

DEALING WITH RESIDENTS' ISSUES

New parking spaces were opened up to residents in Gainsborough Gardens. We are also hoping for further improvement to resident parking in this area. We have also worked with the local housing association on a number of issues, such as damp, garage allocation and currently there is a problem of rat infestation, which is being dealt with. We are interested in all planning issues and planning breaches in Higham. A planning breach was recently dealt with and the offending structure has now been removed.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

After reports of anti-social behaviour and nuisance by our residents, we highlighted the issue to local police and had our discussions with Linda Baker our Police Community Support Officer (PCSO). This led to further contact by her with the residents concerned. We have since seen a reduction in this type of behaviour and a better understanding of the support offered by the local police, where required.

MAINTAINING OUR ROADWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

We have successfully pursued the repair of potholes across Higham. For example in Framley Road, Pen Way and Orchard Drive. Currently, we are pursuing the general repair of the road surface in Cranford Road, between Barchester Way and Hadlow Road. We have pursued issues relating to street lighting in Pen Way and Estridge Way. Overgrown verges in Estridge Way have been cut back as requested by residents. Currently, an issue of an obstructed footpath in Hadlow Road East is being pursued with the house owner. We are investigating the potential for pavement bollards in Martin Hardie Way shopping area.

MAINTAINING OUR ENVIRONMENT

We have successfully opposed any attempts to develop on our Metropolitan Green Belt in North Tonbridge and will continue to do so. We want to prevent further urban sprawl from Higham into the countryside. We have delivered new tree planting in Gainsborough Gardens and Guestwick Road. More tree planting is scheduled soon. Action has been taken to care for grass verges in Estridge Way. After reducing a large amount of litter, from the rear of Martin Hardie Way, action is being taken to get the larger items of fly tipped rubbish removed.

DEVELOPING FAIRTRADE IN TONBRIDGE

Frixos has worked with businesses, schools and other interest groups in Tonbridge to establish it as a "FairTrade town". This status was achieved in the autumn of 2018. He will continue to work with local businesses in Martin Hardie Way to pursue the opportunities to obtain grants for shop front improvements and loans for micro businesses.

What we're doing for Higham



Fairly soon after moving here, I became involved in developing a community-based response to a proposal by Kent County Council to build a school on Green Belt land, off Higham Lane. This was a challenging time because we needed to act quickly. I got to know many people and developed a great respect for the personalities and the skills which came together to defeat the proposal.

I enjoyed a long career with BT employed in engineering and commercial management and moved to Higham in 2013. It was like coming home because I have been visiting Tonbridge and the local area on a regular basis for more than 50 years and have worked in both Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells.

During this time, I also worked with TMBC and developed a real interest in the prospect of working for residents as a councillor for Higham, where I live.

I have been demonstrating my commitment over many years and hope to continue to do so if, elected in May 2019.

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I live in Tonbridge and teach Government and Politics both locally and in London.

Since being elected in 2015 I have pursued two main objectives.

One of these is the ongoing 'greening' of Higham Ward. To date 12 new trees have been planted across the ward

and 6 more will be added by the end of March 2019, in Hunt Road, Cornwallis Avenue and Hadlow Road East.

I have also been very keen to support local businesses in Martin Hardie Way, through the introduction of directional signage, repairing of the road surfaces and promoting a "shop local" publicity campaign and an ongoing local clean up initiative. If re-elected I will continue with these efforts and look for new ways improve the environment and protect and enhance the interests of local businesses.

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