

REIGATE AND BANSTEAD BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

NORK WARD

**Brian
STEAD**

**Thursday
3rd May 2018
7am-10pm**

**NORK RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION**
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YOUR RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION CANDIDATE

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Dear Fellow Resident,

It does not seem four years ago that you re-elected me as one of your three Borough Councillors. Unlike political parties, who vote as a group whatever their interests are, our vote is for you.

All my working life was devoted to the Crown and since retirement I have been keen to serve my local community. I believe to represent a community one has to be involved in that community and that is why I have served in so many local areas.

To work as an efficient team, your Nork Councillors have applied their expertise in different aspects of Council functions. I have concentrated on policy and financial matters. In this work I have ensured that the interests of Nork residents have been upheld and sought value for money. Since serving as your Mayor in 2011-12, my Chairmanship of the Borough Overview and Scrutiny Committee has led to much closer scrutiny of Executive decisions, and I have direct regular access to the Chief Executive and the Council Leader.

I ask you to cast your vote for the Residents' Association on 3rd May and give me the continued honour of serving your interests on the Borough Council. I will listen to and represent ALL residents, regardless of political persuasion, and will be pleased to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Stead

**A Strong Local and Non-Party
Political Voice for the People of
NORK**



Brian Stead

- Born in London and lived in Nork for 27 years
- Educated at Wilsons School, graduated BSc(Eng) at Imperial College, London and served an apprenticeship at Hawker Aircraft, Kingston.
- Joined the RAF as a pilot. Became a flying instructor and later, as a Wing Commander, led a Phantom Squadron in Germany. Entered the Civil Service in 1973 working as a senior civil servant in the Ministry of Defence until retirement.
- Widowed but with three children and seven grandchildren
- Reigate and Banstead Borough Councillor for the last 24 years and Leader of the seven strong Residents' Association Group of Councillors in the Council.
- Mayor of Reigate and Banstead Borough 2011-12
- Governor at Warren Mead Junior School.
- Committee member of Nork Community Association
- Ex Treasurer of Music in the Park Committee

Brian Stead has represented Nork Ward on the Borough Council since 1995. He has earned the respect of all parties and his talents have been recognised by his peers, having been elected as Chairman of various Council Committees, currently the important cross-party Overview and Scrutiny Committee. He is also the only RA Councillor to be elected as Mayor. His experience, together with our other two Borough Councillors, has demonstrated that **party politics are best left out of local government**. To allow him to continue his work towards the welfare and benefit of all our residents, **I urge you to vote for Brian on May 3rd.**

George Hinton, Chairman, Nork Residents' Association

■ CHARACTER OF NORK

We scrutinise vigorously all planning applications to maintain the character of the area and to ensure intensive and detrimental development is minimised. We promote the local environment and oppose un-neighbourly cramped schemes with inadequate parking and loss of trees.

■ ROADS AND PAVEMENTS

Concerned at the poor maintenance of pavements and roads we are constantly prompting repairs and improvements. We campaigned for a long-term road re-building programme and are pleased that many of our roads and the pavements of Ruden Way, Nork Way shopping parade and Warren Road have recently been re-surfaced. In the coming year resurfacing is scheduled for Warren Road.

We supported the unsuccessful petition for an additional car park in Nork Way shopping parade and will continue to press for improved parking arrangements there when resources become available. We backed a campaign to get the new pedestrian crossing across the busy A217 near Burgh Wood, so children can safely reach schools in Banstead Village.

■ LEISURE CENTRE

We fought long and hard to keep a swimming pool in the face of opposition of the Council leadership. We encourage residents to take advantage of the new facilities at Tadworth Leisure Centre.

■ ENVIRONMENT

We value the trees in Nork and whenever possible have resisted pre-emptive felling. We are also concerned at the litter and dog mess which spoil our roads and green spaces and encourage Council officers and Police to fine offenders. We are intent on replacing lost highway trees which have given Nork so much of its green appearance. To maintain the appearance and security of the Fir Tree Road fencing, we spent £3900 of NRA funds on repairs.

■ COUNCIL TAX

The Government's Revenue Support Grant has been withdrawn from the Borough so, to maintain its services, the Borough has had to resort to commercial investment. This has emphasised the need for closer scrutiny of the finances. Brian was instrumental in tightening Budget processes and developing more thorough scrutiny.

■ RECREATION

To improve the facilities in Nork Park Brian managed the installation of the Fitness Trail, the improved picnic area and led the project to provide the enhanced skate park.

■ CRIME AND DISORDER

Brian has led consultations with Surrey Police and the Council to attempt to counter the recent spate of burglaries, youth disorder, vandalism and drug dealing. He was in the forefront of action to limit the invasion of Nork Park by travellers.

■ TRANSPORT

We lobbied County and Chris Grayling MP expressing concern at the possible loss of the 166 bus and were delighted that County agreed to subsidise the route for the next 5 years. We also wrote in 2015 to Network Rail, Southern Rail and Chris Grayling MP seeking a better frequency, faster service, seven days a week and are pleased a twice-hourly daily and a Sunday service start from May.

■ DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN (DMP)

The Borough has drafted its DMP to specify development in the Borough. We made significant contributions to this in the interests of Nork and encouraged residents to respond to the consultation.

■ NORK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Brian negotiated £25,000 in grants from Borough and County towards the cost of replacing the roof of the Social Section. We supported this, agreeing to match funding raised by the NCA towards this project, which has now been completed.