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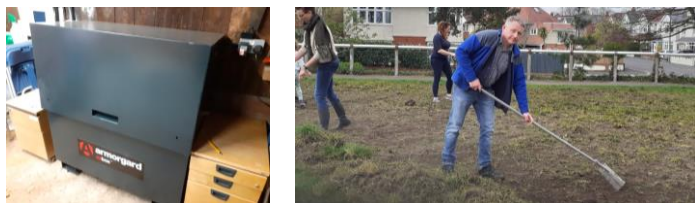


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LATEST IMPROVEMENTS AT WINTON REC: NEW POND, TOOL SAFE, WILDFLOWER



Simon Bull checked out **newest arrivals** at **Winton Rec**:

- the **new wildlife pond** nearing completion
- the **new tool safe** for the **Community Shed** (funding was channelled by local Councillors Simon Bull and Chris Rigby)
- further **wildflower seeding**, to boost local biodiversity.

Parks Foundation plan for Winton Rec: tinyurl.com/WRplan

NEW CHAT CAFÉ LOCAL TACKLES LONELINESS, SOCIAL ANXIETY

Chat Café Local is a **community outreach** programme in BCP, helping residents with the **epidemic of loneliness**, and **post-lockdown social anxiety**.

Roxy's Bistro & Bar on **Charminster Road** is one of various locations for **regular, friendly Chat Club** meets.

"It's a **great initiative**," said local Councillor Simon Bull. Founder Anne Anderson had explained her idea to Simon over a cup of tea *[pictured]* at the **first event** at Roxy's.

Membership is **free**. • chatcafelocal.com, 07821 921117



Simon Bull at the **first Chat Club** on **Charminster Road**

WINTON LIBRARY GARDENS:

RENEWAL PROJECT MARKED BY JUBILEE TREE DEDICATION CEREMONY

A **new silver birch tree** has been **dedicated** in a **ceremony** at **Winton Library Gardens**, as part of **local Platinum Jubilee celebrations**. The new tree **marks** BH9 Business Community's **terrific ongoing project** to **reimagine and reopen** the Gardens' **long-closed sunken section** *[see previous issue]*.

The **Lord Lieutenant of Dorset** (the **Queen's local representative**) ceremonially **completed the tree's planting** *[pictured]*. He was **flanked** by hard-working **local councillors Simon Bull** and **Chris Rigby**.

"The **volunteer-led project** is **already becoming an asset** to the **local community and wildlife**," says **Councillor Rigby**. "You can **volunteer** here every Saturday from 10am-1pm – please bring tools if you can."

• *Latest updates: BH9 Business Community Facebook page*



Jubilee tree-planting ceremony at **Winton Library Gardens: Chris Rigby** and **Simon Bull** marked the **renewal project**, with **the Queen's local rep**

BCP COUNCIL ISN'T RESPONSIVE ENOUGH – GREENS CALL FOR CHANGE

- Chris Rigby backs mounting complaints: Services no longer answering phone
- BCP's democratic system shuts out cooperation and scrutiny – Greens call for reform



Older Bournemouth residents have been reporting to local Greens that some **vital Council services no longer take phone requests**. An estimated **10,000** people in Bournemouth **don't use the internet** [*basis: Age UK research*].

Now councillors are raising that **some BCP Council staff are contactable only by email while they're working from home**. Green Councillor Chris Rigby spoke at Council **backing the mounting criticisms**. He says: "I'm a big advocate for working from home, I work from home. But you've **got to be working from home**. If certain Council staff are **saying 'I'm working from home so email me'**, there **might be an issue**."

Cllr Rigby told councillors this is linked to a wider cultural problem: **BCP's 76 councillors do not get space for scrutiny or cooperation**. The Leader and his Cabinet (**all Conservatives**) **hold the power, backed by a strong whip**.

He called for a **local referendum** on the **alternative 'committee system'** – recently **chosen by voters in Bristol and Sheffield**. It gives **politically balanced decision-making, involving all councillors**. • **More:** tiny.cc/BCPref

"No one has a monopoly on good ideas": Cllr Chris Rigby called for a local referendum on a more inclusive, cooperative way of running BCP Council

GREEN CALLS FOR ENERGY TRANSITION REJECTED BY LOCAL CONSERVATIVES

- New renewable energy cheaper than burning fossil fuels, promotes energy security
- Yet BCP's Conservatives refuse to back fossil fuel phaseout, or local offshore wind

BCP's **Green councillors proposed endorsement** of the call for a **global Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty**. **39 councils** including Los Angeles and Sydney have already endorsed. Yet BCP's ruling **Conservative councillors voted it down**.

Green Councillor Chris Rigby said: "This doesn't mean cutting off the gas supply tomorrow, but **working towards removing fossil fuels from all of our lives**. It's **what we need to do, to prevent the climate crisis**."

Bizarrely, BCP's Conservative climate chief suggested concern for **household energy bills** was a reason to hesitate on green transition. He showed no awareness that **new renewables are now cheaper than burning fossil fuels**. With a **spiralling cost-of-living crisis** worsened by **Russia's war on Ukraine**, switching away from fossil fuels is an urgent matter of **energy security**.

Green Councillor Simon Bull was in the *Bournemouth Echo*, again **championing an offshore wind farm** in Dorset. Yet **BCP Conservatives remain flatly opposed**. Offshore wind is **supported by 84% of the UK public**. • **More:** tiny.cc/bcpFF



Greens called for real local action on Climate Emergency and energy security



BCP's ruling Conservative councillors refused – just like Boris Johnson's oil-addicted Government

Cartoon: KC Green topatoco.com/collections/this-is-fine

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Surgeries: Second Saturday of each month (except Aug), 10.00–11.30am, Winton Library

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SIMON & CHRIS: WORKING HARD AND STANDING UP FOR BOURNEMOUTH