

Autumn 2018

YOUR CHOICE FOR ARLINGTON WARD

Local Government boundary changes mean that Wealden District Council's 2019 election will be contested on new boundaries. The number of councillors is being reduced from 55 to 45, and the new Arlington Ward will be represented by one councillor.

■ David Watts has been selected as the Conservative candidate for Arlington Ward.

He is a retired NHS Healthcare Professional with over 30-years NHS experience as a surgically-trained nurse and manager.

David has been a councillor since 2015 serving on Polegate Town Council and former Mayor and leader of the Council 2015 till 2017. David has also been a serving Wealden councillor for

Chiddingly and East Hoathly since July 2017. He continues to work hard for constituents across the patch to represent them.

David has a deep interest in healthcare issues and will continue work on improving co-ordination between the NHS and social care

He is always keen to hear from electors via his contact details listed overleaf.



David with Wealden District Council Leader, Cllr Bob Standley

Shaping Wealden for this and future generations

LOCAL PLAN GOES TO NEXT STAGE

■ All planning authorities, including Wealden, have to produce a Local Plan – their strategy for the future. Housing is often the main topic of debate, but this is only part of the Plan.

Wealden's Local Plan covers housing, employment, infrastructure and environmental matters. It will therefore ensure that the necessary infrastructure such as schools and medical centres are included.

The Local Plan has now been agreed by the Council and goes to a Planning Inspector who will make a final recommendation.



WEALDEN'S SUSTAINABILITY SUCCESSSES

■ Wealden's recycling rate is the highest across East Sussex, and one of the best in the entire country. Over half our waste is recycled and the majority of the remainder is incinerated at Newhaven where it is used as fuel to produce electricity.

Waste collections

The current service from Kier has had its problems and the contract has been terminated early, with a new contractor starting in June 2019.

Wealden Conservatives will continue to keep recycling a priority.

ABOUT DAVID WATTS



Among David's key priorities for Wealden and Arlington Ward are:

Public Health

■ Working with GPs to improve health delivery through Connecting For You Programme.

Traffic Management

■ Working closely with County Highways to reduce speeding traffic and protect our communities

Housing

■ Managing housing growth, where appropriate, and with the necessary infrastructure

Wealden Conservatives have delivered and will keep delivering for you

If elected, David will work hard to:

■ Keep the rural feel of our villages

■ Keep council tax increases as low as possible whilst maintaining services

■ Campaign to improve highway condition

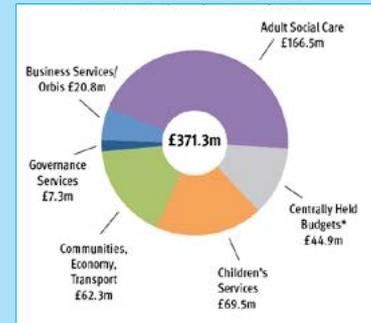
■ Continue to lobby for better broadband and mobile signal

■ Promote investment in the necessary infrastructure.

VALUE-FOR-MONEY

■ DESPITE the challenges facing our County Council, East Sussex still continues to give us value-for-money.

As the graph (below) shows, over 63 per cent of the budget funds Adult Social Care and Children's Services. These are difficult areas in which to predict spending, given the need to assist the vulnerable is an immediate priority.



WHAT MAKES WEALDEN, WEALDEN

Keeping Council Tax Low

■ Wealden has kept its council tax rates as low as possible. Since 2011 the average rise per annum has been below inflation, at less than 1%.



Investing in the Community

Wealden is investing in projects that will create an income and help keep down council tax.

■ Investing in part of Hailsham High Street to produce an income for the Council and regenerate the town.

■ Building a crematorium at Horam

■ Delivering smaller, more affordable properties built by Council-owned Sussex Weald Homes.

Maintaining Free Car Parking

■ Wealden remains one of the few district councils that does not charge for off-street car parking. This helps protect our high streets, an important part of Wealden.



KEEPING IN TOUCH

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■ delivering leaflets

■ joining the local Party

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