

Tressell News

*From your local Labour councillors: Peter Chowney & Jay Kramer
March 2008*

Tory Surrender!



After proposing massive cuts to council services and plans to axe 39 jobs, Hastings Conservatives have given in to massive opposition from local people and Labour

councillors. At the council's budget meeting, all the proposed cuts were rejected. This means that threatened services, such as the street wardens, arts development, and support to elderly people have been saved. Not only that, but some services will be improved – with an extra post in the 'Grotbusters' team to force landlords to do up dilapidated properties, and a new service to help householders make their properties more energy efficient..

Commenting on this, Cllr Peter Chowney said: "This is a great victory for people power – the Tories have been forced to surrender. And thanks to big new grants from central Government, we've been able to abandon their cuts plans and create new posts without big increases in the Council Tax. The Tories have been forced to adopt Labour's budget for the coming year. They've shown that they're incapable of running this town and that Hastings people don't want their mean spirited administration. It's time for them to go."

Representing YOUR views

Your Tressell Labour councillors have worked hard to represent the views of local people since the last local elections two years ago. This has included opposing unpopular planning applications, fighting to retain the Upper Ore Valley as open space, representing local people's views on the Millennium Communities development, securing traffic lights and safety improvements for the Sussex Arms junction (to be installed in Spring), working with 1066 Housing Association to achieve improvements to Farley Bank and Halton Estates, getting the Torfield multi-use games area built and opened, and working with the Ore Valley Forum on improving community safety in the area. Cllr Peter Chowney says:



Cllr. Peter Chowney

"We have done our best to represent the views of local people and to secure improvements for Tressell Ward. But we recognise there is always a lot more we can do. And we'd like you to tell us what you think needs doing – fill in the tear-off slip overleaf or visit the Tressell councillors' website and fill in an online form. If re-elected in the May elections, I will continue to work for local people, getting the best deal I can for Tressell Ward and the people who live here."

Today, we've been calling on houses in Calvert Road

The Council elections are on May 1st this year:

Vote Peter CHOWNEY



Your councillor for Tressell Ward

**You can contact your Labour councillors at Hastings Town Hall,
Queens Road, Hastings, TN34 1QR 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
Jay is also the County Councillor for Tressell and Old Hastings.

Contact your Labour MP:

Michael Foster Tel: 01424 460070 e-mail: mp@1066.net www.michaelfoster.org.uk

Tell us what you think are the priorities for Tressell Ward!

You can fill in a (more detailed) online form to tell us your priorities at www.tressell.org.uk.
Or you can fill in the form below:

Reply slip: Send this slip to Cllr. Peter Chowney, Freepost SEA9848, East Sussex, TN376BR.

On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is unimportant and 5 is very important, how important do you think the following issues are in Tressell Ward?

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| 1. | Providing affordable new homes in the area | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. | Protecting the local environment and open spaces | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. | Improving street cleaning and tackling dog fouling | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. | Improving community safety and tackling crime | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5. | Installing more traffic calming to reduce traffic speeds | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

How do you intend to vote at the May council elections?

Labour Conservative Liberal Democrat Green BNP
Don't know yet Won't vote

Are there any other issues you think are important, or particular problems you would like to raise?

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