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Simon Bull**



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ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN WINTON:

SIMON BULL SORTS OBSCENE GRAFFITI, UNRULY YARD – AMID RISING CONCERNS

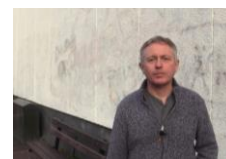
Residents dissatisfied with street drinking, noisy shared houses • Councillors monitoring responses

Hard-working local **Councillors Simon Bull** and **Chris Rigby** have been **seeing, hearing** and **taking action** on more **anti-social behaviour concerns** in Winton.

Simon Bull got **obscene graffiti removed** from **Leslie Road**, and successful **enforcement action** on a **Cardigan Road front yard** [pictured before and after].

Local residents have also raised concerns about **street drinking**, and about **noise** associated mainly with **houses in transient multiple occupation**. On the latter, Simon says: “I recently attended a **meeting** with the **universities, student wardens** and **BCP Council enforcement**. I’ve **pressured** them over **resident discontent**. They’ve sent ‘good neighbour’ leaflets to **student houses**.”

Chris Rigby is now on the **Dorset Police & Crime Panel**, and is in contact with **Bournemouth North Pubwatch**. He says: “**BCP’s Anti-Social Behaviour Team** can be contacted via tiny.cc/bcpasb or 01202 128883. **We’re monitoring how satisfactory** residents find official responses, to **pass on** – so do **let us know**.”



Before and after Simon Bull acted: Obscene graffiti in Leslie Road now removed [top], and **enforcement action taken over a Cardigan Road yard** [bottom]

LOCAL RESIDENTS UNHAPPY WITH PAVEMENT WEEDS

Residents have been **contacting** Simon Bull and Chris Rigby about **unchecked weeds** on **Winton’s pavements**.

Chris Rigby says: “**We have been raising** the weeds issues **with council staff**. We’re aware that unfortunately they’ve been **slow to respond**. Feel free to send reports to us, as **more evidence** of a widespread problem will make getting a **proper Council response more likely**.”



TIME CAPSULE BURIED AT WINTON LIBRARY GARDENS

Competition-winning local children’s work among items



Time capsule burying at Winton Library Gardens: Cllr Simon Bull presented essay competition winner Ava with a certificate

Simon Bull says: “Cllr Rigby and I **attended an event** to witness the **burying of a time capsule** at **Winton Library Gardens**. In the capsule are some **photos, newspaper articles and essays** from **competition-winning local children** about how they spent the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.”

Reopening of the Gardens’ sunken back section, reimagined as a **community garden** [see issue 17], moves closer. Years of **campaigning** by Simon and Chris helped **open the path** for the fantastic ongoing **BH9 Business Community project**.

SIMON BULL GETS BCP COUNCIL'S FAIRTRADE COMMITMENT RESTORED

BCP Council has **unanimously passed** a motion to **commit to Fairtrade** principles. This was **proposed by Green Councillor Simon Bull**.

Simon told councillors: "It's **ensuring fair returns of trade between farmers and buyers**, protecting **workers' rights** – providing the framework for producers to **build thriving farms** and organisations. And **for shoppers** it means **high quality** and **ethically produced** products."



This measure, seconded by a Conservative, **restores the commitment** previously made by the **former Bournemouth Council**. This had **lapsed on its merger** into the new BCP "supercouncil" in 2019. • [More: tiny.cc/bcpft](https://tiny.cc/bcpft)

CHRIS RIGBY HELPS SECURE TOUGH COUNCIL STANCE ON CLIMATE WITH BARCLAYS BANK

BCP **councillors have unanimously voted to call on** the Council's banking provider **Barclays Bank** to work to **protect residents of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole** – by **adopting climate policies** that are recognised to be in keeping with the **Paris Agreement**.

The resolution also recognises the "**significant risk from sea level rises**" to **our towns**.

Co-sponsoring the proposal, Green Councillor **Chris Rigby** said *[pictured]*: "This is fairly straightforward, to ask one of our **partners to come forward and meet the same commitments** which we're making towards our **2030 zero-carbon targets**, and our **climate and ecological emergency**." • [More: tiny.cc/bcpbb](https://tiny.cc/bcpbb)



COUNCIL BUDGET CRISIS: BCP LINES UP TAX RISES, FEE HIKES, SAVAGE CUTS, DE-STAFFING

- **Council Tax rises now expected locally, as Conservative council forced to plead for bailout**
- **Desperate scrambling after BCP's "dodgy deal" to sell off beach huts struck down by Government**
- **Council prepares fire sale of assets, considers slashing services to legal minimum levels**



BCP Council has been scrambling to **plug a £36m hole** in its **budget**. This follows the **Government blocking the ruling local Conservatives** from **selling off 3,605 beach huts**. It branded this BCP plan a "**dodgy deal**" putting "**taxpayer cash at risk**". Government will put in **special extra oversight** of **debt-piling BCP Council** – as **BCP begs for a £76m bailout**.

The *Bournemouth Echo* reports it "looks almost certain" **BCP residents** will face a **Council Tax increase** in 2023/24, "as well as an **increase in fees and charges** for all services". As well as **sell-offs**, BCP Council is looking at **cutting services to legal minimum** levels. They hint **librarians, gardeners** and **youth workers** could be **replaced with volunteers**.

Cllr Rigby said: "BCP's risky attempts to cushion **12 years of brutal Conservative Government cuts** have **backfired**." • [More: tiny.cc/bcpbc](https://tiny.cc/bcpbc)

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

SIMON BULL & CHRIS RIGBY: WORKING WITH PEOPLE AND GETTING THINGS DONE