

# VillageNews

Including: Haddenham & Aldreth

**East Cambs District  
Council Elections  
Thursday 2nd May**

## CONSERVATIVES DELIVER IN EAST CAMBS

**Conservatives in East Cambs have a proven track record of delivering what residents want**

- ▶ Ely bypass - open
- ▶ Ely Leisure Village - open
- ▶ The Hive district leisure centre - open
- ▶ Free Wifi in Ely and Soham centres - delivered
- ▶ New commuter car park at The Dock, Ely - open
- ▶ Free parking in city centre ECDC car parks - delivered
- ▶ Action on the A10 - dualling Ely to Cambridge now in Combined Authority delivery plan
- ▶ Grants and funds to community projects - £10,000 grant for interior renovation of Haddenham Pavilion, Aldreth Community Association - support for annual fair to raise funds for upkeep of the Village Centre
- ▶ Business, jobs & skills - local businesses supported; new businesses and high quality jobs brought into the district (closer to home); apprenticeships delivered
- ▶ Housing - championed Community Land Trusts (CLTs) that deliver truly affordable housing for local working people and proper infrastructure - by local people, for local people. £6.5m loan from the Combined Authority to build the 54 Haddenham CLT houses (19 of which are affordable homes).
- ▶ Housing - bringing empty properties at the Princess of Wales site back into use, with a plan to build new CLT truly affordable homes on the site reserved for local, working people
- ▶ Low Council Tax - ECDC element of Council Tax frozen for 6 years, with no cuts to services
- ▶ Low management costs - by far the lowest of any District Council in Cambridgeshire
- ▶ Less Councillors - number of Councillors reducing from 39 to 28 in May 2019



**Above: Stuart Smith is your serving District Councillor and will be standing again for election in May**



**Above: The walkway going up at Ely Bypass, the new road opened in October 2018. The District Council contributed £1m**

**Below & Left: The hugely popular cinema complex and The Hive district leisure centre - delivered with no external borrowing and no Council Tax increases**

**On your side, standing up for the villages**



**Conservatives**

# Our plan for East Cambridgeshire

## Our Plan for East Cambridgeshire

**Community led developments: housing by the people for the people**

Communities in East Cambs are establishing Community Led Developments which provide truly affordable homes for local working people with ties to their community - housing for the next generation

## Our Plan for East Cambridgeshire

**Renovating empty homes; new affordable homes for local working people**

The Council is buying the 88 empty houses at the Princess of Wales Hospital in Ely. We'll renovate the existing houses into homes for local residents and build new affordable homes on the site for local working people

## Our Plan for East Cambridgeshire



A 10	
Ely	12
Downham Market	28
Kings Lynn	42

**Dualing the A10; upgrading the A14/A142 junction**

We will ensure the Combined Authority duals the A10 from Ely to Cambridge and delivers the much needed A14/A142 junction upgrade at Exning, making our journeys safer and easier

## Our Plan for East Cambridgeshire

**Railways: Soham Station; keeping road access in Ely North junction upgrade**

We will ensure Queen Adelaide, Prickwillow and North Ely residents keep their road access in the North Ely junction upgrade, whilst fighting for the new station for Soham

## Our Plan for East Cambridgeshire

**Better bus services, like the Ely Zipper, and more rural routes**

The Combined Authority has the power to control the bus network and timetable. We need more and better bus services, like the Ely Zipper, and more in rural areas. We'll work with you to identify more routes for the Combined Authority to deliver

## Our Plan for East Cambridgeshire

**Cleaner & Greener: more resources for street cleaning; cracking down on fly-tipping & graffiti; Purge on Plastics**

Residents are recycling more and reporting environmental crime. East Cambs Street Scene has new resources going into street cleaning, fly-tipping and graffiti. And we're campaigning for a "Purge on Plastics"

# FOR A PLAN, PROGRESSION & POSITIVITY



# Our plan for Haddenham & Aldreth

## SURVEY RESULTS - WE DO WHAT YOU TELL US!

In the Summer of 2018 we delivered a survey to everyone on the electoral roll in Haddenham, Aldreth and Wentworth. The survey asked lots of questions about what you would like us to concentrate on at the District Council, if we are voted back in, in May 2019.

- We will work to ensure the **A10 dualling** project is delivered by the Combined Authority  
And in the short term, we are pushing to make sure the **BP** and **Lancaster Way roundabouts are upgraded**
- The East Cambs element of **Council Tax will be frozen in 2019/20**, that's **6 years in a row with no cuts to services**
- We will continue with our efforts to **make the Council more commercial**, but within reason!
- We promise to keep **car parking free of charge** in the ECDC owned city and town centre car parks
- We will support the **delivery of a new hospital** at the Princess of Wales site in Ely, and work to ensure it includes a full **Local Urgent Care Service** and **GP provision** on site
- We will continue to put **more resources** into keeping the district **free of fly-tipping, graffiti and litter** - and **we will prosecute** the criminals who do it whenever we can

### Haddenham & Aldreth residents' survey

Conservatives work closely with the areas they represent to deliver what local people want, such as the new crossing in Hop Row. Haddenham C.I.T. set up by the Parish Council, was greatly assisted by Conservative policies. Please state below what one thing you think we should be concentrating on in your village or community.

