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THE TIP IS SAVED



When the proposal to close the Household Waste Recycling Facility better known as the 'tip' became known, Forest Row District Councillors Peter Holloway and Rowena Moore persuaded officers to re-examine the decision.

"We would like to thank Forest Row residents who telephoned, emailed and signed the petition. These representations made it much easier to lobby the County Council to keep the site open. The tip will now be open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and I hope Forest Row residents feel this is a good compromise given the significant savings the County Council has to make as part of the reductions the Government have to grapple with due to the deficit inherited from the previous Labour Government."

COMMUNITY DIVIDEND LAUNCHED

A one off Community Dividend funded by Kier the council's new waste and recycling contractor, has been given to Wealden District Councillors to spend on projects to benefit their local communities. Forest Row's dividend is £3509.

Your local councillors, Peter Holloway and Rowena Moore would welcome your ideas about how they might use this for village projects. Kier have also funded a further £30,000 over each of the following 5 years to the council's community award scheme.

NEW CONSERVATIVE PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATE

Charles Hendry is retiring from politics and will not be seeking re-election in the 2015 General Election. We will miss him, and would like to thank him for all the work he has undertaken for his constituents since being elected in 2001. We wish him well in his retirement.

We would like to introduce you to our candidate Nus Ghani, who writes....

"I am honoured at being chosen at an open primary to be the Conservative Parliamentary Candidate for Wealden. The positive response to the primary has been overwhelming and I look forward to spending 2014, listening and learning from you all. The next 13 months will also be spent learning about the constituency and meeting Wealden's vibrant community groups.

A bit about me. I am 41 years old and married to David Wheeldon (yes it really is Wheeldon) and we have a 7 year old daughter, Farah.

I have 20 years of work experience outside politics. I started work in the City, before my interest in health care led me to manage health policy for the charities Breakthrough Breast Cancer and Age Concern where I campaigned for better health care for cancer patients and the elderly.

I have worked internationally for the BBC World Service and headed up their communications and fundraising department. I have been posted to various trouble spots, including Burma, Russia and Afghanistan.

Working on grassroots campaigns for rural communities, I know my experience will make me a strong champion for Wealden.

I would love to hear your views, please email me on nus4wealden@gmail.com"



Conservative Councils delivering quality services and value for money

Euro Elections 2014



The last couple of weeks have seen a clear difference between the parties on giving choice to the

British people on how Europe will operate.

- The UK wants to encourage trade between the separate nations in the EU

- **CONSERVATIVES** are the only party promising an in-out (after renegotiation) referendum by 2017

- Labour has accepted the current position and has refused to give you the choice

- LibDems support more federalism

- UKIP cannot hope to form a Government and so, whatever they say, could not give you a referendum.

Countries of Europe all had different reasons for joining the EU. We needed to boost trade. Eastern Europeans wanted defence from Russia. Western Europe wanted to avoid the wars and great loss of life which had plagued every generation for hundreds of years. All this has been achieved.

Support David Cameron as he negotiates with other leaders to see what can be altered. We are not alone in wanting to see the control of economic migration.

COUNCIL TAX

Wealden District Council

For the 5th year in succession Wealden District Councils part of the Council Tax was frozen and continue to be £174.06 for a standard Band D household - £3.34

per week for the wide range of services. The Council launched its Transformation Programme in 2010 and has saved £3m in overheads whilst retaining services and has accepted the extra central government funding worth 1% of Council Tax.

Conservative Councils offer value for money services to their communities.

East Sussex County Council



The County Council are in a different position from the District as 75% of their budget is spent on 25% of the most vulnerable people in the County. Already having the challenge of saving £70m

over the next 3 years the County Council have opted for a 1.95% increase. This is an additional 43 pence a week for a Band D household. The budget includes an extra £2.25m from the current year's contingency fund to repair the potholes caused by the recent bad weather.

The long term programme includes £10m on re building roads especially C and unclassified roads which in rural areas are often as busy as A and B roads across the County.

DARK SKY RESERVE

COULD FOREST ROW ONE DAY BE A CENTRE FOR ASTRONOMERS?

Dark Sky areas are wild-life and people-friendly. Recently, High Weald Joint Advisory Committee members enthusiastically supported seeking designation as an International Dark Sky Reserve - there are two others in the UK: Exmoor and Brecon Beacons.

East Sussex and Kent County Councils are both investing in reducing light pollution (which saves future energy costs), so in this case maybe a 'darker future' will lead to community 'Sky at Night' sessions.

EVELYN CLARK SQUARE - FOREST ROW

Wealden District Councils first new council homes for over 20 years in Forest Row are almost finished being constructed on the old Evelyn Clark House site on the A22.



The homes are a mix of one, two and three bedroom homes and are available to rent. The homes will be available at affordable rent levels - 80% of market rent. All the homes are highly insulated and have photovoltaic solar panels to help generate electricity; reducing energy use and fuel bills considerably in comparison to a standard older home.



New homes to rent at Evelyn Clark Square, Forest Row will be advertised April/May and be available for occupation May/June 2014. The homes will be advertised on the Homemove site and are available to local people who are registered on the Wealden District Council Housing Register.