

# St George's Road 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.*

## Rubbish collection: the debate restarts



*St George's Road: Room for bins?*

Three years ago, the council consulted residents in the Mount Pleasant area on proposals for communal rubbish bins. From this, it was clear that many people believed the bins would cause problems by cutting down

parking spaces and encouraging fly-tipping. Some would have had to walk considerable distances to get rid of their rubbish. So the idea was shelved. But that didn't sort out the rubbish collection problems in this and other parts of the town not on the wheelie bin scheme.



*Cllr. Peter Chowney*

Peter Chowney said: "Plastic sacks that get ripped open by gulls and foxes are not a permanent solution. We need to find a better way – small wheelie bins perhaps, or reusable seagull-proof sacks. We also need to maximise the amount of rubbish we recycle. But all this is taking place against a backdrop of £6m cuts from the council's budget, so we have to make big savings. One way we might be able to do this is with a bigger refuse collection contract, covering several districts, not just Hastings, collecting rubbish in common ways. But whatever is proposed, we will continue to fight for a system that works for local people."

A pilot scheme for seagull proof sacks is to be tested out in Emmanuel and Plynlmmon roads. Groups have been set up across the town, involving local representatives from residents associations and area forums, to discuss ideas. And the council will consult residents on any proposals that emerge.

## CPO Success

Hastings council has recently embarked on a programme of compulsory purchase orders (CPOs) to tackle the 600 long-term empty properties in the borough. Notices will be served on owners of empty properties, telling them that if they don't bring their property into use, the council will compulsorily purchase and sell it.

Jay Kramer said: "We served seven of these notices initially, on properties that in some cases had been empty for



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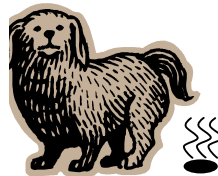


*Refurbished house in Emmanuel Road*

ten years or more. In all seven cases, owners are now bringing them back into use or have put them on the market. One of them was in Tressell Ward, at 68 Emmanuel Road – which is now refurbished and back in use. Another 14 notices have now been served, including two more in Tressell Ward. Extra housing is badly needed in Hastings – we'll keep

going with this, issuing more and more CPO notices until owners of empty properties get the message."

## 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 Lee Miles, the Police Community Support Officer for Tressell Ward directly on his work mobile number: 07787 685787. He works shifts, so leave a message if he isn't on duty. And you can now also phone 101, the new police non-emergency number. But don't forget, if you see a crime in progress, ring 999!

## You can contact your Labour councillors at:

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

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