

In Touch

News from Meads Conservatives – Spring 2022

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First Saturday of the
month, 10-11.30 am
at 69 Carlisle Rd.

Conservatives creating safer roads, cleaner air

INITIATIVES from Meads' Conservative councillors look set to see safer roads and cleaner air.

Anti-social driving

Your Conservative councillors worked with residents and the police to resolve an issue which blights part of our town, particularly the seafront and the road to Beachy Head.

The police wanted a Public Space Protection Order so they can use the full force of the law against the perpetrators.



Conservatives – working towards safer streets

A resolution by Meads' councillors Jane Lamb and Robert Smart was agreed unanimously by the council

Councillor Smart says: "Let's get it in place as soon as possible and diminish these anti-social practices."

The idea is now out for public consultation so please let us know your views. Contact details overleaf.

20's plenty - speed curb

In a separate move, Cllr Lamb proposed crucial improvements to make a speed-reduction scheme much more effective.

Through her efforts, a cross-party group will work with campaigners and residents to reduce speed limits in key areas. This will also reduce pollution levels and improve air quality.



Hunt for new PO intensifies



Huge – post office support

As we go to press, your Conservative councillors in Meads continue to press for a replacement post office.

Working with the Meads Community Association and scores of residents,

the possibility of a popup service is being rigorously investigated.

Says Councillor Jane Lamb, who has worked incredibly hard to find a suitable venue:

"I am still hopeful that we *will* have post office facilities in Meads again."

Eastbourne's assiduous Conservative MP, Caroline Ansell, has been lobbying on behalf of residents, and wrote to update them at the beginning

of the year when it was announced that the local Co-op's post office was closing.

Caroline has pressed our case with Paul Scully, the Government minister responsible for post offices. He, in turn, has raised it in his regular meetings with the Post Office's CEO.

As Caroline said: "A post office in Meads is so important to the vitality of Meads Street businesses and the local community".

MEADS DIARY DATES

5th June – Queen's Platinum Jubilee Street Party, Meads Street.

26th June – Centenary Celebration, Italian Gardens.

2nd July – MVA (Meads Village Allotments) Open Day.

Nov/Dec – Meads Magic - TBC.

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Your Meads councillors working together for our community

SAVE OUR PRECIOUS BANDSTAND

As you may have seen from the widespread media coverage, Conservative councillors are backing the campaign to save Eastbourne's historic bandstand and have it re-opened as soon as possible.

The future of this iconic building remains uncertain after a Conservative-proposed rescue plan was dismissed by your Lib Dem-run Borough council.

Conservative opposition leader and Meads councillor, Cllr Robert Smart, proposed a budget increase for renovation of the crumbling bandstand and dilapidated promenade.

His vision was to complete as much as possible this year while the bandstand remains closed due

to its perilous state.

But the ruling Liberal Democrat members on the council voted against the scheme.

"The bandstand's closure is a result of neglect, incompetence and excuses", said Conservative Leader, Robert Smart.

The bandstand campaign group has been vigorous in its endeavours with a petition and active Facebook Group.



Cllr Smart signs the petition

Jubilee Canopy Plan

A ten-year project has begun to regenerate the South Downs near Eastbourne as a lasting memory of the Platinum Jubilee. It is being led by Conservative peer, and Eastbourne resident, Lord [Ralph] Lucas.

The Queen holidayed in Eastbourne as a young girl, and her father formally opened the Downslands when Eastbourne Borough Council bought it in 1929.

The idea is to transform a wilderness of bramble and dead ash (from Butts Brow at the northern edge of the town to Black Robin Farm near Beachy Head) into a 'rich haven for wildlife and a beautiful and engaging experience'.

Levelling Up

Meads High Street will benefit from the Government's 'High Street Task Force' scheme.

Eastbourne has been selected to receive long-term transformation to boost the local economy.

Our MP, Caroline Ansell, said: "I look forward to the Fund working with businesses, the council, local community groups and organisations, and myself to make our town centre the best it can be."

As soon as this summer, it will provide our town with expert consultancy and training. Some £20 million from the Levelling Up fund will be invested here to create jobs and attract visitors during the colder months.

Including investment in the town centre, Black Robin Farm and The Towner, Meads will receive a significant boost from the Fund.

TOWN'S FINANCIAL CRISIS REVEALED



Mismanaged Eastbourne Borough Council has been told to sell assets of up to £40 million.

This was a recommendation arising from an external review into the sorry state of our town's finances.

Conducted by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance Accountants (CIPFA), the review was a condition of the Government

agreeing that the council could undergo 'capitalisation' to plug a significant hole in its finances.

The conclusions support the financial mess long-identified by Conservative Leader, Cllr Robert Smart.

"The shambles has finally caught up with this inept Lib Dem administration, and have now been brought into the harsh glare of public scrutiny.

"At last, we discover the truth from an independent body, on the perilous state of Eastbourne's finances", adds Cllr Smart.

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