

Your Village Winter Report



**Cllr Tom Barlow, Cllr Max Austin,
Cllr Andrew Howard**
Your Village ward Councillors

Dear Neighbour,

We are pleased to share an update on our work as your local Conservative councillors, as well as ongoing initiatives in our community.

It is a privilege to represent you as Wimbledon Village's councillors on Merton Council. We've been working hard to make our area a better place to live for everyone, and we take every opportunity to champion our local community.

Over the past year, we are proud to have assisted residents with a wide variety of queries and concerns relating to Council services. We have also helped co-ordinate efforts to keep our green spaces special and tidy for everyone to enjoy. In addition to this, we have been campaigning on a number of key issues on behalf of local residents, including:

- **AELTC:** We continue to oppose the All England Lawn Tennis Club's application to build a new stadium and courts on Wimbledon Park. AELTC's proposals are wrong for our community, and we are working with residents' groups, including Save Wimbledon Park, to make sure residents' views are not ignored.
- **Improving our High Street:** We are proud to confirm that funding has been secured for improvements to Wimbledon Village high street.
- **Council Tax:** We have called for Labour-run Merton Council to give residents a break and freeze Council Tax for the coming year. Unfortunately, Merton Labour have said they plan to raise Council Tax by the maximum permissible amount once again. Your Conservative councillors will always campaign for value for money for Village residents.

We are very proud to serve as your local councillors, and we are always here to help: please do get in touch with us using the contact details below if there's anything we can assist with.

With best wishes,

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Wimbledon Village Community Updates



Funding secured to improve High Street

We are delighted that the Council has committed funding in its budget for a long-overdue upgrade to the Village high street – the first in half a century. Your local councillors have been lobbying for this fund alongside residents and community groups, and we are now working to engage the community on potential designs. Have any suggestions? Please do get in touch.



Wimbledon Common 'Walk and Talk'

Kickstarted in May 2023 by local residents and Cllr Max Austin, the Wimbledon Common 'Walk and Talk' continues to go from strength to strength thanks to a committed group of volunteers. Walkers and talkers meet every Saturday at 10.30am at the Village War Memorial. There's no need to pay or register in advance – feel free to join us!



Fighting to Save Wimbledon Park

Your local Conservative councillors continue to work with local residents' groups, including Save Wimbledon Park, to oppose AELTC's expansion plan and ensure the views of local people are heard. The Conservative group leader in Merton also spoke against the plan at the Greater London Assembly last year, where Sadiq Khan's deputy mayor backed the application. The application is now subject to legal challenge, and we continue to monitor developments with close interest.



VE Day at 80

Wimbledon Village will be at the centre of Merton's celebration of the 80th anniversary of VE Day later this year. Cllr Max Austin has been working with Visit Wimbledon Village, the Village High Street Group, and local residents to co-ordinate plans for the celebrations, with further information to be announced ahead of the anniversary. We hope Village residents will be inspired to come together for this very important anniversary.

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