



A RECORD OF LOCAL ACTION FOR BENTSWOOD WARD

- > **Makeover for Barn Cottage Green shelter**
- > **Tackling dangerous parking on residential roads**
- > **Successful campaign for road resurfacing**

Following complaints from a number of local residents around the Barn Cottage Green area on the poor condition of the shelter, the District Council has undertaken a makeover of the shelter. This includes a coat of paint and removing the side panels and basketball hoop.

“Removing the panels will help prevent anti-social behaviour, which we’re working closely with our Police Community Support Officer to tackle” says Councillor **David Dorking**.

A number of highways schemes to protect key junctions from dangerous parking have also been implemented recently in Penn Crescent, Barn Cottage Green, Western Road, Little Bentswood and the Washington Road roundabout.

Councillor **Stephen Hillier** says: “Double yellows are never universally popular as they reduce parking space. However, the volume of complaints from residents who have found inconsiderate and dangerous parking on junctions a problem has meant action has been essential”.

Local campaigner **Ruth de Mierre** has welcomed news that Eastern Road and North Road are on the resurfacing programme part of a £30million investment to improve roads implemented by Conservative Councillors.



£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 **Ruth de Mierre** 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”.

NEW ROAD SIGNS

A number of new street signs have been installed around Bentswood by the District Council as part of an initiative to replace broken and old signs.

Councillor **Stephen Hillier** says: “The Council has installed new street signs in Farlington Avenue and Farlington Close but any residents who live in roads where signs are broken or just need cleaning, please get in touch”.



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RAILINGS AND REPAIRS FOR WASHINGTON ROAD

Local Councillors were delighted to see the painting of the Washington Road railings finished last year and thanks are due to the local Councils for their work.

Councillor **David Dorking** did much of the liaison and says: "I found it particularly satisfying that the work was completed by the Community Payback scheme as part of the admirable restorative justice and that they have expressed a willingness to do more work in our ward".

The long awaited hand rail has also been installed up the steep slope on the northern side of the road. This should make it much safer for local residents to get to the road and nearby bus stop. Your local Councillors have worked hard to get this request enacted.

And there's more... following a request from Councillor **Stephen Hillier**, WSCC Highways have agreed to resurface the badly broken up pavement on the southern side of the road. He is endeavouring to get the northern side repaired as well, but at present it is not deemed sufficiently broken up. He, and local residents, beg to differ! Works are scheduled in the 2015/16 programme.



GOING FOR GREEN!

Bentswood's ward Councillors have started a project to plant bulbs on the green areas either side of the end of Bentswood Crescent, opposite Barn Cottage Green, to enhance and green up the area for local residents.

Town Councillor **Julie Hayden** says: "This is the first part of a project across Bentswood Ward to plant up green spaces and enhance the areas for local residents and visitors".

ALWAYS PREPARED FOR THE WEATHER!

It looks like the worst of the winter may now be behind us. Fortunately, Bentswood Ward is better prepared for future severe weather following the installation of ten new grit bins around the ward in the last year.

Councillor **David Dorking** says: "We want to make sure we are as ready as we can be; we've been working to ensure we have grit bins in the right places to help our residents and keep people moving. Please get in touch if you would like a grit bin in your road".



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 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".

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