

# GREEN VIEW

## WINTON EAST

INCLUDING CHARMINSTER BORDERS



Green Councillor  
**Simon Bull**



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## UNIFORMED FOOT PATROLS IN WINTON WELCOMED BY COMMUNITY

### Indications of reduced anti-social behaviour

Bournemouth North Neighbourhood Policing Team is now conducting daily foot patrols in known Winton 'hot spots' for anti-social behaviour.

Inspector Honnywill told local councillor Chris Rigby there has been a noticeable reduction in some of the visible anti-social behaviour in these areas.

Chris Rigby commented: "It's good to hear that the Hot Spot patrols are having an impact. Whilst we've not yet seen the data there is anecdotal evidence there has been a reduction in anti-social behaviour. This is backed up by positive feedback from retailers, shoppers and residents."



*In touch: Cllrs Chris Rigby and Simon Bull frequently talk to local police about tackling anti-social behaviour*

## NEW VIEWING PLATFORM AT WINTON LIBRARY GARDENS

A viewing platform is now open next to Winton Library's entrance, giving a full step-free view of the sunken back section of Winton Library Gardens. This is the latest improvement there by BH9 Business Community.



Simon Bull said: "Thanks to the dedication of volunteers, the Gardens have been totally reinvigorated. They're now a welcoming space, an oasis in the high street."

## CLOSURE OF BANKS MEDICAL CENTRE: CONCERNS OVER IMPACT ON ACCESS

### Simon Bull monitoring local availability of GPs

A second medical centre in Winton is to close – causing concern about GP access for local residents.

Banks Medical Centre on Wimborne Road will permanently close by the end of the year. This follows the closure last year of Winton Health Centre on Alma Road.

Councillor Simon Bull said: "When Winton Health Centre closed, patients were dispersed around other local facilities. After this closure, Banks patients will be able to attend their partner site in Bearwood – but that's a bit far for residents to travel.



"I'm monitoring the impact of closures on access to local healthcare. I invite you to share any concerns with me." *[Contact details overleaf]*

## NEW BARN AND UPGRADED POND OPENED AT ST LUKE'S JUNIOR SCHOOL

Top photo: Ben Stoney



The Barn at St Luke's Junior School was opened on 7<sup>th</sup> May. It's a multi-purpose zone to enrich learning experiences for the children in the outdoors. It was solely funded through the Parents Teacher Friends Association. The Barn links to a redesigned pond area, an award-winning project with Bournemouth University.

Simon Bull said: "I was very pleased to be invited, with Cllr Rigby. The Barn is a wonderful new asset, giving pupils the opportunity to learn about wildlife and nature, along with the pond."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**MELVILLE GARDENS PARKING PERMIT PROBLEM SORTED:** Residents of Melville Gardens found themselves unable to obtain parking permits, owing to administrative confusion at BCP Council. They complained to local councillors Simon Bull and Chris Rigby, who were able to resolve the blockage.

### SIMON BULL CONTINUES AS COUNCIL VICE-CHAIR, CHRIS RIGBY AS SCRUTINY CHAIR:

Simon Bull has been re-elected to serve a second year as Vice-Chair of BCP Council.



Meanwhile Chris Rigby has been re-elected as Chair of the Council's Environment & Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee.



Photo: Bournemouth Daily Echo



**Enough is enough:** There have been **three fatal stabbings in Bournemouth since 2022**



**Bournemouth's six Green councillors: Chris Rigby (Winton East) is the Group Leader**

BCP Council has **unanimously passed a motion proposed by Green councillors**, aimed at addressing the pressing **issue of knife crime** in our local communities.

The Green Group's motion asserted that **"Every family and community should be safe** from the loss of a life due to knife crime... We **need to keep working together to get to the root causes** of knife crime."

The **Green motion** demanded consideration be given to **whether funding is adequate** to deliver BCP Council's **"serious violent crime duty"**, and to **lobby the Government** over any shortfall. It called for **early intervention work in partnership** with voluntary services including youth organisations, and a **public health approach** involving the NHS, schools, youth services and others.

## GENERAL ELECTION — 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY VOTE DARREN JONES



Chris and Simon are pleased to endorse **Darren Jones, Green Party candidate** for Bournemouth West. Darren is standing on a platform of **personal and societal change**, and is hoping to bring the Green Party message of **"Real Hope, Real Change"** to people across Winton and Bournemouth West. ● **Campaign info:** [votegreenbournemouthwest.com](http://votegreenbournemouthwest.com)

## COUNCIL BUDGET OF MORE SWINGEING CUTS PASSED — WITHOUT GREEN SUPPORT

BCP Council has passed its budget for 2024/25, with **further cuts totalling £41m**. The cuts include **reductions to library opening hours** including **Winton Library**, plus permanent closure of King's Park Plant Nursery. This is the ongoing result of **14 years of austerity cuts** to councils' funding **from central Government** — their main income source.

**Green councillors abstained in the budget vote.** Green Group Leader Chris Rigby acknowledged council bosses' achievement in balancing the books, but told councillors: "I'm **tired of choosing which cuts we have to do** — tired of central Government setting what we can and cannot do.

"Councils need to come together, fight back, say **'enough is enough'** — we **don't have the funds to deliver** what our communities need."

## CAN WE HELP?

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**Surgeries:** Last Thursday of each month [except Aug, Dec], 5-6pm, Winton Library

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