

# Broomgrove and Hurrell News

*From your local Labour team: Peter Chowney, Jay Kramer & Jeremy Birch  
Winter 2009*

*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.*

## Allotment Site Chaos



*Path across allotments site*

After months of delay, there is still no progress with building work on the Broomgrove Allotments site. The site is clearly dangerous and insecure – the fence along the temporary footpath has now collapsed, making the footpath unusable.

Furthermore, the footpath has been routed along private steps, which residents only agreed to if the permanent new footpath was installed quickly. But no building work can take place at all until Broomgrove Road is surfaced to the required standard – which has yet to happen.



*Cllr. Jay Kramer*

Jay Kramer said: “ It’s a great pity that a valuable open space like this in a densely built-up area has to be developed at all. Along with many other local people, I have

opposed building on this site for years, because I thought it was too difficult to develop sympathetically. It’s beginning to look like I was right. As no work has taken place on this site for several months now, it seems very likely that the developer has run out of money. But people can’t be expected to live with this chaos – if building work doesn’t start on site very soon, then I shall be doing all I can to get the Council to sort out this mess.”

## Adventure Play

Thanks to a £800,000 Labour government grant, Hastings will get a state-of-the-art adventure play area in the Ore Valley. The Council will build this on the site of the old coach works and woodyard, just the other side of the railway bridge.



*Inside the play building*

Architects have been working with local children to produce designs, and work on re-roofing and converting the existing dilapidated building will begin soon.

Peter Chowney said: “This is a welcome addition to the town, which I fought to get in the Ore Valley. I would have preferred a more open, natural play area, rather than the fenced structures that they’re now going to build. The challenge will be to get enough funding to employ play workers to keep such a site open, rather than mostly closed and inaccessible. Under the government funded scheme, the site has to be open by next March – work must start soon if they’re going to achieve this. This could be something really special, if they get it right. I shall do everything I can to make sure they do!”



*Cllr. Peter Chowney*

## Some useful contacts ...



### Dog mess and litter?

You can report any street cleansing or refuse problems on 0845 2741077, or contact the Litterline (free) on 0800 085 4500  
e-mail: [refuseandrecycling@hastings.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto:abandoned-untaxedvehicles@hastings.gov.uk). Abandoned cars are often in a dangerous condition – 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](mailto:antisocialbehaviour@hastings.gov.uk). Or you can contact Darren Fox, the Police Community Support Officer for Tressell Ward directly on her work mobile number: 08456 070999, extension 26453. He 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](mailto:cllr.peter.chowney@hastings.gov.uk)  
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Jeremy Birch: Tel: 01424 781083 e-mail: [cllr.jeremy.birch@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.jeremy.birch@eastsussex.gov.uk)

Or you can fill in a questionnaire and make comments through our website:  
[www.tressell.org.uk](http://www.tressell.org.uk)

*Jeremy is the County Councillor for Tressell and Old Hastings. Contact him about County Council matters.*

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

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