



## THANK YOU! WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU

As your newly-elected councillors, we would like to thank you for voting for us earlier this year! We're very honoured and grateful for your support and are working very hard to earn the trust of all residents. We have lots of plans and ambitions for Bentswood but, don't forget, we are here for YOU so please don't hesitate to contact us with your concerns and ideas – as you will see below, we're going to hold regular 'Meet your Councillor' dates and we're looking forward to getting to know you better.

**We're hoping to see as many residents as possible at our regular 'Meet your Councillor' get togethers. These will be held in the Barn Cottage Pavilion (RH16 3QN) between 5.30 and 7.00 pm and the first one is planned for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Do come along!**

**We're going to hold these regularly during the year IF residents use them and, for your diaries, the next one is planned for Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016 – again between 5.30 and 7.00 pm in Barn Cottage Pavilion.**

In the meantime, do PLEASE contact us if we can help:

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## YOUR SUPPORT NEEDED FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Haywards Heath Town Councillors are in the final stages of completing the Town Plan, reports Councillor **David Dorking**.

The housing site public consultations have been completed and all public responses have now been gathered for analysis.

The next step in the process is a full twelve week public consultation in the Autumn where residents of Haywards Heath will be invited to comment on the Plan as a whole before a public referendum in the spring of 2016.

David says: "Of course, in Bentswood there is little scope or space for large-scale development but nonetheless we strongly recommend that residents support the Plan when it comes to referendum because without the Plan in place we will have much less control over the developers building around our town".

"Whatever your views, please do get involved so that the plan reflects the wishes of Haywards Heath residents".

### Bentswood parking

Parking is a hot topic and Bentswood suffers from pressure from the valuable Princess Royal at one end and the town centre and commuter parking at the other. However, could we ask that our residents please try and park considerately themselves? An enormous amount of Council time is spent responding to complaints about blocked drives and parking too near corners.

Also, please try and avoid the temptation to park on the grass verges to ensure they are not replaced by muddy ruts and tyre tracks. Thank you!

### Oathall Avenue / Washington Road roundabout

Bentswood Town Councillors are in the process of finalising a scheme to enhance the roundabout by planting trees, wildflowers and bulbs.

Councillor **Julie Hayden** says: "This will improve the street scene and also encourage more wildlife into the roundabout. Work will be carried out in the Autumn with funding from the Bentswood Ward Budget".



**YOUR CONSERVATIVE TEAM**



**David Dorking, Stephen Hillier,  
Ruth de Mierre and Julie Hayden  
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**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
- Donate to the Conservatives

Please return to:  
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**BETTER ROADS FOR HAYWARDS HEATH**

County Councillor **Stephen Hillier** writes:

“We have been fortunate in how much resurfacing work has been done in Bentswood as part of WSCC’s Better Roads budget during my short time as your County Councillor. Much-needed work has been done in Eastern & North Roads and Franklynn Road will be done as soon as South East Water can get road space for some major works they have planned. There is nothing that makes us more cross than to see a brand new surface dug up weeks later!”

All of our roads and pavements were inspected recently and WSCC are using an “Asset Management” principal to look after our roads. This means that they will be inspected annually and an assessment of when they will require major investment made and reviewed. Some of our roads, such as Allen Road and Bentswood Road, are in the 2-5 year plan. It sounds a long time away but it goes very quickly and many roads are in the 15-20 year timeframe!

If residents have specific complaints, please contact me or email **highways@westsussex.gov.uk** or use the “Love West Sussex” app which you can download free on your smartphones.

Whilst on this subject, we can advise that the awkward and vexatious problem of the roundabout at the Oathall Avenue/Road junction is still being looked at to find the most cost-effective solution.

**SUPPORTING YOUR FUN DAY**

The Town Councillors were very happy to support the Bentswood Community Partnership’s Fun Day once again from their ward budget as it is such a great day and really appreciated by you. However, those of you that passed by would have seen that gazebos and things had been set up as best possible in those torrential conditions, but when weather forecasts on smartphones indicated only a lull followed by more thunderstorms the organisers wisely decided to pack away whilst they could. As it turns out the thunderstorms didn’t return that afternoon. We’re looking forward to supporting this event again in 2016.

**TIDY UP BENTSWOOD - WHY NOT GET INVOLVED?**

Following the success of the freighters at Frosts in Western Road in August, a joint project between the Town & District Councils and the Bentswood Community Partnership, it is hoped to take this a step further and get a few groups of residents, supported by WSCC and others, to carry out some community projects on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October**.

So if you have an idea for such a project – it can be a litter pick, clearing undergrowth, painting non-private railings etc, please contact Cllr Stephen Hillier. The BCP hope that this will not only help make the ward look nicer but also bring groups of residents together and foster a sense of community pride and friendships. If you get involved and it works well they would like to make it an annual event but will also support groups that want to operate more regularly.

**COMMUNITY BBQ**

This was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July at Woodvale Lane and funded jointly by your Town Councillors’ Ward Budget and Affinity Sutton. It was great to see a good number of residents and young people there talking about the difficult subject of anti-social behaviour and it provided some really positive outcomes from some residents and young people offering to help with future projects.

Cllr **Ruth de Mierre** said “It was a wonderful idea and so nice to speak with a range of people and hear their thoughts on a range of issues in this area. We would love to encourage residents to repeat this type of social gathering”.

Sir Nicholas Soames MP, who has also been in correspondence with the residents and police over behaviour in the area, had welcomed the initiative as a practical way of addressing the problem.

**BARN COTTAGE GREEN FITNESS IMPROVEMENTS**

Mid Sussex District Council are looking at a number of options to enhance exercise facilities on Barn Cottage Green.

Options being considered are a Trim Trail of exercise equipment at various points around the edge of the Green and a new path to provide a circular exercise route around open space for joggers or walkers.

These facilities would provide much needed leisure facilities within the area.

If you’d like to see the proposals so that you can feed in your thoughts and preferences please contact one of your councillors.