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## WORKING TO REDUCE THE COST OF LIVING

### CONSERVATIVE COUNCIL REPEAT COUNCIL TAX FREEZE TO HELP RESIDENTS IN STAINES TOWN

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.

Commenting on the news, local business owner Mark Francis says: "Three generations of my family have lived and worked in Staines. I



**Local activists Christine Bannister, Mark Francis and Alan Patterson out speaking with residents about their concerns**

think it's important that Spelthorne took a lead in real term council tax reduction, by keeping it flat for two years running. The council's careful cost control makes a positive difference to my family's purse."

## SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL POLICE

Are you concerned about your safety and local crime? If so come to the next Surrey Neighbourhood Policing Panel to meet your local police, get an update or ask questions. It will be held on Wednesday, 11 March in the Staines Community Centre at 19:00.

Says local activist Christine Bannister: "the Police Panel plays an important roll in our community. Residents can speak with police officers, highlighting areas of



**Prospective councillors Christine Bannister, Mark Francis and Alan Patterson with local residents at a recent panel meeting.**

concern and exchanging information that can assist police."

## RESERVE YOUR GARDEN BIN TODAY!

Staines Town 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 residents, remains unchanged for 2011-2012.

## CONTROLLED PARKING UPDATE

Although the introduction of a CPZ programme in parts of Staines, including Moormede, was put on hold by Surrey County Council, local activists continue to push for its implementation.

A full review by Surrey of parking and CPZ



programmes caused a delay of six months. The next review is due to take place during February/ March 2011, and a report is to be submitted to the Surrey Local Committee for Staines in July 2011. Options for Moormede will form part of this report. Local activist Alan Patterson said " we are fully supportive of the parking plans being drawn up for Staines residents and can recognise the benefits for all residents of Staines as well as those who travel to and work in Staines."

# 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?**

- |                                      |  |   |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| <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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