

Victoria Avenue 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.

Ore Valley update



Remains of the old piggery

Local residents and Tressell councillors are continuing their struggle to preserve the Upper Ore Valley (the open space between

Victoria Avenue and Frederick Road). Re-opened footpaths in the bottom part of the valley are now well-used, but much of the land in the valley is being acquired by a property developer.

Peter Chowney said:

“I am determined to preserve as much as possible of the valley as open space, for the benefit of local people and wildlife. I



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am confident we can do this for the bottom of the valley around the stream, classifying it as protected open space in the new Local Development Framework. However, the old allotments and piggery along Greystone Lane are more controversial, as they're currently classified as housing development land. It will be

very important for local people to make their views known when the council consults next year on all the potential housing sites in the borough. We'll need public support to make sure this valuable green space is saved.”

Ore Community Land Trust are holding an open day at the Ore Centre on 23rd October at 2pm, to tell people about their work in the valley. You can contact them on: ore.clt@hotmail.com.

The Big Conversation



Jeremy Birch in a Big Conversation

The council has launched its 'Big Conversation', to ask people what council services should be cut, and which should be protected. A questionnaire has been sent

to every household in the borough, with drop-events at various locations, where anyone can discuss the issues with councillors and council officers. You can also fill in the questionnaire online. For further details, follow the link on the council website at: www.hastings.gov.uk.

Jay Kramer said:

“Making cuts to council services is not what we want to do, but we will have to because of the big cuts all councils will get in their funding from next year. We really do want to know what people think, and we will take everyone's views into account. So please, make sure you fill in the questionnaire, either by post or online. The more

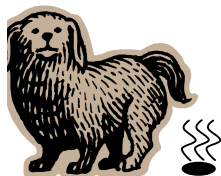


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people tell us what they think, the better we can protect the services that are important to everyone.”

Consultation will continue until 31st October. The council will start to make decisions on next year's budget after its government grant is announced in December.

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 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 he isn't on duty. 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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www.tressell.org.uk



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