

Autumn 2018

YOUR CHOICE FOR FRANT & WADHURST

Local Government boundary changes mean that next year's Wealden District Council elections will be contested on new boundaries. The number of councillors is being reduced from 55 to 45, and Frant & Wadhurst becomes a two-councillor Ward. Your Conservative candidates are Bob Standley and Johanna Howell; they are current councillors for Wadhurst and Frant respectively.

■ Bob Standley has represented Wadhurst on Wealden District Council since 2004, and has been Leader of the Council since 2010.

During that time there have been many challenges, particularly with the finances, and Bob has successfully guided the District Council through those stormy waters. The Council is now a leaner and more streamlined organisation.

He has also been a strong voice for Wadhurst on both the District and County Councils.

■ Johanna Howell has been District Councillor representing Frant/Withyham since 2007, and during that time has also been a Frant Parish Councillor.

She has a particularly keen interest in environmental matters and has worked hard to ensure development comes with the correct infrastructure.

Johanna has also campaigned on highway and speeding issues and been at the forefront of reducing the numbers killed or seriously injured on Wealden's roads.



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, is 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 contract with 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.

NUS GHANI MP ON “WONDERFUL WEALDEN”

“ 2019 will bring 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%.



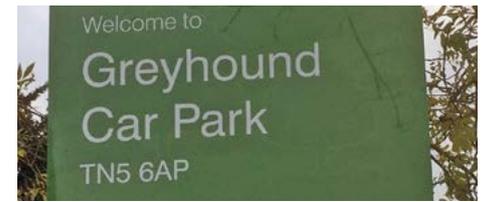
Investing in the Community

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 CANDIDATES FOR FRANT & WADHURST

Johanna and Bob, with your help, are keen to continue their work in representing you and keeping this part of Wealden a great place to live, work and play.



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- delivering leaflets
- joining the local Party

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