

# GREEN VIEW

## WINTON EAST

INCLUDING NW  
CHARMINSTER



**Green Councillor  
Simon Bull**



**Green Councillor  
Chris Rigby**

## WINTON LIBRARY GARDENS: WORK UNDERWAY TO REOPEN CLOSED SECTION

- **BH9 Business Community takes over restoration, after councillors' campaign**
- **Volunteers join DIY project to reopen sunken area as a community garden**



**Community DIY to finish reopening Winton Library Gardens: Volunteers are piling in every Saturday morning, after BH9 Business Community took on renewal of the sunken area**

**Work is underway to reopen the rear area of Winton Library Gardens – reimagined as a community garden.**

The front section was reopened by the Council two years ago, after much **campaigning by hard-working local Green Councillors** Simon Bull and Chris Rigby. They **promised to continue working until reopening was completed.**

The gardens had been entirely closed for a couple of years, after **repeated anti-social behaviour issues in the sunken back section** not visible to passers-by. With **BCP Council cash-strapped** after 11 years of Government cuts to councils, it had been **unable to find funds** to raise the level of the back section. Following Simon and Chris's campaign, restoration has been **taken on by BH9 Business Community** and their **volunteers, led superbly by John**, reimagining the space as **"an oasis for the whole community to enjoy"**.

Councillor Simon Bull said: "It's **great to see** this community space, that has been **unused for too long**, being **given some attention.**"

**DIY volunteer sessions are taking place** every Saturday from 10am–1pm. Please bring any gardening tools you have, and **come make a difference!** • *Latest updates: [BH9 Business Community Facebook page](#)*

## TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AT ST LUKE'S SCHOOL: CHRIS RIGBY ON CASE



**St Luke's: Chris Rigby is scoping school-run traffic solutions**

**Traffic is grinding to a halt during school-run times** in the vicinity of **St Luke's Primary School on Bemister Road**, causing **safety worries.**

Local Councillor **Chris Rigby says:** "I'm **working with the Headteacher** on possible remedies. I'm **watching 'school streets' trials** elsewhere. I'm also always keen to **make walking and cycling easier.**"

Simon and Chris joined another **Green Group litter-pick** at **Winton Rec.**

The group cleared **four bags of rubbish, one bag of recyclable items**, plus a discarded bar stool. **To join a future litter-pick**, email [wintoneast@bcp.greenparty.org.uk](mailto:wintoneast@bcp.greenparty.org.uk).



# CHRIS RIGBY GETS WESSEX WATER GRILLED OVER BEACH SEWAGE

- Local water company slated for calling mounting public concern “sensationalised”
- Disbelief as they say: Just don't open your mouth while swimming in local sea

Wessex Water managers were **grilled** by a panel of BCP councillors, over frequent raw sewage overflow discharges into the sea across most of our local coastline. The Town Hall hearing had been **secured** by local Green Councillor Chris Rigby.

Wessex Water's area is **now England's third worst** for sewage discharges into waterways. Storm overflows are **supposed to be used only in extreme weather**, to relieve sewer pressure. Numerous local sea users (swimmers, surfers etc) have **reported illness** after one of the too-frequent local sewage discharges.

Wessex Water claimed media coverage has been 'sensationalised'. Councillor Rigby responded: “I **don't think that's correct at all**. It's becoming more and more reported, yes, **because it's important**.” There was **disbelief** when Wessex Water reps **said swimming in the local sea is okay if you don't open your mouth**.

The cross-party councillor panel agreed to **recommend that BCP Council lobby** local MPs and the regulator, **for better water quality**.



**Local Green Councillor Chris Rigby obtained this Town Hall panel hearing, to challenge Wessex Water over raw sewage discharges**

## BCP COUNCIL RUNNING UP EXTRA DEBT OF £1,315 PER HOUSEHOLD

- Risky 'casino' budget piles debt onto young – spend now, pay off in 50 years
- Small print confirms: Council is living far beyond its means



**Council budget debate: Cllrs Rigby and Bull abstained, despite a new 'green' fund – councillors have a duty of responsibility to the local taxpayer in the future**

Conservative-run BCP Council is racking up an **extra £220 million of local taxpayer debt** over just two years. This equals **£1,315 more to be borrowed for every household** – a direct result of **Government cuts**.

BCP is **burning through four-fifths** (£137.8m) of its **financial reserves** in two years, despite small-print **warnings that too little remains** for safety.

Councillors Rigby and Bull **abstained** in the budget vote. Chris Rigby said: “There is good in this budget. I particularly welcome the extra **£20m for 'green futures'**. **Is it enough? Probably not**. But it's what we've got now.

“What I'm concerned about is **who's paying for it all**. Because this is built on **50-year borrowing**. It'll be the **younger generation dealing with the effects of climate change** – and now **with the effects of this budget too**. There are projects which are going to be **out of date by the time they're paid off**. This is a **risky budget**, full of issues. Unfortunately the **new money isn't even cutting to the heart** of solving any problems.”

## CAN WE HELP?

**Surgeries** on the second Saturday of every month, 10am–11.30am at Winton Library.



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**SIMON & CHRIS: WORKING HARD AND STANDING UP FOR BOURNEMOUTH**