



WIVELSFIELD ROAD CROSSING TO GO AHEAD

- > **Sujan wins County funding for pedestrian crossing**
- > **Work to go ahead in 2015/16 financial year**
- > **Safer access to local shops for residents**

The much awaited new pedestrian crossing in Wivelsfield Road has been given the go ahead after a successful campaign by County Councillor Sujan Wickremaratchi for the project to be adopted and funded by West Sussex County Council.

The works will go ahead in the 2015/16 financial year and bring much improved pedestrian access to Sainsbury's Local and a safer road for all road users.

Many residents have campaigned for improvements following the new shops being built and now a signal controlled crossing will be installed.

Councillor **Sujan Wickremaratchi** says: "Wivelsfield Road is a long road which lacks any safe crossing points. The new pedestrian crossing will be very welcome in the local community. I will be working hard with highways engineers to ensure the project goes ahead as soon as possible and disruption is kept to a minimum whilst the works happen".

Local campaigner **Howard Mundin** says: "This is a great result for Ashenground. Sujan has been tenacious in securing the funding for this project and it will make the road much safer for local residents".



£170 SAVING FOR RESIDENTS WITH 5TH COUNCIL TAX FREEZE

Haywards Heath residents are £170 better off after the Conservative-run District & County Councils agreed to freeze Council Tax for the 5th year.

If Council Tax had carried on rising, the average Council Tax bill would now cost each household £170 extra every year. The savings are helping families and pensioners with the cost of living.

At the same time as the Council Tax freeze, frontline public services and support for community groups have been protected. Conservatives know that Council Tax is a large monthly bill for many residents and want to see it kept down.

Local campaigner **Anne Boutrup** says: "It's great news that Council Tax is again staying at 2010 levels as a result of good financial management. Conservatives are making our Councils more financially independent so Council Tax stays lower for longer".



Nicholas tackles poor train services

Mid Sussex MP Sir Nicholas Soames is on the case of rail operators following the poor services being experienced by local commuters.

Nicholas recently took a delegation to see the Rail Minister Claire Perry and attended a Rail Summit with train companies, following which the companies have published an improvement plan.

Nicholas says: "There has to be a radical refocus on service".

RESURFACED ROADS!

Conservative Councillors at County Hall have put £30 million into a fund to improve and resurface local roads. Sujan Wickremaratchi has been working hard to ensure Ashenground benefits from its share of this funding and recently arranged for Wood Ride to be resurfaced.

Following requests from residents, Sujan also got highways engineers to replace the curbs in Ash Grove, which had been damaged by vehicles.



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**WORK BEGINS ON NEW STATION
AND BUSINESS UNITS**

Work has now begun on the long awaited redevelopment of Haywards Heath railway station. Developers have begun ground works for the new enlarged commuter car park and will shortly begin demolishing the old bus station so the next phases of the scheme can begin.



Waitrose is scheduled to open its doors in 2016, creating around 200 new jobs.

Conservative Councillors have worked closely with Solum Regeneration to get the best for the town, including a larger car park than originally promised. To minimise disruption during the works, the Council has found space for temporary parking in Oaklands Road.

Also underway is a £2 million investment by the County & District Councils to create a new business centre in Bridge Road for small and start up businesses, which will support 100 jobs when fully occupied.

Councillor **Jim Knight** says: "Creating new jobs and economic opportunities is a key priority locally as well as nationally".

**LONG TERM
ECONOMIC PLAN**



David Cameron's plan to turn Britain around and secure a better future for hardworking people is working.

Unemployment in Mid Sussex is now amongst the lowest in the UK and more businesses are starting up and expanding. Most Mid Sussex residents have seen their income tax cut by £700 a year.

Local MP Sir Nicholas Soames says: "We mustn't be complacent about the success we've seen and we must go on creating opportunities for people to get on in life, with the ambition of there being a decent, well paid job for everyone who wants one in Mid Sussex".

**NEW BOLLARDS & MARKINGS IN
ST JOHN'S ROAD**

Another project delivered by Conservative Councillors! Following requests from residents, **Sujan Wickremaratchi** campaigned for new bollards and 'keep clear' markings to be added in St John's Road to maintain access for residents and prevent unauthorised parking.



**ALWAYS PREPARED FOR THE
WEATHER!**

It looks like the worst of the winter may now be behind us. Fortunately, Ashenground Ward is better prepared for future severe weather following the installation of more salt bins by the Town Council, such as in Wellswood (pictured).

Town Councillor **Nicky Cahill** says: "It's always sensible to be well prepared so it's good to see the new salt bins around. Please get in touch if your road needs one too!"



**DAVID CAMERON'S
LONG TERM ECONOMIC PLAN**

1. **Reducing the deficit** so we deal with our debts and keep mortgage rates low
2. **Cutting income tax** and freezing fuel duty to help hardworking people be more financially secure
3. **Creating more jobs** by backing small business and enterprise with better infrastructure and lower jobs taxes
4. **Capping welfare** and reducing immigration
5. **Delivering the best schools** and skills to help young people succeed