

# HELP US TO CREATE A BETTER EAST GRINSTEAD

Have you been interested to read our In Touch newsletter? You can get in touch with your Town Ward Conservative team by emailing [info@msca.org.uk](mailto:info@msca.org.uk) or phoning 01444 452590 or coming to our frequent events.

### Events for the community

East Grinstead Conservatives hold regular events which are open to the community, not just existing members. Recent events have included 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.

Please email John Belsey at [belseyj@gmail.com](mailto:belseyj@gmail.com) or [info@msca.org.uk](mailto:info@msca.org.uk) if you would like details of future events.

### Keep in touch online at [www.midsussexconservatives.com](http://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](mailto: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 Liz Bennett, Peter Reed, John Dabell, Danny Favor, Jacquie Russell, Sir Nicholas Soames and East Grinstead Conservatives**

# HUGE BOOST FOR EAST GRINSTEAD LEISURE FACILITIES

> **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 are seeing big improvements in leisure facilities after Conservative Councillors awarded a new 15 year management contract to industry leaders *Places for People*.

The works have included an extended gym with new, modern equipment, a new soft play area, enlarged changing rooms and a new café. 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 **Liz Bennett**: "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 are already seeing great benefits".

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.

**Work with MSDC to host the Olympic Torch** on its journey through Mid Sussex and **welcome the Grenadier Guards** to town.

**Introduce free Sunday afternoon family entertainment** at East Court Live Events. 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 excellence and promote Sport England fundraising opportunities.

**Honour famous residents** of the town by supporting the creation of the McIndoe statue, naming the Sackville School Observatory after Sir Patrick Moore and the Sidney Godley commemoration stone

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

**Redesign and open new King Street toilets** by working with MSDC.

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

**Work with Network Rail** to deliver a new railway station and lower car parking charges. Mid Sussex MP Sir Nicholas Soames is tackling rail operator Southern over their poor service and reliability, recently taking a delegation of East Grinstead residents to meet the Transport Minister.

**Promote the rebranding and revitalisation of Chequer Mead** community arts centre

**Install new playground equipment** at Mount Noddy, Kings Field, Imberhorne Lane and Windmill Lane

## Ashplats Ward local news update

> Protecting our local area - Cllr Peter Reed worked with Barratt Homes to retain Stirling Way as a cul-de-sac, save a row of trees to form a natural barrier with Beacon Rise and asked Barrett's ecology consultants to meet the Ashplats Conservation Group over tree replanting and ancient woodland.



> Better roads - Cllr Liz Bennett has been working hard to improve our local roads and recently secured the resurfacing of Lancaster Drive, Fulmar Drive, Hackenden Close and Estcots Drive.

> Clean up days - local Councillors have continued to support the community with 'clean and green' days to ensure the area stays tidy.

*Your hard working Conservative local election candidates for Ashplats Ward*

## LIZ BENNETT

Liz has served as a Councillor since 2007 and is dedicated to East Grinstead as she has lived in the town all her life. She lives on the Stone Quarry estate with her two daughters.



Liz has recently served as Town Mayor. She also promotes and supports charities via Meridian FM of which she is chairman. She has recently been involved in campaigning against a second runway at Gatwick.

## PETER REED

Peter has served Ashplats Ward since 2007 and is seeking re-election. He is currently Vice Chairman of the District Council and has worked hard to represent East Grinstead across the district.



Peter is heavily involved in the community as a Governor of Grenestede Academy (Halsford Park and Baldwins Hill Schools), Vice President of East Grinstead Rugby Club and attends meetings of the Council for Voluntary Service.



## JOHN DABELL

John has served on the Town Council since 2014 and is now standing in Ashplats Ward.



At EGTC, John has been active on the Planning Committee. He is Chairman of the 'Town Team' and works with local businesses to improve the town centre.

Working at Imberhorne, he is keen to see enhanced youth provision in the town.

## DANNY FAVOR

Danny is a serving Town Councillor who has lived in East Grinstead for 15 years. He works at the Queen Victoria Hospital as a Ophthalmic Nurse Practitioner.



Danny is active in numerous community organisations and last year received a Community Service Award from MSDC and the Presidential Award of the Republic of the Philippines for this outstanding public and charity works.

## JACQUIE RUSSELL

Jacque has lived in East Grinstead for over 30 years, raising a family during that time. She is passionate about the town and its community. Her biggest passion is sport and she supports the East Grinstead Athletics Club as a qualified coaching assistant. She is involved in raising the profile of the 'Back the EG Track' campaign.



Jacque is also a member of the Foodswap Committee.