

PAT GORMLEY:

Dear Resident,

I'm sure it's not news to anyone – we're all facing tough times at the moment. With this, when it comes to our local Council deciding what to prioritise, it is important Molesey has strong representation. Not just to ensure we secure a fair share of available resources, but then to make sure our share of resources is used in the most efficient and effective way possible.

I am Pat Gormley and I want to represent you at Elmbridge Borough Council; let me tell you why I think I am the right person for the job.

First and foremost, what matters to you, matters to me. I've lived in Molesey for over 30 years and I have loved it. Sure, there are always things to work on, but I've enjoyed being a part of our community with generous and friendly people. Being a dog owner I enjoy walking in its open spaces (and coffee at Molesey Cricket Club). Molesey has been a happy and safe place for my wife and I to bring up our two children, both now grown up. I understand and promote the importance of keeping Molesey this way.

This brings me to my second point; I'm in touch with what matters most to you. During my 30 years in Molesey, I've had a number of active roles in our community. When my children were growing up, I was a school governor for 4 years at their primary school in Molesey;

I was a football manager at Molesey Juniors for 12 years managing my son's and daughter's teams, having started the first girls' team at the Club, plus for 7 of those years I was also the Chairman of Molesey Juniors Football Club.. Since I retired some 5 years ago I have tried to be active in "giving back" to Molesey. Before Covid hit us, I helped out briefly with the gardens at the Molesey Centre. For the last 6 years I have been helping Molesey Resident Association with its activities, most recently as Membership Secretary. Two years ago I became Chairman of the Vine Hall Community Group, which successfully negotiated with Elmbridge Borough Council to re-open and operate Vine Hall as a community resource. Through these activities I have got to meet a lot of Molesey people, which means I hear about the things that matter to people most.

Finally, I'm equipped to protect the things that matter most to us. I am not shy in taking the lead in organising events and managing teams; I will speak out if I see things aren't right. My work life has taken several career turns. I started as an accountant in industry for 20 years, so I understand financial processes and numbers. I then completely changed direction and became an IT project manager for 12 years, so I am structured in how I work and interact with others, then my last job before retiring was as a Customer Service Manager for 8 years, so I understand the importance of listening. As your elected councillor, I will listen to your concerns and problems, I will take them to council and I will report back to you my findings. I will not promise what I cannot deliver, but I will set expectations of what I will deliver.

So to summarise why you should elect me as councillor

- I have lived in Molesey for over 30 years, so what matters to you matters to me
- I've been active in numerous Molesey organisations, meeting lots of the community, so I hear what matters most
- And finally, through my professional experience, I'm equipped to protect what matters most to us in Molesey

Pat GORMLEY

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BECAUSE MOLESEY MATTERS TO YOU TOO

VOTE FOR PAT GORMLEY  
BECAUSE MOLESEY MATTERS

Pat has joined the Molesey Residents Association and is an enthusiastic member of our committee. With his history of community service background we consider that the MRA is lucky to have him as our councillor candidate for Molesey East.

With Pat's community service background, we are sure he will be an excellent asset in Elmbridge Council and his experience gives him a head start. We are confident that Pat will be able to get the best service for Molesey and sort out resident's problems. We have the highest regard for Pat and commend him to you and very much hope you will vote for him in the forthcoming Molesey East ward elections for Elmbridge Council on Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Gormley

THE MOLESEY  
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

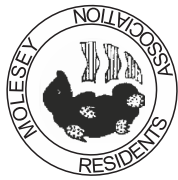
- The Residents' Association has fought since 1965 to enhance Molesey's character & amenities.
- The Residents' Association is for every local resident.
- We hold open meetings on major topics. All are welcome.
- We deliver regular Newsletters to every house in Molesey.
- We hold Social Events.
- We keep contact with you all the Year round -not just at Election time.

OUR AIMS

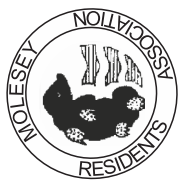
- TO PROMOTE the interests of all Molesey residents.
- TO TAKE ACTION on matters of interest to Molesey people.
- TO GIVE PLANNING INFORMATION to affected residents.
- TO PRODUCE A REGULAR NEWSLETTER

VOTE FOR YOUR LOCAL  
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION CANDIDATE  
TO REPRESENT YOU  
IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT





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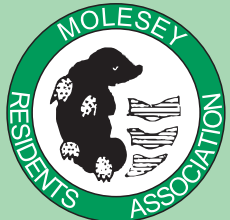


MOLESEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION  
(IN AFFILIATION WITH HURST PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION)

PAT GORMLEY X

ELECTION FOR MOLESEY EAST on ELMBRIDGE COUNCIL  
THURSDAY 4th MAY 2023





# LOCAL ELECTIONS ARE ABOUT CHOOSING COUNCILLORS TO REPRESENT LOCAL INTERESTS AND CONCERNS, NOT ABOUT CHOOSING A PARTY TO GOVERN THE COUNTRY

## ELMBRIDGE RESIDENTS' GROUP POLICIES

### MOLESEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION IS ABOUT ACTION

- 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 CLEARING GRAFFITI & ABANDONED CAR REMOVAL & SPRING CLEANING OF AMENITY AREAS.
- HELP IN FUNDING MANY MOLESEY PROJECTS & APPEALS INCLUDING: ST. PETER'S CLOCK & TOWER, TRADER'S FLOWERS & LIGHTS, MOLESEY CARNIVAL, MOLESEY HOSPITAL, THE BARN MOLESEY MUSICAL THEATRE, MOLESEY FOOTBALL JUNIORS, RIVERSIDE HERITAGE SUNDIAL, WAR MEMORIAL.
- CONTINUOUS CARE & ACTION ON ALL MOLESEY COMMUNITY ISSUES, PARTICULARLY ON PLANNING.

