

LOCAL GROUP



Whitehill & Bordon  
Community Party

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Dear Neighbour,

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and our leaflet, as we do not have the funds to produce and post endless literature like the national political parties. The **Whitehill & Bordon Community Party** is a political party officially registered with the electoral commission and is a **local group** made up of independent members, who since May 2019 have made up the volunteer elected membership of our grassroots town council. I thank everyone who has supported us since we formed as a group in 2017.

I am the Leader of **Whitehill** Town Council, having lived in **Lindford** for over 10 years and **Bordon** prior to that. Whilst there is a way to go to get the town centre we deserve, as promised by the 'powers above', I love our community, have based my own business here and my children go to local schools (Oakmoor and Weyford.) I can genuinely represent **all residents** across the whole of our community.

For those who already support me, thank you - it means a lot! For those who do not or are undecided, I hope to show you why I am asking you to place your faith in me in this leaflet. **I will always strive to push for what is best for my fellow residents**, not what's best for any political party. I worry that Lib Dems just want to attack Conservatives for the sake of it to score points and Conservatives want to tell us everything is perfect and they have done a great job in charge, despite the damning EHDC 'conduct report' and town centre delays. I fully appreciate that Covid-19 is a legitimate and understandable reason for some delays such as the proposed cinema, but it cannot be an excuse for absolutely everything such as Chase Hospital/local health service reduction and lack of public transport, where both of those issues have been ongoing for many years. I will fight for youth facilities for our **young people** and **families**.

Being elected as your county councillor will greatly help me in my work as town council Leader (a role I can still retain as a volunteer), to represent you at both levels effectively and use community grant money allocated to me for local causes that benefit Whitehill, Bordon and Lindford.

I **value our greenspaces** which include mature trees, such as the 'fairy oak' in Bordon Inclosure. The town council under my leadership has made it our policy to protect all greenspaces under our control, which include Bordon Inclosure and Deadwater Valley Nature Reserve. I was described by the Bordon Herald as being in a 'fury' over EHDC's recently proposed plan to build an additional 1300 houses in Whitehill & Bordon, which was a fairly accurate way of describing how I feel about this!! I cannot contemplate more housing, especially when all the promised facilities are not yet delivered!!

I personally fought for the new **6-lane swimming pool** back in 2014, finally opened last year. I support a **new town centre** and told the regeneration company that only a **proper mainstream supermarket** would be acceptable (in addition to Tesco), with an announcement expected in May. I meet with local **police** regularly to review **crime** and to strive to **make our community safe**. I am very concerned about **Health Provision** and **Chase Hospital**. As local population grows, **we need a greater level of health services** - not less! I will be keeping an eye on 'health hub' proposals, expected this year!

**You do not have to stop supporting the national party of your choice to vote for me locally.**

The national party candidates love to 'talk the talk' but I want you to judge me on what I have done so far and my passion to do so much more. Hampshire County Council elections only come round every 4 years and **I can only make a difference if you elect me by voting for me**. Thank you for reading!

Yours faithfully,

*Andy* PS IF YOU SUPPORT ME,  
PLEASE VOTE FOR ME.

**ANDY TREE, Leader of the Whitehill & Bordon Community Party**

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## IF YOU SUPPORT US, PLEASE VOTE FOR **ANDY TREE ON 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021 (OR USE YOUR POSTAL VOTE IF YOU HAVE ONE?)**



**STANDING UP FOR WHITEHILL, BORDON & LINDFORD:** We are a group of individuals and councillors from the local community. We feel residents are tired of national party fighting and national party politics influencing local council decisions. We offer something different – something better – something that really represents the views of residents within Whitehill, Bordon and Lindford.

*"Andy Tree has put the local community's health at the forefront of his priorities and led efforts by proactively supporting 'Bordon Buddies', communicating with the NHS and supporting vaccination roll out locally in Bordon."*

**Dr. Yee Gan Ong,**  
Whitehill resident &  
Emergency Medicine Consultant



*"I vote Conservative in General Elections but will only support the Whitehill & Bordon Community Party in local elections. Andy Tree says what he thinks, responds directly to my concerns and stands up for local residents."*

**Jennifer Garrigan-Avery,**  
Bordon resident



*"I wouldn't vote Lib Dem anymore, when we have the option to vote for Andy Tree and our Whitehill & Bordon Community Party!"*

**Linda Craddock**  
Whitehill resident

*"My admiration for Andy Tree has grown from getting to know him through his community work to putting myself forward to supporting him as deputy leader of our group. From my own experience, his tireless efforts and public service are unparalleled locally."*

**Tina Strickland, Deputy Leader of the Whitehill & Bordon Community Party**

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**ANDY TREE IS YOUR WHITEHILL & BORDON COMMUNITY PARTY CANDIDATE FOR WHITEHILL, BORDON AND LINDFORD, FOR THE HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL ELECTIONS BEING HELD ON THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021.**

**WITH SO MUCH FOCUS ON NATIONAL POLITICS RELATING TO THE COVID-19 RESPONSE, PLEASE HELP US ENSURE LOCAL ISSUES ARE NOT FORGOTTEN!**

**Fighting for proper mainstream supermarket and health services ✓ protecting our greenspaces ✓ Monthly meetings with Police ✓ Working on public transport plans ✓ Supporting local schools and businesses ✓ Giving our community a voice! More inside!**



**Andy Tree says:**

*"With kind local support I won a town council by-election in 2017 and local town council elections in 2019, but I also **LOST BY ONLY 10 VOTES** in 2015! Please do come out and vote for me ON 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021 (or use your postal vote if you have one) if you support me and the Whitehill & Bordon Community Party. Thank you for reading!"*

**I just can't sit back and leave it to the local politicians to represent us properly!"**

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# WHO IS ANDY TREE?

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Andy Tree at Hollybrook Pond

- Family man: married to Katrina and has four children aged 13 to 3-years-old.
- Has lived in Lindford since 2010 and prior to that in Bordon.
- Created first financial services business aged 24 from his maisonette spare room in Kildare Close, later building a national accountancy firm from scratch.
- Founded the Whitehill & Bordon Community Party as a group of local people in 2017 to "better represent residents" across Whitehill, Bordon and Lindford.
- Lead the party to victory at the May 2019 local town council elections in Whitehill & Bordon, becoming Leader of the town council (an unpaid voluntary role.)
- Now wants to better-represent residents at Hampshire County Council-level and increase communication between HCC and the town & parish councils, in order to better fulfil his role and achieve results for the whole community.

## WHAT HAS ANDY TREE DONE SO FAR?

- ✓ Punches above his weight when having very few direct powers at town council-level.
- ✓ Fought for our **NEW SWIMMING POOL** in 2014, that finally opened in Dec 2020.
- ✓ Vowed to protect all Greenspaces and mature trees under town council control.
- ✓ Supports local businesses, giving free talks at local SIGNAL business hub, as a businessman.
- ✓ Continues to hold the Whitehill & Bordon Regeneration Company to account, including hosting multiple public meetings, a face-to-face interview and an interview by zoom. Lobbied them hard that only a **PROPER MAINSTREAM SUPERMARKET** would be acceptable, in addition to Tesco.
- ✓ Meets local police monthly to discuss local issues of concern, hosting a public meeting (pre-covid!) with police and police & crime commissioner, resulting in behind-the-scenes policy changes.
- ✓ Created the 'Community Awards', to recognise the achievements of local adults and young people. Supports local organisations, through town council grant aid.
- ✓ Negotiated with EHDC for 18 months, to finally be given a seat on the 'strategy group' for the regeneration of the town, at the end of 2020, to **ENSURE THE COMMUNITY HAS A PROPER VOICE!**
- ✓ Built up friendly working relations and supported local volunteer groups such as 'Bordon Buddies' and the Whitehill & Bordon Town Partnership, who run Christmas events, fireworks and summer fun day. This has been by financial support (from town council) and moral support!
- ✓ Hosted a public meeting with NHS CCG (part of NHS that pays for local services) to discuss Health Provision and Chase Hospital and continues to put pressure on those in power to deliver on health provision promises, as the population grows. Supported local covid-19 vaccine roll out.
- ✓ Has consistently fought for proper transport connections (having personally used the former raillink bus), most recently working with regen company 'VOCA' proposals that would offer taxi services for the price of a bus. It is Andy Tree who pushed for local taxi firms to be included in this plan!
- ✓ Pushed for free parking to be offered in the new town centre (which is now being offered!), to benefit residents and encourage people to come and spend their money in our town to benefit us!
- ✓ Worked tirelessly (all year round) to ensure that residents are heard by communicating through social media and public meetings (which result in updates being issued that we share.)
- ✓ Opened communication channels between the Town Council of Whitehill & Bordon and Lindford Parish Council, to look to work together on areas of mutual interest.

"Andy Tree has slammed East Hampshire District Council for failing to inform local members before loading another 1,300 news homes on to the town."  
- Bordon Herald online (19th June 2020.)

Andy Tree has branded the current BOSC Tree felling application as "misleading."  
- Bordon Herald online (30th Nov 2020.)



## WHAT WILL ANDY TREE DO, IF ELECTED AS OUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR, SPECIFICALLY RELATING TO THIS ROLE?

- Fight for a Hampshire County Council budget that is **FAIR** to Whitehill, Bordon and Lindford and will benefit us, including with the development of the new town centre.
- Further build on and improve communication between Town Council of Whitehill & Bordon, Lindford Parish Council and Hampshire County Council, to better serve his fellow residents.
- Put Whitehill, Bordon and Lindford **FIRST** in any vote at Hampshire County Council – which he can do as a true 'independent', not having to follow any national party group line.
- Use grant money allocated to him to benefit local organisations that serve our residents.
- Push to ensure health provision oversight is robust (Hampshire County Council has a role here.)
- Push to ensure public transport provision is appropriate for a growing large town-area such as Whitehill & Bordon and also Lindford village!
- Get involved in Bordon refuge and recycling centre issues, which fall under Hampshire County Council remit.
- Support our local schools, including further visits/talks. Also with parking issues, where Andy has already held meetings with HCC officers. Andy Tree will fight for proper **YOUTH FACILITIES!**
- Push to ensure he is involved in Hampshire County Council highway issues that affect our area, including speed limits, road safety, roadworks and road layout changes.
- Ensure he is accessible through social media, email, telephone and face-to-face meetings.
- Be in contact with Hampshire County Council countryside services, as they look after Broxhead Common, which is important to us.
- Push for a museum to be created, to celebrate our local history.
- Fight for our **FAIR** share of Hampshire County Council resources. **This last point is crucial, whether it relates to transport, libraries or anything else that is provided by Hampshire County Council!**

### Andy Tree says:

"I pledge to try and achieve results for our community by working constructively with councillors of all parties and on all levels, but to never shy away from fighting your corner if I feel Whitehill, Bordon or Lindford is being short-changed!  
I won't take orders from the Hampshire County Council Conservative Leader (from Brockenhurst) or the Liberal Democrat Group Leader (from Eastleigh!)  
If elected, **my only 'boss' will be the people of Whitehill, Bordon and Lindford!** I will ALWAYS put my fellow residents before any national party policy!"

**"Judge me on both my performance to-date and what I want to achieve for our Whitehill, Bordon and Lindford community in the future." – Andy Tree**

## MYTH BUSTER!

**MYTH:** 'Independent' candidates such as Andy Tree representing the Whitehill & Community Party cannot win a local election, and so a vote for him would be wasted.

**TRUTH:** Andy Tree and the Whitehill & Bordon Community Party members have already proved they can win local elections with local votes, by winning all 15 seats on the town council in May 2019 and Andy Tree himself winning a by-election in Sep 2017, shortly after our party was formed. This was against both Conservatives and Lib Dems. However, Andy Tree lost a town council election by only **10 VOTES** in 2015, so he can only win if supporters continue to turn out to vote for him to be our Hampshire County Councillor on 6<sup>th</sup> May!

**MYTH:** An 'independent' cannot achieve as much as a national party councillor.

**TRUTH:** We can achieve MORE! It is Andy Tree who recently negotiated as the town council leader, to join the EHDC-chaired 'strategy group'. The former Conservative town council leader had not been invited to join, despite being in the SAME party as the EHDC leadership! Andy Tree has a proven track record of punching above his weight to work for residents, not a national party! Bottom line is that national party councillors such as the Conservatives and Lib Dems have a party line to follow and leaders from elsewhere in Hampshire. Andy Tree does not - he is local and works for you!

**MYTH:** The local Conservatives are the only party who show financial astuteness.

**TRUTH:** Andy Tree has a proven track record in business as a national accountancy firm owner and can bring this into his voluntary council work. The former Conservative-majority town council increased its share of council tax by over 10% during their term, overspent on grant aid in order to fund a community trust and then froze town council share of council tax, just before an election (that we won!) The Whitehill & Bordon Community Party have now 'balanced the books' at the town council and maintained overall grant aid budget to support local organisations. We won't go into the recently published 'conduct report' relating to Conservative-controlled EHDC. It can be found online...!

**MYTH:** Lib Dems are the strongest opposition locally.

**TRUTH:** The Whitehill & Bordon Community Party has received more votes than the Lib Dems in the most recent town council elections, in Whitehill & Bordon. The Lib Dems have previously suggested that Labour voters should vote Lib Dem, when they are the strongest opposition party. By the same logic and to avoid being hypocritical, they should surely now be suggesting their supporters vote for Andy Tree! There are only two Lib Dems representing Bordon at EHDC and one of them lives in Liphook! Even Labour could not bring themselves to support Lib Dem recent budget amendments at EHDC – there were no costings or proper research! These meetings are recorded for public viewing, so you can watch and make up your own mind!

**MYTH:** The Green Party is best-placed to protect our community from over-development.

**TRUTH:** It was Andy Tree and Tina Strickland of the Whitehill & Bordon Community Party who challenged the developer to try and reduce the number of trees recently felled by BOSC and Andy Tree is quoted in the Bordon Herald as being in a "fury" over the 1300 extra houses proposed by EHDC (Bordon Herald online Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020). Our concerns with the Green Party are that whilst they would surely look to protect our natural environment and greenspaces (as we do), we also need to fight for the facilities promised to come with the houses such as the supermarket and town centre and cannot give the 'powers above' any excuses not the deliver what has been promised! Actions speak louder than words, and the Whitehill & Bordon Community Party has vowed to protect all greenspaces under our control, which we are doing at town council-level with Bordon Inclosure and Deadwater Valley Nature Reserve.

Andy Tree says: "on a personal level, I send my best wishes to all my opponents, who are standing against me and their families too.

There is a lot to do and still much to be delivered - as has been promised by the 'powers above' - but I remain optimistic about the future and what it holds for me and my fellow residents across Whitehill, Bordon and Lindford."