

independents

Haslemere Town Council Election May 7th



The independent candidates share the belief that the Town Council should be run entirely in line with the needs and wishes of the people of Haslemere.

A town council should seek to represent the views of its electors first and foremost. It should influence how Haslemere evolves; this means being good at finding out what residents think about parking and public transport, open spaces, services for senior residents, facilities for children and teenager, housing and economic developments and more. These views need to be put to the Borough and County Councils accurately and firmly.

independents will:

- Put Haslemere first.
- Serve community interests and not political interests.
- Let you have your say in the council chamber.
- Be Open, Transparent and Accountable.

independents can make
the town council:

Open

Open means we will always listen and will encourage you to see how decisions are made; in person or by social media.

Transparent

Transparent means that you will be able to see easily all the information used to make decisions and to see how your money is spent.

Accountable

Accountable means that if something has not been handled properly we will admit it and set things going to get a better outcome.



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Candidates in *your* Ward:

Critchmere
**JASPER
WILLIAMS**



Haslemere North
& Grayswood
**GIBBONS
MATEO URIARTE**



Haslemere South
**BARTON
HALL
SIMMONS
WESTON**



Hindhead
PYKE



Shottermill
**BANFIELD
BUCKLER
O'BRIEN**



Promoted by: Mark Jasper of 3 Hillside Road, Haslemere GU27 3RL (Standing in Critchmere ward)
Vivien Williams of 14 Courts Hill Road, Haslemere GU27 2NG (Standing in Critchmere ward)
John Gibbons of 1 The Mount, Haslemere GU27 2EB (Standing in Haslemere North & Grayswood ward)
Maria Mateo Uriarte of 4 Hollyridge, Haslemere GU27 2NP (Standing in Haslemere North & Grayswood ward)
Jeremy Barton, Oversted, Scotland Lane, Haslemere GU27 3AW (Standing in Haslemere South)
Aine Hall of 11 Hill Road, Haslemere GU27 2JP (Standing in Haslemere South ward)
David Simmons of 47 Lower Street, Haslemere GU27 2NY (Standing in Haslemere South ward)
Miles Weston of Ridge Hill, Hill Road, Haslemere GU27 2JP (Standing in Haslemere South ward)
Nigel Pyke of 37 Courts Hill Road, Haslemere GU27 2PN (Standing in Hindhead ward)
Lesley Banfield of 16 Weysprings, Haslemere GU27 1DE (Standing in Shottermill ward)
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Mark
JASPER
Critchmere

Mark was born and raised in Camelsdale, attending Camelsdale Primary and Midhurst Grammar school. He lives in the village with his wife and young daughter.

Mark is interested in supporting activities for young people, having been a member of Haslemere Swimming Club, Camelsdale Football Club and the Scout group.

With over 20 years local government finance experience at a senior level Mark understands the financial pressures placed on public services and also the difference that efficient and effective services can make to people's lives.

Mark plays golf, indoor football and enjoys walking the family dog over Marley Common and Black Down.



Vivien
WILLIAMS
Critchmere

Originally from Liverpool, Viv studied at Imperial College and at Durham University. She then lived and worked in London for 10 years and settled with her husband in Haslemere in 1997. She is a commercial oil & gas consultant. Viv has two daughters who both attend local state schools.

She was an active member of the Grayswood School PTA for 6 years. She also ran the girls netball and mixed rounders clubs at St Bartholomew's. She is committed to encouraging all children to participate in sport. Viv is a keen tennis player and sails with her family.

"I got involved in the campaign against Pay & Display parking and was heartened by how the community came together to fight for what it wanted."



John
GIBBONS
Haslemere
North &
Grayswood

John is a management consultant working in the UK public sector for one of the world's largest IT companies. He moved to Haslemere in 1999 settling in Grayswood. Born in Sheffield, raised in New York City, he moved back to the UK bringing his American accent with him. John is married to Merry and has three children.

In his spare time John is a scuba diving instructor, a black belt in karate, and brown belt in Judo. He was also a film extra in the Star Wars the Phantom Menace, which if you meet John he will love to tell you about meeting R2D2 for the first time on set.

"I can think of few places more idyllic or where I would rather live. I always feel privileged to live and raise my family in such a wonderful part of the country."



Maria
MATEO
URIARTE
Haslemere
North &
Grayswood

Maria worked for 10 years in the City and moved to the countryside to raise her family. She is a lawyer and has three boys who attend the local primary school. Maria loves the outdoors. She is active in the community: a volunteer advisor for Haslemere's Citizens Advice Bureau, secretary of Haslemere First Responders, a driver for the Orchard Club in Haslewey.

She has also acted as treasurer for the PTA of her boys' school and was involved in the launch of the Haslemere Vision. With three very active boys, she has also been involved with football and rugby in Haslemere and cricket in Grayswood.

