

# Steve Keogh

## Your Local Choice for Hailsham North-West

*Ensuring your voice is heard at Hailsham Town Council*



# STEVE'S PLEDGE TO HAILSHAM NORTH-WEST

**I AM delighted to have been selected as your Conservative candidate for the Town Council by-election here, where I live.**

After 25 years as a Royal Naval Officer, and twice Gulf veteran, I retired to set up a small local business in Hailsham. My wife, Janette, and I have lived in this area for over nine years.

In the recent past, I had the pleasure and privilege of chairing the Welbury Meadows and Grange Residents' Association, either side of Brunel Drive, one of the larger parts of our ward.

As Chair, I tackled a significant number of problems successfully and gained considerable direct experience in leading speed campaigns, introducing speed-safety signs, and engaging with the Police, PCSOs and Youth Workers for more local presence

and visibility to combat increasing anti-social behaviour, drug abuse and knife crime. I continue to offer support to the Committee. These problems affect everyone from Hedley Way on The Grange; Welbury Meadows off Brunel Drive; Anglesey Avenue and the London Road, and Bakers Farm residents. If elected, I pledge to prioritise them on your behalf.

I am also passionate about ensuring that local housing development prioritises local needs, and is accompanied by adequate infrastructure. From continued feedback, this is clearly a high priority for very many.

I will use my residents' association and local business experience to challenge more effectively, on your behalf, so that concerns are dealt with quickly. I will also work hard to ensure that the Town Council delivers value-for-money services in return for our taxes.

Hailsham is a wonderful place to live and I care passionately about it. If you afford me the privilege of electing me on **10th February**, I promise to champion the issues that I know matter most to **YOU**, the residents of north-west ward.

**Steve Keogh**



## My priorities for Hailsham

- \* Ensuring best value for our £1.15 million council tax, paid to the town council; challenging decisions that waste taxes, and ensuring a properly-run and governed Town Council
- \* Promoting speed reduction and road safety
- \* Greater police and PCSO presence and visibility
- \* Tackling local anti-social behaviour
- \* Supporting suitable housing that prioritises our local needs and requirements
- \* Promoting our local businesses for a more vibrant town centre
- \* Greater access for ALL to more modern sports and recreation facilities
- \* Maintaining our town's community and open spaces cost-effectively
- \* Actively supporting Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan
- \* Vastly Improved walking and cycling infrastructure
- \* Promoting long-term sustainability policies and measures within our local area.

## YOUR CONSERVATIVE TEAM FOR HAILSHAM



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## Conservatives deliver – others just talk

# Your Hailsham councillors working together for our community



## A VIBRANT TOWN

The heart of our great market town is its high street and our wonderful local businesses.

Hailsham Town Council Conservatives put together, and helped to create, a successful rescue plan for the Post Office.

Wealden Conservatives will invest in the town centre while preserving its essential character and attraction to locals and visitors alike. As councillors, we will continue to work with the Chamber of Commerce, local businesses, clubs and societies, and the Hailsham Community Group forum to enhance the quality of community life.



## EXPANDED MEDICAL SERVICES FOR HAILSHAM

We value our local NHS. Hailsham's size justifies expanded medical facilities. Wealden Conservatives are embedding expansion of medical services in the town into the Local Plan.

We will prioritise this in our own investment plans for Hailsham at District-level, working with NHS partners, with whom we are already in discussion, to deliver it. This will include expanded GP surgery capacity, specialist services, and a Minor Injuries Unit.



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Hailsham Conservatives believe that new housing must be built in a sustainable manner. It must be appropriate to, and prioritise local needs, and be accompanied by new infrastructure to support it, with greater access to open spaces. We will promote the Neighbourhood plan as approved by Hailsham residents in May.

Conservatives are investing £42.8 million in the town's education facilities. Our councillors are bringing forward the delivery of key junction improvements on the A22; South Rd/ Ersham Rd and Diplocks Way.

We'll work with County and District colleagues to hold Southern Water and poor housing developers to account.

## SPENDING YOUR MONEY WISELY: RUNNING THE TOWN EFFECTIVELY

Did you know that the Lib Dem-led Town Council spends nearly £1.15 million of your money each year; that is £151 per Band D household. We're not convinced that it is being run well.

We are determined to eliminate waste of taxpayers' money, improve the treatment of staff, and the conduct and running of the council. We have a proven track record of running the Town Council in the past.

Help us to do it again. Hailsham is a great town. Let's talk it up, not down. Please support us on December 2nd.

Steve KEOGH  
10<sup>th</sup> February



**INVESTING IN BETTER ROADS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

Conservatives are investing an additional £8.85 million this year to improve our local highways and address climate change.

Our Bus Service Improvement Plan aims to Improve bus frequency and extend timetables, while its Digital Demand Responsive Transport proposals would permit flexible services, by use of app or phone, to request services. This, combined with our proposal to extend fare concessions to those under 30, will help to get people out of their cars and encourage our younger residents to use buses.



**ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVE**

Concern around road safety has risen over the summer as driver discipline among a significant minority has deteriorated.

The main solution to this problem lies with education and police enforcement. The official response has been via Operations Crackdown and Downsway, but there is also scope for local action.

If you are interested in forming a Community Speedwatch in Anglesey Avenue or any other parts of the ward where you have concerns, please contact us – details overleaf.



**TACKLING YOB CULTURE**

The Home Secretary has said that she will not stand by while criminals inflict fear and misery on our local communities.

Anti-social behaviour is a blight on our community. As Town Councillors we will work with our local PCSOs to root it out.

Conservative-run Wealden was the only District Council to submit a successful Safer Streets Funding bid in 2021, securing £309,000 for crime prevention in Hailsham. This should help us to keep the criminals on the back-foot.