



# Ashtead Independents

Keep national party politics out of local government

## **Police Commissioner Elections**

26th October 2012 by Simon Ling

On Thursday 15 November the first elections for Police Commissioners will take place Nationally and of course in Surrey where we have 6 candidates, 4 from political parties and 2 independents. On 26 October there was an opportunity to hear them all in the Peace Memorial Hall. Unfortunately, all your Ashtead Independent councillors had to be attending an important Council seminar at the time, but our spy tells us that the most impressive candidates were the two independents. It seems to be stating the obvious to us, but surely police affairs should be independent of party politics? We encourage you to use your vote, as it seems likely that turnout will be low, and to use it for one of the independent candidates.

## **“Ashtead Community Vision – helping to shape the future of our village”**

16th October 2012 by mary

The recent Localism Act encourages all local communities to have a greater say in the development and use of land in their areas. Ashtead Community Vision is a newly established group comprised of Ashtead residents, businesses and organisations.

The aim of Ashtead Community Vision is to establish a local forum and produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan which can be adopted within existing MVDC planning policy. This will allow us to have our say as residents about how we would like to see Ashtead develop over the next 20 years. We need your help to recruit to the forum a minimum of 21 people who live or work in Ashtead, and who come from a cross-section of the local community.

If you are interested & would like to contribute to this exciting local project visit the newly established Website [ashteadcommunityvision.org.uk](http://ashteadcommunityvision.org.uk), or for more information please contact:

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or Cllr Paula Hancock or Cllr Mary Cooper.