



## NEW STATION AND WAITROSE UNDERWAY

Work has begun on the long awaited redevelopment of Haywards Heath station which will bring a big economic boost and infrastructure improvements to Haywards Heath. Work is due to be completed in 2016.



The station improvements include a new multi-story car park with hundreds more parking spaces, better pick up and drop off points to cut congestion and a new pedestrian footbridge giving disabled access from Boltro Road. Once the new car park is completed, work will begin building a new Waitrose supermarket, creating hundreds of jobs and providing more shopping choice.

Heath Ward's Councillors are working closely with Southern and the developer to ensure disruption to commuters and residents is kept to an absolute minimum during construction. Temporary commuter parking has been created in Oaklands Road to reduce pressure on nearby roads.

Councillor **Jonathan Ash-Edwards** says: "For decades, it has been beyond the ability of the private and public sectors to redevelop this site, so after a lot of hard work it's great to see to construction beginning. Before the last local elections, we pledged to deliver more commuter parking to reduce pressure on residential roads - it's now being built!"

## OPPOSING INAPPROPRIATE GREENFIELD DEVELOPMENT

Residents campaigning against inappropriate housing development on green spaces to the north of Haywards Heath have been supported by Heath Ward's Councillors, who want to see new homes focused on brownfield sites in the town.

Councillors have advised residents' groups on the planning issues, represented people's views and spoken against inappropriate development at planning committees.

Councillor **Sandy Ellis** says: "With applications going to appeal and a reserved matters application awaited for Penland Farm, it's crucial that we continue to remain vigilant to protect the valued countryside to the north of the town".



## COUNCIL TAX FROZEN FOR RECORD 5TH YEAR

Haywards Heath residents are £170 better off after the Conservative-run District & County Councils agreed to freeze Council Tax for a record fifth 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 has been protected. Conservatives know that Council Tax is a large monthly bill for many residents and want to see it kept down.

Local campaigner **Clive Laband** says: "It's fantastic 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".



## HELP US WIN FOR YOU LOCALLY

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## THANKS NATALIE

Thanks to Cllr Natalie March who is standing down as a Councillor after four years working for Heath Ward. Local resident Clive Laband is joining the team.

## NICHOLAS TACKLES POOR TRAIN SERVICES

Sir Nicholas Soames has been on the case of train companies following poor services being experienced by commuters from Haywards Heath to London. Nicholas recently took a delegation to see the Transport Minister Claire Perry and attended a Rail Summit with train companies, following which the companies have published an improvement plan.

Nicholas is also campaigning for changes to the compensation scheme in the interests of passengers.



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**NEW SMALL BUSINESS UNITS IN BRIDGE ROAD**

A £2million investment by the District & County Councils is seeing new small business units built in Bridge Road. The units will meet the need for small business space for local enterprises and will be open in the summer.

When fully occupied, the units will support 100 jobs and help businesses expand or relocate to Haywards Heath. Councillor **Jonathan Ash-Edwards** says: "There has already been strong demand from businesses for this office space".



**MORE SHOPPING CAR PARKING**



Another 33 parking spaces will be provided in the Orchards car park behind Marks and Spencer after the District Council took an opportunity to purchase land next to the car park. Work will get underway in the next few months to provide the new parking spaces and at the same time the entrance to the car park will be improved.

Councillor **Sandy Ellis** says: "The strong local economy means our town centre car parks are increasingly busy at peak times so more space will be welcomed by shoppers. Conservatives have pledged to freeze parking charges for 4 years".

**BRINGING EMPTY HOMES BACK INTO USE**

A derelict building in Church Road which has stood empty for years is to be redeveloped after the District Council facilitated the sale of the land from the previous owner. The site has become an eyesore and can now be used to provide new homes for local people.

Councillor **Sandy Ellis** says: "Every new home built on a brownfield site such as this is one less which ends up on green fields so the redevelopment of this site is welcome and will improve the area".



**HEATH WARD**

*News in brief*

Heath Ward's Conservative Councillors work tirelessly for residents. Here's an update on some more of their work...

**Road resurfacing**

As a result of funding from the Conservative Council, roads across West Sussex are being resurfaced and local Councillors are ensuring we get our fare share. Recently, Hazelgrove Road, the one way system in the town centre and part of Perrymount Road have been resurfaced and Councillors are lobbying for Gordon Road to be done.

**Tackling pavement parking**

The Town Council has launched a campaign to remind people not to park on pavements following concerns about access for pedestrians and people with limited mobility.

**Balcombe Road improvements**

Work is due to commence in the summer on the road safety improvements to Balcombe Road campaigned for by residents and Councillors. The scheme has been slightly delayed because of utilities needing the road space but will go ahead as planned.

**Town centre highways study**

Following the opening of the relief road, a study is being done on possible changes to the town centre road layout to improve access and make the area more attractive.

**Celebrating the town's heritage**

Town Mayor Sandy Ellis recently unveiled a blue plaque to commemorate Commando, the WW2 'hero' messenger pigeon born in a loft in the Broadway.

**Queens Road safety changes**

A consultation event was held earlier this year for residents in Queens Road about options to reduce traffic speeds in the road to improve safety.