



# Ashtead Independents

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## **MORE CHANCES TO MEET AND QUESTION YOUR ASHTEAD INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES**

30th April 2021 by admin

The four Ashtead Independent candidates standing on 6 May will be available for questioning in two further webinar sessions: Chris Townsend (County Council), Mary Cooper (Village Ward), David Harper (Park Ward) and David Hawksworth (Common Ward). These will be the last chances to meet them all virtually before you have to cast your votes!

Thursday 29 April at 20.00

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88087715233>

Tuesday 4 May at 20.00

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89899653378>

## **Universal Youth Services – Ashtead Youth Club**

11th April 2021 by admin

Following Surrey CC's decision last year to stop providing Universal Youth Services across Surrey, I (Cllr. Chris Townsend), have been pursuing an approach to picking up that facility in Ashtead. With Mary Cooper (MVDC Cllr. for Ashtead Village ward), a SCC youth worker, a couple of interested parents and a representative from the Rotary Club, we have formed a charity – Friends of Ashtead Youth Club to potentially take over the running of the facility for Ashtead young people.

SCC have agreed to maintain responsibility for the maintenance of the building and pay all energy costs, heating, power and lighting etc., whilst we become responsible for the Youth service. This opportunity allows us to have other organisations to use the facility (eg Kidsclub etc.) who will then fund us rather than SCC, enabling us to use such funds to enhance the Youth Service we wish to provide.

The charity is talking to a couple of potential Youth providers to take on the responsibility, under our auspices, for the young people of Ashtead. We are currently working through the Service Level Agreement with SCC and expect to agree over the next few months. Initially we would be looking at being open for Youth work one night a week (2 sessions – one for younger children and the other for older/teenagers). As we progress, we hope to add other evenings and ultimately get back to the number of sessions we have had in the past.

It is obviously to some extent early days in all the current negotiations, but we are confident we can take over the facility and the provision of services for Ashtead young people.



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Anyone interested in joining us in this venture, please contact either myself (chris.townsend@surreycc.gov.uk) or Mary Cooper (councillor.cooper@molevalley.gov.uk).

## **May 2021 MVDC & Surrey County Council Elections**

11th April 2021 by admin

In these different times we now have different ways of having an election: the leaflets are published on a website (rather than delivered) and the hustings are now “webinars” (a Zoom-type meeting). The Ashtead Independent Councillors standing for re-election are shown below with their respective election leaflet:

Chris Townsend (County Council)

Chris Townsend 2021 election leaflet

Mary Cooper (Village Ward)

Mary Cooper 2021 election leaflet

David Harper (Park Ward)

David Harper 2021 election leaflet

David Hawksworth (Common Ward)

David Hawksworth 2021 election leaflet