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In Touch with Village Conservatives

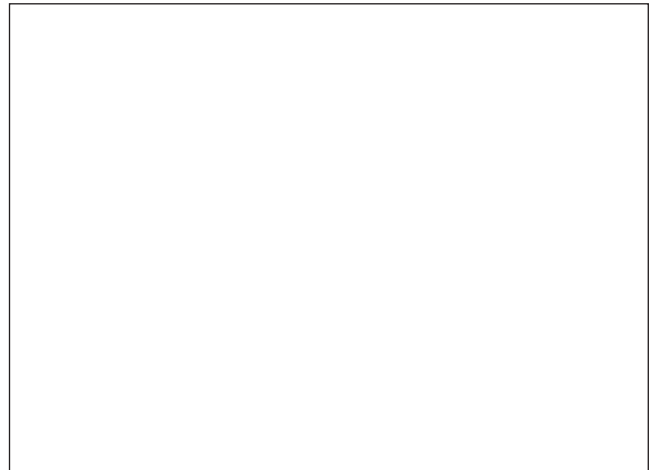
Robin Crookshank Hilton • Cllr Toby Eckersley • Nick Vineall



Local children need The Charter School

Robin, Toby and Nick share the concerns of many local parents that Labour's plans to force schools to accept pupils from other areas will mean that there will be fewer places for local children at The Charter School.

"The aim of the Charter School is to be a true local school, serving the community of Dulwich and Denmark Hill", says Toby, who is a founder governor of the school. "It was founded after a strong campaign by local parents and it would be a betrayal if the school is not allowed by the Government to take its children from the

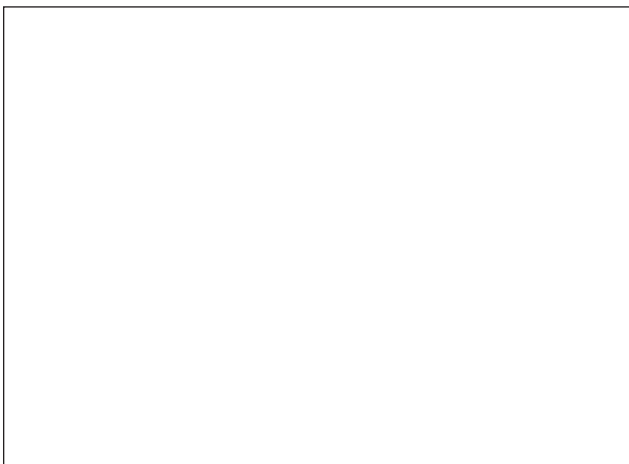


Toby, Robin and Nick are concerned for the character of The Charter School

area it currently serves."

Toby has written to the local MP to seek her assurance that she will oppose the plan and stand up for local parents and children.

Council Tax changes will hit Dulwich residents

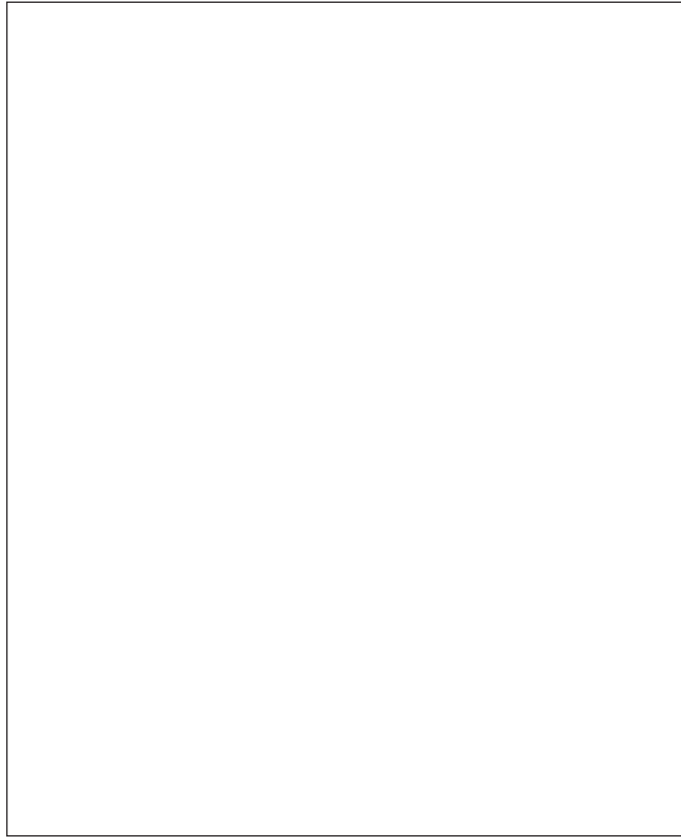


Nick fears that Labour might make a new stealth tax on conservatories

Thank to concerns raised by the Conservatives over huge increases in Council Tax bills, Labour have currently put on hold their plans for Council Tax revaluation.

