

## A RECORD OF ACTION FOR ASHENGROUND

■ Last year, local residents voted for change by electing a Conservative Councillor for the first time in decades. Here's an update from Cllr Jim Knight and Conservative Campaigner Sujan Wickremaratchi on some of the things they have achieved for Ashenground Ward.

After years when Councillors took local people for granted, Jim and Sujan have been tackling the issues which matter.

They've helped local community groups set up and win grants, supported funding for improvements at the community centre, campaigned with residents for better parking and road surfacing and fought overdevelopment.

It's a stark contrast to Ashenground's County Councillor, who moved overseas whilst still claiming his allowances and our 'independent' Town Councillor who has now been disqualified after failing to show up at meetings.

Sujan, who missed out on being elected last year by just a handful of votes, will be standing in the Town Council by-election on Thursday 15th November. It'll be a clear choice between a local man who gets things done and others who talk, but never deliver.



## BETTER BUSES, SAFER ROADS

Bus passengers will soon know how far away the next bus is after a decision by Conservative Councils to fund 'real-time information' displays at bus stops in Haywards Heath. Local campaigners are also pushing bus operators to improve morning and evening services for commuters.

Following pressure from Ashenground Councillor Jim Knight, Vale Road has now been resurfaced to improve the road surface. Sujan Wickremaratchi has also been working with residents to secure improvements to parking near the hospital.

Sujan says: "Jim and I are working hard to improve local buses and roads to help residents get around more easily".



## SUJAN BACKS £20M STATION INVESTMENT

■ Plans for a £20million investment in Haywards Heath station are being backed by Conservative campaigner Sujan Wickremaratchi.

The proposals will see the development of a Waitrose supermarket, improved car parking and transport changes, leading to hundreds of new jobs for Haywards Heath. A planning application has now been submitted after a public consultation which saw 94% of residents back the plans.

Sujan says: "The town has waited for decades for the regeneration of this area and it's time now to get on with it, securing new jobs and investment for Haywards Heath".

## NEW PUBLIC TOILETS FOR VICTORIA PARK

■ Work will shortly get underway to provide new public toilets in Victoria Park as part of improvements to the pavilion.

The investment is made possible because of savings this year by the Conservative District Council. An unused part of the pavilion (near the Iceland entrance) will be converted to install the toilets and improve the café facility.

Sujan says: "The current toilets don't give a good impression of the town. Alongside the recent installation of the water play area, this is another positive improvement to the park".

## RELIEF ROAD BACK ON TRACK

Work has restarted to complete the Haywards Heath relief road after the Conservative Council put in place a new legal agreement with the developer. Cllr Jim Knight says: "The relief road is vital to tackling congestion in the town and we've fought hard to get it back on track".

## HOUSING NUMBERS TO BE CUT

Conservatives are cutting the numbers of new houses to be built in Mid Sussex by a third to ensure that our countryside and infrastructure isn't damaged, whilst still ensuring new homes for families and young people. A new system will make developers pay their fair share for infrastructure.

## MORE MONEY IN YOUR POCKET

For two years running, Council Tax has been frozen by the Conservative-run District & County Councils. The move has saved local families £45 a year compared to a typical increase. At the same time, the Councils have saved millions of pounds by axing management and back office costs.