



HUGE BOOST FOR HAYWARDS HEATH'S LEISURE FACILITIES

- > **New Mid Sussex leisure contract a great deal for residents**
- > **Extensions to gyms and more gym equipment**
- > **Free swimming for children under 8 years old**
- > **£1.7 million of new investment from July**

Users of the Dolphin leisure centre and Clair Hall will see significant improvements to services from July after Conservative Councillors awarded a new 15 year management contract to industry leaders DC Leisure.

Changes will include extensions to the gym and new, modern equipment. Improved café areas will be created and to encourage young people to get involved in sport, swimming will be free for children under 8 years old.

As part of the highly competitive bidding process, Conservative Councillors have demanded a greater focus on cleaning under the new contract and controls will remain on the prices of the most important services.

The contract is a good deal for taxpayers too, with an end to direct Council subsidy of leisure centre running costs and £1.7 million of private sector investment being secured.

Lucastes & Bolnore Councillor **Mims Davies** says: "This is an excellent result for Haywards Heath residents as we have been able to negotiate enlarged gyms, improved facilities and free swimming for under 8s, all at no cost to the taxpayer. Leisure centre users will begin to benefit from the changes in the summer".



Voted 'Leisure Centre Operator of the Year' in 2013, DC Leisure is a not-for-profit organisation which manages almost 100 leisure centres across the country on behalf of 29 local Councils.

£150 SAVING FOR RESIDENTS WITH 4TH COUNCIL TAX FREEZE

Haywards Heath residents are £150 better off after the Conservative-run District & County Councils agreed to freeze Council Tax for the 4th year.

If Council Tax had risen by a typical amount each year, the average Council Tax bill would now cost each household £150 extra.

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.

County Councillor **Pete Bradbury** says: "At a time when many bills are going up, residents have welcomed the fact their Council Tax bill has been frozen at 2010 levels, keeping money in people's pockets".



TAX CUT FOR 1,000 LOCAL BUSINESSES

Businesses in Haywards Heath will benefit from two tax cuts being introduced by the Conservatives in April.

The Conservative Council is cutting the business rates of over 1,000 small retail businesses in the district by £1,000 a year for two years, thanks to government funding.

Employers will also get £2,000 a year off employer's National Insurance contributions to boost job creation.

FILLING POTHOLES - FASTER!

Local roads are suffering from the recent wet weather, but potholes are being filled as soon as possible by the Town Council's highways team. Councillor **Lynn Packham** says: "We have agreed with the County Council that minor works such as potholes, twitten clearance, sign cleaning and weed spraying can be carried out by trained staff based in Haywards Heath, to give a more responsive service. Hundreds of jobs have already been completed.

To report work, please email hhtowncic@gmail.com or phone the Town Hall on 455694.



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NICHOLAS WELCOMES PLANNING CHANGES

Mid Sussex MP Nicholas Soames has welcomed changes to national planning guidance published by the government recently. The guidance encourages brownfield development and confirms the 'duty to cooperate', under which Councils have to consult each other on local plans, is not a duty to agree.

Mid Sussex's District Plan was recently delayed by a Planning Inspector after objections from Brighton & Hove City Council. Councillors are working flat out to get the plan back on track as quickly as possible.

Nicholas says: "This is a step in the right direction. I continue to wholeheartedly support the District Council as they deal with these tricky issues".



Have your say on Haywards Heath's Neighbourhood Plan

Consultation on the draft Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Plan continues until the end of March. The plan seeks to provide new homes on brownfield sites and create a 'green corridor' around the town. Read the plan and have your say at www.haywardsheath.gov.uk. Councillor **Chris Ash-Edwards** says: "It's essential that the final Plan is supported by residents, so please let us know your views".

CONSTRUCTION WORK BEGINS ON BOLNORE VILLAGE'S WOODSIDE PAVILION

Conservative Councillors are delighted to see construction work has begun at the Woodside Pavilion in Bolnore Village. Councillor **Tim Farmer** says: "The Woodside Pavilion will provide a much wanted community and sporting hub in Bolnore for use by all residents of Haywards Heath and further afield. The facility will be run by the community and it is anticipated that the building will be open later this year".

EXTRA PARKING AGREED FOR STATION DEVELOPMENT

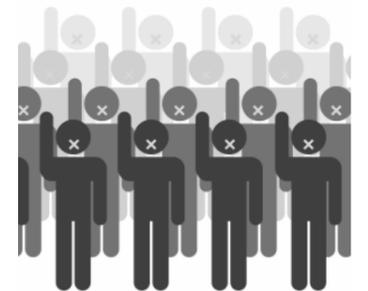
Additional commuter parking has been agreed for Haywards Heath railway station as part of the redevelopment, taking the number of spaces to 1,100. The move will help reduce commuter parking on residential roads and has been warmly welcomed by local Councillors.

The changes, which include a pedestrian footbridge over the railway line, have delayed the start of the development, but it will get underway in the next few months. Local Councils are working to provide temporary parking during construction.



LET BRITAIN DECIDE

Britain's relationship with Europe isn't working and needs to change.



Most people are agreed that it's time for the British people to have their say on whether we leave or stay in the EU. However, some parties don't trust the British people to make the decision.

Only a Conservative government - not a coalition one - can deliver an EU referendum. With a majority in Parliament, David Cameron will negotiate a better deal for Britain and then let the public decide in an in-out referendum no later than 2017.

Labour and the Liberal Democrats combined forces in Parliament to defeat the Conservative referendum legislation and UKIP simply can't deliver a referendum.

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LONG TERM ECONOMIC PLAN

David Cameron's plan to turn Britain around and secure a better future for hardworking people is working.

1. **Reducing the deficit** so we deal with our debts and keep mortgage rates low
2. **Cutting income tax** and freezing fuel duty
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