

# Frederick Road News



*From your local Labour team: Peter Chowney, Tania Charman & Jeremy Birch*

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## Traffic Petition: County Council Says No

Over the past few months, Tressell councillors have been collecting signatures on a petition to



East Sussex County Council, asking for measures to make Frederick Road safer. In particular, we were reflecting local people's demands for a 20mph speed limit, and a statutory lorry ban to replace the current advisory ban. Cllr. Tania Charman (Hastings Borough councillor for Tressell Ward) and Cllr. Jeremy Birch (East Sussex County Councillor for Tressell and Old Hastings) presented the petition to the county council's Transport and Environment Lead Member meeting on 26th January. However, the lead member, Cllr Karl Maynard, rejected the petition entirely, saying that traffic survey data didn't support the need for improvements, and that it would be too expensive.



*Cllr. Jeremy Birch*

signs in place. And they've recognised

Jeremy said:  
"The argument about expense made little sense, it's a tiny amount from the county council's £360m budget. They have already recognised that a lorry ban is necessary by putting the advisory

that a lower speed limit is necessary by installing speed humps. But for some reason, they don't want to put in the proper signs and complete the job."

Tania said:

"This was a very frustrating experience. The petition had been signed by most residents in Frederick

Road, all of whom know just how dangerous the road is, especially at busy times. And the fact that HGVs continue to get stuck in the narrow section can be confirmed by the police, who have to sort it out. I tried to make these points to Cllr. Maynard, but to no avail. He really didn't seem to be



*Cllr. Tania Charman*

listening. As usual, it's the Tory county council not wanting to listen to people from more deprived areas such as Tressell Ward. But this isn't an end to it—we will ask the county's overview and scrutiny committee to look at the outdated policy on traffic surveys, and will do all we can to continue to collect data and information on incidents in Frederick Road. East Sussex County Council should realise that we're not going to go away."

If you do see any incidents involving accidents or near misses, or problems with HGVs, please let us know—with dates, times, and pictures if possible.

**Sarah Owen** is Labour's candidate to be MP for Hastings & Rye at the general election next May. Sarah says:

"I was born and bred in Hastings, and have worked here, so I understand the kind of problems experienced by local people every day in Tressell ward. If I'm elected, I promise to fight for a fair deal for all, to protect the NHS and public services, and for the necessary resources to continue the regeneration of Hastings."

Find out more about Sarah at [www.sarahowen.org.uk](http://www.sarahowen.org.uk), or leave her a message on: 01424 424125



### **Dog mess and litter?**

You can report any street cleansing or refuse problems on 01424 451077.

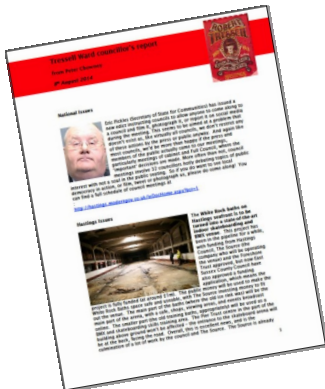
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### **Crime and anti-social behaviour?**

You can contact the Safer Hastings Partnership by e-mail at: [communitysafety@hastings.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@hastings.gov.uk). Or you can contact one of the Community Support Officers for Tressell Ward directly: Chi Yau (07770 443014) or David Gibbins-Jones (07787 685787). They work shifts, so leave a message if he isn't on duty. And you can also phone 101, the police non-emergency number. But don't forget, if you see a crime in progress, ring 999!

**For all other issues involving Hastings Council, phone 01424 451066, and just say the name of the person or department you want to contact, or the problem you want to report. You will then be put through to the right person.**



### **Tressell Councillors also produce monthly reports:**

- On Tressell Ward issues (from Cllr. Tania Charman);
- On Hastings Borough Council issues (from Cllr. Peter Chowney);
- On Tressell & Old Hastings county council division issues (from Cllr Jeremy Birch).

*If you would like to receive these by e-mail, contact Peter Chowney, or download them from the Tressell Councillors website.*

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