

# GREEN VIEW

## WINTON EAST



**Green Councillor  
Simon Bull**



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## BCP COUNCIL NOW POWERED BY 100% RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY AFTER CLIMATE & ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY DECLARED

- **BCP councillors overwhelmingly pass Climate & Ecological Emergency declaration**
- **Council's switch to 100% renewable electricity the first of many planned actions**

**Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole (BCP) Council has overwhelmingly passed a declaration of Climate & Ecological Emergency**, proposed by our area's Green councillors Simon Bull and Chris Rigby in fulfilment of an election pledge.

As a first step towards BCP Council's operations becoming net zero carbon by 2030, on 1<sup>st</sup> October **all council buildings** across our conurbation switched to being powered by **100% renewable electricity**.

Councillor Chris Rigby said: "I'm really pleased to see BCP Council make this switch, as a **first step to reducing the carbon emissions** of the Council.

"We have got what we think are **really achievable targets** to meet by 2030. We've got plans already in place where we can manage and quantify what we're going to be doing each year, and we're going to be monitoring this until we do hit **net zero carbon**. We want to **take the local businesses and residents with us** as well, until we can achieve complete carbon neutrality throughout Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole."

Councillor Simon Bull said: "Over **100 councils up and down the country** have declared a climate emergency, and it is brilliant that BCP Council has joined that list and that we're already seeing real action."



**All BCP Council buildings including civic offices, the town hall, community centres and libraries are now powered by green electricity**

### Climate & Ecological Emergency in Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole: take action

- **BCP Council** is consulting on ideas "to cut carbon, reduce energy, avoid pollution, minimise waste": <https://bit.ly/2pWxo1f>
- The **local Green Party** is holding a series of **People's Assemblies**, open to all, to collaborate on what we as concerned citizens can contribute to local Climate & Ecological Emergency action. Follow **Bournemouth Green Party** for details  

## WATER FOUNTAIN FOR PEOPLE AND DOGS INSTALLED AT WINTON REC



A **new water fountain for people and dogs** has been installed at Winton Recreation Ground. **Green Councillor Simon Bull** helped to **secure funding** for the fountain with the last of the former Bournemouth Local Improvement Fund.

The new drinking fountain dispenses water at three points – one for people, one for their furry friends, and one to **refill water bottles**.

Simon said: "I am really pleased to see the water fountain installed at Winton Recreation Ground, especially as it is being **so well used by park users and their dogs**. It is a great way to encourage people **to get active** and **to reduce their use of plastic**."



**SIMON & CHRIS: WORKING ALL YEAR ROUND FOR WINTON AND GETTING THINGS DONE**

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## LOCAL COUNCILLORS MEET AUB CHIEF:

Our area's councillors Simon Bull and Chris Rigby met Nick Welsh OBE, Chief Operating Officer of Arts University Bournemouth (AUB), to discuss issues including Winton, student wardens, houses in multiple occupation (HMOs), and parking.



## OPPOSING OIL DRILLING IN DORSET:

Chris Rigby and Simon Bull appeared on ITV regional news to condemn the waving through by Conservative politicians in Dorset of new oil exploration at Wytch Farm in Purbeck, already western Europe's largest onshore oilfield.

Chris Rigby also caught up with campaigners who had walked for up to three days to oppose the ongoing desire to extract oil on the Jurassic Coast. Chris said: "We need to stop the Government's current plan of maximum extraction of all oil and gas, and act on the climate emergency."

## LOCAL CONSERVATIVE MP CONOR BURNS COSIES UP TO BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT WHILE IT LETS AMAZON RAINFOREST BURN:

Conor Burns, Conservative MP for Bournemouth West and a trade minister, drank champagne with Brazilian ministers and tweeted only pro-trade propaganda during a visit to Brazil at the very height of the world's outcry over massive fires in its Amazon rainforest. The government of Jair Bolsonaro is blamed after encouraging loggers and gutting the Amazon's protection.

Asked about the wildfires, Burns reportedly said Bolsonaro's government had "legitimate ambitions to bring prosperity to its people".

# UNITY ALLIANCE TAKES CONTROL OF BCP COUNCIL

## Diverse range of parties and groups come together to end Conservative rule in our conurbation

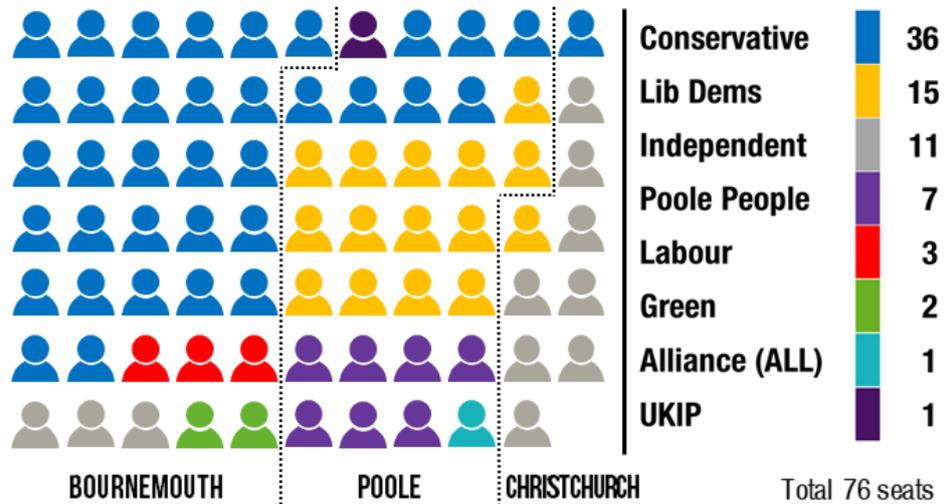
Following the council election in Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole (BCP) on 2<sup>nd</sup> May in which the Conservatives lost their majority, a **broad range of councillors from non-Conservative parties and groups** have come together to **take control of BCP Council** and form a **'Unity Alliance'**.

Our area's two Green councillors are participating in loose 'confidence-and-supply' arrangements with councillors from the Liberal Democrats, Labour, Poole People Party, Christchurch Independents, Alliance for Local Living, and other independents. **Simon Bull has become Chair of Planning Committee.**

The political picture varies sharply across the three towns of our conurbation. Here **in Bournemouth, most councillors remain Conservative**; the First Past the Post system gave the Conservatives **78% of Bournemouth seats on just 33% of votes cast**. Standing up for Bournemouth's interests on the new 'super-council', Chris Rigby leads 'the **Bournemouth Group**' of Greens teamed up with progressive independent councillors Kieron Wilson and Lisa Northover.

However the Conservatives lost a string of seats in Poole, while in Christchurch where the council merger is unpopular, they collapsed almost completely.

## Makeup of BCP Council



The **Unity Alliance's priorities** include the climate and ecological emergency, equity across the conurbation, transparency and accountability, housing and homelessness, and protecting and enhancing the unique identities of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.

Councillor Simon Bull commented: "The Unity Alliance marks a **change in local politics**. It is an administration that wants to **listen to the residents** and to **have a positive impact** on their lives."

## CAN WE HELP?

**Surgeries held** on the second Saturday of every month, Winton Library, 10.00am–11.30am.



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