County Councillor Report to Hadlow Down Parish Council January 24

County Clean

I am aware that the trucks are frequently turning left into school lane rather than right and then into Five Chimneys. I emailed County Clean in December and have not had a response. I hope to have spoken to them prior to the PC meeting.

Green Skills

ESCC were successful in a bid for £240k to launch the Retrofit Skills East Sussex. The grant from Dept of Energy Security and Net Zero will identify gaps in skills to retrofit homes and commercial building as part of the net zero strategy. The project will identify training required to fill those skills gaps.

Turner Prize

The winner was announced in December with the four shortlisted entrants having their pieces displayed since September at the Towner Gallery in Eastbourne.

The exhibition and winner announcements have raised the profile of the Towner Gallery, Eastbourne and East Sussex's cultural offer which will hopefully increase tourist traffic.

Primary School Place Applications

The application process for Sept 24 entry closes on the 15^{th of} January. It is important that parents get their preferred schools on their application. Parent should include 3 preferences. Some parents only put one in the belief that they will get that place but that is not always the case. If that school is full then ESCC will allocate an alternative which may not be the parents preference.

(Secondary school applications had to be in by Oct 31st 2023)