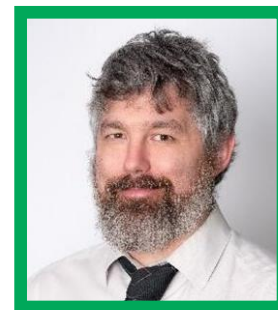


GREEN VIEW

MOORDOWN



Councillor Kate Salmon



Councillor Joe Salmon

GREEN CAMPAIGN AGAINST CLOSURE SUCCEEDS

MOORDOWN PLUS DAY CENTRE SAVED

Following a **grassroots campaign** supported and led by your Green ward councillors, **Joe and Kate Salmon**, BCP Council has **abandoned its plan** to close the much-loved **Moordown Plus day centre**. The centre provides a “**gold standard**” **daytime facility** for older people living with dementia, and is a lifeline for both service users and their carers.

Kate said: “*I am so, so pleased that Moordown Plus is staying open. This is a huge relief for local families who depend on the day centre to support them and their loved ones, and a real victory for our community. Closing it down would have been ludicrous given the £1 million refurbishment that took place in 2018. It’s a superb facility offering an excellent service for local residents.*”

Joe questioned the evidence base for the proposal at the council meeting when the plans were first made public, while **Kate reached out to decision makers** and put the case for the centre to remain open. Kate organised a **petition of more than 350 signatures** from service users and residents which was delivered to the portfolio holder for Health & Wellbeing.



Green councillors Kate and Joe Salmon outside Moordown Plus day centre, now saved from closure

NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR MOORDOWN REC



Joe and Kate are pleased that the vandalized equipment will soon be replaced at Moordown Rec



Joe and Kate have worked with council officers to ensure that **new play equipment** is installed at **Moordown Recreation Ground**. Last year there was another **arson attack** (see photo inset) on new play equipment which had previously been **left uninsured** by BCP Council.

Joe said: “*Our parks and play areas are at the heart of our community, providing access to nature and outdoor play for hundreds of local families and children. The links with improved mental and physical health are well established, so it’s vital that our parks are well kept and not ignored or neglected.*”

Other equipment in the park is also **long overdue for refurbishment or replacement**, and Kate and Joe continue to make the case that this should be a **priority for council funding**.

KATE AND JOE SALMON: WORKING HARD AND SPEAKING UP FOR MOORDOWN

COUNCIL BUDGET: GREENS STAND FIRM AGAINST CUTS

BCP Council passed a **balanced budget** in February, but is still on track to be **technically insolvent by 2026**, in large part due to the **soaring costs** of supporting our most vulnerable adults and children.

The ruling Three Towns Alliance's budget drastically **slashed spending** across a range of services. The Green Group **did not support** the budget, believing that the **priority** should be first to **review the use of private sector providers** in adults and children's social care to **bring down costs**.

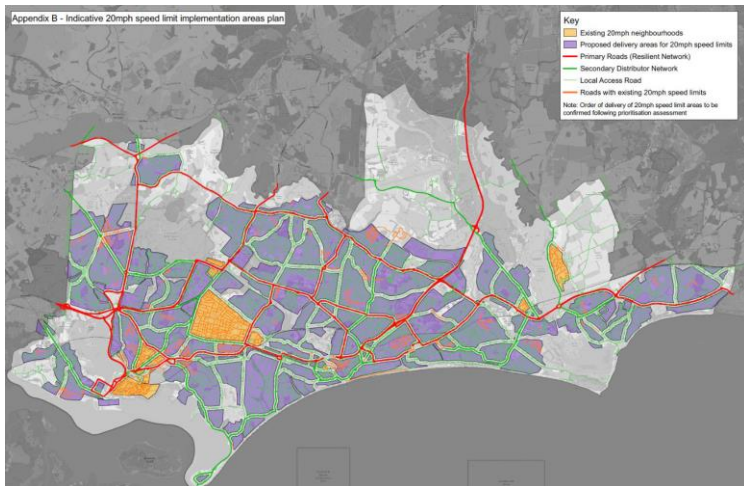
Green councillor for Moordown **Joe Salmon** wants to see more **evidence-based, data-driven decision making** from the struggling council. He said: *"We're saving £500k a year by **closing libraries** for another day every week, while the council is fleeced for **up to £1 million a year** for a single child's care package in the private sector. Meanwhile more than a decade of **lethal cuts to council funding** from national government has left the local authority trying to achieve the impossible. **This can't go on.**"*

As things stand, in 2026 **the council could go into administration** following in the recent footsteps of councils in Woking, Birmingham, Nottingham and elsewhere.



Green councillors (l-r) Sara, Simon, Kate, Alasdair, Chris and Joe did not support the cuts to council spending announced in the Three Towns Alliance's budget in February.

20'S PLENTY FOR BCP



Map showing proposed areas for new 20mph speed limits across Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole

BCP Council is considering **20mph speed limits for most residential streets** across the area. This would mean streets like **Brassey Road** and **Winston Road**, where residents frequently report road danger, will **finally be safer** for everyone.

Kate commented: *"Reducing the speed limit on our local streets will support **more people to walk and cycle** because they will **feel safer** to do so. This is especially true for **children travelling to and from school**. More children walking or wheeling to school **cuts congestion, pollution and journey times**, as well as supporting healthy lifestyles – **it's win-win.**"*

Joe also **welcomed the proposal** and has been talking with **residents concerned about speeding and rat running** on their streets. Joe said: *"This initiative is **long overdue**. The work now needs to be **properly researched and funded** to **ensure the right decisions are made** when it comes to **assessing individual streets.**"*

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Surgeries: third Sunday of the month (not Aug, Dec), 10-11am, Moordown Community Centre

COMMUNITY LITTER PICKS

A **big thank you** to the volunteers who joined our last **community litter pick** back in November and did a **stirling job**, collecting **seven sacks of rubbish** from Wimborne Road, Malvern Road, The Avenue and surrounding streets.



Next litter picks: Saturday 11 May, 10-11am. Meeting point: Brassey Road play area. Sunday 7 July, 11am-12pm. Meeting point: Moordown Recreation Ground.

All welcome – children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. All equipment provided – **hope to see you there!**

JOE AND KATE SALMON: WORKING HARD AND SPEAKING UP FOR MOORDOWN