

PARKING PROBLEMS REMAIN

Despite a long lockdown, resident concerns over the town centre's street parking issues continue, with our scheme still run from Chelmsford by South Essex Parking Partnership (SEPP). Cllr Tim Barrett asked for a review of our relationship with SEPP to understand where it could improve or if this was better managed in Brentwood, but this was rejected. Your local councillors will continue to push on this - with a clear steer that Brentwood's parking should be managed in Brentwood.



Cllr Dr Tim Barrett is calling for control of residents' parking to come back to Brentwood.

KING GEORGE'S UPDATE



The new toddlers play area has been a success

Splash Pads and Adventure Play planned to be ready by the summer, with wider works later in the year

Following the finish of the toddlers' play park the next steps in the proposed changes have begun. Building work is underway on an enhanced park for older children, splash pads, adventure play and ground has been broken on the new pavilion

which remains controversial. Local Councillors are keeping a close eye on works, disappointed with tree felling mandated after a tree came down in the heavy rain, with assurances sought that the tree management plan will maintain our woodlands.

Recycling: We deserve a better service!

When Brentwood Council decided to exclude tetra-paks from the new recycling scheme in the waste collection, Ingatestone Parish Council's Climate Change Working Group decided to organise a special service and thanks to Budgen's supermarket who sited the bin in their car park, have a contract to empty the bin on a regular basis. So popular has this been locally that in just a few weeks a second bin has been ordered - with plans for crisp packets as well.

If it's good enough for Ingatestone - it's good enough for the rest of us. You can help your local community to do the same by coming together in our own Climate Change Action Group and pressure the Council to do the right thing. Susan Kortlandt, your Labour Candidate, said: "I am determined to make a difference to the Climate Emergency any way we can. We should take on the example of Ingatestone to come together to improve our local service."



Susan Kortlandt wants to improve Brentwood's recycling service

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KEEP IN TOUCH



SUSAN KORTLANDT

Local Candidate for Brentwood South

Susan Kortlandt is a retired teacher, who has continued to keep active as a volunteer at Citizens Advice and Brentwood Mutual Aid during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Not one to sit about, Susan also enjoys walking and cycling, sings in local choirs and participates in the Brentwood/Montbazon (France) and Landkreis Roth (Germany) Town Twinning Associations.

She is committed to the local community, being involved in campaigns to save our libraries and improve the local environment. She would very much welcome hearing any concerns from local residents.

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SUSAN KORTLANDT: YOUR LOCAL CANDIDATE



Susan Kortlandt is a dedicated community volunteer and a retired teacher. She has a long history of making a difference for local people.

A long term local community campaigner, Susan is determined to make a difference.

Susan is delighted to have been selected as Labour's candidate for Brentwood South in the forthcoming local elections. After 30 years as a teacher of modern languages in Brentwood and Havering schools, on retirement Susan became an adviser at Citizens Advice and, during the pandemic, has also volunteered with Brentwood Covid-19 Mutual Aid.

Discovering, along with many other Brentwood residents, the loss of her local mobile phone signal, Susan set up the "Reconnect Brentwood" campaign to replace the masts near Brentwood station. She has demanded answers from the

Council with Public Questions, and is pleased to see a mast has now been approved on Masefield Court, with a second still subject to appeal. Susan is determined to back residents to protect their library and services from funding cuts. She will campaign for improved access to GPs, better public transport, more social and carbon-neutral housing and proper repairs to roads, cycleways and footpaths.

Susan said: "As we emerge from the pandemic, I really want to see a greener Brentwood, with a revived town centre as the hub of a proper community and a clear focus on tackling the climate emergency."

SUSAN'S PLEDGES TO YOU

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A COMMUNITY FOCUS
 The pandemic has been terrible, but has shown how our community can come together. Susan will utilise this passion as we build back our town.
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INVEST IN THE TOWN
 As we come out of lockdown, Susan will push for investment in our local economy and help our businesses come back stronger in 2021.
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DELIVER NEW HOMES
 New homes for local people will be a top priority, with plans for new social and affordable homes for our young people and families in any Council development.
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THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY
 A real focus from the local level up on tackling the climate emergency - tree planting, charging points, improved recycling and key investment.
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TACKLE POTHoles
 Residents across the board report that the pothole crisis has not got any better. Susan will demand the County Council take real action and tackle the problem!

