

**PATRICIA O'BRIEN - CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE**  
**SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 4<sup>th</sup> June 2009**  
**MARTLESHAM DIVISION**

**Patricia Writes :-**

I have lived in the Martlesham Division for 23 years and have served as a county councillor for 8 years, representing first the Colneis Division 2001/2005, and since 2005, Martlesham. I am married, with 4 grown up children and 5 grandchildren. I have a degree in Government and Politics.



During the past four years I have been a member of the Cabinet with responsibility for Children, Schools and Young People's Services. This is a large portfolio, encompassing both education and children's social services. My focus in education has been to encourage all schools to raise standards, and to aim high in their ambitions for their pupils. It is my fervent desire to see all schools good schools.

Children's social care is of paramount importance and I have initiated an Early Intervention and Prevention Strategy, whereby all agencies dealing with children, working together through the Children's Trust, identify children at risk as early as possible so that measures can be taken to give support to families and prevent children coming into care.

I chair committees such as: the Children's Trust, a body that brings together organisations from across the county to jointly commission services for children and the County Strategy Group, that monitors the progress of the School Organisation Review. I am a member of the Building Schools for the Future Programme Board, the Felixstowe Learning Alliance and I am a member of the Operation Stack Steering Group.

As your county councillor I have dealt with many local issues, particularly relating to roads and education. I have spent my locality budget (grant from the county council) on projects a diverse as: notice boards; play equipment for children; training courses and secure fencing.

I am a district councillor for Nacton ward and have served at Suffolk Coastal District Council for 10 years. During that time I was Cabinet member for Health and Well-Being. I am strongly opposed to the proposed siting of 1000 - 2000 homes in the Martlesham area and I have objected and voiced my concerns on numerous occasions. I will continue to oppose any proposal for large housing developments in our area.

I believe that my experience as a councillor has given me the level of knowledge and expertise that will be of benefit to all Martlesham constituents in the years ahead. I hope that you will vote for me on June 4th.