

Opportunities for Young People

Most young people wanting sixth form education have to travel out of Burgess Hill. David Andrews says there should be some sixth form provision at Oakmeeds for the large number of sixteen year olds currently not in education, employment or training. We should build on the success of the St Paul's Catholic College Sixth Form and the sustainable construction, motor vehicle, gas and OFTEC oil training courses at the Burgess Hill campus of Central Sussex College.

Funding cuts this spring have affected the Connexions service. The Mid Sussex Information Shop in Church Walk no longer offers appointments with a fully qualified careers guidance adviser and does not offer young people a housing adviser drop-in. David will press for the full range of Connexions services there to be restored.

Labour will press for more facilities for young people, not less. Young people need much more help. Labour is with young people.

The Town Centre

- Free short term parking would encourage people to shop in the town, help keep shops open and encourage workers from the business park to visit Burgess Hill at lunch time.
- The Martlets Hall is too expensive for most local groups to hire, which is why it is often empty. The Town Council should work towards maximum utilisation of this important town facility.

- Our Town Council must find new ways to get the unused shops in the town centre occupied again.



Labour's new Cllr Janet Smith in Church Road

- Specialist shops such as Park Cameras should be encouraged to locate in the town centre, not the business park, as this takes people away from the town centre.
- Burgess Hill Town Council should demand that the town - not the District Council - gets the benefits from the land in the town centre owned by the Town Council.
- The Cyprus Road car park toilets should be reopened.

The Town Plan

The Town Council should ensure the meaningful delivery of a plan for the town, and David will insist on appropriate facilities to service residents of the new developments and existing residents.

Developers must be forced to pay for good facilities to support people who live in the new housing - and it's important that the cosy agreements between the Conservatives and the developers are exposed.

Whilst the housing needs of the region must be addressed, new housing suitable for families needs to be affordable for local people. Much housing in Burgess Hill, whether to purchase or rent, is unaffordable for families. If new housing is occupied by commuting professionals without children and by retired people, it distorts the provision of school places.

The proposed Northern Arc should have roads connecting with Burgess Hill, to avoid this area being a subsidiary of Haywards Heath. The problems in the Haywards Heath Bolnore development, which has inadequate connecting roads, must not be repeated.

Parking and Road Safety

The Town Council must press the District and County Councils to reduce commuter parking congestion in the roads around Wivelsfield Station and Manor Field School, with bollards etc to deter thoughtless driver behaviour.

David will also demand that short term free parking is introduced in the town centre (a) to reduce parking in residential streets and (b) to help our shops. But restoring affordable, convenient bus services is a key priority.

Environmental Impact Always Matters

David won't let the Town Council take any decisions while ignoring their possible impact on our environment. To give just a few examples:

- David supports improvements to the Green Circle around Burgess Hill, to ensure that there are adequate cycle and walking routes to the town centre and that wildlife is well protected.
- Work to replace the St Wilfrid's Road railway bridge must be put in hand.
- Public transport should be provided when the first residents move into new developments.
- The Government are not putting enough investment into our very busy commuter railway lines. More tracks are required to run extra trains. More carriages are needed to run these additional trains and also longer trains on existing services. Without investment south of Croydon, delays to Mid Sussex services will not be resolved.

Burgess Hill commuters must not continually suffer overcrowded and delayed trains whilst paying exorbitant prices to travel to work.

Labour's 5 Pledges

- **TAKE PRIDE IN OUR TOWN**
More grass cutting, more street cleaning, crack down on anti-social behaviour, mend worn-out roads and pavements.
- **ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR BURGESS HILL**
The site on the corner of The Brow and Queen Elizabeth Avenue has been sold to developers—the money raised should come back to Burgess Hill. Our Councillor would press for a fair allocation of District Council funding for Burgess Hill.
- **BETTER TRANSPORT**
The Town Council should press for trains with room to get on, that get there on time, and for buses convenient enough to discourage people from driving to town.
- **FIGHTING UNNECESSARY LOCAL SPENDING CUTS**
whilst supporting realistic and responsible council budgets.
- **A COUNCILLOR WHO IS AVAILABLE TO TALK TO YOU,**
pressing for action on your concerns.

David Andrews, your Labour candidate for St Andrews, says:

'All elected authorities benefit from a principled and responsible Opposition. With Labour's newly elected Meeds North Cllr Janet Smith, I will provide that Opposition view where necessary, to build on the decisions and actions of the Town Council during many years of Conservative and Liberal Democrat control. We live in a still pleasant town, but it is becoming a bit frayed around the edges.

'I urge you to vote, for democracy needs your vote. A vote for Labour will give St Andrews better representation on the Town Council'.

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ST ANDREWS NEWS

Your St Andrews candidate for Town Council, David Andrews, offers a positive, responsible alternative to the Conservative led Town Council

On 31 May vote **David ANDREWS** for Town Council

Burgess Hill needs a different direction

David Andrews, Labour's candidate in the St Andrews ward by-election, believes that Burgess Hill Town Council has recently become complacent and needs his voice, along with Labour town councillor Janet Smith – just elected in Meeds North ward on 10 May – to fight for a better Burgess Hill.



David Andrews – the right skills and values for St Andrews

David is married, lives in Burgess Hill and has a daughter and grandchildren in Mid Sussex. A former Coldstream Guard and council housing manager, David loves jogging, walking the Downs, football and cricket.

As a member of our community, he is affected by the same problems that affect everybody else. Like the rest of us, David and his family feel the impact of shop closures, reduced bus services, crowded trains and high house prices. David is concerned about his grandchildren struggling to buy their own homes, and facing huge tuition fees, thanks to Lib Dem broken promises.

David joined the Labour Party because he shares its core values – fairness; equal opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds; the value of communities and society; an economy to benefit all, not only the wealthiest. 'Politics makes a real difference', he says, 'Labour gave us paternity leave, the minimum wage, pensioners' free bus passes and winter fuel allowances, but, despite Lib Dem pressure, NOT the Euro'.

LABOUR IS WINNING HERE. Mid Sussex has had elected Labour Councillors ever since 1991. On 10 May Labour WON the Meeds North by-election and WILL win in St Andrews with your vote. Don't believe what others tell you.

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