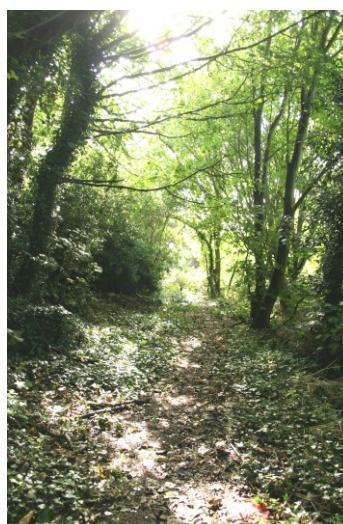


Frederick & Valleyside News

**From your local Labour team: Peter Chowney, Jay Kramer & Jeremy Birch
Spring 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.

Opening the Upper Ore Valley



Woodland in the Upper Ore Valley

A piece of unregistered land in the Upper Ore Valley has been reclaimed for the community by a local action group.

The land, a steep-sided wooded valley that starts from Frederick Road, is being cleared by Ore Valley Action, with help from volunteers from the Prince's Trust.

Peter Chowney said: "It is very important to protect and preserve the open space in this valley, which is a valuable habitat and potential recreation area. Cllr Kramer and I have been fighting to prevent housing development in the valley above Frederick Road for years. Then I had the idea to claim the unregistered land for community use. This has been very popular, with lots of local people helping to clear the paths



Cllr. Peter Chowney

and stream. This is community direct action at its best!

On Saturday 14th March at 2pm, there will be a meeting at the Salvation Army Hall on Old London Road to set up a Community Land Trust to manage the reclaimed unregistered land. Come along and join in: the more local people get involved, the stronger the arguments for protecting this wonderful wooded valley will be."

Sussex Arms Junction

After two years of delays and a petition taken to the County Council by Cllr. Jay Kramer, the planned improvements to the Sussex Arms Junction have finally begun. Contractors will install traffic lights on Old London Road, Priory Road and Frederick Road, with a pedestrian phase covering all three roads.

Jeremy Birch said: "This work is long overdue. It's unfortunate that Seaspaces and East Sussex County Council, have spent so long arguing about it, causing such a delay. This junction is very dangerous, especially for pedestrians, and it's lucky there haven't been serious injuries during the delay. Hopefully, these improvements will now be put in place quickly."



Cllr. Jeremy Birch

Jeremy Birch is the Labour candidate for Tressell and Old Hastings in the East Sussex County Council elections on June 4th.

Do you have any comments you'd like to make about local issues? If so, contact us! See contact details overleaf ...

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

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 – 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 Jenna Boyd, the Police Community Support Officer for Tressell Ward directly on her work mobile number: 08456 070999, extension 25597. 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
Jeremy Birch: Tel: 01424 781083 e-mail: cllr.jeremy.birch@hastings.gov.uk

Or you can fill in a questionnaire and make comments through our website:
www.tressell.org.uk

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

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

I would like to raise the following issue:

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