

INDEPENDENT ALLIANCE in KENT (IAK)

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Hello, I am writing to introduce myself. I am **Sue Butterfill - Independent Alliance Kent (IAK) Candidate for Hadlow, Shipbourne and Plaxtol**, which is now **Bourne Ward**, in the **local elections on Thursday 4th May 2023**. I am an energetic mother, grandmother of a young family and have 38 years of experience of working in public services, for the Royal Borough of Greenwich. I have served as a Borough & Town Councillor in Dartford and am proud to have represented the community there for 12 years. I now live in St Marys Platt and have been active as a Councillor on Borough Green Parish Council.

I love to get involved with the community and have organised Family Fun Days for the past 12 years, the Queens Jubilee in Borough Green 2022 and the Father Christmas tour of Platt & Borough Green in 2022.

Family Fun Day with Len Goodman 2022



South East 4x4 Response Santa Volunteers 2022



South East 4x4 Response Santa himself



B.G. Queen's Jubilee 2022 - donation



The Independence Alliance (Kent) - What we Stand For

We are all long serving Borough & Parish Councillors who spend a great deal of time talking to people, attending Parish & Borough Council meetings as well as coffee mornings. We do this for one single reason; because our job is to find your consensus on important issues and develop them into policies.

We do not have policies handed down by Government or a Political Party, for one single reason; it is you who draft the policies who we speak up for and challenge. We want to be your representatives at Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council (TMBC).

I am proud to be part of the **Independent Alliance (Kent)** and trust you will come on board and help us help each other in protecting where we live.



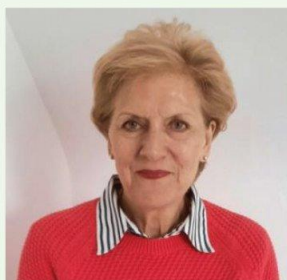
OUR GREENBELT & AREAS OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY are under constant threat from Developers and Planners. We have a proven track record in successfully fighting incursions into MGB/AONB, and pledge to continue to do so. Once Green Spaces have been lost to development they have gone forever, they are a strictly limited resource, and are vital to our Food Security and Health and Well Being as Recreational Space. BOROUGH GREEN GARDEN CITY is the most appalling of all these proposals which will create a town bigger than Tonbridge on our Greenbelt. We are not opposed to development, but it needs to be proportionate and meet LOCAL needs

RURAL BUS ROUTES are under constant threat from Government Cuts and KCC's Financial Meltdown, and that has made Bus Subsidies an easy target for the Accountants. Rural Communities depend on public transport for those who do not drive. Funding the School Bus Service and regular daily bus routes is well beyond the financial reach of Parishes. So the Parish Alliance is at in constant negotiations with Bus Operators to provide at least a once week service to the main shopping centres and hospitals from every village. If the initial trials on the 70 and 58 routes from Borough Green to Maidstone & Larkfield are successful, they can then be used on other local routes. Because these schemes will consolidate bus use to a single day, they could well become self financing, and indeed help towards the financial viability of the School buses



CLIMATE CHANGE. This is how our country will look if we do not take action at every level to tackle Climate Change and Pollution NOW, and make no mistake - **IT HAS TO BE NOW.** We cannot depend on Governments and Big Business to take the lead, they always have another policy that they allow to take priority over tackling Climate Change, or worse use weasel words to portray their profligacy and waste as "Green". We are an active part of a cross party consensus at Tonbridge & Malling to push Planners and Developers beyond the ancient rules imposed by Government, nudging the Planning Process to get Climate Change mitigation measures added into every single development application.

This is our Independent Alliance team below:



SUE BUTTERFILL BOURNE WARD



SCOTT MILLENER PILGRIMS



TIM SHAW PILGRIMS WARD



WENDY PALMER BG & PLATT



MIKE TAYLOR BG & PLATT

Please accept my thanks in taking the time to read this card.
I hope you have found it helpful. Best wishes - Sue Butterfill.