



IMPROVING CUCKFIELD'S ROADS

■ Major improvements to roads in Cuckfield are being made after the hard work of the area's County Councillor Pete Bradbury

The new crossing in London Lane has been well received. One resident said "We use it every day" and another said "My children say they feel much safer crossing the road".

Cllr Pete Bradbury says: "Road safety has always been the number one priority for me and I will continue to work closely with the Parish Councils to produce improvements throughout Cuckfield, Ansty and Staplefield".

Other works being undertaken include the resurfacing of Hanlye Lane, removal of confusing 'crossing points' in Ardingly Road and the resurfacing of Barrowfield and Church Platt.

West Sussex County Council is repairing potholes at an unprecedented rate of 1250 a week.

Report one at www.westsussex.gov.uk, via the Love West Sussex app or phone 01243 642105.



STOP PRESS! SOUTH EAST PLAN ABOLISHED

As *inTouch* was going to print, the Conservative-led Government confirmed its intention to present an Order to Parliament to formally revoke the South East Plan, which will come into effect in March, subject to Parliament's approval. The long awaited move, which has been the subject of much legal argument, means that local communities will be back in charge of deciding local planning and housing issues.

CALL FOR 30MPH LIMIT IN VILLAGES

Staplefield and Brook Street are both being promoted by Cllr Pete Bradbury to become 30mph areas, following the successful implementation of the 30mph limit in Ansty which has been welcomed by local residents.

RESURFACING FOR CHURCH PLATT

Church Platt in Cuckfield will have full carriageway and footpath resurfacing after Cllr Pete Bradbury succeeded in having the roads priority scored. He is meeting with residents to discuss the details.

STRATEGIC GAP & VIEWS PROTECTED

Cllr Robert Salisbury has welcomed recent decisions from Planning Inspectors upholding the need to stop coalescence between Cuckfield and Haywards Heath and protecting the long views to the South Downs from Ardingly Road. The latter will now be protected in perpetuity after a new planning application for a smaller development was agreed.

GOVERNMENT MUST EXAMINE NEW MIGRATION IMPACT - MP

Following the publication of a report by Migration Watch UK, Mid Sussex MP Nicholas Soames has raised concerns about the impact of potential immigration from Romania and Bulgaria.

Mr Soames said: "Migration Watch UK have produced an extraordinarily serious forecast which estimates that 50,000 immigrants a year, for the next 5 years, will come from Romania and Bulgaria" and has called on the Government to urgently examine the impact of such numbers.

"The last Government appallingly underestimated the scale of the last wave of European migration and therefore did not plan for the impact - this must not be allowed to happen again".

COUNCIL TAX TO BE FROZEN FOR THIRD YEAR

■ The Conservative-run District & County Councils have announced plans to freeze Council Tax for the third year running to help families with the cost of living.

The move means families have saved £100 compared to a typical increase. At the same time, the Councils have saved millions of pounds by axing management and back office costs. Conservatives know that Council Tax represents a large monthly bill for many residents and want to see it kept down.



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SUSSEX POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER BEGINS WORK

Cuckfield Councillor Katy Bourne, who was elected as Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner in November has hit the ground running to deliver on her election commitments and vision to ensure we are all 'Safer in Sussex'.

Katy has frozen the Police's share of Council Tax in the next financial year to keep money in the pockets of residents. Her budget and crime plan begins the work necessary to recruit more Special Constables to increase police presence.

You can find out more about Katy Bourne's work as Police & Crime Commissioner at www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk



MONEY SAVING TIPS BEING IMPLEMENTED

Communities & Local Government Secretary Eric Pickles recent published a list of 50 ways that Councils can save money. Mid Sussex District Council has calculated that it has already implemented 42 of the tips, with others not being applicable.

Cllr Robert Salisbury said: "Many of the wasteful practices highlighted by the Minister never happened in Mid Sussex. We have been working hard to protect services by cutting management and back office costs".

Community Corner

SPOTLIGHT ON FURNIHELP

As a new feature, *inTouch* is putting the spotlight on a local community group to highlight the work they do locally and show how you can help.

Furnihelp is a local charity which recycles furniture and household goods to families and individuals in need, to help provide the basics needed to furnish a home. The service has the added benefit of reducing the amount of furniture and goods sent to landfill.

Demand for Furnihelp's support is always strong and more donated furniture is always needed. To find out more about donating your unwanted furniture or household items to someone in need, phone 01342 811755 or email admin@furnihelp.co.uk

■ If you are involved in a community group who would like to be featured in *inTouch*, please contact us on 01444 452590 or email info@msca.org.uk

MID SUSSEX PLAYS ITS PART AS NEW FIGURES SHOW MORE PEOPLE ARE IN WORK THAN EVER BEFORE

Recent statistics have shown record employment in the UK, which is being reflected locally with employers relocating to the area or existing employers expanding. Cllr Robert Salisbury believes that a combination of favourable planning, the high skills of local residents and support from the District Council have all played a part. He says: "The unemployment rate has been steady at 1.5-1.7% in recent years, one of the lowest in the country, despite new housing growth increasing the number of people looking for work locally".

WARDEN PARK ON THE UP

Pete Bradbury, Vice Chairman of the Governing Body at Warden Park Academy reports that the school continues to make fantastic progress. Thanks to its academy status, Warden Park has been able to attract a major grant to replace all the windows throughout the school, which has been welcomed by students and staff alike.

Academic results have been excellent with this year's GCSE students forecast to maintain the high standards we have come to expect.

Warden Park Primary Academy in Haywards Heath is also performing extremely well - results are up, pupil numbers are up, parent satisfaction is up and staff turnover over the last year has been reduced to zero.

Warden Park has also been successful in winning a £135,000 energy makeover courtesy of British Gas after a public vote. The energy makeover will allow the school to reduce its energy bills and carbon footprint and help students understand first hand how to be more energy efficient.