

# In Touch

Latest News from Cllr Rupert Simmons

Working for you, all-year round

2021 local election special

## Conservatives – delivering high-quality services

The pandemic has dominated the last twelve months and we have all had to change the way we work under the threat of the Covid virus.

Conservative-led East Sussex County Council and Wealden District Council moved quickly to home-working to ensure services were maintained, especially to the vulnerable in our community.

Thanks to volunteers across the county who delivered food parcels and prescriptions to those shielding. We will also not forget those working in the NHS at this busy time.

As you read this, multiple vaccines are being delivered across the county.

### KEEPING COUNCIL TAX LOW

The majority of county councils have increased Council Tax by 5%, including the adult social care precept; but in well-managed East Sussex, we have kept the increase to £1 a week for a Band D property.

Careful financial management by Conservative Wealden District Council has meant that services can be maintained whilst keeping Council Tax at the same level for 2021/22.



Your East Sussex Conservative County Councillor for Heathfield & Mayfield Division is Cllr Rupert Simmons.

## Action, not words, is what the planet needs

### PROTECTING OUR PRECIOUS ENVIRONMENT

While other political parties talk about what they may do, the Conservatives have been busy both nationally and locally here across East Sussex delivering on their commitment to carbon zero.

- Wealden District and East Sussex County have declared Climate Emergencies
- 60% reduction in carbon since 2008; and an additional 13% reduction each year
- Replacement of street lamps with LED to benefit the environment
- Carbon-neutral as soon as possible, and certainly by 2050.
- Installing electric chargers in all Wealden-owned car parks
- Conservative-led Wealden has the highest recycling rates in East Sussex.



Installing electric vehicle charging

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## PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY

A key part of Conservative policies, both nationally and here in East Sussex, is to ensure the vulnerable are protected.

■ The Conservative Government has ensured Free School Meals are maintained where needed

■ Conservatives have provided additional funding for vital Adult Social Care

■ Conservatives are working closely with the NHS at all levels to provide the best possible service.



Conservatives care for the vulnerable of all ages

## IMPROVING OUR ROADS THE ARTERIES OF THE COMMUNITY

Across East Sussex, Conservative councillors are campaigning for better roads and more investment in our highways. Already they have achieved much, but there is more to do.

- Over 300-miles of roads resurfaced
- Increased areas of reduced speed limits
- Additional white lining to improve safety
- Investing in new drainage schemes
- 130 road safety schemes delivered in the last four years.



## DELIVERING FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Conservative councils are busy creating the necessary infrastructure for the future:

■ **Childrens' Services across East Sussex were judged "Outstanding" by Ofsted.**

■ Extra funding has been made available for all schools in East Sussex.

■ New school buildings have gone up in Wadhurst, Uckfield, Willingdon and Hailsham

■ New schools for the disadvantaged in Hastings, Eastbourne, Hailsham and across East Sussex



## YOUR CONSERVATIVE COUNTY COUNCILLOR FOR HEATHFIELD & MAYFIELD DIVISION



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HEATHFIELD & MAYFIELD DIVISION also includes Heathfield Park, West Heathfield, Heathfield South, Swaines, Marshland and Five Ashes.

## 2021 LOCAL ELECTION



We go to the polls on Thursday 6th May to elect East Sussex County Councillors.

Anyone can apply for a postal vote to save a visit to the polling station. Contact us for more details. Tel: 01273 937661 or email: [office@wealdenconservatives.com](mailto:office@wealdenconservatives.com)

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