

Ticehurst & Cookson News

**From your local Labour team: Peter Chowney, Jay Kramer & Jeremy Birch
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Last week, we called 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 and managed by the newly-formed Ore Community Land Trust, with help from volunteers from the Prince's Trust.

Jay Kramer said: "It is very important to protect and preserve the open space in this valley, which is a valuable habitat and potential recreation area. I have been fighting to prevent housing development in the valley above Frederick Road for years. Then Cllr Chowney 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 and stream. This is community direct action at its best! Come along and join in: the more



Cllr. Jay Kramer

local people get involved, the stronger the arguments for protecting this wonderful wooded valley will be."

You can join the Ore Community Land Trust by contacting them on: ore.clt@hotmail.com

Little Acres Farm

Little Acres Farm is the triangle of land behind Tuppenny Close, which currently has one bungalow on it. Planning permission was granted by the Council a year ago to build 30 homes on this site, in spite of opposition from local people and Tressell councillors. So far, no development has taken place, but the site is not secure, with some people using the land irresponsibly. Jeremy Birch said:



Cllr. Jeremy Birch

"We have had complaints about cars and bikes racing on this land, which is open to anyone. I have raised this with Council officers and the police so we can put a stop to it. We also need to get the landowner to manage the land properly until development begins."

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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