



NORTHLANDS WOOD CROSSING MAKES AN IMPACT

- > Northlands Wood crossing now installed and working
- > Long campaign by Conservatives and residents
- > Road safety improved for pedestrians

The much awaited new pedestrian crossing in Northlands Avenue is making a real impact to improve road safety.

The crossing was completed recently after a long campaign by Conservative Councillors and residents. The County Council were persuaded to make the scheme a priority and find the necessary funding.

The presence of the crossing should also have the added benefit of reducing overall traffic speeds, improving safety further.

County Councillor **Stephen Hillier** says: "Northlands Avenue was a long road lacking any safe crossing points. The new pedestrian crossing is very welcome in the local community and a real example of how Conservative Councillors get things done for local residents.

"It's great to see the crossing being used regularly by school children and people making their way to and from the doctors surgery and shops".

Councillor **Rod Clarke** says: "This is a fantastic result for Franklands Ward. The whole community has got behind this campaign and it's great to see and hear how successful the crossing has been in linking the community".



£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.

Council Leader **Garry Wall** 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

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 is also calling for changes to the compensation scheme.

Nicholas says: "There has been a radical refocus on the reliability of the service".

SPEED LIMITS IN PLACE

Reduced speed limits are now in place in Fox Hill and Lewes Road thanks to the efforts of residents and Conservative Councillors keen to improve safety in residential areas.

Councillor **Mike Pulfer** says: "The new limits are a step in the right direction but, in Fox Hill in particular, further work is needed with the police and County Council to ensure proper enforcement is carried out, similar to the police speed camera checks in Northlands Avenue".



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A RECORD OF ACTION FOR FRANKLANDS WARD . . .

Franklands Ward's Conservative Councillors work hard all year round for our local area. Here's an update on their work and achievements in the community.

Improved play area a great success

The refurbished play area and new kick about area in Forest Fields has been a great success says Councillor **Jacqui Hollister**. She says: "These improvements have given young people better free leisure facilities".



Real time bus information

The indicator boards telling you when the next bus will come have been installed at the bus stops outside the Princess Royal Hospital. The project will soon be extended further across the town.

More open space and better infrastructure

Our area has seen a lot of housing development in recent years and as part of our Neighbourhood Plan for Hurstwood Lane we will deliver a new country park, allotments and cemetery.

Road signs sorted

Councillor **Mike Pulfer** campaigned to get new signs installed for the residents of Old Farm Close because after the installation of the relief road, the close was left nameless.



More parking space at the station and town centre

After decades of false starts, the redevelopment of the station is now underway. Conservative Councillors successfully fought for a larger commuter car park. The District Council is also going to extend the car park at the Orchards this year to help shoppers. The Franklands Ward Councillors initiated the new flower bed opposite the PRH which has also deterred dangerous parking on the verges.

Resurfacing

Residents in Woodridge Close have seen their road resurfaced thanks to the efforts of Councillor **Stephen Hillier**. The County Council has invested £30 million into resurfacing roads across West Sussex.



Business units and more jobs

New business starter units are being built in the town as part of a £2 million investment by the District & County Councils. Councillor **Garry Wall** says: "The starter units are a big boost for businesses and will support 100 jobs. The new building will be named after the late John de Mierre in tribute to the work he did to launch this project and his work representing Franklands Ward over many years".

Tree planting

New flowering trees planted in Northlands Avenue have been planted especially to support biodiversity. Councillor **Rod Clarke** says: "It's great to see new trees being planted and not cut down!"

Aspen Way

Councillor **Jacqui Hollister** pressed for the roundabout to be tidied up and repaired.

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.

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".

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