



CUTTING THE COST OF LIVING

■ Times are tough for many families and Conservatives are helping by cutting the cost of living to ensure everyone benefits from the economic recovery

Income tax - cut

Income tax has been halved for the lowest earners. You can now earn £9,440 before paying a penny in income tax, which will increase in April. 24 million working people will have had their income tax cut by £700 a year.

Council Tax - frozen

Council Tax has been frozen for three years by the Conservative District & County Councils, despite the squeeze on Council budgets. Compared to normal increases, the average family is now paying £100 a year less.

Energy bills - cut?

Conservatives in Government are looking at how energy bills could be cut by removing green energy subsidies from the cost of your gas and electricity - they add around £112 to the average bill.

... and you can park all day in the Franklynn Road car park for just £1 on the three Saturdays before Christmas!



FAIR FUEL PRICES FOR HAYWARDS HEATH

Conservatives are campaigning for fair fuel prices for Haywards Heath. Many motorists have noticed recently that the price locally is several pence per litre higher than in areas such as Brighton or Crawley.

The average family could be paying up to £4.20 a week more by buying petrol in Haywards Heath. Conservative Councillors have now written to the petrol companies asking them to explain their pricing.

Rod Clarke says: "Many residents rely on their car to get to work, go shopping or take the children to school and we need to find out whether local motorists are getting a fair deal".



A TRIBUTE TO JOHN DE MIERRE

Last week, hundreds of people from Haywards Heath and beyond packed into St Paul's Church to pay tribute to local Councillor John de Mierre who sadly died this month aged 67.



John was first elected to the County Council in 2005 and re-elected this year. He served on the District Council since 2010 and held senior positions on both Councils as he did in the many business and community organisations with which he was involved. He was a highly respected Councillor who will be greatly missed.

A by-election will be held on Thursday 19th December. Local voters will have the chance to elect Councillors who will continue John's work in the area.

INTRODUCING ROD CLARKE & STEPHEN HILLIER

Haywards Heath Conservatives have chosen **Rod Clarke** and **Stephen Hillier** to stand in the by-elections; Rod for the District Council and Stephen for the County Council.

Rod runs his own business and is a Town Councillor in Franklands Ward, where he has helped the Town Council take on minor road repairs so potholes can be fixed quicker



Stephen is Deputy Mayor of Haywards Heath. He is using his own business experience to help ensure the town attracts and retains jobs and the local economy grows.



TOWN TAKES OVER FIXING POTHoles TO SPEED UP REPAIRS

■ Potholes in Haywards Heath are being filled in days, not weeks, after the Town Council took over responsibility for minor road maintenance, an initiative of local Conservative Councillors.

Instead of waiting for the County Council's contractors, who have to cover all of West Sussex, to make the repairs, the Town Council now has a maintenance team who can make repairs quicker and cheaper than before. The project doesn't just cover potholes - overgrown vegetation, untidy footpaths and road sign cleaning are all being dealt with. Residents can now report problems directly to the Town Hall on 01444 455694

HELP ROD & STEPHEN WIN FOR FRANKLANDS ON THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER



Now is not the time for inexperienced Councillors representing Franklands Ward at the District & County Councils. Residents need Councillors who will start work immediately to represent the local community.

Rod Clarke and **Stephen Hillier** have the experience and knowledge to deliver for Franklands Ward and continue the work John de Mierre started to improve local roads, sort out parking problems and boost the economy.

But they need your support on Thursday 19th December. If you will be away (or busy with Christmas preparations!), why not register now for a postal vote. Call us on 01444 452590 for a registration form, which have to be completed by 5pm on Wednesday 4th December.

Polling day
Thursday
19th December

Polls open
7am-10pm

Vote at
Franklands
Village Hall



Rod and Stephen will be campaigning across the area and meeting residents, but if you would like to speak with them, call our campaign team on 01444 452590.

IMPROVING LOCAL ROADS

■ Speeding still an issue in Fox Hill

Rod Clarke and Stephen Hillier recently took Mid Sussex MP Nicholas Soames and Police & Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne to Fox Hill so they could see the new speed limit for themselves. Councillors are calling for more speed enforcement to improve safety on the road.

■ Northlands Avenue crossing on its way

After much campaigning by residents and Conservative Councillors, a pedestrian crossing for Northlands Avenue is on its way after it was agreed as a priority by the County Council. The crossing will help people cross a very busy road.

■ Hospital parking

Many roads around the hospital suffer from uncontrolled parking as staff, patients and visitors try and find space. Councillors are working with the hospital to try and find solutions as well as implementing restrictions where parking is unsafe.



■ Don't cut off Old Farm Close!

Work by Crest Nicholson on the relief road and new housing has caused severe problems for residents of Old Farm Close whose access has been substantially changed. Cllr Rod Clarke and Cllr Mike Pulfer has been helping them resolve these problems.

BRINGING BACK FAMILY DOCTORS

The Conservatives have secured a new GP contract which will bring back family doctors. Labour's 2004 contract broke the personal link between a GP and their patient, but now family doctors will be able to focus on your family's needs and prioritise the most vulnerable patients.

New Ofsted-style inspections of GP surgeries will ensure that all patients get the care they deserve and can see, transparently, how their GP is performing. Conservatives are ensuring that doctors can improve care for local patients and reduce the long-term pressure on A&E services.

MORE SALT BINS TO PREPARE FOR WINTER

We may be set for another cold winter, but Franklands Ward Councillors have planned ahead to find funding for more salt bins, which are now installed across the area in roads such as Frankton Avenue, Marlow Drive, Greenhill Way, Hoblands and Beech Hill. More bins will be installed as budgets allow.

The salt is provided by local Councils and can be spread on residential roads by residents to help access on those roads which the gritters can't reach. Cllr Rod Clarke says: "Residents do much to help each other in bad weather and these salt bins are designed to make that easier".



WHAT ARE THE CONSERVATIVES ACHIEVING FOR HAYWARDS HEATH?

Being represented by a Conservative Councillor makes a real difference - they get things done for Haywards Heath:

The relief road is back under way - Councillors have made Crest complete it before they can start building their next development

New business units to create space for start up entrepreneurs, which will help create 100 jobs

Councillors' allowances in Mid Sussex District have been frozen for the fourth year to save money

Nationally, the Conservative-led Government is helping hardworking people and delivering on the issues which matter:

No more unlimited welfare - benefits are being capped at the average income

Immigration has been cut by more than a third since 2010

Crime is at its lowest levels since records began - down 10%

More people are in work than ever before with 1.4million new jobs being created since 2010

The state pension has been increased by the largest ever amount to support pensioners in their retirement.