

Victoria Avenue News

**From your local Labour councillors: Peter Chowney & Jay Kramer
October 2006**

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.

Protect the Upper Ore Valley!

Over the past few years, there has been much speculation about the fate of the area of open space known locally as the 'Upper Ore Valley' – the undeveloped open space between Church Street and Old London Road that runs down to Frederick Road and the power station development site.

This land is classified as 'brown field land' and is consequently at risk of being lost as open space – indeed, the South East England Development Agency has earmarked this site for potential housing.



Peter Chowney

However, your local councillors believe this would be wrong, and are opposing development of this valuable green space.

Peter Chowney has recently been researching land ownership in the Upper Ore Valley, revealing a patchwork of many different land owners, many of whom would be untraceable. He says: "This is good news - it would make it very difficult for any developer to acquire enough land to build on. But this land is still zoned for housing – I think it's important that we try to get this changed in

the new Local Development Framework, which the Council is putting together now. We need to ensure this unusual habitat becomes protected open space for all to enjoy."

Problems with Rubbish

During the summer, many of you have complained to your local councillors about problems with refuse collection and street cleansing in Hastings, and around Tressell Ward in particular. These problems were



Litter in Victoria Avenue

caused by two things: several key council staff leaving, and a new refuse and street cleansing contract starting. Jay Kramer has been dealing with many of the complaints, and

says:

"I think the Council could have done more to bring in temporary staff to sort out these problems, but they do now seem to be improving. We have had to arrange site visits with local people and refuse officers to address some of the more difficult problems. If anyone is still experiencing problems or knows of an area that needs cleaning up, contact me or Peter and we'll try to sort it out."



Jay Kramer

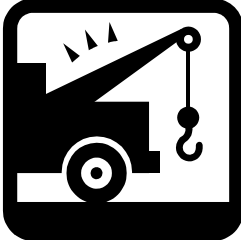
Do you have any comments you'd like to make about the Upper Ore Valley or refuse and street cleansing? If so, contact us! See contact details overleaf ...

Some useful contacts ...



Dog mess and litter?

You can report any street cleansing or refuse problems on 0845 2741077.
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 – do please 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 Alison Lambert-Gorwyn, the Police Community Support Officer for Tressell Ward directly on her work mobile number: 08456 070999. 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: cll.peter.chowney@hastings.gov.uk
Jay Kramer: Tel: 01424 781983 e-mail: cll.jay.kramer@hastings.gov.uk

Jay is also the County Councillor for Tressell and Old Hastings. You can contact her about County Council matters as above.

Jay and Peter will be starting regular advice surgeries soon, when the Bridge Community Centre starts opening at weekends. Watch for notices in the local press.

Reply slip: Send this slip to Cllr. Jay Kramer or Cllr. Peter Chowney, Town Hall, Queen's Road, Hastings TN34 1QR

I would like to raise the following issue:

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Name: Address:

Telephone: