

Building a Better Brentwood



Thomas Heard, Conservative Candidate for Shenfield

Shenfield Conservative Candidate Thomas Heard is asking for your support on Thursday 6th May so that he can help to take the Borough forward for local residents.

On Thursday 6th May there will be several important local elections in the Borough. Before you place your cross in the box this election time, we would like to set out the reasons why we believe that you should vote Conservative at these elections.

Responding to the Covid-19 Pandemic

Last year was one of the toughest years for decades and many people have suffered, from students, to business owners, to the elderly.

During the past year, we have dealt with many crisis moments. The Leisure Trust became insolvent, and the Brentwood Centre closed. We reopened it again within a month, as promised. It now functions as a vaccination centre, vital to fighting the virus. We have been working in new ways with new partners, managing the crisis and have transferred over £35 million in grant funding to local businesses.

Looking Beyond The Pandemic

Brentwood Borough Council, under a Conservative administration, has risen to the challenge and delivered over the last 12 months. Not only have we dealt with the fallout of the pandemic, but we have continued to deliver our positive programme for our Borough.

The refurbishment of King Georges Park is well underway; you will have seen new play areas being installed. Our major investment in leisure at KGPF is progressing well and will benefit the community. The Local Development Plan for the Borough is with the Inspector.

A £7m investment in King George's Playing Fields

We continue to make investments across the Borough to deliver our plan to regenerate Brentwood for the benefit of residents.

Brentwood Borough Council, like all local councils, has been hit hard financially by this pandemic.



Local Council Tax Frozen

However, under the Conservatives, Brentwood Council has been able to deliver a balanced budget. There will be **NO COUNCIL TAX INCREASE** for Brentwood this year and **NO REDUCTION TO FRONTLINE SERVICES**. This is the right thing to do, when people are under such financial pressure at home. We have been able to do this because we run the council prudently. Whilst we will never claim to be perfect we will always try to listen.

Delivering our plan for the Borough

We want to be able to continue to deliver our exciting plan for Brentwood Borough over the coming years :

- 1. Growing the Economy** – Town centre investment and a new local on-line shopping initiative "Click It".
- 2. Protecting our Environment** – Planting thousands of trees, starting to install Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Points for motor cars and clamping down on littering.
- 3. Developing our Communities** – More play areas for 2021 and continued community events.
- 4. Improving our Housing** – Building new homes as part of our regeneration plans.
- 5. Delivering an Effective and Efficient Council** – Tax freeze, pay freeze and reduction in allowances.

It is the Conservatives who have delivered this comprehensive plan for Brentwood. We have an exciting vision to take our Borough forward and look forward to be able to keep delivering it. With your support we will build upon recent successes for the benefit of all local residents.

Many thanks. **Thomas Heard**



Council Leader Chris Hossack with the EV charging point installed at the town hall.

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO COMPLETED THE CONSULTATION ON THE NEW LIBRARY

Thank you to everyone who attended the virtual public consultation sessions on the plans for a new, modern library for Shenfield. Your feedback was very helpful and has been carefully reviewed. Since the meeting, Essex Housing has met with planning teams from Essex County Council and Brentwood Borough Council to discuss the feasibility and benefits of the proposals received as part of the consultation.

As a result, the inclusion of a lobby and provision for a gated outdoor public space, which can also be used for Children's Library events are currently being incorporated in to a revised scheme. In addition, some changes will be made to reflect concerns relating to privacy for



Thomas Heard outside Shenfield Library

nearby properties. The new Shenfield Library will have significantly updated facilities, make better use of technology, and is to include quality space for community groups to meet and hold events. It is anticipated that the building will have a greater appeal and as a result will

be more widely used by local people and community groups. Details are being finalised for the temporary library that will be at based at the Bishops Hill Adult Community Learning Centre in Rayleigh Road. This will house books, along with computers and online access whilst the work to the permanent building is taking place at the existing site.

Essex Housing will be publishing full details of the roadmap for the new Library shortly and will continue to work closely with local residents, Essex County Council and Brentwood Borough Council in order to ensure the best possible facilities are delivered for the community.

OTHER SHENFIELD NEWS & INFORMATION



KEEPING OUR BOROUGH TIDY & CLEAN

Brentwood Council has instigated fixed penalty fines for those who choose to deliberately litter our town. The "Take It Home or Get a Fine" campaign is underway to encourage those individuals to change their behaviour.



GOOD NEWS RE: PARKING FOR SHENFIELD

South Essex Parking Partnership has approved junction protection for Shenfield Park, between Shorter Ave and Oliver Road. Double yellow lines have also been agreed for Chelmsford Rd from Tabors Corner to Alexander Lane.



HUTTON ROAD FOOTPATH REPAIRS

Working with County Cllr Louise McKinlay your local Conservative team has been successful in getting repairs done to the block paving in Hutton Road. A delighted Cllr Jan Pound is pictured next to one of the repairs.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO JAMES

We would like to place on record our thanks to Councillor James Tumbridge who is sadly stepping down at this election.

James has done a truly amazing job working hard for residents since his election five years ago.

We all look forward to staying in touch with James in other ways and wish him and his family all the very best for the future. **Thank you James!**



Cllr James Tumbridge

