



Niki (far right) with her fellow Green Councillors

What Niki has been doing for you in Richmond

- Initiated a petition, signed by over 1,400 locals to reduce the transport chaos in the East of the Borough
- Challenged the Council over not using enforcement powers against Housing Associations who breach 'decent housing standards', including on disrepair and anti-social behaviour.
- Challenged the Council policy of not building its own much needed supported or social rent housing.
- Opposed the £1 million in cuts to children's and youth centres across the borough, which will mainly impact poorer families.
- Lobbied the Council for more financial support for schools struggling with falling pupil numbers, high costs and tight budgets.
- Campaigned for improved financial assistance and better quality accommodation for those in and leaving care.
- Pushed the council to enforce and expand its 'hire local and train local' policies.

"Niki is the most effective councillor that I've worked with in Mortlake. I'm impressed with her speech at the council and the way she set up the traffic petition. She's always available to help me and others"

Resident of Chertsey Court.

ABOUT NIKI CROOKDAKE

A local resident for many years, Niki was elected to be your Green Party councillor in May 2022. She has a background of working on behalf of young people, including on the education forum, and is now on the Education and Children's Services Committee and the Joint Pensions Committee.

Since being elected, Niki has worked hard in the community to create a more caring, inclusive and equal Mortlake and Barnes Common. In her first year as a councillor, working with Mortlake Community Association she helped to set up a community cafe and advice hub in Mortlake Hall. She has challenged the proposed over-development at the STAG Brewery and Barnes hospital, cuts to youth service funding and pressed for better quality housing for residents. She has also worked to resolve anti-social behaviour in the area, although there is much more to do.



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"I listen to residents, act on their needs and work hard to improve their quality of life"



A YEAR OF GREEN ACTION IN MORTLAKE & BARNES COMMON FROM YOUR COUNCILLOR, NIKI CROOKDAKE



Campaigned against violence towards women and girls on the White Ribbon Walk



Campaigned against the closure of Mortlake ticket office.



Sorted out disabilities grant to get long-awaited kitchen and garden adaptations for wheelchair user.

Helped secure improved CCTV, a full ward police team and street lighting to improve residents' safety.



Participated in litter picks on the towpath.



Tidied up a neglected courtyard in Beloe Close with residents and Barnes Community Gardeners.

Planted bulbs, created beds and cleared Chertsey Court Garden with residents in Big Green Week.

Set up Mortlake Meet-up for professionals delivering services for residents including the new food bank and cafe in the Powerstation youth centre.

Worked with social services to secure a supported living flat for an 84-year-old sofa surfer.



Took strong action on proposals for STAG Brewery and Barnes Hospital in council and community meetings ensuring residents concerns are heard.



Took action to stop engine idling to clean up air at two level crossings.



Weekly volunteer at Mortlake Community Association, community cafe and advice hub.



Pushed Housing Association to get rid of rats in tenants' home and lobbied Council to improve pest control across the borough.

Initiated a petition for an updated transport strategy in our area and campaigned for improvements to walking and cycling routes and public transport infrastructure.



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