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**News from your Ashenground Conservative Councillors and Sir Nicholas Soames MP** 



## ACOUNTRY THAT INSIDE: Wivelsfield Road crossing now installed! WORKS FOR EVERYONE

#### A message from Theresa May

The referendum result in June was not just a vote to leave the EU - it was about something much broader. It was about a deep, justified sense that for many people the world works well for a privileged few but not for them.

Our society should work for everyone, but if you can't afford to get onto the property ladder, or your child is stuck in a bad school, it doesn't feel like it's working for you.

Our economy should work for everyone, but if your pay has stagnated for several years in a row and fixed items of spending keep going up, it doesn't feel like it's working for you.

Our democracy should work for everyone, but if you've been trying to say things need to change for years and your complaints fall on deaf ears, it doesn't feel like it's working for you.

We've achieved a lot over the last six years to tackle this: the deficit down, more people into work than ever before, the lowest paid taken out of income tax, a new National Living Wage, one and a half million more children in good or outstanding schools, 3 million new apprenticeships.

But more still needs to be done to put government at the service of ordinary working class people – focusing on the good that government can do.

While Labour remain divided and divisive, completely out of touch with the concerns of ordinary families, it is only the Conservatives who can make these changes happen. Political visions are not enough on their own - you need to put the hours and the effort in too. But if you do, great things can happen and great changes can occur.

Let's rise to this moment together.



## Theresa May's plan to build a country that works for everyone

- A proper industrial strategy identifying the industries that are of strategic value to our economy and supporting and promoting them through trade, tax, infrastructure, skills, training, and research and development policies.
- **Bold new education reforms** so that every child has the chance to go to a good, local school and that they are not held back by where they live or how much money their parents have. The Government will end the ban on new grammar schools as well as a range of other reforms to create more good school places.
- **Continuing to invest in our NHS** £10 billion extra over this Parliament, which is only possible because of the strong economic foundations we have built. We believe in public service. We believe in investing in and supporting the institutions that make our country great.

- **Reforming corporations** to ensure all businesses are run accountably and with the long-term interest clearly in mind.
- **Building more houses** meaning that more people have the opportunity to buy a home of their own and that less of the monthly family budget is poured into accommodation costs.
- **Getting immigration under control** leaving the EU gives us an opportunity to control the numbers of people coming here from Europe and the Government will be consulting over the next few months on steps to reduce non-EU migration.
- **Strengthening workers' rights** we're going to review our laws to make sure that, in our modern and flexible economy, people are properly protected at work.
- **Protecting those who cannot work** we will end the mandatory retesting of work capability for those with chronic health conditions that only induces stress but does nothing at all to help.

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#### **MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS - IT'S GOOD TO TALK!**

Ashenground Ward Councillors are holding a 'Meet your Councillor' surgery on **Saturday 26th November** at **Ashenground Community Centre** between **9.30am and 12 noon.** Come along and give us your thoughts and views on Ashenground's future – or anything else you'd like us to discuss!

WIVELSFIELD ROAD CROSSING NOW INSTALLED

After a long campaign led by Sujan Wickremaratchi, the County Council has now installed a pedestrian crossing in Wivelsfield Road.

The road has become busier since Sainsbury's Local opened and a controlled crossing has been necessary to allow local residents to access the shop safely. The crossing may also help reduce traffic speeds along this road and was funded from money paid by developers towards infrastructure.

Cllr Sujan Wickremaratchi said: "Wivelsfield Road is a long road which, before this crossing, didn't have any safe crossing points. I'm really pleased that we have been able to make this crossing a reality".



# YOUR SPEED

## TACKLING SPEEDING IN RESIDENTIAL ROADS

Councillors are aware of concerns about speeding in residential roads in Ashenground and have piloted temporary speed signs to great effect. Cllr Anne Boutrup says: "A good way of tackling speeding is by residents forming a Community Speedwatch group. Please get in touch for more information".

## ASHENGROUND IS PREPARED FOR WINTER

In order to ensure the area is well prepared in the event of severe weather this winter, more salt bins have been installed across Ashenground by the Town Council. Cllr Howard Mundin said: "It's always sensible to be well prepared - please let us know if your road needs a salt bin"



## VOTE 'YES' TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ON 1ST DECEMBER

Haywards Heath residents will have the chance to influence future development in the town by voting for the Neighbourhood Plan in a referendum on Thursday 1st December.

The plan has been prepared by the Town Council and endorsed by an independent examiner. It sets out how the town will develop over the coming years, with sites identified for affordable homes for local people and new infrastructure such as a new primary school to help meet the demand for places.

The plan will also protect open spaces and deliver a new country park, allotments and cemetery.

Without a plan, the town will not have influence over the future growth of the town. Local Councillors urge you to vote 'Yes' on Thursday 1st December. Find out more at www.haywardsheath.gov.uk

#### **GOWER ROAD PARKING**

Local Councillors have been assisting residents in Gower Road with concerns about the parking restrictions in the road. Residents have been lobbying to remove some of the restrictions which they feel are unfair to those living locally.

#### **SKATE PARK**

The Victoria Park skate park has recently had replacement equipment installed as a result of investment from the District Council to ensure it continues to be safe for young people.