

Bembrook News

*From your local Labour councillors: Peter Chowney & Jay Kramer
August 2007*

Today, we have been calling on residents to see if we can help with any problems you may have with the County or Borough Council. We have produced this newsletter to help keep you in touch with what's going on.

Torfield MUGA



Torfield Multi-Use Games Area

After months of pressurising Hastings Borough Council and East Sussex County Council, we are delighted that the Torfield games area is finally open to the local community and is being used

regularly. We have campaigned for this and have been disappointed that the opening was so far behind schedule. Jay Kramer said:



Jay Kramer

“As both County Councillor and borough councillor for Tressell Ward, I believe this has not been a good example of partnership working between two local authorities. Both the school and the local community have been very patient. We must now celebrate this

achievement, put the past behind us, and ensure that the games area provides a much needed effective leisure facility for local people.”

Cllrs Chowney and Kramer will be present at the official opening event on the Torfield site on 16th August at 2-4pm. Come along to join in with the fun.

Meanwhile, If you experience any problems on the site, please report them on the following numbers:

[451122](tel:451122) or [0845 2741050](tel:08452741050)

Twin Bin Scheme

The Council is planning to introduce a twin-bin recycling scheme in parts of the town, with alternate weekly collections of recyclable and non-recyclable materials. Bembrook Road is included in the scheme. Assisted collections are available for older people and those with disabilities. The new 240 litre wheelie bins will be delivered from the end of August, with the new collections beginning in October. However, the scheme is proving to be controversial, with many people unhappy about the arrangements. Peter Chowney says:



Peter Chowney

“While I support the principle of recycling through alternate weekly collections, the Council is doing this very badly, and is trying to force wheelie bins onto properties where they just aren't suitable, and are not providing assisted collections where people need them. Council staff should have visited every household in the borough to check that they had the space to store the bins that they could get the bin onto their property easily, and to make sure they had an assisted collection if they needed it. This hasn't happened. I also think the 240 litre bins are far too big for most – again, people should have been offered a choice in the size of bins. Weekly collections of food waste should be investigated, too.”

If you think you will need an assisted collection, contact the Council's twin bin team on 0845 2741077 or twinbin@hastings.gov.uk.

Some useful contacts ...



Dog mess and litter?

You can report any street cleansing or refuse problems on 0845 2741077.

e-Mail: refuseandrecycling@hastings.gov.uk

Untaxed and abandoned cars?



You can report untaxed and abandoned cars by phoning 783376, giving the number, description and location of the car, or e-mail:

abandoned-untaxedvehicles@hastings.gov.uk. Abandoned cars are often in a dangerous condition – do please report them, and they will be removed!



Crime and anti-social behaviour?

You can contact the Safer Hastings Partnership on freephone 0800 0854500, or e-mail antisocialbehaviour@hastings.gov.uk. Or you can contact Alison Lambert-Gorwyn, the Police Community Support Officer for Tressell Ward directly on her work mobile number: 08456 070999. She works shifts, so leave a message if she isn't on duty.

You can contact your Labour councillors via the Town Hall, or:

Peter Chowney: Tel: 01424 436032 e-mail: cllr.peter.chowney@hastings.gov.uk

Jay Kramer: Tel: 01424 781983 e-mail: cllr.jay.kramer@hastings.gov.uk

Jay is also the County Councillor for Tressell and Old Hastings. You can contact her about County Council matters as above.

Jay and Peter are starting regular advice surgeries – the first will be held at the Bridge Community Centre, 361, Priory Road on Friday 24th August at 3-4pm.

Reply slip: Send this slip to Cllr. Jay Kramer or Cllr. Peter Chowney, Town Hall, Queen's Road, Hastings TN34 1QR

I would like to raise the following issue:

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Telephone: