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## TOBY ILLINGWORTH: YOUR CHOICE FOR BUXTED

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 Buxted Ward will be represented by one councillor.

■ Cllr Toby Illingworth (*pictured right*) has been selected to contest the new Buxted Ward in May 2019.

Toby has served as the District Councillor for Buxted and Maresfield since 2015, and is a Buxted Parish Councillor. He has focused on protecting the villages within the ward from excessive development and has consistently campaigned for better infrastructure across Wealden. Toby has supported the local economy and local commerce through fighting for business-friendly policies in

the Wealden Local Plan and supporting developments such as the Ashdown Business Park outside Maresfield, which has brought jobs and investment into our local area.

Toby will continue to campaign for better infrastructure, such as increasing mobile network coverage and improving road and rail links around Wealden, keeping council tax as low as possible by improving efficiency, and encouraging alternative sources of council income, and supporting local businesses to thrive.



### 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 SUCCESSES

■ 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.

**Caring and Campaigning for our Community**

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## **NUS GHANI MP ON “WONDERFUL WEALDEN”**

“2019 brings opportunity and challenges for Wealden. It’s a great place to live and work and that is down to a strong economy with record levels of employment, unemployment at a 40-year low, and wages growing faster than inflation. The security of work is key to building strong communities and families.

Wealden has the best local businesses, farmers, pubs and community charities who do so much for the Wealden economy. Without the hard-working families across East Sussex, none of this would have been possible.

It's up to Conservatives in Government to support job creators – and we are doing just that: £420 million more to fix potholes, £400 million more for our schools, an extra £1 billion for the armed forces and a further £20 billion investment in our

NHS and mental health services. This is very welcome news – but I will continue to campaign to support the job creators across Wealden.

We have a strong slate of local campaigners standing in the District Council elections in May, 2019 and another Conservative administration on Wealden District Council will build on this and deliver for the people of Wealden.

Whether it's supporting our schools across Wealden, the thriving agricultural community and the booming Sussex sparkling wines or backing our wonderful local pubs and community high streets, I have been working closely with both Wealden District Council and East Sussex County Council to ensure that Wealden's voice is heard at the very top of Government.



Through our combined hard work, we have already achieved a lot, and confidently made the case for what makes Wealden so special. I know that following the District Council elections next year, we will continue to make Wealden an even better place to live.”

## **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**

### **YOUR CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE FOR BUXTED WARD.**



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If you would like to help our campaign by:

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- delivering leaflets,
- joining the local Party.

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