

# GREEN VIEW

## WINTON EAST

INCLUDING NW  
CHARMINSTER



**Green Councillor  
Simon Bull**



**Green Councillor  
Chris Rigby**

## SIMON BULL PUSHES UNIVERSITIES OVER STUDENT/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- Meetings resume between local universities, councillors, police and council
- Councillor Bull calls for responsible students to sign up as Community Wardens



**Local Councillor Simon Bull has met with university representatives, pressing concerns from Winton's permanent residents**

Hard-working local Green Councillor **Simon Bull** has recently met with **Bournemouth University, Arts University Bournemouth, Dorset Police, and BCP Council**, to address **issues over students and permanent residents** living as neighbours in the Winton community.

Simon said: "I have been **keen to get these meetings going again**, as it is **so important that we work together** to address the issues with living as a community. **I've got the point across** that there's a **lot of concern among Winton residents.**"

**A team of student wardens are paid to work** each week, patrolling the main student roads in Winton. They aim to **support both students and permanent residents**, and **help them integrate together** in the local community.

The **warden scheme has had vacancies in Winton** recently, and **Simon encourages community-minded students to sign up** as wardens (through SUBU). Simon said: "I think **the wardens can be part of the solution**. It's easier for students to build rapport with other students, when for example knocking on the door of a student house."

## GREEN GROUP LITTER-PICKS: COME ALONG!

The **Winton East Green Group** runs friendly **litter-picks in our local community**.

Their **next litter-pick at Winton Rec** is on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March, from 10am, **with local Councillors Simon Bull and Chris Rigby**. Meet in front of the park café.

**Anyone with a green heart can join!**

Just turn up, or email [wintoneast@bcp.greenparty.org.uk](mailto:wintoneast@bcp.greenparty.org.uk).



**Cllr Simon Bull with the Green Group at a Winton Rec litter-pick last summer**

## HAVE YOUR SAY ON BCP'S BIG PLAN

**BCP Council** has published its "**Big Plan**". It's **due to consult residents** on the proposals from January.

Local **Green Councillor Chris Rigby** **urges all residents to have their say**: "This is what will shape the area for the future – **how Winton is treated, what development is allowed.**" • [tinyurl.com/BCPplan](https://tinyurl.com/BCPplan)

# FELLING OF DISEASED TREES IN WINTON: SIMON BULL PRESSING FOR PROPER REPLACEMENTS

- **Simon Bull reassured by Trees staff: Replacement cherry trees on way for Fitzharris Avenue**
- **Local councillor asks for safer, deeper-rooted variety for new trees**

A fabulous **cherry tree on Fitzharris Avenue** in Winton [pictured, top right] is **destined to be removed**. Further down the tree is evidence of **fungal decay**, which means it's **likely to be unsafe**.

At the other end of the road is a **stump**, and a totally **empty tree pit** [both pictured, lower right], where **trees have been cut down**.

Local Councillor Simon Bull said: “Elsewhere in Winton there are other **tree stumps and empty pits**. I've also seen places where you'd never know there'd once been a beautiful tree because **pavements staff have tarmacked over the pits as a trip hazard**. It's a shame.

“I've had a **number of discussions with residents in Fitzharris Avenue**, who are **very concerned about losing this tree** and in particular **ensuring there is a suitable replacement**.

“And I've **liaised extensively with the council's Trees staff**. They reassure me **they will be planting a new specimen** in this space, and also **looking at other spaces in the Avenue where trees have been removed**. I've asked for replacement cherry trees to be a variety like *prunus pandora*, with slightly deeper roots **safer for pavements**.”



**Councillor Simon Bull is actively pushing Trees staff to plant new cherry trees where diseased specimens are being removed**

## BOURNEMOUTH BEACH OIL RUSH SHELVED

**New offshore drilling scheme, opposed by Green councillors, scrapped as it wouldn't pay**



Photo: Mick Gisbourne



**Simon Bull and Chris Rigby campaigned against the test oil rig, and now-scrapped oil rush plans**

In 2019, a **test oil rig** was installed **off Bournemouth Beach**, allowed by the Government despite vigorous community protests. The rig [left], found an estimated **15 million barrels of oil** there. A **local 'oil rush'** was predicted.

However, **the scheme is dead** after the licence deadline passed. Baron Oil blamed a **slump in oil prices** – as **renewable energy costs keep falling**.

**Simon Bull and Chris Rigby helped lead the local community campaign** against the drilling. Later in 2019, they **co-proposed BCP Council's declaration of Climate & Ecological Emergency** at its very first meeting.

This led directly to an **ambitious 153-point Climate Action Plan**, developed by BCP's Green-backed former Unity Alliance administration. BCP Council has recently been **named as a leading council on climate action**.

## CAN WE HELP?

**Surgeries** on the second Saturday of every month, 10.00am–11.30am. At Winton Library **OR** on Zoom, depending on latest Covid guidance; contact for appointment.



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