted amenities in Molesey and led the R.A.'s efforts to improve Molesey by spending directly on Molesey amenities.

Wherever new highway bulbs and trees appear in Molesey it is most likely that it is Ernest who is planting or

organising the planting of them. If it's an R.A. Carnival or Hospital Fete stall, it is most likely Ernest will be setting it up or helping.

5. WHAT'S ERNEST'S CURRENT MAIN INTERESTS?

He chairs the Molesey Juniors Trust which is responsible for football facilities on The Wilderness Sports Ground, which caters for 23 Molesey Junior Teams, including 3 girls' teams. He set up and chairs the Molesey War Memorial Committee which raised £16,000 so that all those who died in both World Wars are properly honoured on new plinths at the West Molesey War Memorial, some 219 persons.

He is Chairman of St.Pauls Non-Ecclesiastical Charities, which help the elderly and people in need.

He organises the Molesey R.A.'s annual planting of daffodil bulbs and the Daffodil Sites Memorial Boards to raise funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care. Typically £500 is raised for Marie Curie, and £200 for Alzheimers Care.

WHY IS ERNEST STANDING AS A RESIDENTS CANDIDATE FOR THE COUNTY COUNCIL?

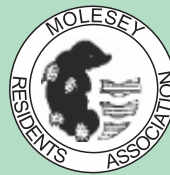
"I am a local Molesey person with a good deal of Council experience. The County now runs LOCAL BOROUGH COMMITTEES on which local County Councillors serve. These committees have wide delegated financial and decision making powers on Highways & Social Services and can greatly influence local educational matters and make significant grants to community projects. If elected, I know that I can be a force on matters concerning Molesey and can help local residents. Also I will not be alone at County – there is already a strong group of Residents Councillors there who will certainly be re-elected. Vote for me and I will do my best for you,

Yours sincerely,

Ernest Mallett



THIS ELECTION IS ABOUT CHOOSING A LOCAL PERSON TO REPRESENT LOCAL INTERESTS –
NOT ABOUT CHOOSING A PARTY TO GOVERN THE COUNTRY



MOLESEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION HAS ACHIEVED:

- DIRECT ACTION TO GET MOLESEY FACILITIES, SUCH AS OPEN SPACE, SWIMMING POOL & MOLE HALL. SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGNS ON KEEPING POST OFFICES, LIBRARY, CLINIC, HENRIETTA PARKER CENTRE & YOUTH CENTRE.
- DIRECT ACTION TO ESTABLISH MOLESEY HEATH AND CONTINUOUS HELP TO LOCAL WORKING PARTIES TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE IT FOR LOCAL USE.
- DIRECT ACTION ON CHRISTMAS TREE PLANTING AND LIGHTING FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON.
- DIRECT ACTION ON SPRING CLEANING OF AMENITY AREAS, ABANDONED CAR REMOVAL & CLEARING GRAFFITI.
- HELP IN FUNDING MANY MOLESEY PROJECTS & APPEALS INCLUDING: ST. PETER'S CLOCK & TOWER, TRADER'S FLOWERS & LIGHTS, MOLESEY CARNIVAL, MOLESEY HOSPITAL, THE BARN THEATRE, MOLESEY FOOTBALL JUNIORS, RIVERSIDE HERITAGE SUNDIAL, WAR MEMORIAL & MOLESEY FOOD BANK.
- CONTINUOUS CARE & ACTION ON ALL MOLESEY COMMUNITY ISSUES, PARTICULARLY ON PLANNING.

MAIN CURRENT MOLESEY/LOCAL ISSUES

MOLESEY HOSPITAL: This is high on our agenda. We won the fight to keep the hospital in Molesey. We are aware that once again, the way Health arrangements are changing so nothing is secure. However, we will continue to press for modern hospital facilities on the Molesey site either by redevelopment or by new build hospital. We continue to align ourselves with the Friends of Molesey Hospital in all ideas we put forward.

JOLLY BOATMAN/HAMPTON COURT STATION: Of course, we want to keep a fully operational railway station, but we campaigned against the high density hotel & housing scheme which the Conservative councillors voted through. Since then, we have also opposed the awful looking and still high density second scheme which was withdrawn. Now we are waiting to get details of a new scheme which we shall consider carefully with the members of the Hampton Court Rescue Campaign.

VINE HALL: Our view is entirely single purpose on this. The site must continue to provide a Community Hall and provision for the Scouts. This can be by refurbishment of the present structure or a new building. Under no circumstances can the Elmbridge officers' proposal to close and dispose of the site be allowed.

RIVER MOLE/RIVER THAMES: The Environmental Agency, under pressure from residents and us, have abandoned their autocratic intention to abandon water control on the R.Mole and have now put out various schemes for consultation which you can access on their web site. They have also cleared the pennywort weed on some parts and the Fleetside Residents Group are working on the remainder. Surrey has agreed some £270m to push forward flood alleviation on the R.Thames. The MRA have continually pushed for action and legal ways to control unauthorised moorings and we are able to report some success as of now.

HURST POOL: Hurst Pool, which was originally built as a result of pressure by the MRA councillors, is coming to the end of its useful life. Additional gym and catering facilities were knocked out of the original design. Now we are pressing for a comprehensive leisure unit which will better serve the Molesey area.

HOUSING: We are constantly aware of housing need and its conflict with keeping open spaces. We do oppose building on our green spaces but we must and do work to get more affordable houses for rent. Sometimes residents do not like the intensification of sites which are redeveloped, but this is the policy which gives the best protection of our open spaces and avoids the government forcing on us high rise blocks of flats. The council does have to meet government imposed housing numbers and in any case, we do support an equitable house build policy for all residents.

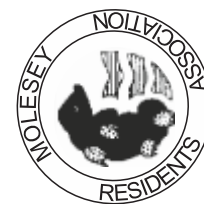
MOLESEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

(IN AFFILIATION WITH HURST PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION & FRIENDS OF FLEETSIDE)

Vote for
Ernest

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SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL SEAT

THURSDAY 6th MAY 2021

