

# Halton Heights News

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

## Isabel Blackman Centre: what next?



*Isabel Blackman Centre*

The County Council has confirmed that the Isabel Blackman Centre, the day centre for older residents, is to close this month. They will transfer elderly users to the

Moreton Centre in St Leonards. Then the refurbished Isabel Blackman will re-open next Summer, for the users of both centres.

But there are spaces for 326 older people at the two day centres currently. There will only be 281 in the refurbished Isabel Blackman Centre. Although a broader range of services will be on offer, these will be provided through a voluntary sector partner.



*Cllr. Jay Kramer*

Jay Kramer said:  
"I am concerned about these lost places, and that older people in St Leonards will have to travel across the borough. We have been

told there is a voluntary sector partner in the offing but they have not signed up. No-one at the County Council can explain why Isabel Blackman is closing now when the refurbishment work is not starting until Spring. I also doubt whether the new combined centre will be able to cope with the users from the two centres when it will

have fewer places, especially as the local over-65 population is due to grow by 11% in six years. And I want to know what the long-term future of the Moreton Centre is: if it's not to provide day care, what will it do? Will it be used for elderly people at all? With the help of Jeremy Birch, county councillor for Tressell and Old Hastings, I will make sure these questions are answered."

## Sussex Arms Junction



*Sussex Arms Junction*

After several months of operation, the new lights are working well, with no significant traffic hold-ups. However, for pedestrians, it isn't quite such good news, as the lights

change on all four crossings at the same time, making it slow to cross the entire junction.

Peter Chowney said:  
"Although it's slow for pedestrians, it is safe now, which is the important thing. And the disruption to traffic seems to be minimal, after the chaos the first time the lights were switched on. We are still trying to get 'bleepers' installed, to make the crossing easier to use for blind and partially sighted people. Overall though, after years of campaigning for these lights, it's good to see them in place and working."



*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 his 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:

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

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