





Simon Bull

Chris Rigby

Your Green Party councillors

BCP COUNCIL ELECTION 2023: WINTON EAST RESULT

THANK YOU! CHRIS AND SIMON RE-ELECTED BY A LANDSLIDE

On Thursday 4 May, your Winton East **Green councillors Simon Bull and Chris Rigby** were **re-elected** with 1,163 and 1,116 votes respectively - their **vote shares rising** to 64.9% and 61.2%.

Simon says: "Thank you so much to the residents of Winton East. Chris and I are so humbled by your support and **we will continue to do our best** for the ward and the wider BCP area."

Chris adds: "A huge thank you to everyone who made this possible by going out and voting Green. Both Simon and I have increased majorities and I am so grateful for the trust you put in me to represent you and Winton East. I do not take this for granted and I'll once again give it my all.

With **four new Green colleagues** joining Simon and I, and with all of our wards bordering each other, **there is no limit on what we can achieve** together. Somebody described this recently as the **green heart of Bournemouth** and I like that a lot."



Green councillors Chris Rigby and Simon Bull re-elected in May (credit: Richard Crease, Daily Echo)

TACKLING ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN WINTON



Simon & Chris visited Winton police station in June

Simon and Chris have attended several **meetings with local police** teams in recent months. A **strong focus** of their discussions has been how best we can tackle the growing problems of **drug-related crime and antisocial behaviour** (ASB) in our community.

Simon says: "The **key message** from the police is — **report what you see**. Police services across the country are chronically underfunded, and it's understandable that public trust is diminished when we see fewer officers on the streets, but **if we all do our part** by reporting what we see it really does **help the police** build an accurate picture and then **target their resources** effectively."

Dorset Police are now using an **online form** for non-emergency reporting – just **scan the QR code** on the right. If you don't have access to the internet, please **contact Chris or Simon** (details overleaf) and they will make a report on your behalf.

SIX GREEN COUNCILLORS ELECTED IN BOURNEMOUTH



L-r: Sara Armstrong (East Cliff & Springbourne), Simon Bull (Winton East), Kate Salmon (Moordown), Alasdair Keddie (Queen's Park), Chris Rigby (Winton East), Joe Salmon (Moordown)

Following the main election in May and a subsequent by-election at the end of June, there are now six **Green councillors** on BCP Council, representing four areas of Bournemouth (see photo caption). This represents a tripling of the number of Green Party representatives on BCP Council.

The group are already working closely together on issues which affect the wider Council area, and are looking forward to making a real difference over the next four years.

COMMUNITY HARMONY AND RESPECT SUPPORTING ALL OUR RESIDENTS

Chris and his new colleague Alasdair Keddie (Queen's Park) recently attended the Community Harmony And Respect Meeting (CHARM) at Bournemouth University. CHARM aims to improve relationships between BU students and our permanent resident communities, with a focus on minimising antisocial behaviour and environmental health issues.

Chris commented: "I'm pleased to be continuing our working relationship with BU, the letting agencies, BCP environmental health, the police and other partners in the CHARM initiative. That this is now extending into Queen's Park will benefit many more residents and students."



Chris with Alasdair and other CHARM group representatives at BU

THE GROUND IN YOUR AREA INTON WALKABOUT



Chris and Simon met council officers for a ward walkabout

In July council officers joined Chris and Simon for a walkabout around Winton East to get a better view of local concerns.

They identified a number of issues such as parking concerns, fly-tipping and pavements in poor condition. This will feed into the bigger picture for BCP officers and help them to **prioritize improvements** across the local area. They noted the on-going buildup of dirt in Maxwell Road, bins on pavements in Cardigan Road, weeds in many roads and a number of other points that need attention.

CAN WE HELP WITH LOCAL ISSUES?

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