**Below:  
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from answers to Q15**

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## HADDENHAM & ALDRETH - TOP 3 CONCERNS

### 1 TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

We will work to **reduce speeding** in our villages. Stuart is working towards setting up a new **Speedwatch** team for Aldreth and Haddenham.

### 2 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

We have already worked with Haddenham to establish a **Community Land Trust**, which will deliver truly affordable housing "for **local working people**, with **ties to the village**".

### 3 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

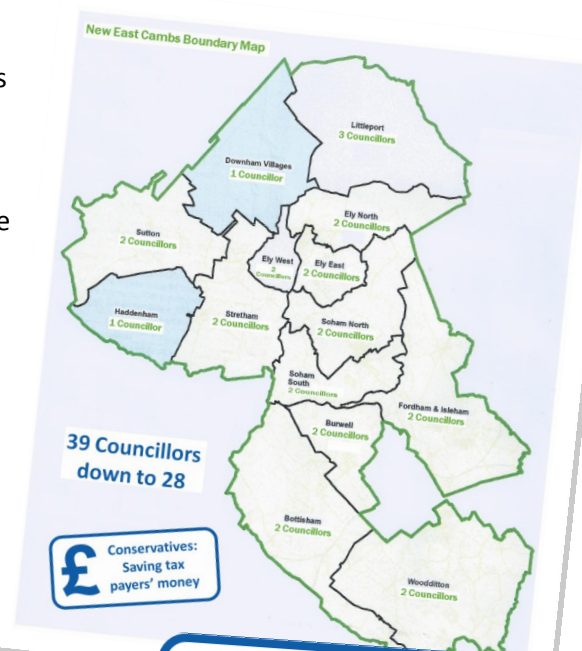
In our survey there was huge support for a **Neighbourhood Plan**. As a member of the Parish Council's new NP Committee, Stuart will help to shape a plan that **delivers on the aspirations of** residents.

## Conservatives deliver reduction in number of Councillors from 39 to 28

In 2014 when finances at the District Council were extremely challenging and before major changes to the management structure were made, Conservatives felt it was right to seek a reduction in the number of Councillors alongside the reduction in staff numbers. The Boundary Commission agreed, as did local residents (residents' survey 2014), and in May 2019 the Council will go from 39 seats to 28. This means that the boundaries of Wards in East Cambridgeshire have been changed.

**Haddenham Ward** is getting smaller (we are losing Wentworth and Witchford) and will only have one Councillor from May 2019.

**Stuart Smith**, who has been a Parish Councillor since 1991 and a District Councillor since 2015, will be standing again for the new, smaller patch.



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Please VOTE on 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
**Vote BLUE**

# HOUSING - HOW MUCH, WHERE, WHO GETS IT?

**Conservatives at East Cambs District Council are working to make the best of planning law, to help communities decide on appropriate locations, to own their own affordable homes for people in their community, and to determine the right infrastructure**

One thing is for sure, it's a topic that sparks great passion and much debate!

Most people accept that new housing is needed in the UK and want more affordable homes with the right infrastructure, for local young people and families to be able to stay in their own community. But, understandably, they don't want to see rampant new housing estates being forced on their own village or community.

**"Affordable homes for working people with ties to the village"**

Local Planning Authorities have targets for new housing numbers - the Government basically tells ECDC how many houses it must try to get the market to deliver. ECDC's Local Plan focuses development on the bigger areas such as Ely, Littleport, Soham and Burwell, with less land being allocated for development in the smaller villages and settlements.

The frustration for the District Council is that it can give all the planning permissions it likes, but it has **no powers to actually force developers to build the houses**. If the housing numbers are not delivered the Local Plan becomes vulnerable to applications outside the development envelopes.

**"ECDC has no powers to actually force developers to build houses"**

Community Land Trusts (CLTs), made up of people from the local community, are the Conservatives' preferred way of delivering affordable homes in East Cambs because developments are led and controlled *by* the community, *for* the community. CLT sites deliver big benefits - much more than the normal 30% of affordable homes, with the community choosing what those benefits should be.

CLTs decide where new housing should go, how much of it there should be,



**Above:**  
**Stretham Community Land Trust**

what it should look like, what infrastructure should go with it, and who gets to live in the affordable homes - usually that's **"working people with ties to the village."**

**Stuart said:** "The Haddenham CLT site at West End Gardens will deliver 54 new homes, 19 of which will be owned by the CLT and made available at truly affordable prices (for rent and sale) for local working people with ties to the village."

## TORY WAR ON POTHOLES

LibDems Opposed

**Conservatives have injected an additional £13.1m this winter into maintenance of our highways, including work on our footpaths**

**Conservatives:  
£13.1m extra into  
our highways  
THIS WINTER**



**Above:** The Dragon Patchers can fix more than 1,000 potholes every week

The LibDems like to moan about potholes (a lot!), yet they voted against the County Council Conservative budget proposals to increase highways maintenance two years in a row. Thanks to Conservatives, this winter will see an extra £13.1m for our highways and footpaths, which includes additional money secured from central Government. Further increases agreed by Conservatives and voted against by the opposition include extra money every year to 2023/24 - a total of £28.7m since the Beast from the East struck.

**With the County Council's three new Dragon Patchers, which can each repair up to 150 potholes per day, Conservatives have committed £28.7m and got the right machinery in place to improve our highways and make your journeys easier.**

# Vote for us, we'll deliver for you