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News from Rickmansworth West and Maple Cross

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## Your Local Conservatives Working For All



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### Your Local Conservative Team

### An Over-Development Near You...

The Liberal Democrats failure to implement a Local Plan for Three Rivers has put our green spaces in peril. In February 2020, this failure resulted in Three Rivers being one of only eight Councils in the entire country which was hit with the penalty of there now being a "presumption in favour of sustainable development". This is a disaster for our area as, irrespective of the views of local people, inappropriate developments which are in the wrong places and do not have the required public services and infrastructure, are now very hard, if not impossible, to stop. Our local area needs a Local Plan now, before it is too late!

### HS2 Air Quality Monitors Go Wild!

HS2 has three dust particle monitors on their Maple Cross site, during December they went off the scale many times. Three Rivers District Council are the responsible authority for Air Quality but the Liberal Democrat councillors at a meeting last January said they were not prepared to spend the money to improve the monitoring and would wait for a County Strategy!

We do not think this is good enough, residents need to know what is triggering the alarm and what is going to be done about it. If you notice an air quality issue email one of our team with the time and date and we will pursue it.

### Campaigning Safely!

Your health is more important than any political campaign. This leaflet was delivered in a Covid-19 secure manner and we did not hand deliver any leaflets before the 8th March.



### A Programme For Rickmansworth Town...

**"Our town centre is the beating heart of our community.** As a local business person, I know that people's purchasing habits have changed in recent years and this has affected our High Street, a situation made worse by a lack of access. Businesses need certainty, not massive business rates and curtailed parking. The one hour free parking is not enough for visitors to come to the town, do their

business, and have a tea or coffee. A 2 hour free parking allowance would make a huge difference, encouraging people to visit and facilitating a higher footfall. Everybody wins!"

Lisa Hudson



Rickmansworth High Street

## A Strong Covid-19 Recovery For Rickmansworth

As the lockdown eases, Rickmansworth Conservatives want to see the bottled up energy of our community ensuring the bounce-back of the town by demanding that the council provides cleaner streets, better functioning community centres, a more user-friendly waste collection service at a sensible cost etc. The council should investigate what can be done with business rates to fund improvements – we have a ‘right to regenerate’ our town!

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## Have Your Say: Vote Postal



Local elections are happening on Thursday 6th May. Some of you may be worried about going to a polling station if you have not had your vaccine. To save the worry and to make sure you still have your say, register for your postal vote!

Go to: [www.postalvote.conservatives.com](http://www.postalvote.conservatives.com)



### Conservatives Improving Local Safety

Your Conservative Councillors are improving the safety of roads in Mill End. The double yellow lines on Church Lane are being extended by 10 metres at the junction with Clarkfield.



### The Rickmansworth West Controlled Parking Zone

Cllr Paula Hiscocks got this delayed until the end of March so that residents are able to confer and view the plans. TRDC must publish the first report now. It is essential that everybody responds, the decision will be made by the majority consensus.

### New Cycling Rack Initiative

Cllr Paula Hiscocks has initiated the new cycle racks at Rickmansworth Station. These encourage sustainable transport. Reducing pollution and keeping us healthy.



### Protecting Residents From Sewage Contamination

Cllr Paula Hiscocks has been successful in starting meetings between TRDC and Thames Water about local flooding. The banks at the River Chess have already been reinforced and signs warning about raw sewage discharges will be in place within a few weeks.



### Major Junction Improvement Underway at Chalfont Road

These major safety improvements are taking place at the junction of Chalfont Road and the A412. It includes a new carriageway layout and installation of traffic light controlled pedestrian crossings.

## Conservative Initiatives

### Protecting Our Wildlife

Andrea Fraser, Batchworth CC candidate, pictured with trees Conservatives have funded to maintain in our area. We also campaigned for the new trees planted in Rickmansworth all to help improve our clean air and environment.

