

David
HAWKSWORTH
Independent



I have lived in the Lanes and Common and Lanes ward since 2007, am married to Councillor Wiltshire, was first elected as a Councillor in 2016, and have served as Leader of the Independent Group since 2018. I worked in a scientific institute at Kew and Egham for 28 years, for 14 as Director, and then as a university research professor.

I remain active in research with honorary positions in universities, the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, and Natural History Museum London. In addition, I am a consultant on mould growth in buildings, forensic mycology, undertake ecological surveys, and am recognized as an expert by the National Crime Agency. I am Editor-in-Chief of two scientific journals, including *Biodiversity and Conservation*. I have also served on the Council of Natural England (then English Nature) and was appointed CBE for Services to science in 1996.

Before becoming a Councillor, I contributed to the Ashtead Green Belt Boundary Review of 2013, our Neighbourhood Development Plan of 2016, and served on the Ashtead Residents' Association Standing Committee. I also started the formation of the Ashtead Tree Wardens, and served as Chairman of the St Stephens House Surgery Patient Participation Group.

I am passionate about preserving our natural and historic assets and was actively involved in developing the strengthened policies for these in the new Local Plan.

Chris
HUNT
Independent



I love living in Ashtead and am passionate in trying to protect what is good and improve where we can, while considering the wishes of residents and the availability of funding. As an Ashtead Independent I can put Ashtead first and not be fettered by a party whip. As a recognized group, we have guaranteed seats on committees, and my colleagues and I are committed to using the trust you put in us to help our village.

My wife and I chose to move to Ashtead after visiting in 1995 and finding that residents were saying hello just as we were walking around: that sense of community and friendship convinced us to move in. I am seeking your support so that I can continue to work hard to speak up for Ashtead and to keep it special.

I work in Ashtead as an area manager in funeral care and my wife is a Teaching Assistant in a local school. We have three children who between them attended Barnett Wood Infants, St Giles School, The Greville, Rosebery, and St Andrews.

As a District Councillor since 2003, I have served on most committees including those dealing with housing, planning applications, and finance. I work as hard as I can for residents, typically spending over 20 hours a week attending meetings, reading reports, and considering residents' views. I also try to help in practical ways, and now lead the Ashtead Independents' Alley Action team clearing rubbish and cutting back overhanging vegetation. I am also an ARA Road Steward, and as other Councillors attend their meetings and help with their Spring Clean.

Patricia
WILTSHIRE
Independent



I have lived in Surrey for 57 years, 43 of them in Lanes and Common Ward, Ashtead. In my seven years as a Councillor, I have worked hard to help residents to resolve their problems. I am passionate about the preservation and conservation of our local landscapes, wildlife, and animal welfare. I am particularly concerned about pollution of our air, waterways, and soils.

I was Vice-Chairman of the Council from 2019-2021 and am currently Chairman of the Standards Committee. I have secured the resources for restoring Ashtead Pond, am assisting in developing plans for Ashtead Park, and have actively challenged destruction of our Green Belt.

I was an academic at King's College London (18 years) and University College London (16 years), and from 1993 have continued to develop the discipline of Forensic Ecology. I am a visiting professor at the Universities of Southampton and Jilin in China.

I still work in research and publishing, as well as in criminal investigations, and as an expert witness. My memoir *Traces* appeared in 2019, and I have worked with every UK police force as well as in Eire, The Netherlands, and New Zealand.

I enjoy music, am a member of the Leatherhead and District Local History Society, and of Ashtead Art Group.

THREE ASHTEAD RESIDENTS WORKING WITH AND FOR ASHTEAD RESIDENTS!

MOLE VALLEY DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION

Ashtead LANES and COMMON Ward

Thursday 4th May 2023

WE HAVE

- Secured deletion of the proposed Barnett Wood Lane development (M25 west side) from the new Local Plan.
- Successfully argued for the reduction in the area of the original Ermyn Fields development proposal, and secured protection for the wooded eastern margin.
- Secured County Council support for the Green Lane rail crossing being confirmed as a public right of way.
- Assisted residents in securing a delay in the final decision over the proposed new fenced off football pitch while their concerns are considered.
- Initiated work on the restoration of Ashtead Park together with voluntary groups.
- Initiated the establishment of User Groups for the Recreation Ground and Ashtead Park to assist in formulating and assessing new proposals.
- Secured funding to restore Ashtead Pond through silt removal and tree works (to be completed this summer).
- Secured the establishment of a Local List of Heritage assets for Mole Valley (buildings and natural features).
- Secured the future of Ashtead Youth Club, Barnett Wood Lane, by establishing Trustees to take responsibility.
- Resolved flooding issues from The Murreys pond.
- Supported proposals for a new Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) school in Dorking and new toilet facilities at Therfield School.

I am very happy to recommend all the Ashtead Independent candidates for your votes. Our independent Councillors represent the interests of Ashtead directly, without being constrained by a party whip. The party system means that all too often voting is determined by a small number of Councillors who may have no interest in our village.

Unusually for Mole Valley we have an "all out" election this year, consequent upon the boundary changes. The number of Councillors overall has reduced from 41 to 39, all in 3-member wards. Sadly, this means that Ashtead's representation also reduces from 7 to 6 Councillors.

It is all the more important therefore that we elect a full slate of Ashtead Independents to speak up for us.

Simon Ling, President, Ashtead Residents' Association and former Independent Councillor



WE WILL (if re-elected)

- Keep Residents informed about topical issues through our revitalized website (www.ashteadindependents.org).
- Continue to deal with individual Resident's issues and continue monthly drop-in surgeries at Ashtead Library.
- Explore feasibility of alternative sites for new toilet facilities on the Recreation Ground away from houses.
- Press for proactive tree protection in the District and support Ashtead Tree Wardens (initiated by us).
- Strive to safeguard our wildlife and open spaces for all to enjoy and to enhance biodiversity.
- Scrutinize proposals for the development of Murreys Court and of other sites in Ashtead.
- Continue to contribute to the Ashtead Common Consultative Group on management of the Common and Woodfield.
- Scrutinize Council spending and assist projects in Ashtead in securing support from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).
- Endeavour to work more closely with the Ashtead Residents Association and other voluntary groups in Ashtead.

Ashtead independent Councillors:

- Put people before politics
- Keep National Party Politics out of local affairs
- Are keen to maintain Ashtead's village character
- Co-operate with others to achieve the best for Ashtead
- Represent you as faithfully as possible
- Think independently

If you agree that decisions are best reached by logical thought and rational argument – **VOTE INDEPENDENT**

If you agree that discussion and consensus is better than national party dogma – **VOTE INDEPENDENT**

If you believe that local councillors should form their own view on local issues and not follow national party guidelines – **VOTE INDEPENDENT**

If you think local or independently – **VOTE INDEPENDENT**

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Ashtead Independents

USE YOUR THREE VOTES



Vote for all these three candidates to keep Ashtead Independent

HAWKSWORTH	X
HUNT	X
WILTSHIRE	X