

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 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 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 John Dabell, John O'Brien, Adam Reeves, Peter Wyan, Sir Nicholas Soames MP 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 **John O'Brien** 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 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

Town Ward local news update

> [Old Convent planning application](#) - your local Councillors voted against the planning application for additional houses. However, the developers won on appeal. Cllr John Dabell said: "We opposed the application where we could and we will continue to monitor these sorts of applications very carefully".

> [Queens Walk redevelopment](#) - after decades of discussion, Conservative Councillors continue to work for regeneration of Queens Walk and are doing what they can to make it happen. Most of the land is privately owned so there are limits to what the Council can achieve without cooperation.

> [Caffyns site](#) - planning permission has now been given for a hotel and shop

Meet your hard-working local Councillors for Town Ward

JOHN DABELL

Since his election to the Town Council in early 2014, John has been out and about locally getting to know residents and the key issues.



He has attended Saturday town centre surgeries, been active on the Planning Committee and other Town Council meetings. John works with young people at Imberhorne School and is keen to see enhanced youth provision in the town. John is chairman of the 'Town Team' and works with local businesses to improve the town centre.



Town Councillor John Dabell inspecting the Old Convent site.

JOHN O'BRIEN

John represents Town Ward on the District and County Councils.



At the County Council, he is Deputy Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport and plays an active role to ensure East Grinstead's voice is heard on strategic highways issues.

ADAM REEVES

Adam believes passionately in East Grinstead and works hard to promote the interests of residents. His career in financial services has allowed him to take on a senior role managing the Town Council's finances to ensure value for money for the taxpayer.



He has worked closely with local businesses and keeps an active interest in the Neighbourhood Plan and Gatwick's expansion proposals.

PETER WYAN

Peter and his wife have lived in East Grinstead for 22 years, drawn by the town's character and great schools. He has enjoyed the opportunity to give something back to the community as a Town Councillor.



Over the last few years, Peter has served as Leader of the Town Council and Chairman of the Planning Committee. He is currently Chairman of the Amenities and Tourism Committee and member of the Neighbourhood Plan group.