

HELP US TO CREATE A BETTER EAST GRINSTEAD

Have you been interested to read our In Touch newsletter? You can meet East Grinstead Baldwins Ward Conservative team through any of the following ways and upcoming events:

Meet your MP and Councillors on Friday 26th September

At Chequer Mead at 7.30pm, we are hosting a 'Meet your MP' evening - come along and meet Sir Nicholas Soames MP and local Councillors. Turn up on the night or email info@msca.org.uk

Events for the community

This year, East Grinstead Conservatives have already had a guided tour of the High Street with Dorset Arms supper, a quiz at Chequer Mead, a Hog Roast and family fun day at Ashurst Wood and we are now planning a curry evening for later this year. Our events are open to all. Please email John Belsey at belseyj@gmail.com or info@msca.org.uk if you would like details of future events.

Keep in touch online at www.midsussexconservatives.com

The website is updated regularly and includes all our news from across Mid Sussex including news about Parliament, our local councils and details of our social and fund raising activities. We also run

local surveys so please tell us your views!

Follow us on Facebook

We have updated our Facebook page so please follow us and 'like' us on Facebook. Just search for 'Mid Sussex Conservatives'



Follow us on Twitter - @Mid_Sussex

For all your local news, events and photos!



Other ways of getting more closely involved with East Grinstead Conservatives

If you are a Conservative and are thinking of getting more involved with helping the party locally we would really welcome your support and we love to meet new supporters. We are a very friendly group and would be so grateful to meet new people. Could you?

- > let us know that you support us
- > join the Conservatives
- > deliver a few leaflets in your road or area
- > make a donation
- > attend social or fundraising events
- > find out about becoming a Councillor yourself.

Just call John Belsey on 07771 986353 or email info@msca.org.uk and we'll be touch.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

Let us know if you have any issues of concern:

Please give us your contact details so we can keep in touch with you about the issues you have raised:

Name

Address

Home/Mobile No

Email

HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

- Display a poster at election time
- Deliver a few leaflets in your road
- Join the local Conservative Party
- Attend social events
- Register to vote by post
- Stand as a candidate in local elections

Please return to:
Conservative Party, 5 Hazelgrove Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 3PH

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From Margaret Belsey, Liz Bennett, Nick Hodges, Norman Webster, Sir Nicholas Soames MP and East Grinstead Conservatives

HUGE BOOST FOR EAST GRINSTEAD LEISURE FACILITIES

- > **New leisure contract a great deal for residents**
- > **Extensions to gyms and more gym equipment**
- > **Free swimming for children under 8 years old**
- > **£2 million of new investment to improve leisure centres**



Users of the Kings leisure centre will shortly begin to see improvements in leisure facilities after Conservative Councillors awarded a new 15 year management contract to industry leaders *Places for People*.

Work underway includes an extended gym with new, modern equipment. A new soft play area, enlarged changing rooms and a new café will follow. To encourage young people to get involved in sport, swimming will be free for children under 8 years old.

As part of the highly competitive bidding process, Conservative Councillors have demanded a greater focus on cleaning under the new contract and controls will remain on the prices of the most

important services. The contract is a good deal for taxpayers too, with an end to direct Council subsidy of leisure centre running costs and £2 million of private sector investment being secured.

Councillor **Margaret Belsey** says: "This is an excellent result for East Grinstead residents as we have been able to negotiate enlarged gyms, improved facilities and free swimming for under 8s, all at no cost to the taxpayer. Leisure centre users will begin to benefit from the changes shortly".

Voted 'Leisure Centre Operator of the Year' in 2013, *Places for People* is a not-for-profit organisation which manages almost 100 leisure centres across the country on behalf of 29 local Councils.

DELIVERING NEW ENERGY AND LEADERSHIP FOR EAST GRINSTEAD

As Conservatives we promised new energy and leadership in May 2011. We have been actively involved in many projects to:

Set up a neighbourhood plan working group, to achieve front runner status and grant funding to employ the best consultants to produce a plan which reflects the desires and needs of the town's people.

Establish a Portas style Town Team, Project EG, which includes business representation, to drive forward regeneration in the town.

Arrange memorable celebrations of the Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II with community based events, a street parade and spectacular firework display.

Work with MSDC to host the Olympic Torch on its journey through Mid Sussex.

Welcome the Grenadier Guards to town.

Introduce free Sunday afternoon family entertainment at East Court. The recent MSDC family play day at King George's Field was also well attended and welcomed by residents.

Encourage the work of the Sports Development Group to enable more participation in sport and to develop the town as a centre of sport.

Support a successful EG Hockey Club bid to bring the Euro League Hockey Tournament to town, with the backing of MSDC and WSCC

Work with MSDC to established the Three Towns Marathon with Burgess Hill and Haywards Heath to encourage healthy lifestyles and build an Olympic legacy.

Honour famous residents of the town by supporting the creation of the McIndoe statue and naming the Sackville School Observatory in memory of Sir Patrick Moore.

Support the Bluebell Railway's final push into town after many years of hard work by volunteers.

Redesign and open new King St toilets by working with MSDC.

Establish a regular and properly funded maintenance program to preserve East Court Mansion.

Ensure the roads of Baldwins Ward are in good condition by working with WSCC Highways Dept to resurface Dormans Park Road, Buckhurst Way, Felbridge Close, Sackville Gardens and other roads.

Norman Webster led the Town Council prior to becoming a Cabinet Member at Mid Sussex District Council in May 2013. He says, "It has been an honour to work with all the town councillors and especially my fellow Ward Councillors, Margaret Belsey (Town Mayor 2013/14) and Nick Hodges (Town Mayor 2014/15), who have chaired many committees and represented our town at a multitude of meetings, charity fundraisers and official events across the County."

A great track record across Baldwins Ward and our town!

Meet your hard-working local Councillors for Baldwins Ward

MARGARET BELSEY

Since being elected to represent Baldwins Ward, Margaret has been extremely busy helping residents on issues such as housing, finance, neighbours, roads, pavements and parking.



Margaret served last year as Town Mayor and represented the town at numerous events. Following a personal battle with cancer, her charities for the year were Macmillan Cancer Support and QVH Information Centre, raising nearly £16,000 to support services.



Councillors at a recent amateur boxing match in Baldwins Ward

NORMAN WEBSTER

Norman Webster served for two years as Leader of East Grinstead Town Council before joining the Cabinet at Mid Sussex District Council, where he holds the planning portfolios.



Norman represents the Town Council as a Governor of Queen Victoria Hospital and the East Grinstead Council for Voluntary Service.

He also helps residents with local issues and concerns.

NICK HODGES

A life long resident of East Grinstead, Nick has been elected as Town Mayor for the current year, after having served as Deputy Mayor. He is passionate about ensuring the views of local residents are heard.



He is a regular attendee at local Neighbourhood Panel meetings and encourages residents to get in touch with him and his fellow Councillors about local issues so they can help wherever it is possible.

LIZ BENNETT

County Councillor Liz Bennett has been supporting residents with concerns over plans for Charlwoods Road and asked for the proposals to be reconsidered so a new safety scheme can be implemented, which causes the least disruption to residents and businesses.



West Sussex County Councillors meet locally at the County Local Committee and all residents can come along and give their views. Alternatively, contact liz.bennett@westsussex.gov.uk