"We need to focus on the future; Haslemere is a growing town and we need to shape its development in a way that benefits both the residents and the local environment."



Jeremy
BARTON
Haslemere
South

Jeremy moved to Haslemere with his wife and three daughters in 2006, selecting it carefully having lived abroad for 10 years. He enjoys its markets and independent shops, its great commuting connections to London, as well as the biking and running on Blackdown.

He is an experienced lawyer and board director, as well as a former schoolmaster and international athlete. Jeremy is involved in charity work in Africa, as well as various local community activities, ranging from kids' hockey through to the children's work at St. Stephens, Shottermill.

"I am now keen to give back to the town, and to serve as a representative on the Town Council, in a truly independent capacity. It would be a privilege to be an independent voice for you."



Áine
HALL
Haslemere
South

Áine (pronounced Awn-ya) moved to Haslemere in 1998 and feels it is a privilege to live with her husband and two sons in such a beautiful town. She owns a Haslemere-based executive search business and balances home working with frequent commutes to the City and Canary Wharf.

She volunteers for many local organisations, including Haslemere Fringe, Haslemere30, Little Lumpy and Haslemere Musical Society. She was a Governor of Woolmer Hill School and she chairs The Half Moon Estate Residents' Association.

Áine walks very long distances with Haslemere friends raising money for various charities. Living in Haslemere, Áine feels she belongs to a great community.



David
SIMMONS
Haslemere
South

I have lived and worked in Haslemere all my life, and my ancestors have lived round the town for hundreds of years. I am a gardener and work for local clients.

I care passionately about Haslemere, in particular the environment in which we live. Our town is evolving and we must think about ways we can improve our town for the benefit of all who live here.

For my community work, I was awarded the Service to Haslemere Award in 2014.

I enjoy amateur radio, meteorological imaging direct from satellites, computers and electronics.



Miles
WESTON
Haslemere
South

I have lived in Haslemere for 30 years, married with grown-up children who went to St Bartholomew's and Woolmer Hill.

I was a parent governor at St Bartholomew's. I used to play in the Town Band and have recently taken up bell ringing and I am the steeple keeper at St Bartholomew's.

I am a retired engineer having worked in the petrochemical industry, economic analysis and managing large-scale computing projects. I have worked with the Farnborough Air Sciences Trust to encourage teenagers to become the next generation of scientists and engineers.

I am keen that Haslemere always has rewarding and challenging out-of-school activities for children and teenagers.



Nigel
PYKE
Hindhead

Nigel has lived in Haslemere since 2000. He is married and has 3 children. By day, Nigel works in London as a marketing director and most weekends you will find him in town, exploring the surrounding countryside with his family, or out on his mountain bike and running the local footpaths.

"I firmly believe that to support the changing demands of our community socially, commercially and environmentally, Haslemere must continuously evolve, by building on what we have to today, but with an absolute focus on the future. We need to ensure we have the best possible infrastructure, facilities and social support for all of us who live, shop and work here."

"Having lived in Haslemere for 14 years, I'm keen to step forward to represent and contribute to the community in which I live and value."



Lesley
BANFIELD
Shottermill

Lesley grew up in South Oxfordshire, practiced as an architect in the private and public sector and worked abroad. She moved to Haslemere in 2000 and was actively involved in community activities; one of the founders of Haslemere's Fringe Festival, contributor to the Haslemere's Design Statement, one of the initiators of Haslemere Vision.

"I was very keen to facilitate and actively encourage a wide spectrum of local residents to become involved in this participative democratic process."

Lesley now works as a consultant on construction, housing, funding & audit and advising on government investment programmes. Outside work she enjoys walking in the wonderful countryside around Haslemere, spending time with family & friends and gardening.



Paul
BUCKLER
Shottermill

Paul is married, has three boys and moved to the area in 2006. He grew up in Devon, graduated from Leicester University and has spent time living in different parts of the world through a career in IT.

Paul is one of the many residents who squeeze on to the train for work each morning and looks forward to returning home to the peace and tranquillity of our town. He is an active member of the community through life with his children and is the group Chairman for the Scouts based in Wey Hill.

"I had never thought about running for public office before this year. I really value living in Haslemere and my family benefits from everything that it has to offer. I believe that Haslemere's future should be shaped by the local community for our community."



David
O'BRIEN
Shottermill

David spent his childhood years in Beacon Hill, lived and worked abroad and moved back to Haslemere in 2000.

He is a consultant landscape architect and master planner and set up his consultancy in 2010. David, a musician and singer songwriter, has a passion for Haslemere and is a founder member of the Haslemere Fringe Festival. He helped to set up Haslemere Vision to elicit how the community feels the town could evolve with new opportunities in tourism, technology, arts and business, taking advantage of Haslemere's unique position as the gateway to the South Downs National Park.

"We need to respond to rapidly changing times and a new generation of expertise would certainly be beneficial at a local level."