

Mary  
**COOPER**  
Independent



I have served as a Councillor since 2012, and been involved in many Ashtead projects from delivery of the Neighbourhood development Plan to helping steer development away from Green belt sites, to being a board member of the Youth Club (FAYC) working to support a secure future for the Club services and its development as a community facility.

I am a member of St Michaels Parish and work with other Church organisations, including the Ashtead Almshouse trustees. I have served as a Greville School Governor, and joined the Ashlea Medical practice PPG to represent patient views and raise awareness of infrastructure concerns with new potential housebuilding proposals.

I have worked at various levels in the community since 2020 with my family equally involved in helping achieve the best for Ashtead residents.

I currently act as Vice-Chair of the Council's Audit Committee, a role I seek to maintain as I have serious concerns with the direction of travel and potential selling and commercialization of community Assets such as sporting facilities to fund white elephant projects. Assets should be preserved as once gone they are lost forever to the wider community. I have spoken for and against Planning applications and help residents in navigating Council bureaucracy.

My aim is to keep Ashtead Independent of party whips and allow Ashtead to determine its own destiny

Gerry  
**SEVENOAKS**  
Independent



I have lived in Ashtead for over 22 years and live with my partner Elaine.

Now retired, my career in Management Consultancy spanned both the private and public sectors. Having previously held a senior management role in Local Government and subsequently having served as a Borough Councillor I believe that I have the necessary knowledge and experience of Council business to serve the residents of Ashtead.

I am an active member of several community groups in the Ashtead area. I look forward to working with all residents, regardless of political view. I believe it is important to protect and support Ashtead's voluntary organisations, businesses and shops which contribute to make Ashtead such a good place to live and work.

I am fully committed to protecting Ashtead's environment and Green spaces and am actively involved in opposing the Liberal Democrats proposed housing developments in Ashtead, especially in Ermyn Way. Together with our Ashtead Independents Surrey Councillor I will seek to find long term solutions to the traffic and parking problems in the local area.

If elected, I will work to ensure that Ashtead residents are provided with the best possible Council Services for their Council Tax and I will be available to assist residents with any Council matter.

Garry  
**STANSFIELD**  
Independent



I am asking for your support as one of your Ashtead Independent Candidates in the district election for the Ashtead Park Ward.

I have lived in Ashtead Park Ward for nearly 30 years and for the whole of my life in Surrey. I also sat on the Ashtead Resident's Association Standing Committee for 23 years, plus I have been your local Councillor since 2018, one of a long succession of Ashtead Independent Councillors working for the Ashtead community.

My family's move to Ashtead was to live within a safe walking distance of a school and to remain close to the beautiful Surrey countryside. Both my daughter and my son went to school here in Ashtead.

I have an engineering background, and have particular experience of issues of carbon footprints of vehicles. I have served on the Council's Development Management and Scrutiny Committees, along with the Aviation and Planning Policy work groups.

I am a Member of the Institute of Engineering Technology and have worked in Semiconductor Business Development for a major global company, in both the Communications and Automotive sectors.

I am keen to continue as part of the very effective Ashtead Independent group on the Council who get things done for our local community, without a political agenda or party whip.

**THREE ASHTEAD RESIDENTS WORKING WITH AND FOR ASHTEAD RESIDENTS!**

**MOLE VALLEY DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION**

**Ashtead PARK 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](http://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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**USE YOUR THREE VOTES**



**Vote for all these three candidates to keep Ashtead Independent**

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