

GREEN VIEW

MOORDOWN



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CHARMINSTER ROAD: COUNCIL TO CONSIDER NEW CROSSING

- **Kate Salmon's campaign reaches first base**
- **Act now:** Resident signatures and feedback required in support
- **Council say any new crossing likely to take years**



Kate Salmon at the spot where a new crossing could go, for the safety of our local schoolchildren

BCP Council will now **consider providing a new crossing on Charminster Road**, for **safer pedestrian journeys to Moordown-catchment schools** on East Way and Malvern Road plus Queen's Park Children's Centre. This is in response to the **campaign by local parent Kate Salmon**, featured in the previous issue of *Moordown Green View*.

However, roads staff warn it's been added to a long list of proposals, and any provision of a new crossing will **likely take years**.

Kate says: "The Council say they'll look at current footfall in this area. I've written back saying I'm concerned this could be 'catch-22', if families are currently avoiding walking that way because it's not safe!"

BCP Council's decision-making process **takes into account resident demand** for a new crossing. Kate has therefore **started a petition**.

Sign now: tinyurl.com/CRcrossing • **Contact Kate:** details overleaf

MALLARD ROAD PARK PLAYGROUND: KATE GETS WORST ISSUES SORTED

- **Dangerous hole in slide's soft landing floor now fixed**
- **Worst of graffiti also removed, after Kate Salmon's complaint to Council**



Back in safe use after Kate Salmon acted: the slide and landing area at Mallard Road Park

BCP Council have now **repaired a hole** in the soft landing floor at Mallard Road Park playground, which was **dangerous to slide users**. They have also **removed the worst of the graffiti**. **Kate Salmon had complained** to BCP Council over the state of the aged playground.

Kate Salmon commented: "**Thank you to Parks staff** for completing the repair *[see left]* when they could. It's a shame **the slide had to be boarded up for weeks** in the meantime – they're **so cash-strapped** after 11 years of Government austerity."

Now Kate is seeking answers following **heartbreaking arson** of a brand new 'spinning basket' *[right]* at **Moordown Rec**, in the Spring. At the time of going to print, **no repair or replacement** has happened.



Unrepaired arson at Moordown Rec: Kate Salmon is asking the Council what's to be done

WINTON REC: LOTS OF IMPROVEMENTS TO CHECK OUT

- **New wildflower area seeded**
- **Winton's Green councillors sorted new bike racks, play equipment, water fountain, gate, and reopening of park toilets**

A **new area of wildflower** was seeded at Winton Recreation Ground in 2021. Wildflower allows the growth of nectar-rich plants, helping **support dwindling populations of insects** such as butterflies, moths and bees which **pollinate our food crops**. It can also provide food and nesting material for birds.

This follows the arrival of **additional bike racks**, and a **new 'spinning bowl'** for the sensory garden. The neighbouring area of Winton East has **two Green councillors who approved the funds**.

Previously **Green Councillor Simon Bull** has sorted for Winton Rec:

- funds for installation of the **water fountain for people and dogs**
- **reopening of the toilets** [pictured, with adjacent fountain] after lengthy closure due to anti-social behaviour
- funds for a **new gate** where people had been repeatedly damaging the fence to gain access.



Kate Salmon with Councillor Simon Bull at Winton Recreation Ground: Greens have improved the much-loved park just a short hop from Moordown

BCP COUNCIL INVESTING PENSIONS IN UNBURNABLE FOSSIL FUELS

- **"Reckless" refusal to dump fossil investments risks financial black hole for BCP**
- **Local taxpayers would be on the hook to cover any shortfall in pension fund**



BCP Council has at least **£90m of taxpayer-underwritten investments** in **"unburnable" fossil fuel assets**, in the Dorset Pension Fund. These represent a **"reckless risk"** to local taxpayers, say Greens.

Since BCP's Conservative takeover, **exploration of 'divestment'** away from fossil fuels **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**. *More info: bcp.greenparty.org.uk/divestment*

CAN WE HELP?

Kate Salmon says: "I'm getting out and about to talk to local people directly. If I haven't reached you yet, I'm **really keen to hear from residents about local issues of concern** to you, so please **do get in touch**."

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