



## REDEVELOPMENT OF BURGESS HILL TOWN CENTRE SET TO GO AHEAD

The major redevelopment of The Martlets Shopping Centre will go ahead after New River's planning application was approved by the District Council.

The news means the old shopping centre will be replaced with a modern centre with new shops and restaurants, a multi-screen cinema, hotel, new library and homes.

The development will result in hundreds of new jobs being created for local people.

Councillor Mandy Thomas-Atkin says: "The redevelopment will bring significant benefits to Burgess Hill and ensure we have a town centre which meets the town's needs".

"It is time that a town of Burgess Hill's size has a town centre to be proud of. This development will attract big name fashion retailers, provide new leisure facilities, improved public spaces and boost the local economy. I look forward to seeing the development start".



## 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 Steve Hansford says:

"Burgess Hill 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](http://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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**TOWN VOTES TO APPROVE  
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN TO  
HELP PROTECT AGAINST  
INAPPROPRIATE  
DEVELOPMENT**

The Burgess Hill Neighbourhood Plan has been brought into force after it was supported by 86% of residents who voted in the recent referendum. The document will be used to help make planning decisions and will shape the development of the town in future years. Crucially, by having a Neighbourhood Plan, it will be easier to resist inappropriate development, while attracting inward investment in the town centre.

The Neighbourhood Plan includes the cultural quarter and Town Councillors are consulting with users to understand how arts and cultural groups wish to see this area of the town centre develop.

Councillor Chris Thomas-Atkin says: "It's great news that the Neighbourhood Plan was approved in the recent referendum. There are ambitious plans for the growth of Burgess Hill over the coming years and the Neighbourhood Plan will help us influence those developments, secure better infrastructure and resist those developments which are inappropriate and do not add to the community".

**DON'T BE CAUGHT OUT BY  
TELEPHONE TAX SCAMS**

Some residents in the area have received phone calls from a company claiming to be able to get your Council Tax put into a different band for the payment of a fee.

Such calls are not legitimate. If you are concerned that your Council Tax band is not correct, the District Council will be able to advise you about what can be done and applications for a review made to the Valuation Office - all free of charge.

Councillor Mandy Thomas-Atkin says: "I have had residents contacting me concerned about these phone calls and want to reassure the public that the Council will never charge you for assistance and advice about your Council Tax bill. It is never necessary to pay a company to help you with this and I would advise residents not to do so".



If you need advise about Council Tax issues, phone MSDC on 01444 477564.

**MORE PARKING SPACE IN  
CYPRUS ROAD CAR PARK**

The Cyprus Road car park has been extended to provide 100 new parking spaces to support the town centre economy.

The car park has also been resurfaced, with well marked walkways to and from parking bays together with new energy efficient lighting to ensure people can use the car park safely.

Councillor Chris Thomas-Atkin says: "This project was a big investment from the District Council, but the addition of these spaces will help support local shoppers and retailers".



**DIGNITY AND  
SECURITY IN  
RETIREMENT**

The basic state pension increased in April to £119.30 a week, the biggest real terms rise in 15 years.

Under the 'triple lock' introduced by the Conservatives, the state pension will rise every year by wages, prices or 2.5% - whichever is higher.

The full basic state pension is now £1,125 a year higher than it was in 2010. The Conservatives are taking action to ensure dignity and security for those in retirement.