



NEW CUCKFIELD CROSSINGS GET BIG THUMBS UP FROM RESIDENTS

Residents in Cuckfield, particularly school children and the elderly, are finding it much safer to walk and cycle in and around the village thanks to the new crossings - four in total - which have now been installed in Cuckfield.

The recent signalled crossing in London Road follows the two new zebra crossings in Ardingly Road and the signalled crossing in London Lane.

Councillor Pete Bradbury says: "Road safety has always been high on our agenda. We succeeded in getting a 30mph limit in Ansty, we now have four new crossings, which are a real boon to school children and those with limited mobility and soon we will have new 30mph speed limits in Brook Street and Staplefield".

Merle Atkins, who lives in Tower House Close, says: "We are absolutely delighted that the Council has installed a controlled crossing on London Road. The assurance and comforting relief that with care everyone can now cross the road safely is so appreciated".



Community dates for your diary

- Greater Haywards Heath Bike Ride - Sunday 10th April
- Spring Festival on Muster Green - Sunday 24th April
- Independent State of Cuckfield Cuckoo Fayre - Monday 2nd May
- Cuckfield Parish Council Annual Meeting - Thursday 5th May
- Cuckfield Market in the Talbot courtyard - second Saturday of each month

GARDEN WASTE SERVICE TO BE EXPANDED

The District Council's popular garden waste collection service will be expanded following approval of the Council's budget.

Around 14,000 households currently use the service, but it has reached the available capacity of the refuse trucks which service the rounds. A waiting list has been in operation for several months.

The number of households able to take up the service is now being increased by around 4,000 as a new refuse truck will be brought into action.

Councillor Robert Salisbury says:

"Cuckfield, Ansty & Staplefield residents are keen gardeners and many have large gardens. This is a very popular and well valued service provided by the Conservative Council and it's good news that more households will be able to join the service in the new financial year. The service also helps increase the amount of waste being recycled and composted locally".

Residents should keep an eye on www.midsussex.gov.uk and local press for more details of when they can apply for the expanded service.

KATY BOURNE - SUSSEX'S POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

On 5th May, residents have the chance to keep Katy Bourne as Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner. Katy, a former Mid Sussex Councillor, has a strong track record holding the police to account, supporting victims, improving public confidence and making savings to reinvest in frontline policing.

This election really matters - the PCC sets the £250m budget for policing in Sussex, has the power to appoint and, if necessary, dismiss the Chief Constable and must ensure residents' views are taken into account when setting policing priorities.

Achievements since Katy was elected ...

- ✓ **Opened recruitment for 100 new police officers and more PCSOs**
- ✓ **£20 million upgrade programme for police stations**
- ✓ **Body worn cameras and smartphones issued to all frontline officers**
- ✓ **Encouraged the creation of a dedicated business/cybercrime strategy**
- ✓ **Established award winning Youth Commission**
- ✓ **Funding support for victims of abuse, serious sexual offences, child exploitation**
- ✓ **Established the UK's first Elders Commission giving people a voice on policing**

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STATION DEVELOPMENT IS ON TRACK

Good progress is being made on the redevelopment of the area around Haywards Heath station, which will be completed this year. The new multi story car park has now been opened with more parking capacity than before, with the new bridge next to be completed. Work has now begun on Waitrose which is scheduled to open before Christmas 2016.

Councillor Pete Bradbury says: "This regeneration project is great news for Haywards Heath and the surrounding villages and will provide a real boost for the local economy and infrastructure as well as providing more choice for shoppers. This year also marks the 175th anniversary of the railway coming, with celebrations planned for later in the year".



DISTRICT PLAN MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

When adopted, the District Plan will set out evidence of housing need and development locations in the district up to 2031, allowing the Council to control the allocation of housing sites rather than them being imposed by Planning Inspectors on appeal.

A final public consultation ended earlier in the year and, once the responses have all been considered, the District Plan will be submitted to the Government for independent examination. If successful, the plan will be adopted.

The Secretary of State has recently been placing more focus on the importance of Neighbourhood Plans such as Cuckfield, with applications being rejected in some circumstances because of non-conformity with the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Robert Salisbury says: "Planning policy should be decided by local communities and their elected Councils and following a lot of hard work we are now seeing this become a reality in Mid Sussex".

Community Corner
BUILDING HEROES APPEAL BY JAMES HASKELL

Following its recent move, local charity Building Heroes has launched a new funding appeal led by England Rugby's grand slam winner James Haskell.

Building Heroes provide veterans with residential skilled training and employment support within the construction industries.

Through Building Heroes, military veterans are offered a seamless transition to a new career in construction, gaining qualifications and work experience.

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James Haskell says:

"Building Heroes is an inspirational charity. This second lease of life is exactly what our service people need, and provides a role, an income to support their family and also dignity".

Donations can be made by visiting www.pledgeit.net and searching 'Building Heroes', or contact Pete Bradbury, Chairman of the Building Heroes Trust.