

# Report to Hadlow Down Parish February 2025

## **Hookstead Day Centre Crowborough**

As part of the savings required to balance the budget the proposal was for c Hookstead Day centre to close.. It is currently open 4 days a week with morning, afternoon and evening sessions. 33 adults use the centre mainly living in Uckfield and Crowborough areas.

Alternative provision was going to be offered either privately or at St Nicholas in Lewes. My concern with the latter was the travelling distance.

Following the consultation the good news is that campaign to keep the centre open has been successful. ESCC Cabinet last week voted to retain the 4 days opening but reduce capacity from 45 to 34 users. Current usage is 33.

## **Local Govt Reorganisation**

The next stage is the sending to Govt more detailed proposals which have to be with Govt by the 21<sup>st</sup> March.

## **Rural Farm Thefts**

Am aware of increased thefts from farms especially quad bikes but also other equipment including a caravan

I attended a recent NFU meeting with Nus Ghani MP . I have raised the issue with Katy Bourne , Police and Crime Commissioner to pass on to the Chief Constable.

It is an organised gang and appear to be watching farms. Extra patrols have been put on. Thieves are using back lanes with no ANPR cameras.

I also attended a local meeting in Withyham last Friday and am also meeting District Commander with the MP next Friday

RWS Feb 25