

# Mid Sussex Local Party

## UPDATE

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Hi Everyone

This is just a bit of an update on what is going on in your Local Mid Sussex Party.

The summer has been and gone and, following the hugely successful Mid Sussex Hustings event at Central Sussex College, we have a new party leader in the dynamic and popular Tim Farron. What some of you may not be aware of is Tim's team in and around Westminster and the country. You can catch up on who's who by clicking the link:

<http://www.libdems.org.uk/spokespeople>.

We had a very successful Party Conference in Bournemouth in September. If you missed Tim's inspirational first conference speech as Leader, there is still time to catch up by clicking the link:

<http://www.libdems.org.uk/autumn-conference-2015-tim-farron>



**It's still not too late!**

**To sign up for the South East Regional Conference in Eastbourne on the 31<sup>st</sup> October. Click the link:**

[http://www.southeastlibdems.org.uk/sample\\_alert](http://www.southeastlibdems.org.uk/sample_alert)

Best wishes

Rodney Jackson, Chair, Mid Sussex Local Party

**Just in is a survey from Dr Mark Pack asking YOU about your experience of the Leadership process and if you have any suggestions the party can consider to improve things in the future. See Marks request below:**



Dr Mark Pack,  
Lib Dem Voice

Hi,

A quick note to let you know I'm running a survey on what Liberal Democrat members thought of how the party leadership election was run - and whether any of the rules or other arrangements should be changed for the future.

I'll feed the results into the party's current governance review, and many of the issues are also relevant to our other internal elections too. So it would be great to get the views of as many members as possible: (Please click the link below:)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7JZR8C5>

I hope you can take a few moments to do the survey - and do feel free to pass it on to others.

Best wishes,

Mark

### AGM info!

**Important information about the Mid Sussex Local Party AGM is over the page.**

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Burgess Hill Branch is holding a Poppadom & Politics' evening at The award winning 'Shapla' restaurant in Burgess Hill around the 1<sup>st</sup> December (TBC).

More news will be coming to you all in the next few days!

A good opportunity to meet colleagues and catch up on what's going on in your area.



# Mid Sussex



# Annual General Meeting

This is just to let you know that we are coming into the AGM season for the party. Mid Sussex is holding its meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November @ 2 PM, at Haywards Heath Town Hall, Boltro Road, Hayward Heath. You will be receiving over the next few weeks the proper notices, but this is just to give you the heads up to put the date in your diaries.

Included in your packs will be the notices for the branches AGM's.

There will be other information as well, so please go through all the information that is sent to you.

*IS THERE?* *WHICH TUNE?*  
*HOW MANY?* *LOCALLY?*  
*WHAT WAS THE YEAR?* *NAME THESE!*

## Haywards Heath Quiz Nite and Fish and Chip Supper!

**23<sup>rd</sup> October - if you are at a loose end on Friday, there is still time to contact Paul on:**  
[paulucraft@btinternet.com](mailto:paulucraft@btinternet.com)

**Next Year there will be elections for Police Commissioners.**

**As a party we are opposed to these undemocratic rolls, but they are there and it is important that we fight for our candidate.**

**More news on who that could be will come out in the next few months.**

**Please make sure you can help where possible.**



The question's that are most commonly asked by new (and longer serving) members is "what can we do" and "how do we do it". **ALDC** is the campaigning arm for Local Parties and councillors. **ALDC** is a membership organisation and offers tremendous value for money. You would have to join, but if you do that through Mid Sussex Group Membership you will save 12% of the cost. Call Graham on 01444 241704 to find out more!



**Message from Tim Pickstone, CEO ALDC:** Good news at **ALDC** today (12<sup>th</sup> October) as we've received confirmation that the **Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust Ltd**, have agreed to support **ALDC's Development Officer programme** for 5 years from 2016 to 2020. This grant funding is for £480,000 over 5 years.

The full statement can be read at: <https://www.aldc.org/news/major-funding-boost-for-aldc/>

## Can you be a Councillor in Mid Sussex ????

**In 2017** there will be elections for West Sussex County Councillors. We need to make sure we have as full a list of candidates as possible for these important elections, and that process starts NOW!

**In 2019** there will be all-up elections for Town and District Councils as well.

**There will not** be a General Election in either of these years and our chances of having our councillors is high - as long as we start that work -NOW!

**In total** this means we will need XX candidates in 2017 and over 100 in 2019.

**If you** think you would like to find out more we will be running training and information sessions in the New Year to help people decide if they want to go forward as Lib Dem Councillor Candidates. More information will be coming out to you shortly, but in the meantime, please give it some thought.

**The only way** to have a say in councils is to get yourselves elected. Mid Sussex Local Party will work hard to make sure that happens and we have our representatives speaking up for our communities.



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