

## **September report from your County Councillor Sarah Osborne**

### **Ashcombe Hollow**

I have understandably received many complaints from residents about the state of the road at Ashcombe Hollow. After much lobbying repairs were promised to the road in late July. To my dismay that didn't happen and despite my frequent emails and phone calls to ESCC Highways I (at the time of writing) have still not been given any explanation as to why the repairs didn't happen and when the road will be properly repaired. I will continue to press the administration on this matter.

### **Adult Social Care**

As well as being your County Councillor I am currently also Deputy Chair of a Board at the Local Government Association which support local government in its delivery of its health responsibilities including adult social care. It is in that role that along with cross party colleagues we have written to the Secretary of State with our grave concerns about the current pressures facing social care and the capacity and financial resources required to deliver the Government's reform agenda. alongside NHS leaders we are sounding the alarm on social care and called for a "rescue package for the sector. Unless action is taken and government rethinks its plans, people who draw on care may experience reductions in quality and availability of care and support services.

### **Free Electric blanket Testing.**

East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service are running their popular drop in event at Lewes Fire Station on October 11th between 10 am 12 pm. Remember to take all controls and cables with the blanket for testing.

### **High heating oil prices is a risk to health, join our campaign to cap the heating oil price.**

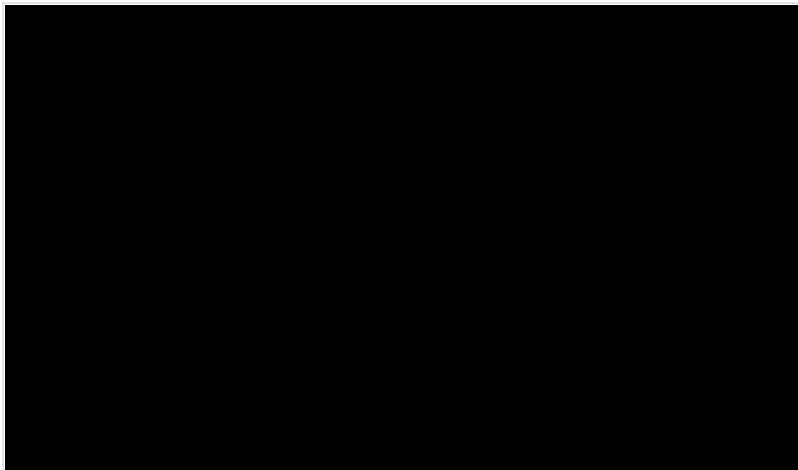
I have been working to raise an issue in Parliament on behalf of those of us living in the countryside and dependant on oil for our heating. We urged Kwasi Kwarteng, Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, to introduce a price cap on domestic heating oil, after prices have more than doubled. We need to urgently extend the energy price cap to 'off-grid' households, and support alternatives such as air source heat pumps. I am particularly concerned about the serious risks to health for rural low-income households who may well have to live in cold homes as we know that the cold can be dangerous especially for older people and those with pre-existing health conditions.

This is our local petition.

[https://www.leweslibdems.org.uk/heatingoil?utm\\_campaign=plumpton\\_e\\_focus&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=ldlewes](https://www.leweslibdems.org.uk/heatingoil?utm_campaign=plumpton_e_focus&utm_medium=email&utm_source=ldlewes)

## **Reduced Bus fares**

BUS travel around East Sussex will be cheaper this summer thanks to a funding boost from East Sussex County Council. Funds were used from the Concessionary Fare Reimbursement budget, unspent due to the pre-Covid year on year reduction in concessionary pass use in the county. Bus operators in East Sussex will introduce a range of discounts for passengers including a new £5 East Sussex single operator day ticket, family and group travel tickets and an off-peak unaccompanied young person £1 flat single fare ticket. Lower fares are currently available from Brighton & Hove Buses, Metrobus, Compass Travel and Stagecoach. Other operators will be introducing these offers shortly. More information about the fare reductions available can be found online at [www.eastsussex.gov.uk/roads-transport/public/buses/service-changes/new-lower-fares-on-east-sussex-bus-services](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/roads-transport/public/buses/service-changes/new-lower-fares-on-east-sussex-bus-services)



### **New lower fares on East Sussex bus services**

Summer 2022 lower fares for bus travel in East Sussex