

VillageNews

Including Ashley, Burrough Green, Cheveley, Dullingham, Kirtling & Upend, Stetchworth and Woodditton

**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

With support from District Councillors, Conservative County Councillors have delivered:

- ▶ **Highways safety improvements** - £1m+ highways safety scheme to the A1303
- ▶ **Action on the A10** - dualling Ely to Cambridge now in Combined Authority delivery plan
- ▶ **Cycle path** - Stow-cum-Quy to Lode and Anglesey Abbey

Your Conservative District Councillors have delivered:

- ▶ **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
- ▶ **Grants and funds to community projects** - Cheveley Parish Council - improved security and access for recreation ground, St Mary & the Holy Host of Heaven Church, Cheveley - support for kitchen extension and toilet improvements, plus one off grant funding to rural Parish Councils to use as they chose
- ▶ **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

East Cambs residents are the best recyclers in Cambridgeshire!

The waste collection service at East Cambs District Council came back in house in April last year, a move which saved c.£240k in procurement costs alone. East Cambs residents are now recycling the highest percentage of waste in all of Cambridgeshire - 63% in December 2018 - thank you!

District Councillor Alan Sharp said: "1000 residents have taken up the offer to have a second blue bin. It's not too late to get one - there is a one off fee of £25 for the bin and no additional costs for it to be emptied."



Amy Starkey added: "I hope we will see more residents taking up this offer to help us hit our new 65% target."

It costs ECDC £1 per week, per house, to collect your waste & recycling



Above: Serving District Councillor Alan Sharp with local well known lady Amy Starkey. Living in Stetchworth, Alan would love to represent his home patch alongside Amy Starkey who lives in Cheveley.

Stamping out fly-tipping

The Street Scene crew has also been undertaking a mass clear up of fly-tipping, removing every fly-tip in the district on public land. The Council is taking a robust enforcement and prosecution stance against people who blight our communities by fly-tipping. Punishment for this environmental crime can be a fine of up to £50,000 or 6 months in prison.

Over 100 tonnes of fly-tipped waste removed across East Cambs this year



On your side, standing up for the villages



Conservatives

Our plan for East Cambridgeshire

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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

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"

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

Railways: better service on the
Newmarket / Dullingham line,
support Soham Station

We will fight for a better train service on the Newmarket / Dullingham line and support a new Station for Soham

YOUR CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATES FOR WOODDDITTON WARD



Alan Sharp lives in Stetchworth and is currently an East Cambs District Councillor representing Bottisham Ward, where he has a reputation for working with parishes to get the things that matter done. Alan is delighted to be given the opportunity to seek election representing the Ward that

he lives in. He is Vice Chairman of the Council's Resources & Finance Committee which has overseen increased investment into services for residents. Alan is also the Council's representative on the Combined Authority's Overview & Scrutiny Committee. Having 5 grandchildren, Alan is passionate about children fulfilling their potential - he is a Governor of both Burrough Green Primary School and Bottisham Village College. Alan is a qualified accountant and retired 18 months ago after 22 years working for HM Prison & Probation Service. Alan can be seen every day walking around the streets and fields of Stetchworth, with his yellow Labrador Bentley.



Amy Starkey lives in Cheveley and is the Regional Director for The Jockey Club which includes running Newmarket Racecourses. As a Newmarket Town Councillor for the last four years, Amy has made it her mission to make the area a better place to live for all residents and is proud to have overseen

delivery of the Memorial Gardens Masterplan and improvements to the maintenance of the town. Those who have known Amy during her time with The Jockey Club will appreciate how approachable and hard working she is. Her goal is always to exceed expectations and she sets that standard in everything she does, hoping to lead and inspire others to want the same. It is with exactly this attitude that Amy approaches her residents, ensuring their collective voice is heard and their interests are well represented. She very much hopes to be able to take that attitude to East Cambs District Council where she would love to represent the interests of the residents of Woodditton Ward.

FOR A PLAN, PROGRESSION & POSITIVITY

Our plan for Woodditton Ward

SURVEY RESULTS - WE DO WHAT YOU TELL US!

In Summer 2018 we carried out our second survey across the district, which we delivered to everyone on the electoral roll in the Woodditton Ward, asking about your priorities. Here are some of our promises of what we will do in the next four years if you vote us in, in May 2019

- We will support the proposed **improvements to our local A14 junctions**, including the **A14 / A142 junction at Exning**
- We will work to ensure the **A10 dualling** project is delivered by the Combined Authority
- The East Cambs element of **Council Tax has been 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!

Cheveley & Dullingham Wards residents' survey

16 Conservatives work closely with the areas they represent to deliver what local people want. Please state below what one thing you think we should be concentrating on in your village or community.

Below:
Word cloud generated from answers to Q16

cleaning infrastructure homes State roads back repairs
Nurse GP surgery local people feel large improvements Social care
facilities speed limit surfaces better removal Improving rather
service cutting community limit need affordable local
car park Newmarket village Hall parking
roads pavements village traffic calming Road school
Speeding Road repairs housing Speed restrictions
Affordable housing Keeping police Pot holes
development Dullingham new traffic pavements
building footpaths centre people street lighting area Doctors
Planning cars shops Reducing Maintaining instead Working
High Street Duchess Drive less speeding traffic Community Nurse GP
public transport condition social communication paths

- We will work with Parish Councils to see if we can get a **Community Nurse** to serve the health needs of residents in the south of our district
- 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

WOODDITTON WARD - TOP 3 CONCERNS

1 SPEEDING

Speedwatch teams do a fantastic job. Alan and Amy will support communities with **changes to speed limits** and other safety measures to make our villages safer

2 ROAD MAINTENANCE

Conservatives have injected an **additional £13.1m** into County Council highways maintenance **this winter**, including money for footpaths (see overleaf for more). We will respond to residents' individual concerns and work to make sure they get resolved

3 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

We will work with villages that want to establish a Community Land Trust, which will deliver **truly affordable housing 'for local working people, with ties to the village'** to put local people in charge of development in their community (see overleaf)

OTHER LOCAL CONCERNS

- We **know development in our beautiful villages is a concern** to local residents - we will investigate community led schemes with our parishes and communities, to put local people in charge of development in their area
- We have established a **closer working relationship with Suffolk authorities** to get what our residents need

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 all Wards in East Cambs have changed. The current Cheveley and Dullingham Villages Wards will merge, with the addition of Burrough Green, forming the new Woodditton Ward. Serving District Councillor **Alan Sharp** who lives in Stetchworth will be standing for the new combined ward alongside Cheveley resident **Amy Starkey**. Long serving District Councillor Peter Cresswell is retiring. **Alan and Amy: "Please do get in touch with any queries and we look forward to meeting you."**



Please VOTE on 2nd May
Vote BLUE

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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 and Soham, 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, what it should look like, what infrastructure should go with it,



Above: Stretham Community Land Trust

and who gets to live in the affordable homes - usually that's **"working people with ties to the village."**

Alan & Amy: 'The uniqueness of our villages in the Woodditton ward are one of the reasons why we live in this wonderful part of Cambridgeshire. **We will support Parish Councils and communities and attempt to protect them from unwanted mass development within the constraints of national guidance. We will support parishes with developing community led schemes that will deliver affordable housing for local people'.**



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

TORY WAR ON POTHOLE

LibDems Opposed

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

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.**

Amy said: 'The seamless road surface at the Horse roundabout at the July Racecourse is a great example of new, innovative methods being used by the County Council to improve our highways'.

Alan added: '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