



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. 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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TOWN 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 decide planning applications.

Included in the Neighbourhood Plan are proposals for a country park, cemetery, allotments and land will be set aside for a new primary school.

Councillor **Sandy Ellis** 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".

Read the plan at www.haywardsheath.gov.uk

COMMUNITY ACTION

Councillors are active in supporting the community, including recently:



- Organising a 'Silver Sunday' afternoon tea at Clair Hall for elderly residents to prevent isolation
- A ramp for disabled residents at Barnard Gate (pictured above) and helping access grant funding for a defibrillator
- Support for small, local businesses, including a grant scheme for apprentices

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 **Sujan Wickremaratchi** 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".

TOWN REGENERATION SET TO CONTINUE IN 2017

Work on the redevelopment of the station site in Haywards Heath is coming to a conclusion, with the new Waitrose supermarket set to open in the spring, with its own dedicated parking. New pick up and drop off areas have also been completed in recent weeks, which are designed to help reduce traffic congestion at peak times.

Premier Inn have also received planning permission to build a new hotel in Perrymount Road.

Clive Laband says: "It's really pleasing to see the Waitrose development take shape and businesses wanting to invest in the town, create jobs and improve the facilities for residents, businesses and visitors".

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. Councillor **Jonathan Ash-Edwards** 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".

LOCAL POSTIES THANKED FOR THEIR WORK

Local MP **Sir Nicholas Soames** recently visited the Royal Mail Delivery Office in Haywards Heath with Councillor Jonathan Ash-Edwards to thank local postmen and women for their hard work during Royal Mail's busy Christmas period.

Sir Nicholas said: "I really enjoyed my visit to the Haywards Heath Sorting Office to thank our excellent local Posties. They offer a really good service and on behalf of the local community I am very grateful for all their hard work particularly at this time of year".