#### CURRENT MOLESEY ISSUES

**MOLESEY HOSPITAL:** This is high on the MRA agenda. We won the fight to keep the Hospital in Molesey. Now it is a question of getting full modern hospital facilities either by redevelopment of the present site or on a Molesey site nearby. Our councillors & committee members are tracking progress and continually putting forward ideas on this in support of the Friends of Molesey Hospital.

**JOLLY BOATMAN/HAMPTON COURT STATION:** Of course we want to keep a fully operational railway station. We are acceptable to a modest housing or office development with adequate parking for the new buildings and for the travelling public. However, we cannot support the present proposals which are grossly over-development of the site. We have worked with and entirely support the objections made by the Hampton Court Rescue Campaign against the buildings mass and lack of adequate car parking.

**HEATHROW PLANS:** Present Heathrow noise patterns over Molesey are unacceptable. Future noise patterns show no improvement or are even claimed to be less intrusive. We will continue to press Heathrow for flight changes to alleviate aircraft noise over Molesey.

**THE RIVER MOLE:** The MRA wants the Environmental Agency to agree to keep the River Mole free of the invasive Pennywort weed. They say it won't flood, we say it might and small boats cannot use it and anyway, it looks horrible. We are also pressing the E.A. for a proper maintenance programme for the River Mole sluices.

**UNAUTHORISED MOORING:** We have continually pressed the Environment Agency and Elmbridge Council to find legal ways to prevent the intrusion of what should be illegal mooring,

**FLOODING:** We are attending every meeting concerned with the proposed River Thames works. We need real evidence that increasing the water flow from Staines area will not cause flooding in Molesey.

**HOUSING:** No-one can deny that we need more housing, but not in our public open space or on our recreation areas, either private or public.

**PLANNING:** Our councillors are concerned about the housing risk to the old Molesey Sewage Farm in the Molesey West ward. It was technically notated as being in Walton South, but we have had it re-notated as a Molesey site which gives us a better level of control.

**REMEMBER, Molesey R.A. councillors are your main protectors of our local environment. OUR ACTIVITIES CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR - NOT JUST AT ELECTION TIME.**

VOTE FOR  
PAT  
**GORMLEY**  
because  
**MOLESEY  
MATTERS**  
and I care



JOLLY BOATMAN/STATION PROPOSAL



SHOULD FIND PROPER MOORING

#### ELMBRIDGE RESIDENTS' GROUP (R.A. GROUP)

The Residents' Group at Elmbridge Council, to which the Molesey R.A. belongs, includes Esher, Hersham Village, Hinchley Wood, Thames Ditton & Weston Green, and St. George's Hill, Weybridge. This group has led Elmbridge Council for twenty of the fifty nine years life of the Council, most of this leadership has been in the last thirty years.

#### PROTECTING THE COMMUNITY - COST OF LIVING

Recently, as we all know, with inflation and fuel costs, living standards are threatened by much increased costs and those on low incomes are particularly vulnerable. The R.A. Group at Council have therefore concentrated on supporting the voluntary social partners to aid the less well-off. Currently this involves £450,000 being allocated to our partners who are charged with looking after those in need.

#### INVESTING IN A THRIVING FUTURE

The R.A. Group have allocated £1.6m to the programme towards carbon neutral. £1m of this will be to electrify our vehicle fleet with an immediate spend of some £500k of this. This will be in partnership with Surrey CC which have a similar programme.

#### FUTURE OF OUR HIGH STREETS

This is of great concern to the R.A. Group and the programmes are in hand to make our Shopping Centres attractive and keeping shops open by providing help where we can.

#### OUR LEISURE SERVICES

The Council owns many of our leisure areas, particularly community sports fields, the commons and of course, the Leisure Centre and Swimming Pools. Where our new financial contracts apply, savings have been found which ensures the future of these facilities. Where there are leisure activities on our main River Thames we are providing drowning rescue equipment, whilst providing free swimming lessons at our pools for 12 - 18 year olds.

#### COMMUNITY SOCIAL FACILITIES

These principally involve Day Centres and Village Halls. We have modernised our support services and share some of the costs with Surrey CC. on our Day Centres and Meals-on-Wheels. On Village Halls, we have additional support from voluntary Trusts which has lowered the cost to the council and ensured their presence in the community.

#### YOUR COUNCIL TAX

The R.A. Group have set a below inflation increase for 2023/24 of 2.86%, which on the Elmbridge share of your Council Tax bill, is 14p per week on Band D. This is considered to be ground breakingly low in a period when war and fuel supply difficulties are causing intense inflation.

# VOTE FOR A LOCAL CANDIDATE AND FOR LOCAL POLICIES