

ELECTION TO COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL

Vote Christopher ARNOLD

Boxted ♦ Fordham
Great and Little Horkesley ♦ Wormingford

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Looking after Colchester's villages Conservatives



As a councillor specialising in planning and transportation, Christopher helped to write the policies that protect the unique nature and tranquility of the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. "I've known this area since my teens," he says, "but sometimes when I pass through it still manages to take my breath away!"



This land will soon be part of the new public open space in Great Horkesley. The developers will provide a well-equipped children's playground. Christopher is looking forward to working to ensure that the needs of all other age-groups are provided for too.

About Christopher Arnold

Christopher and his wife Mandy have lived in Great Horkesley for 28 years; their two daughters attended the village school where he served as a church-appointed school governor for 13 years and as Secretary of the School Association. He has been a parish councillor for 20 years. Like most of his family, his hobbies include music and walking, which he manages to combine when leading the carol singing around Great Horkesley every Christmas. He also enjoys swimming, bell-ringing and holidays in the remoter parts of Britain.

Recent successes

When he was a Borough Council cabinet member, Christopher introduced clear plastic sacks rather than wheelie bins to drive up recycling. His dogged campaign to ensure that the new A12 junction was not built in Great Horkesley - the issue on which he was elected to the Borough Council in 1995 - came to an end last year when work started on the alternative site at Cuckoo Farm.

Now as Chairman of the Council's Scrutiny Committee, his recent successes include changing the way graffiti are dealt with - in future the Council's team will deal with all graffiti on public property regardless of who owns it - and forcing a re-examination of Colchester's manically-high house-building rates, which he believes are destroying its distinctiveness.



Our most intractable problems: traffic speeding through the heart of the villages and wide, heavy vehicles destroying roads that were never designed to take them - this lorry is pounding through a double bend in Fordham.

"Working with my Conservative colleagues Cllr Nigel Chapman and County Cllr Anne Brown I will take every opportunity to make our roads and lanes safer for walkers and riders," says Christopher.

"It is intolerable that residents cannot even trim the hedges outside their homes without risking their lives."



It took 8 months to get the graffiti scrubbed from this bridge abutment because it belongs to the Government's Highways Agency. In future, thanks to Christopher's lobbying, the Borough Council's clean-up squad will be able to tackle all public realm graffiti themselves. "Tax-payers expect their local council to provide this basic service quickly, not pass the buck" he said.

Christopher's promises to you

- to be constantly on guard to ensure that major development in our villages takes place only with the consent of local people
- to stop the northward spread of Colchester at the A12
- to protect the tranquillity of the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- to campaign for a lorry-routeing scheme to be ready for when the new A12 Cuckoo Farm junction opens
- to reduce the rat-running traffic that is destroying our country lanes
- to support local groups working to improve sports, recreational and play facilities for all age groups.

Any Questions?

Polling Day : Thursday 6th May
Polls open 7am - 10pm

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