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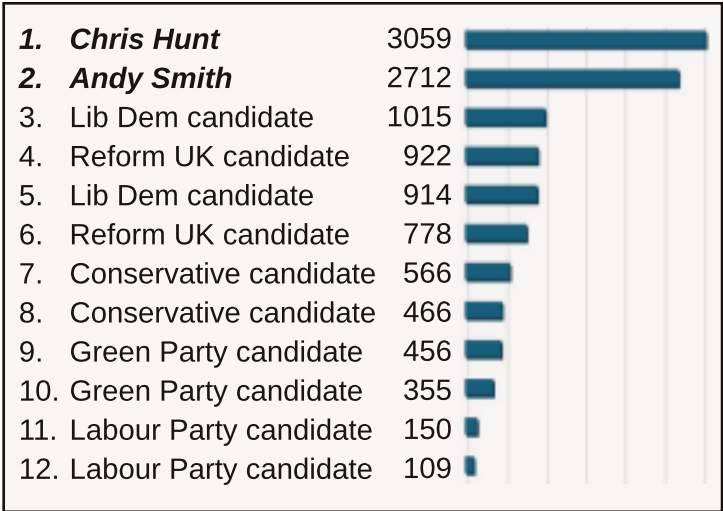
East Surrey Council Election: Ashtead Independents win both seats

A big “thank you” to all Ashtead residents who voted for Ashtead Independent candidates – CHRIS HUNT and ANDY SMITH – both of whom were elected to the new East Surrey Council, with significant majorities, on 7 May 2026. Ashtead Independents are grateful for the support of Ashtead people who have, once again, put their trust and confidence in us to represent their views and to continue to work for everyone in the local community.

Ashtead Independents secured more than half of all votes cast. The full results are shown in the box:

Both Chris and Andy will be working with other newly elected East Surrey Councillors to establish the new unitary authority, ready for when it becomes fully operational on 1 April 2027 replacing Surrey County Council and Mole Valley District Council. (Cllrs Hunt and Smith have already attended the inaugural meeting of the new East Surrey Council which was held in Reigate on 20 May.)

In the meantime, Mole Valley DC and Surrey CC will continue to provide local services until they are abolished on 31 March 2027. Your Ashtead Independent Councillors on these two authorities (Cllrs Cooper, Hunt, Sevenoaks, Smith, Stansfield and Wiltshire at Mole Valley DC and Cllr Townsend at Surrey CC) will continue to serve the residents of Ashtead until that date.



During the Election many local issues were raised by residents which we will be pursuing and reporting back on. If you wish to contact us, please use this website www.ashteadindependents.org or via our Councillor email addresses at MVDC and SCC. We are here to help and assist residents with any local matters.

We will also be re-starting our regular monthly ‘surgeries’ at Ashtead Library (2-4pm on the first Saturday of the month), beginning in June.

Please visit our website www.ashteadindependents.org and get in touch, especially if you would like to join us!

Your Mole Valley Councillors
Ashtead Lanes and Common Ward

Andy Smith Patricia Wiltshire Chris Hunt

Your Mole Valley Councillors
Ashtead Park Ward

Mary Cooper Gerry Sevenoaks Garry Stansfield

Surrey County Councillor

Chris Townsend