

Reigate & Banstead InTouch

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News from Westminster – Rebecca Paul MP

It remains a great honour to have been elected your Member of Parliament and I will always work tirelessly to make Reigate, Redhill, Banstead and our villages an even better place to live and work.

Within Parliament, I have worked hard alongside my Conservative colleagues to successfully fight for:

- ✓ **Winter Fuel Payments to be reinstated**
- ✓ **Defence spending to be increased**
- ✓ **National Inquiry on Rape Gangs**

But there is so much more to do:

- **Green Belt to be protected** – Labour has doubled local housing targets from 644 to 1,306 per year. This is not fair or achievable – I am working with our councillors to support much-

needed new homes in places that work for existing and new residents.

- **Economy imploding** – The Labour Chancellor's policies have caused the economy to shrink, inflation rising from 2% to 3.4%, unemployment up at 4.5% and tax hikes a practical inevitability.
- **Illegal immigration out of control** – The Prime Minister promised a reset with Europe and France would help stop illegal immigration – it has risen by 14% in the past year.
- **Rebecca has spoken in Parliament 276 times** on local and national issues since being elected Reigate's MP.



Rebecca Paul MP asking the Prime Minister to increase defence spending to 2.5% in December 2024, which he has now subsequently agreed to do.



Rebecca Paul MP and Greg Stafford MP in Norway with the Royal Marines for cold weather training.

Locally, I'm working on the following campaigns:

- **Fixing our roads** – pressing for more funding for local roads (we have the 5th busiest road network in England) and replacing the road surface

between J8&9 on the M25 to cut noise.

- **A new hospital for Sutton** – pushing for a much-needed new hospital to serve patients in Sutton

and the surrounding areas.

2037 is too late! Read more on the next page.



Rebecca Paul MP experiencing the high levels of noise firsthand from the M25's ageing concrete surface.

GETTING YOUNG PEOPLE INTERESTED IN POLITICS

I am passionate about our young people having a good understanding of politics and have visited lots of local

schools in my first year as your MP.

If you'd like me to come to talk to your students, please get in touch.

Rebecca Paul MP has visited many schools during her first year to understand the challenges faced.



Working for Reigate, Redhill, Banstead and our villages

Support Rebecca Paul MP and your local Conservative team at www.rbca.org.uk

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

The Government is changing the way local councils are run. In Surrey, we are moving from one county council and 11 borough councils to unitary authority control – meaning all services for an area will be overseen by a single council. We will also

have an elected mayor for the first time.

The boundaries and how many unitary authorities Surrey will have are yet to be confirmed – please take part in the consultation on the options being considered by Government by

scanning the QR code. It closes on 5 August.

We expect the outcome to be announced by the Government this autumn and local elections to be held in May 2026.

These changes will make our town and parish councils even

more important in making sure local views are heard.

Reigate and Banstead Borough Council's consultation is due to be launched shortly to understand how local people would like town and parish councils to be organised.



SCAN ME

Local News from your Conservative Team

Excellent Financial Management of Reigate and Banstead Borough Council

Conservative Council Leader Richard Biggs, says: "Reigate and Banstead is the only borough council in Surrey with money in the bank – we are solvent because the Conservatives have focused relentlessly on value for money and close

management of finances while providing excellent services. We will fight to ensure our residents don't lose out in the reorganisation and that our fantastic council staff are properly looked after."

£500,000 funding for Local Infrastructure Projects - apply before the end of July to Reigate and Banstead Borough Council

Does your local community need new play equipment, updates to your village hall or cargo bikes for low carbon deliveries? These are just a few ideas of projects that could be funded by money from the Community Infrastructure Levy. Apply now.

Further CIL funding will be available in future - please contact the Council for details.



SCAN ME

Prioritising a new hospital for Sutton

Rebecca Paul is working hard alongside Jed Dwight, Conservative councillor for Chipstead, Kingswood and Woodmansterne, to press the Labour Government to prioritise delivery of the new Specialist Emergency Care Hospital in Sutton, which has been delayed until 2030 to 2035. Meaning the earliest opening date would be 2037 – this is too late.

This much-needed new hospital will consolidate emergency care into a state-of-the-art facility

allowing delivery of world class treatment quickly and safely. Even more importantly, it will enable major investment in both Epsom and St Helier Hospitals, which serve patients in the Banstead area.

Patients and staff all deserve better than to spend a further decade or longer in facilities that are not fit by modern healthcare standards. Our MP has called on Ministers to revisit their decision to delay the project. We'll keep you updated.

£110.5m for SEND education in Surrey

The Conservatives at Surrey County Council have approved the money to expand provision across Surrey, which will deliver 2,404 more specialist school places by 2030. Cllr Jonathan Hulley is the Cabinet member responsible and says:

"Working with cabinet colleagues and building on the recent Ofsted rating of our Children's

Services as Good, I want to prioritise improvements in our SEND service, including recruiting additional case workers, improved complaints handling and quality assurance, supporting closer working with schools and families, and the timely completion of the annual review and key stage transfer statutory activity."

NEWS IN BRIEF

BIG CONSERVATIVE WINS!

- ✓ Improving road safety outside schools, through villages & residential areas.

- ✓ Resolving flooding problems across

Banstead, Woodmansterne & Chipstead.

- ✓ Working closely with Residents' Associations & other community groups.

Councillor Luke Bennett was elected in 2021 to represent the residents of Banstead, Woodmansterne & Chipstead at Surrey County Council. Luke's achievements so far have included securing

funding for engineering solutions for the 3 worst flood spots in his division, road safety improvements and speed limit adjustments, as well as funding for a broad range of community

initiatives.

Luke puts these successes down to positive collaboration with his councillor colleagues, our MP and local Residents' Associations.



NEW SHEDS FOR CHIPSTEAD BOWLS CLUB

Borough councillor Shelly Newton and county councillor Luke Bennett

joined forces to secure £29,000 grant funding for storage sheds and other

improvements for the club from Surrey County Council's Your Fund.

Securing funding for fantastic community organisations, like Chipstead Bowls Club, is an important aspect of local councillors' work.

FIXING UP CASTLE ROAD SCOUT HUT

Cllr Simon Parnall has been working with the leaders of the 15th Reigate (Chipstead) Scouts to

secure support for works at their hut at the top of Castle Road, Chipstead. As a result, new roofs have

been fitted, new lighting installed, the woodland has been made safe and new hedging and fencing fitted.



Cllr Shelly Newton has also been working on:

- ✓ Arranging for Reigate and Banstead Council to fix the surfaces in our car parks in Woodmansterne Rec, Chipstead Meads, Banstead Woods and Banstead Scout Hall – A Big Conservative Win for the area and your car's suspension!
- ✓ Installing a new height barrier on the car park at Woodmansterne Rec to stop trucks/lorries from entering and fly tipping at the BRING site.
- ✓ Securing new disabled access gates in Burgh Heath at the entrance to Perrotts Farm (a big thank you to Burgh Heath Residents' Association for all their support) and Woodmansterne Rec.
- ✓ Installing new bins across Chipstead and Woodmansterne – rodent-proof waste bins are keeping our area tidier.



Scan the QR code and find out more about our other work:

- ✓ Working with residents to preserve the character of our villages.
- ✓ Supporting safer neighbourhoods, working closely with the Police and community groups.
- ✓ Championing local businesses, charities and community initiatives.
- ✓ Improving local services including roads, waste and public transport.



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- ☐ Deliver leaflets
- ☐ Attend social events
- ☐ Join the local Party
- ☐ Vote by post
- ☐ Stand for Council

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