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POTHOLES REMAIN AS COUNTY COUNCIL UNDERSPENDS BY ALMOST £1M

An almost £1 million underspend on highways repairs has raised concerns about whether the County Council is serious in tackling the potholes and defects. There is currently a £986,000 underspend on Highways maintenance. Yet our roads and footways are littered with dangerous potholes and defects.

Councillor Dr Tim Barrett said: "We know, and our residents are very clear on this, that roads and pavements need repairs. We remain littered with potholes that need fixing. Why hasn't the money been spent on our roads that really need it?"

"I praise the efforts of frontline workers, who have worked in extraordinary circumstances. However, there are serious questions about the criteria around repairs, and also the poor material used to repair potholes that can come apart after a week, with much wasted on repairing recurring potholes."



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WE'RE BACKING SUSAN



"I think Susan would be an exceptional local Councillor and has shown she is dedicated to making a difference for our local area."

Dick Carter
Ingrave Road Resident

"Susan is dedicated to supporting the local community and making a real difference. She would make an outstanding Councillor."

Clr Dr Tim Barrett
Brentwood South Councillor



Baytree Centre brought back into Public Ownership



The Baytree Centre is now under public ownership, with further funding secured to invest and enhance the offering to local residents. The Baytree Centre has had a difficult history since its creation from the old Chapel High back in 2006, with several units never having any secure longer term tenants. The Council's investment means that the site can now get the local focus it needs to enhance the retail offer, to target key stores and businesses that will re-establish our town centre as a destination. Looking ahead, your local councillors will be consulting on what businesses the council should look to reach out to and develop key facilities - with the potential that a long awaited return for a local cinema is now possible in the site.



Town Centre mobile phone signal: Reconnect Brentwood!

Reconnect Brentwood was set up by Susan Kortlandt in October to put pressure on the mobile phone companies, and Brentwood Council, to replace the masts removed from Ewing House. The council and mobile phone providers had known for 2 years the masts would be removed in June 2020. Applications for new masts in Coptfold Road and Masefield Court had been refused by Brentwood Council and were subject to appeal. There is only an inadequate temporary mast by the Station.

Susan's online petition saw more than 450 signatures. Susan wrote to the CEOs of all the mobile operators with the petition, to ensure that they knew the views of their local customers. She also kept the pressure on Brentwood Council with a series of public questions to the Leader. In positive news - a mast for EE and O2 on Masefield Court has been approved, but work has not yet started. EE have promised it will be 'online' in March, 9 months late! News is awaited on Vodafone and 3, but updates will be posted on www.susankortlandt.org. The campaign continues!



COUNCIL TAX INCREASES AND SOCIAL RENTS PUSHED UP

This year's Budget saw Council service charges pushed up and Council tenants seeing inflation-busting rent increases. While Brentwood's part of our Council Tax was frozen, increases in the County and Police & Fire elements mean residents bills will rise by 1.7% - higher than inflation. Clr Gareth Barrett said: "It was right to freeze Brentwood Council's element of our Council Tax but to have an above inflation increase overall, while not delivering the services residents deserve and pushing up Council rents is the wrong decision that lets residents down."

Labour Councillors secure funding for Pepperell House

Following a successful Labour amendment to the Brentwood Borough Council Budget, funding of £60,000 was secured for an investment into Pepperell House. Pepperell House, a Grade II listed Georgian building by the St Thomas a Becket ruins in the High Street, was left to the Council for the benefit of the people of Brentwood in 2002. It is currently the home of Brentwood Community Transport.

Clr Gareth Barrett, whose amendment was successful, said, 'Pepperell House is a key part of our town centre's history and a gateway to our town centre alongside the St Thomas a Becket ruins. I am delighted that support was secured so that we can protect this iconic building for future generations. Much needed works can now be completed on external refurbishment, redecoration and re-installment.'

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