

# Your Town Councillors

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### Ashenground Ward



#### **Cllr Stephanie Inglesfield**

Town Mayor, Haywards Heath

I love Haywards Heath, where I have been living for over 10 years. I have four sons and one grandson, which makes for lively family get-togethers. I am a life coach and a French tutor and I love nothing more than spending time in Victoria Park with a good book to relax.

This is my second term of office as a Councillor for Haywards Heath Town Council and I am excited and honoured to be Town Mayor. I very much look forward to serving my community and working together with them for the benefit of our town, and to the interesting role of representing Haywards Heath as Town Mayor.



#### **Cllr Duncan Pascoe**

Deputy Mayor

I am honoured to introduce myself as your Town Councillor and Deputy Mayor. I will also be representing our council at the West Sussex Association of Local Councils (WSALC) and will ensure our voice is heard across the county. I have

a deep-rooted passion for public service and a genuine love for our community, so it is a privilege to have this opportunity to be your Councillor, and I am excited to be of service to the people of Haywards Heath. I strive to be accessible and responsive; I am always willing to listen to your ideas or concerns and have an open-minded approach. I look forward to working with my fellow councillors and the community to make Haywards Heath a place we are all proud to call home.

### Bentswood & Heath East Ward



#### **Cllr Rachel Cromie**

I live in Bentswood with my husband and two children. Our young son attends St. Wilfrid's Primary School and our daughter is studying musical theatre at college. My passions are in supporting local families and promoting a reuse, recycle way of life. I helped bring the Haywards Heath Coat Exchange and second-hand uniform giveaway to the local community as part of that work.

I am passionately involved in the Bentswood Community Larder which plays a huge part locally in preventing food waste.



#### **Cllr Deanna Nicholson**

I have lived in Haywards Heath for the last 28 years, and brought up my three daughters here together with my husband. My background is in Astrophysics, then I went on to work in IT management, and latterly, sixth form maths and science teaching. In my spare

time I look after my rescue pets (dogs, cats, mice and hamsters), of which we have quite a lot as there always seems to be something that needs a home!

As a councillor I intend to fight to preserve and extend our publicly accessible green spaces, whilst balancing the need for truly affordable housing for local people, and to restore the community theatre and meeting spaces we lost when Clair Hall closed.



#### **Cllr Anthony Platts**

I am 74 years of age and was born in the Lebanon. I was elected to the Town Council in May, a lovely surprise for me as it is my first time as a councillor.

I am married and have lived in Haywards Heath since 1977 having previously lived in Hastings. I worked in Nat West from 1969 to 1992 in London, then qualified as a driving instructor.

I am looking forward to serving Haywards Heath and am on the Planning Committee and the Town Council representative of the Haywards Heath Twinning Association.

## Haywards Heath Town Council Small Grants Programme



The Town Council's Small Grants Programme has helped many voluntary and community groups over the years. The contribution made by these and other local organisations to the well-being and benefit of the local community in Haywards Heath is highly valued, which is why we created the Small Grants Programme subject to available resources.

Some of these organisations have included The Yews Community Centre, local Scouts and Girl Guide groups, St Peter & St James Hospice, Mid Sussex Older People's Council, Ashenground Community Centre, Haywards Heath Football and Rugby Clubs, local Air and Army Cadets, AGE UK, Kangaroos, Ensemble Reza, Haywards Heath Foodbank and 4Sight Vision.

One of the organisations which benefit the community is the Haywards Heath Arts Festival which were the recipients of one of our small grants. Please enjoy reading their story in our newsletter.

For more information on our Small Grants Programme, please visit our website, where you will find information and an application form under Council Services, Town Council Grants.

#### **The grant application deadlines for the financial year 2023-2024 are:**

**Monday 21st August 2023**

**Monday 23rd October 2023**

**Monday 18th December 2023**

**Monday 26th February 2024**

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## Bentswood & Heath West Ward



**Cllr Alison Rees**

I am originally from Sussex and moved back to Haywards Heath in 2009 to look after my mum.

I was motivated to join political campaigning because we live in such a beautiful part of the world. I want to help to make and keep it a pleasant, low-crime area, where our vulnerable are supported and our children and young people have opportunities to expand their horizons. I live near The Dolphin in town (where I learned to swim!) with a very vocal rescue cat Tigger, and work for the Leverhulme Trust, the charitable arm of Unilever plc.

## Franklands Ward

**Cllr Nick Chapman**



I am a long-term resident of Haywards Heath and the surrounding local area. My day job is that of a safety consultant in the hospitality industry with over 30 years' experience. I work with a wide range of clients, including hotels, restaurants and bars throughout London and the Southeast. I have a passion for the outdoors and if I am not climbing Scottish Munros, I can be found walking the South Downs. A keen runner, I have completed 12 Brighton marathons.

I am so excited to be one of the new Town Councillors for the Franklands ward of Haywards Heath and look forward to working with my fellow Councillors to make Haywards Heath an even better place to live, work and play.



**Cllr Anne-Marie Lucraft**

I enjoy living in the Haywards Heath area where we arrived over 30 years ago. It's such a friendly market town with good shops and a vibrant community set in beautiful countryside. I worked in finance in the City as a catastrophe reinsurer, using my languages; then in primary education and in outdoor conservation.

