

GREEN VIEW

QUEEN'S PARK & CHARMINSTER



Alasdair Keddie
Local campaigner



Simon Bull & Chris Rigby
Bournemouth's Green Councillors

STOP THE FLY-TIPPING IN QUEEN'S PARK AND CHARMINSTER

Local resident **Alasdair Keddie** recruits neighbourhood residents for fly-tipping reporting and lobby group

Fly-tipping is continuing to **occur regularly** on the streets of Queen's Park and Charminster.

Hard-working local campaigner Alasdair Keddie says: "I have been recording & reporting the regular fly-tipping in Queen's Park since last year. In January alone I **reported over 100 fly-tipped bin bags** to BCP Council.

"I've now **recruited a small team** of concerned, **community-minded local residents**. We keep in touch electronically about new incidents, and we have lively discussions about our **plans to get the ongoing issue taken more seriously** by those with the power to take enforcement action.

"So far we've been **disappointed by the lack of action from the Neighbourhood Policing Team and the Council Enforcement Officers**. We're looking to grow our community action group into an official Neighbourhood Watch scheme for Queen's Park & Charminster. This would **give our community more clout to get the Neighbourhood Police to talk to us** about the ongoing issues and **what they can do to help clear them up**.

"If you are **interested in participating** in our group, please do contact me."

Please report fly-tipping here: online.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/services/flytipping



Just one of the many recent examples of fly-tipping in our area, being catalogued and reported by Alasdair Keddie and the team

LATEST COMMUNITY LITTER PICK ANOTHER SUCCESS



Late last year before Lockdown 3, **the community came together** for a highly productive litter pick. **15 black bags of rubbish were picked** and deposited at the council collection site.

Alasdair Keddie said: "We were horrified to **discover a drugs den** in bushes in the children's playpark at Cyril Park. **We reported it** and the Council cleared it promptly."

WORK STARTS ON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR OUR AREA

The excellent **Queen's Park Forum** has started work on **development of a Neighbourhood Plan**, and seeks more local residents to get involved.

Neighbourhood Plans have some legal weight and can set out **a vision for an area**, guiding local developments.

A Plan could cover **where new homes, shops or offices should go** and **what green spaces should be protected**. A Plan has already been produced for Boscombe & Pokesdown and endorsed in a local referendum.

Alasdair Keddie will be contributing to development of the Queen's Park Plan on green spaces and active travel, and encourages you to **get involved** too.

More details at queenspark.org.uk, or follow Queen's Park & Charminster Neighbourhood Forum on Facebook.

WINTON PARK CAFÉ OPEN

Winton Park Café is **currently open for takeaways 9.30am–4pm, Tuesday to Sunday**, with baked treats and coffee. The café is at Winton Rec, **just one block over from Charminster Road**.

Councillor Simon Bull recommends their "delicious" paninis. You can follow Winton Park Café on Facebook.



NEWS IN BRIEF

LOCAL GREENS SUPPORT NHS WORKERS' CAMPAIGN FOR FAIR PAY: Local Greens spoke late last year at socially distanced Dorset #NHSPay15 demonstrations, led by frontline NHS staff demanding **pay fairness for all NHS workers**.

John Tutton, a mental health support worker for 15 years and a Green Party speaker, said: "If we're treated better, we've got better morale, we'll have **better staff retention**."



Green Councillor Chris Rigby told the workers: "Next time I'm using the NHS I don't want the person who's looking after me to be worrying at the same time about **whether they're going to make the rent** that month."

ANTI-ISLAMOPHOBIA RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY BCP COUNCIL

BCP councillors have voted unanimously to adopt a widely recognised **definition of Islamophobia**, commit to **regular race equality training** for all councillors and staff, and reaffirm the Council's active commitment to **eliminating discrimination**.

The **cross-party** motion was co-written and **co-sponsored** by the Conservatives and **by Green Councillor Chris Rigby**, with input also from Liberal Democrat, Labour and independent councillors.

BADGER CULLING BANNED ON BCP

COUNCIL LAND: BCP Councillors have voted in favour of a **ban on the culling of badgers on Council-owned land, seconded by local Green Councillor Chris Rigby**.

Dorset has had "cruel and inhumane" badger culls since 2015.



The vote also secures access for local wildlife professionals for **badger vaccination**, and joint biosecurity working against Bovine TB transmission.

CAN WE HELP?

If you have a **comment or query** about our area – or if you'd like to join one of our **neighbourhood litter-picks** – Alasdair would love to hear from you.



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HUNDREDS OF DORSET RESIDENTS #TAKEASTAND AGAINST SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Recently Claire Seymour, Green Party candidate for Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner, supported local artist and Green Party member Jayne Jackson in Jayne's #InTheirShoes **campaign to highlight the issue of sexual violence and abuse** towards women, men and children.



Photo: Jayne Jackson Photography

Residents across Dorset donated hundreds of shoes, to a "people-free" protest, to represent those victims and survivors.

Claire Seymour, by day an Anti-Social Behaviour Manager, commented: "As we have seen in the media recently, it has highlighted a huge societal issue. Research shows that **97% of all women have experienced sexual harassment or abuse** in their lifetime.

"Through my professional career I have seen the value in **primary prevention**. This means to **target the risk factors** which hit individuals, communities, relationships and society. It is important that **we stand up to tackle violence and abuse** within our community. We have to **create real change**."

Taking A Stand: Claire Seymour helped lay out all the shoes donated at Covid-safe drop points

Vote Claire Seymour for Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner this **May 6th**
Find out more: [clairefordorset.green](https://www.clairefordorset.green) • You have **two votes** in this election

RUBBISH INCINERATOR PROPOSED AT HURN

A business has applied for planning permission to build what they call an "**Energy Recovery Facility**" at Chapel Lane in Hurn. Despite the glossy "carbon-friendly" public relations, **this is actually an incinerator project**.



(Stock image only)

Incinerating waste is **not low carbon or climate-friendly**. Incineration releases significantly more CO2 per unit exported to the electricity grid than the conventional use of fossil fuels, with the **incineration of plastics being worse than coal**.

Many councils are signed up to long-term waste contracts ensuring **the council takes the risk** of the incinerator not getting enough waste to burn – in effect **penalising councils** for not sending enough waste for incineration.

Alasdair Keddie said: "Waste incinerators **harm recycling rates, exacerbate climate change** and **undermine the circular economy**. It would also contribute to the already **poor air quality** in the BCP area."

Object to the planning application by 22nd April: tinyurl.com/ObjectHurn

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