

GREEN VIEW

WINTON EAST

INCLUDING NW
CHARMINSTER



Simon Bull
Green Councillor



Chris Rigby
Green Councillor



Claire Seymour
Green candidate
for Dorset Police &
Crime Commissioner

LET'S TALK ABOUT MOUNTING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR PROBLEMS ON WINTON'S STREETS

Local councillors holding regular meetings with Neighbourhood Sergeant amid concern about crime reporting options for residents

Hard-working local Green Councillors Simon Bull and Chris Rigby have been responding to a growing number of contacts from Winton residents concerned by apparent increases in **drug-related anti-social behaviour on our local streets**.

Widespread **open dealing and use on our streets of drugs** including heroin and crack is widely observed to be **spreading out** from Boscombe, **right up through Charminster to Winton** and Moordown – and is associated with **thefts**.

Local Green Councillor Simon Bull said: "Councillor Rigby and I are **meeting the Neighbourhood Sergeant** regularly, and **passing on the information** we have about local issues and police responsiveness. We're seeking to help **get these issues cleared up in Winton**. If you have trouble reporting a crime or getting a response, please **contact me and Councillor Rigby**."

Claire Seymour, Green candidate for Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner in the **May 6th election**, added: "We're hearing from residents they have lost faith in reporting. However we want to ask residents to **continue to report crime to the police**, so they can put adequate resources into an area. We have **asked the police for a renewed focus on visible street patrolling** to tackle anti-social behaviour within the area and renew confidence.

"If you witness a crime you can make a difference to the community by helping bring criminals to justice, and the police could prevent further crimes being committed and protect others from becoming victims. **Call 101 for non-emergencies**. You can also contact Crimestoppers to report a crime anonymously."



Claire Seymour, Simon Bull & Chris Rigby seek to improve reporting of the rising tide of local anti-social behaviour

WINTON LIBRARY OPEN AGAIN

Winton Library reopened on **22nd March** for **"order and collect"** and **reservation services**. Home Library Service doorstep deliveries continue, as do a range of electronic resources on the BCP Council website.

Current opening hours are:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:
9.30am–12pm and 2pm–5pm
(Wednesday: closed)
Saturday 9.30am–1pm.

At the time of going to print, BCP Council intends to reopen libraries for browsing, borrowing and public bookable computer use from **Monday 19th April**. (Follow general Covid news for any changes.)

WINTON PARK CAFÉ OPEN

Winton Park Café is **currently open for takeaways 9.30am–4pm, Tuesday to Sunday**, offering coffee and baked treats.



Simon Bull recommends you try their "delicious" paninis. You can also follow Winton Park Café on Facebook.

NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT NOW IN PLACE AT PINE ROAD PARK AND WINTON REC

Local children and their families have been enjoying the **new pieces of play equipment** now in place at **Pine Road Park** and (far right) **Winton Rec**. Check out these photos! Local councillors Simon Bull and Chris Rigby had **approved the application for funds**.



NEWS IN BRIEF

LOCAL GREENS SUPPORT NHS WORKERS' CAMPAIGN FOR FAIR PAY: Local Greens spoke late last year at socially distanced Dorset #NHSPay15 demonstrations, led by frontline NHS staff demanding **pay fairness for all NHS workers.**

John Tutton, a mental health support worker for 15 years and a Green Party speaker, said: "If we're treated better, we've got better morale, we'll have **better staff retention.**"



Green Councillor Chris Rigby told the workers: "Next time I'm using the NHS I don't want the person who's looking after me to be worrying at the same time about **whether they're going to make the rent** that month."

ANTI-ISLAMOPHOBIA RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY BCP COUNCIL

BCP councillors have voted unanimously to adopt a widely recognised **definition of Islamophobia**, commit to **regular race equality training** for all councillors and staff, and reaffirm the Council's active commitment to **eliminating discrimination.**

The **cross-party** motion was co-written and **co-sponsored** by the Conservatives and **by Green Councillor Chris Rigby**, with input also from Liberal Democrat, Labour and independent councillors.

BADGER CULLING BANNED ON BCP COUNCIL LAND:

BCP Councillors have voted in favour of a **ban on the culling of badgers on Council-owned land, seconded by local Green Councillor Chris Rigby.**

Dorset has had "cruel and inhumane" badger culls since 2015.



The vote also secures access for local wildlife professionals for **badger vaccination**, and joint biosecurity working against Bovine TB transmission.

CAN WE HELP?

Surgeries on Zoom on the second Saturday of every month, 10.00am–11.30am.
Contact for an appointment.



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HUNDREDS OF DORSET RESIDENTS #TAKEASTAND AGAINST SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Recently Claire Seymour supported local artist and Green Party member Jayne Jackson in Jayne's **campaign to highlight the issue of sexual violence and abuse** towards women, men and children.



Photo: Jayne Jackson Photography

Residents across Dorset donated hundreds of shoes, to a "people-free" protest, to represent those victims and survivors.

Claire Seymour, Green candidate for Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner, and by day an Anti-Social Behaviour Manager, commented: "As we have seen in the media recently, it has highlighted a huge societal issue. Research shows that **97% of all women have experienced sexual harassment or abuse** in their lifetime.

Taking A Stand: Claire Seymour helped lay out all the shoes donated at Covid-safe drop points

"Through my professional career I have seen the value in **primary prevention.** This means to **target the risk factors** which hit individuals, communities, relationships and society. It is important that **we stand up to tackle violence and abuse** within our community. We have to **create real change.**"

BCP COUNCIL TAKING "RECKLESS RISK" TO LOCAL TAXPAYERS

Refusal to dump "unburnable" fossil fuel investments risks black hole in staff pension fund, for local taxpayers to plug

BCP Council is taking a "reckless risk" for local taxpayers, in **refusing to switch** at least **£90m of taxpayer-underwritten investments away** ("divestment") from **"unburnable" fossil fuel assets** in the Dorset Pension Fund.

Since BCP's Conservative takeover, **exploration of divestment has been shelved.** Staff pension fund investments are **the largest source of carbon emissions** for most councils.

Councillor Chris Rigby said: "UK public pensions have **lost £2bn on oil investments** in the last four years. With **renewables** rapidly becoming the **cheaper option**, the bottom is inevitably going to **fall out of the fossil fuel market.**"

Payments to pension-age scheme members are fixed in law. Typically the council covers about two-thirds of pension costs. Following **any plunge in the value** of the Dorset Pension Fund, **taxpayers in the county would be directly liable** to cover the black hole. **Councils elsewhere are divesting.**

DID YOU KNOW?

From 2011-2019 local Conservative MP **Conor Burns** was paid **£40,000 a year** for on-the-side "consultancy" by a firm working in Dorset's offshore oil industry.

The Conservative-controlled former Bournemouth Borough Council **spent 11 times more opposing the proposed Navitus Bay windfarm than the test oil rig** off Bournemouth Beach.

SIMON, CHRIS & CLAIRE: WORKING ALL YEAR ROUND AND KEEPING YOU INFORMED