



## 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.

Stephen Hillier says: "Many residents rely on their car to get to work, go shopping or take their children to activities 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 STEPHEN HILLIER

Haywards Heath Conservatives have chosen **Stephen Hillier** to stand in the by-election for West Sussex County Council



Stephen is Deputy Mayor of Haywards Heath and has represented Bentswood on the Town Council since 2011. He lives locally, in Bentswood Crescent.

Stephen is experienced and successful at supporting his local community. He also volunteers his time and expertise working with the business association and 'Town Team' to attract new jobs, retain employers locally and improve the town for the future.

## 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 to deliver a better service at no extra cost to the taxpayer

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, graffiti and road sign cleaning are all being dealt with. Residents can now report problems directly to the Town Hall on 01444 455694



# HELP STEPHEN WIN FOR BENTSWOOD ON THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER



Now is not the time for an inexperienced Councillor representing Bentswood Ward at the County Council. Residents need a Councillor who will start work immediately to represent the local community.

**Stephen Hillier** has the experience and knowledge to deliver for Bentswood Ward at County Hall and continue the work John de Mierre started to improve local roads, sort out parking problems and boost the economy.

But he needs 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  
ACF Hall,  
Eastern Road**



Stephen will be campaigning across the area and meeting residents, but if you would like to speak with him, call our campaign team on 01444 452590 or email [info@msca.org.uk](mailto:info@msca.org.uk)

## AROUND BENTSWOOD

### ■ 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.

### ■ Barn Cottage litter

Cllr Stephen Hillier is working to tackle the problem of litter left on Barn Cottage Green which is spoiling the enjoyment of this important community green space for residents.

### ■ America Lane speed bumps

Residents have brought to Cllr Stephen Hillier's attention that the speed bumps in America Lane are beginning to break up. Stephen is looking into this problem and will be making the case for improvements to the road, which will be a priority if Stephen is elected to represent Bentswood at the County Council.



### ■ New housing for Bentswood

Bentswood Councillors have welcomed the completion of the 'Americas' development in what used to be Wilmington Way. Cllr Stephen Hillier says: "The new neighbourhood is a vast improvement on what existed before and is providing good quality housing for local families".

## 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 Haywards Heath Councillors have planned ahead to find funding for more salt bins, which are now installed across the town. 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 Stephen Hillier says: "Residents do much to help each other in bad weather and these salt bins are designed to make that easier. I would be interested to hear from Bentswood residents if they feel there is a need for a salt bin in their road so it can be looked at as soon as budgets allow".



## 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.**