However, Labour's proposals for the new system, when it comes, would mean that homes with 'value indicators', such as garages, greenhouses, large gardens and scenic views or in conservation areas could be pushed into higher Council Tax bands. *"This is bound to hit Dulwich residents particularly hard", says Nick Vineall. "Yet another stealth tax from Labour!"*

Village Ward Conservative councillors in action . . .



Toby and Robin look at one of the new trees

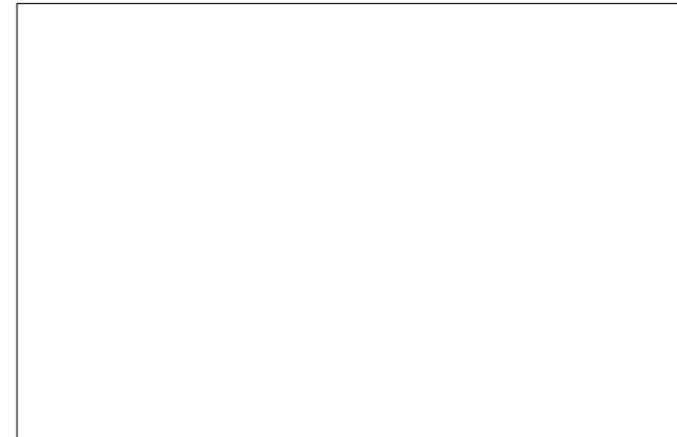
Tree-mendous news for Ruskin Walk

Robin Crookshank Hilton has secured the planting of seven new silver birches on Ruskin Walk after local residents contacted the Conservatives.

“Within a month of my visit, the dead trees on Ruskin Walk were replaced with matching silver birches, and three more trees are scheduled to be replaced before the end of the planting season”, says Robin. “I am continuing to campaign for the Council to look after their trees better.”

If your street needs trees maintaining or there are dead trees that need to be replaced, please let Robin know (contact details opposite).

20 mph zone – good news for North Dulwich



Nick, David and Robin discuss the good news with North Dulwich residents

Transport for London has just agreed to fund a 20 m.p.h. zone in the North Dulwich area, following pressure from the Dulwich Community Council.

Dulwich Community Council chair Cllr Toby Eckersley says: *“We asked Southwark officers to include a bid to TfL for this purpose, and we’re delighted that this has been approved in the budget for the coming year.”* Southwark will begin designing the scheme and carrying out consultation soon.

Contact us

You can write to Toby and your other Conservative Councillor David Bradbury at:

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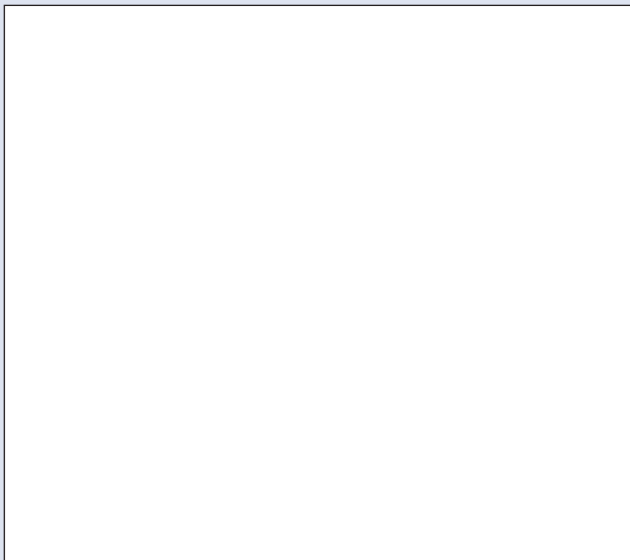
Or you can email them at:

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All change at Belair



Nick and Robin visit Belair – improvements on the way!

Following pressure from Toby and his council colleague David Bradbury, the Council has at last committed itself to provide new changing room facilities at Belair.

“Belair Park needs much more work”, says Toby. “But the commitment to provide new changing rooms is a welcome step. It’s good to see the refurbished tennis courts and the skateboard area so well used – but the car park is still a disgrace and the area between there and the ‘paddock’ needs cleaning up too. We will continue to press the Council to do more for Belair Park.”

News in brief

- Following a petition from local residents, the Dulwich Community Council has agreed to look at road safety in Burbage, Stradella and Winterbrook Roads. It also agreed a Conservative suggestion to ask the officers about the effectiveness of different types of the traffic calming measures.

- Local Conservative councillors are opposing the draft planning proposals by the London Development Agency for housing development of up to 200 units at the entrances to Crystal Palace Park. A recent survey of local residents showed 88% of Dulwich respondents opposed the proposals.

