



A COUNTRY THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE

The referendum result last 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.



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.
- **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 grammars - as well as 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 economy.
- **Building more houses** - meaning that more people have the opportunity to buy a home of their own
- **Getting immigration under control** - leaving the EU gives us an opportunity to control the numbers of people coming here from Europe
- **Strengthening workers' rights** - we're going to review our laws to make sure that, 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.

UNIONS MUST END RAIL STRIKES SAYS TOWN'S MP

Haywards Heath's MP Sir Nicholas Soames has again called for the rail unions to end the strikes which have brought rail services to their knees, on top of the very poor performance of Southern. Sir Nicholas and other MPs are in regular contact with the Secretary of State and recently met the Prime Minister to raise the issue. The rail regulator has recently ruled that driver operated trains, the cause of the strike, are safe.

Sir Nicholas said: "I pray earnestly that we are going to see a resolution to these contemptible strikes which are causing residents and their families such grotesque and appalling disruption. You have my profound apologies for the way in which your life is being mucked around".

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TOWN'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN APPROVED IN REFERENDUM

Haywards Heath residents voted in December to approve the town's Neighbourhood Plan with 90% voting in favour of the plan. The plan has now been formally adopted by the District Council and will be used to help influence the planning process.

Included in the Neighbourhood Plan are proposals for a country park in Hurstwood Lane, cemetery, allotments and land for a new primary school.

Councillor **Mike Pulfer** says: "We have long sought improvements in infrastructure alongside new homes and the Neighbourhood Plan will help us deliver that. A huge amount of work has gone into the preparation of the plan, which will continue now to ensure it is delivered for the benefit of the town".



and other MPs, the Government has recently improved the protection for Neighbourhood Plans and weight they have in the planning system.

Following campaigning by Sir Nicholas Soames

Read the plan at www.haywardsheath.gov.uk

FAIRER SCHOOL FUNDING AGREED BY GOVERNMENT

Schools in West Sussex have for many years been some of the worst funded in the country as a result of historic anomalies in the schools funding formula. That situation could now be set to improve following the announcement by the Government in recent weeks of a new, fairer, national funding formula. More than 10,000 schools nationally, including many in the Haywards Heath area will see their funding increase in 2018/19. A consultation on the proposals is now underway.

Councillor **Stephen Hillier** says: "There is a real injustice in the current system which means that a child in West Sussex has less money spent on their education than a child with similar needs in other parties of the country. The Government's commitment to improving this situation is a step in the right direction".

TACKLING PARKING AND SPEEDING ISSUES

Action continues to be taken by local Councillors to make local roads better, through speed limits, yellow lines and improving public transport.

Councillor **Jed Dwight** says: "Residents often report frustration at inconsiderate parking and dangerous speeding and we always work with highways officials to seek improvements for the community".

Councillors support the establishment of speed watch groups in the ward, which can be valuable for raising awareness of speeding issues and providing the police with data. A package of parking restrictions in Northlands Avenue & Frankton Avenue has been agreed by the County Council.

POSITIVE FUTURE FOR ORCHARDS SHOPPING CENTRE

The Orchards Shopping Centre has been purchased by Mid Sussex District Council following a competitive bidding process. The Council, which already owned the freehold, has now acquired the long lease as part of it's strategy to make itself more financially independent and support the economy. Councillor **Garry Wall** says: "This decision was a major one for the Council but will generate a significant income which will be invested in local services and facilities. Clearly, full ownership will allow the Council to better consider how the centre may be improved".

COMMUNITY WARDEN

A new Community Warden has been introduced in Haywards Heath as part of a partnership between the Town Council, Police & Crime Commissioner and Southern Co-Op for a one year pilot. The Warden will be based at the Town Hall and will work primarily in the town centre but can be deployed elsewhere when needed.

Councillor **Rod Clarke** said: "The Warden will work to improve community safety and crime prevention, as well as liaison with retailers. I look forward to seeing how the pilot goes".

News in brief

■ With spring around the corner, many residents will think about their gardens. Conservative Councillors have just expanded the garden waste collection service in Mid Sussex to improve recycling rates. Find out more: www.midsussex.gov.uk/gardenwaste

■ New trees have been planted in the Forest Fields open space and bulbs planted in Northlands Avenue to enhance the area. Councillors are also working to protect verges from damage from parked vehicles.