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Top: Councillors Mims Davies, Tim Farmer, Chris Ash-Edwards and John Sabin  
Left: Councillor Pete Bradbury

# Planning for a brighter Haywards Heath

**Haywards Heath will be at the forefront of a new way of planning by completing a Neighbourhood Plan, the Conservative-run Town Council has confirmed.**

Conservative Councillors have spent the past weeks manning stands across the town to consult with residents about priorities for new infrastructure

Through a Neighbourhood Plan, residents will have the chance to outline the future development of Haywards Heath to ensure the maximum benefit for the town.

Councillor Tim Farmer says: "The Neighbourhood Plan is 'localism in action' and I would encourage all residents to have their say during the consultation periods".

Councillor John Sabin agrees. He says: "This is a great opportunity to plan positively for a brighter future for Haywards Heath".

■ Proposals to improve Haywards Heath railway station are moving a step closer after initial plans were outlined to Councillors by developer Solum Regeneration.

The plans involve an improved railway station, passenger facilities and parking for commuters plus a development including a Waitrose supermarket and a budget hotel.

Public consultation is likely to begin shortly with a planning application expected in 2012.



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# WHAT ARE THE CONSERVATIVES DOING FOR HAYWARDS HEATH?

**In May's local elections, Haywards Heath residents overwhelmingly elected Conservatives to run the local District and Town Councils. Here's an update on what Conservative Councillors are achieving for our town:**

- ▶ **Haywards Heath relief road back on track with a new legal agreement and work back underway**
- ▶ **Safeguarding the future of The Yews as a community centre and one-stop facility for voluntary groups**
- ▶ **Encouraging proposals to improve the railway station and commuter parking and bring Waitrose and a budget hotel to town**
- ▶ **Preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for the town to prepare for the future**
- ▶ **Council Tax frozen this year to keep more money in residents' pockets**
- ▶ **An improved, quicker and more effective response to pothole repairs**
- ▶ **Investing in leisure, including a new water play facility in Victoria Park to be installed in time for next summer**

# Working hard for residents in Lucastes & Bolnore

## Plans approved for Bolnore recreation ground



■ Plans for the new Bolnore recreation ground have been approved by the District Council after consultation with residents. **Tim Farmer** says "I am delighted to see such a great range of leisure facilities that will be available to all the residents of Haywards Heath".

## The Yews: safe in the community's hands



■ **Pete Bradbury** reports that The Yews has been transferred to community ownership from the County Council. The 'Big Society' move will secure the centre's future as a one-stop facility for local voluntary organisations.

## Working with residents association

■ Conservative Councillors have been working closely with the residents association in Bolnore to develop the village hall site and were happy to present a cheque from the Town Council to help with the wonderful wood sculptured picnic tables and chairs that have proved such a great hit



## Strategic gap application refused

■ Plans by Taylor Wimpey to build in the strategic gap to the west of Haywards Heath have been unanimously rejected by District Councillors on five separate grounds.

However, **Chris Ash-Edwards**, who chairs the Town Council's Planning Committee warns there is a need to stay vigilant as developers have now submitted an appeal.



## The work of our Councillors

■ **Mims Davies writes...** "People often ask: 'just what is it that you Councillors do?' Well, since May, it's been a frantic time learning, training and of course - attending meetings! We get to lead, join in and support lots of local events and activities - from our winning entries to South East In Bloom to our recent 'Tidy Up' day to helping with Town Day or supporting the relaunch of The Yews.



"But the nitty gritty of being a Councillor is being available to listen and try to find the right action for residents' queries - such as potholes, car parking, dog mess, planning concerns or perhaps assisting on housing and road safety issues. We don't always have an instant answer but will always try and get a positive action or intervention for residents and for the good of our town".

■ Congratulations to two new Lucastes & Bolnore Councillors for their new roles at the Town Council. **Tim Farmer** has been elected Leader of the Council and **John Sabin** has been appointed Mayor of Haywards Heath for the current Council year.

## CONTACT YOUR CONSERVATIVE TEAM

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## 60 SECOND SURVEY

Please take a minute to fill out this survey and tell us what you think about the issues facing Haywards Heath.

**1** If you were in charge of Haywards Heath what would you change or improve?

**3** Are there any other local issues you would like to bring to our attention?

**2** Do you support the proposals to improve the railway station, increase parking and build a new Waitrose and budget hotel?

Please give us your contact details so we can keep in touch with you about the issues you have raised:

Name

Address

Phone

Email

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- Deliver a few leaflets in your road
- Display a poster at election time
- Become a Conservative member
- Make a donation

Please return to: **Conservatives, 5 Hazelgrove Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 3PH** or email: **info@msca.org.uk**

