

GREEN VIEW

MOORDOWN



Kate Salmon
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Local campaigner



Simon Bull & Chris Rigby
Bournemouth's Green Councillors

DISREPAIR, GRAFFITI AT PLAYGROUND NEXT TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

BCP Council says no funds to replace anything in crumbling Mallard Road Park

The **playground at Mallard Road Park** is so **old and run down** that there are **safety concerns for children** using it, says local Green Party campaigner Kate Salmon.

The park is by Bishop of Winchester Academy, on a through route also very close to Queen's Park Children's Centre and Queen's Park Academy (junior and infants) – all **attended by children from our area** – plus the grammar schools. The park also **serves residents who live in flats without gardens** on the adjacent social housing estate.



Shabby, deteriorating play equipment: Kate Salmon says our children deserve better

The play equipment is **looking shabby with peeling paint**. The **concerns catalogued by Kate Salmon** include **finger-trapping hazards** presented by **old and damaged equipment**. There is a moderate build-up of **graffiti**, some of it **obscene**.

BCP Council, answering an enquiry from Kate, say they

have **no funds to replace anything at the playground**. However, they do say basic maintenance is done for safety. Yet **sections of the soft flooring are missing** – exposing **hard gravel**. Kate said: "One missing floor section is very close to the bottom of the slide. I've seen a little girl hurt herself there."

"Sadly there are stories like this around the country. After **11 years of Conservative government austerity**, local authority spending on parks has been slashed."



Austerity Bournemouth: Parts of Mallard Road Park playground's soft flooring are missing

CHARMINSTER ROAD: NEW CROSSING NEEDED FOR OUR SCHOOLCHILDREN

Local campaigner Kate Salmon calls on Council to fix huge gap in crossings on busy school route

Local parent Kate Salmon has **started a campaign for a new pedestrian crossing on Charminster Road**, in the area north of the **Moordown-catchment schools and children's centre** on East Way and Malvern Road.

Kate explains: "There is **no safe place to cross for quite a long stretch**, from south of **East Way north to Castle Lane**."



Kate Salmon is calling for a new school-safe crossing on busy Charminster Road

It concerns me – **many children walk to school** that way. They **have to take a chance crossing** the busy main road. I think it's a large part of why so many parents seem to drive their children to school round here.

"I've **written to BCP Council asking what can be done** on providing a new crossing."

WIMBORNE ROAD LITTER CONCERNS: LOCAL GREENS ON THE CASE

No bins on long stretch of our local high street

Kate Salmon has **asked BCP Council if they will provide extra litter bins**, on a **long shop-lined stretch of Wimborne Road** in Moordown which **currently has none**.

Kate inspected the road **with Winton's Green councillors**. Cllr Simon Bull participates in **community clean-ups** run by Wimborne Road's traders group. The group recently **raised concerns about day-to-day cleanliness** of our high street.



Too few litter bins on Wimborne Road: Kate Salmon and Green councillors seek action

AMAZING COMMUNITY COVID RESPONSE: THANK YOU MOORDOWN

- Local volunteers provide support to self-isolating people in need
- Moordown-based food bank recruited delivery volunteers, as demand continues to grow

Many Moordown residents volunteered for BCP Council's much-praised "Together We Can" programme. Across BCP over 2,000 signed up. Volunteers have helped to collect essential medications and deliver food supplies to local people in need during the pandemic. Volunteers also worked to get the message out to those not online.

Kate Salmon said: "I'm so proud of the community in Moordown and Bournemouth for pulling together through this tough time.



Kate Salmon was just one of the volunteers who did shopping, and food bank deliveries, for local people in need

"Through Together We Can, I was paired as a regular volunteer for a resident who was shielding due to a health condition.

I was pleased to be able to help by doing her shopping through the shielding periods."

Kate, who by day works for an anti-poverty charity, added: "The excellent Bournemouth Foodbank had to shift from collection to delivery. Food bank demand continues to rise, as it has every year since 2008. I was one of the extra volunteers answering calls from our area's Life Centre food bank to take a parcel to a household in need."

CAN WE HELP?

Kate Salmon has now returned to local campaigning, after focusing on her young family for a couple of years. Kate is keen to hear from residents about local issues of concern to you.

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BCP COUNCIL SPENDING PRIORITIES: MIXED NEWS

- ✗ £90k of our cash splashed on two new mayoral cars
- ✗ £50k wasted on dangerous, unrealistic Freeport bid
- ✓ BCP climate team to be expanded

In Summer 2021 BCP Council's Conservative Cabinet waved through proposals to spend £90,000 of public money on two new cars for its mayors.

This follows £50,000 being spent by the Council preparing a failed bid for Freeport status for BCP – despite warnings that Freeports benefit only a wealthy few while breeding corruption, tax evasion and criminal activity. Green Councillor Chris Rigby said: "Many of the other port towns bidding for Freeport status persuaded private sector partners to cover bid costs, but BCP Council didn't bother so local taxpayers footed the £50k bill."

Professor Molly Scott Cato, national Green Party spokesperson for economics, said: "BCP was highly unlikely to succeed against ports like Holyhead and Immingham. If this is about tax avoidance, you don't want it in Dorset."

In good news, BCP's climate team is said to be expanding from two staff to eight. This follows press, social media and Council Chamber pressure from local Greens and other campaigners for faster local climate action. Chris Rigby said: "We welcome this as a great step in responding to the Climate & Ecological Emergency. We'll be looking for confirmation in the next budget."

DISMAY AS DORSET'S NEW POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER SCRAPS PUBLIC SCRUTINY PANELS

Dorset's newly elected Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC), the Conservative David Sidwick, has not reinstated the public scrutiny panels set up by his independent predecessor. These panels helped hold Dorset Police to account over their use of force, of stop and search, and their customer service.

Black people are 25 times more likely to be stopped and searched in Dorset than white people, a 2020 report found.

Baroness Jenny Jones, Green member of the House of Lords, described the scrapping as "clearly a very poor decision" and "a bad choice for Dorset".

Disagree with the decision? Email David Sidwick: pcc@dorset.pnn.police.uk

DORSET PCC ELECTION RESULT 6th May 2021

David Sidwick	64,071	42.5%
Dan Hardy	31,112	20.6%
Claire Seymour	21,283	14.1%
Mark Robson	17,837	11.8%
Patrick Canavan	16,379	10.9%

Second round run-off

David Sidwick	70,353
Dan Hardy	43,427

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KATE SALMON: SPEAKING UP FOR MOORDOWN AND KEEPING YOU INFORMED