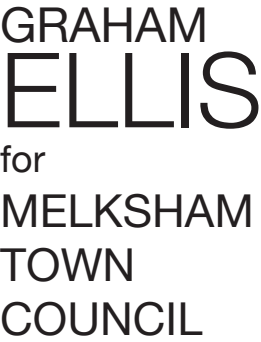




Graham Ellis has lived and run his business in Melksham for 20 years. Now retired, he's standing as an independent candidate for the south ward of the Town Council. Graham campaigned for town businesses as President of the Chamber of Commerce, and remains fully active in train and bus service improvement, having our Campus in the town, and promoting the development of Melksham. If elected, Graham will continue to work for the town, facing the challenges of Coronavirus recovery, climate change, and diversity issues. – Melksham Independent News



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I have a few things in mind ...

Using the bus to link to the train? Brilliant.



“Growing Need for Public Transport”
posted on 15th April 2021



“School Pick-ups and Drop-offs”
posted on 14th April 2021



“Overcome Political Hurdles - Persist”
posted on 13th April 2021

These are my views about what a town councillor should stand for, be and do. They are what I will stand for if elected for the south ward of Melksham on 6th May 2021.

They might look like statements of the obvious – they do to me. But I have learned that many of them are not shared by other candidates, so I am listing them as MY understanding.

What do I stand for?

- A vibrant Melksham with appropriate growth
- A town that has a strong heart and healthy lungs
- A safe, green and pleasant town
- A town that is welcoming to all, irrespective of gender, race, age, religion, ability
- A town making good of climate change, and Covid recovery
- To help provide local services best provided through a town council at a good price
- Saying the same things prior to the election and then once elected
- A town that treasures its staff, volunteers, councillors and residents
- A town that encourages visitors to add to our life and economy
- A town that encourages businesses of all legal and appropriate types
- To help make inputs to planning, unitary, regional and national issues as they effect the town and its people
- A town that cares for its schools, roads, parks, town centre, transport, playgrounds and residents

What do I believe a Town Councillor should do?

And I will do my best

- Live in the ward they represent
- Tell you (the electors) what's really happening and not decide issues in a caucus
- Get back with people when they ask questions, be available to all
- Nurture the excellent base we already have and encourage it to develop
- Put his or her heart into positive change for Melksham and neighbouring communities
- Represent the people who elected him/her
- Be independent of any political or group interest before and after the election
- Look after funds prudently
- Offer only very limited grants to organisations with which the councillor is involved
- Have the time and energy to fulfil the role throughout the four-year term
- See top picture - “Going through hoops for you”

Now - experience, which will differ from that of other candidates

- Lived in Melksham for over 20 years
- Run and grown a customer facing business here
- President of Chamber of Commerce for 8 years
- Campaigned for improved train service (and got it!) over many years
- Campaigned against bus service cuts (and helped save many)
- Worked to get new Campus in the town (rather than at the Melksham Oak site, out of town, beyond Bowerhill)
- Provided evidenced inputs on behalf of groups to consultations to help steer thing
- Surveyed, organised and manned stalls, written and distributed leaflets, cleaned and litter picked; not just for election, but ongoing and regular
- Stuck around with each of the above and worked with others to make sure they work
- Regular contributor to the Bowerhill Villager
- Represented Well House Manor on *Four in a Bed* to promote the town

If you live in Melksham's South Ward, I would really appreciate your vote in the forthcoming (6th May 2021) elections.

I am standing as an independent, and being newly retired I have time to continue to serve the community, now in this additional way.



“Melksham Litter Picking”
posted on 12th April 2021



“Big Changes - Electric Car Charging”
posted on 11th April 2021



“Online Answer Questions”
posted on 9th April 2021



“Making it Walkable”
posted on 8th April 2021



“Campaigning in Partnership”
posted on 6th April 2021



“Do We Need More Rubbish Bins?”
posted on 5th April 2021



“From Two Empty Trains to Nine Busy”
posted on 7th April 2021



“Melksham Town Centre”
posted on 4th April 2021



“An Introduction to Graham Ellis”
posted on 2nd April 2021



“Four in a Bed”
posted on 1st April 2021



“Restoring Old Buildings”
posted on 31st March 2021