My various community roles include years of volunteering for different charities and having been a local primary school governor. My main interests are getting out into nature, encouraging and enabling people of all ages and backgrounds to benefit from green spaces.



**Cllr Leila Wilson**

I have lived in Haywards Heath since the 70's apart from some years in the Middle East for my husband's work. We have two children. I have trained as a teacher, worked as carer in Nursing homes and as an activity organiser. Until recently I have volunteered in a centre in Brighton for the homeless and lonely for many years.

I love the countryside and nature and I hope we can do everything to protect these. If there is a need in an area that may benefit from support and help, and if I can do so, I will try to support and help. So as a new Councillor I hope I can make a positive contribution.

## Haywards Heath North Central Ward



**Cllr Sandy Ellis**

I was delighted to be elected in the recent local election to represent the new town ward of Haywards Heath North Central. This will be my fourth term in office.

I am passionate about protecting & enhancing the environment. I enjoy working with the Grounds Staff at the Town Council & the committee members of Haywards Heath IN BLOOM, where we win lots of awards for the town. We have retained the Green Flag for Muster Green for many years, with it being the jewel in the crown of Haywards Heath and home to our beautiful War Memorial.

I enjoy co-ordinating to help deliver infrastructure and initiatives which benefit the local community and is essential for the sustainability of our town. I am looking forward to getting to know all the residents in this new ward of Haywards Heath North Central and representing them at council. I will strive to achieve our Haywards Heath Town Council motto 'to serve the people well' during my time in office once more.

## Haywards Heath North East Ward



**Cllr Anne-Marie Cooke**

I am proud and delighted to have been elected as Councillor to represent Haywards Heath North East.

Born and brought up in Brighton, I have lived and raised my family here in the Haywards Heath area for 26 years.

I have a degree in geography, am a Chartered Accountant and a District Councillor. I have experienced the London commute and now enjoy running a small retail business from home. I am involved with and support various local community initiatives.

In my role as Town Councillor, I am keen to support and enhance our environment and the well-being of our town and residents.

## Haywards Heath North West Ward



**Cllr Barbara King**

I've had a varied and interesting life having worked as a Radiographer before having a family. I then went on to studying for an art degree while bringing up a family which meant juggling and being a 'super-mum'.

Once my children became independent, I adopted the corporate life and worked as a manager within the IT sector. I moved from East London to Cuckfield in 2018 where 'retirement' involved leading the Covid Support Group in Cuckfield.

More recently I have come through cancer treatment and as you can imagine, I'm now passionate about the health of the community and all that this entails.

I'm honoured to represent Haywards Heath North West and to have the opportunity to make a positive impact on the town.

## Lucastes & Bolnore Ward



**Cllr Paul Lucraft**  
Leader

I and my wife have lived in Mid Sussex for over thirty years.

When we first moved here, I worked in Brighton, then I commuted to London and travelled internationally for work. Now I work mostly from home. I have a background in finance, banking and fraud prevention and I help businesses to manage their costs in this space.

We enjoy the beautiful countryside surrounding Haywards Heath and the friendly community we live in.

I am Leader of the Town Council which means I seek to help the Council set and achieve its policy goals.



**Cllr Allan Murray**

I have lived in Mid Sussex since 2006, moving to Haywards Heath nine years ago with my family.

I currently work as a solicitor in the City of London. I first stood to be a Councillor in at the 2019 District Council elections and this is my first term as a Town Councillor. I am a member of the Policy and Finance Committee.

I will spend my time as a Councillor promoting opportunities to improve people's quality of life in Haywards Heath and the environment we share and I look forward to being able to contribute to the life of the town.



**Cllr Sinead Walsh**

I work in financial services and moved from London to Haywards Heath in 2006 as we felt it would be a lovely environment in which to bring up our child. My daughter was part of the first intake of Bolnore Village Primary School and I have enjoyed watching how Bolnore Village and Haywards Heath

have developed over the years. I am delighted to have been elected and am very much looking forward to working with my colleagues across the Council and our dedicated Council staff to do our best for the Town.

## Lucastes Bolnore Ward



**Cllr Abdul Bashar**

Hello, I'm Abdul Bashar, known as Bashar. I am married and have one daughter. I lived in Hove and went to Blatchington Mill School. I studied Business in Hotel Catering and Sociology at Brighton College. In 1988 I moved to Haywards Heath to start my own business, where I've always been involved with local

voluntary work and a member of a small business association. I am one of the founders (in 2008) and a trustee of the Haywards Heath mosque. I've been honoured to serve as Chairman, Treasurer and currently Secretary of the mosque. After twenty years of running my business, I decided to semi-retire in 2017 and become even more involved with community matters. I'm a passionate person and like new challenges. On 5th May 2023, I was elected as a District Councillor for Lucastes Bolnore Ward and a Town Councillor for Lucastes Bolnore Ward.

Haywards Heath ARTS FESTIVAL

# HAYWARDS HEATH'S GOT TALENT

## Do you have a talent ?

We are looking for talented people 14 years & over to take part in our Talent Competition

in aid of  

Singers  
Bands (max 5)  
Singing Groups (max 5)  
Comedians  
Other

Heats - Wed 13th Sept 2023    Grand Final - Fri 15th Sept 2023  
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