

Setting the record straight

Why 6 left Spelthorne Conservatives and will not return

You may have heard that the former Leader, 4 Cabinet members and one of the most respected Conservative Councillors recently left the Conservative Party and formed United Spelthorne Group.

The decision, taken reluctantly, was the consequence of many months of unacceptable treatment from an element of the local Conservative Party, including some other Councillors. Despite seeking discrete resolution nothing was done and we were left no alternative but to leave.

Our departure was carefully considered, planned and coordinated over a number of weeks and included immediately launching a web site www.unitedspelthorne.org where you can read our resignation letters and statement. Reasons included an atmosphere of bullying, intimidation and especially misogyny. *Anyone doubting this needs to do no more than observe social media to witness the ongoing abuse.* Notably 4 of the 6 who left were female Cabinet members and the new “leadership” has only appointed 2 ladies in a total of 8 on Cabinet.....

Contrary to what the decimated Tories are claiming, we did not “flounce out” and no we were not suspended either! Furthermore, we have no intention or desire to return to a party or group that locally is clearly in decline.

We were all elected to represent and serve you, the residents of Spelthorne to the best of our ability and we pledge to continue to do so. Unfortunately, it was not possible to do that whilst remaining in the Conservative Party.

YOU elected US and WE will continue to serve YOU.