

FOCUS

On Jarvis Brook, Crowborough

Liberal
Democrats



Updates from local Cllr Gareth Owen-Williams,
Cllr Scott Walters and the Lib Dem Team

New Councillor Scott Walters gets to work for Jarvis Brook

An election was called for a vacant position in Crowborough Town Council Jarvis Brook ward. LibDem Scott Walters was elected unopposed, because no other candidates came forward.

Scott lives locally in the ward with his family and has lived in Jarvis Brook for nearly 20 years. He moved here from London with his wife in 2008 to start a family, and all four of his children went to Jarvis Brook primary school where he's a parent governor. His two oldest children now go to the local secondary school, Beacon Academy. A solicitor, working in London, he uses Crowborough station regularly to commute to and from work. His wife volunteers at the ScrapStore.

Scott has already started work in the ward and says: "I will be meeting with Crowborough's Alliance for Wealden District Councillors to ensure the ongoing progress of those projects that have applied for grants from Wealden District Council. I have already raised awareness of an overgrown hedge on Crowborough Hill and I'll be going along to future meetings of the Jarvis Brook Community Association. Western Road residents' group is another group I plan to get involved with.

I objected to the building work on Osborne Road, partly on the basis that there's completely inadequate provision for parking and also because there were lots of slow worms and newts on the land. I used to see several each summer in my back garden, but I've seen none since they cleared the land and started work.

I am positive about recent improvements in Jarvis Brook, including the refurbishment of the play area in Jarvis Brook recreation ground, the new retail park (with Screwfix, Pets Corner and Busy Bees Nursery) and the purchase of the land near The Ghyll nature reserve.

Naturally I look forward to supporting future projects."



CROWBOROUGH BIRTHING CENTRE

Crowborough Birthing Centre (CBC) is a fabulous and unique midwife-led facility for families from Crowborough and surrounding areas. The perfect balance between a home birth and a hospital delivery, with a dedicated team of kind & experienced midwives.

Crowborough Liberal Democrat councillors, along with so many residents, were so disappointed to hear that it is now planned for the Birthing Centre to close for births from October 2025 until May 2026.

Community services such as ante natal & post natal appointments, the Breastfeeding Cafe (on Thursdays) and hypno-birthing classes will, thankfully, continue during this time.

LibDem Councillor Alison Arthur called in to the Birthing Centre after hearing the news and spoke to staff from both CBC and Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust.

LibDem Crowborough Town Councillors will also be supportive of a CBC motion (by the town Mayor) at the full council meeting on Tuesday (16th September, 7.30pm). May we remind you that the public are always welcome to attend Crowborough Town Council meetings (either in person in the council chamber, or online) so if you wish to attend to show your support for the Birthing Centre, please do.

Crowborough cannot afford to lose this wonderful facility!

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Sussex Mayor. The mayor will be responsible for transport, the economy, higher level planning and more. It's important that the first mayor is someone who will stand up for our local communities, bring people together and deliver a positive vision for Sussex. Lib Dem Ben is the only candidate who can win and deliver for us.



Crowborough Liberal Democrat councillors support Jarvis Brook projects and fundraising

While Gareth and Scott are passionate about the ward they represent, and will continue to fight for Jarvis Brook's voice to be heard on Crowborough Town Council, all 5 of Crowborough's LibDem councillors also support the projects to extend the Skate Park and ArtyTime Scrapstore and to get the Community Hub open.

For example, Gareth Owen-Williams, Jane Clark, James Partridge & Alison Arthur were all at the Jarvis Brook fundraiser Fête in May (raising money for the Skate Park & Scrapstore extensions).

Jane and Alison visited another local youth centre with Bev Pashley in August to better understand

plans/options for Jarvis Brook's Scrapstore extension & Youth Centre project.

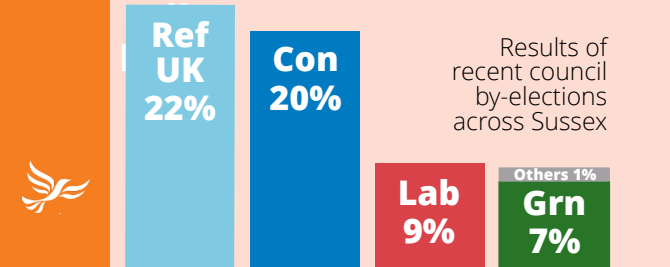
Gareth and Alison attended the Community Hub open day in July.

Alison co-organised a fundraiser Quiz Night in April (& Gareth was quizmaster) for the Scrapstore extension (nearly £800 raised).

Alison organised an online auction in April to raise funds for the Community Hub (£1800) and, as a Community Pantry volunteer, she participates in regular fundraising for the Hub at the Pantry. The Hub will be the new home of Crowborough Community Pantry.

LIB DEMS CAN BEAT REFORM IN SUSSEX

Next May, Sussex elects its first mayor. Recent by-election results across Sussex suggest it is between the Liberal Democrats and Reform. Cancelled elections led to a spike in by-elections with the Liberal Democrats often beating Reform. Help the Lib Dems build momentum to continue to beat Reform.



Principal authority council by-elections in Sussex between April 17, 2025 and 26 June 2025

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