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WORKING TO REDUCE THE COST OF LIVING

CONSERVATIVE COUNCIL REPEATS COUNCIL TAX FREEZE TO HELP ASHFORD COMMON RESIDENTS

For the second year in a row, your Conservative-run Council has frozen its portion of the Council Tax.

In addition, there will be no increase in staff pay or Councillors' allowances in 2011-2012.

Spelthorne is working hard to make local government more efficient. The Council has saved £11 million since 2003, with £4.9 million of this in the last four years.

Conservative Councillor Frank Ayers said, "We wanted to take the lead at Spelthorne, by keeping the council tax rise to 0% for two years in a row.



Local activists Nick Gething, Tony Mitchell, Cllr Steven Rough, Christopher Frazer and Frank Ayers on Church Road

We know how hard pressed families are in the current recession. I believe that by carefully watching our costs we can keep a focus on lower taxes and maintain a good quality of local services."

SUPPORTING LOCAL REGENERATION IN ASHFORD

Supporting local businesses in Ashford's town centre is important to our residents, and so your Conservative team have ensured crucial repair and regeneration work is carried out.

Work has already started in Church Road with new trees being planted, new bases being installed around existing trees, and a new light installed to shine on our war memorial. More improvements are

to come, with completion scheduled by March 2011.

Local activist Nick Gething says, "Spelthorne knows it's important to keep our shopping districts in good repair, and they have listened to residents about where investment is best spent. We are also seeing improvements to our tennis courts and park facilities, which is fantastic. It's clear Spelthorne cares about its residents."

RESERVE YOUR GARDEN BIN TODAY!

Ashford Common residents can order garden waste bins and subscribe to the collection service, by ringing Spelthorne Customer Services at 01784 451 499.



The cost for this service, which has proven very popular with Ashford residents, remains unchanged for 2011-2012.

Says local activist Marion Bushnell, "I was thrilled when Spelthorne first introduced the garden waste scheme. It's very convenient to have the council collect my garden waste every two weeks. It means I don't have to make trips to the tip with my garden rubbish and can spend more time tending my flowers!"



Local activist Nick Gething discusses improvements to Spelthorne's tennis courts with Cllr Frank Ayers

Local Residents' Survey

We would like to know what you and your family care about. Please take a few moments to complete the form.

(Please complete in black ink only and mark boxes with a X.)

Which of these local issues matter to you the most?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Speeding Traffic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parking | <input type="checkbox"/> Leisure Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local shops | <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-social behaviour | <input type="checkbox"/> Services for elderly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | |

(Please Specify) _____

Are there any areas locally where litter, vandalism or graffiti is spoiling the local environment?

- Yes No

If so, where? _____

If you could improve one thing locally, what would it be? (Please write in space below)

Are there any other issues you would like to raise?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. We would like to keep in touch with you about the issues you have raised. If you would be happy for us to do this by email and mobile phone, please complete your details below:

Name

Address

Phone*

Email*

Can you help?

Your local Conservative team is working hard. Please let us know if you can help with our work:

- I can deliver leaflets in my road
- I can display a poster at election time
- I would like a postal vote
- I would like to make a donation
- I would like to register my local support
- I do not vote Conservative—please remove me from your database

Please return to:

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*By giving us your email address and/or mobile number, you are agreeing to receive communications and information from us by email or SMS

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