



WINTON GREEN NEWS

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Simon Bull - Green Party Councillor for Winton East on traffic duty for Winton Carnival 2016

Happy New Year!

2017 is here and I, for one, am looking forward to Spring!

Since I was elected in May 2015 I have held a number of pop-up surgeries in Winton and recently a team of Green Party supporters and I undertook the first stage of our Winton Winter Survey to find out what issues matter to you, the residents of Winton East.

90% of those who have so far taken part in the survey were concerned about the **closure of public conveniences (toilets)**, and 88% were concerned about **safe walking and cycling**.

This year, I will be holding Councillor Surgeries on a more regular basis, and I will liaise with student wardens to see if they will join me. So if I can help, get in touch!

FLOODING IN WINTON

Flooding is an issue, particularly along Wimborne Road at the bottom of Peter's Hill where local shops got badly flooded in October. Yet again, staff found stock, furniture and equipment ruined.

I wrote to the leader of the council and the press. Following this, work has now been timetabled to carry out remedial drainage improvements.

This should improve things, but similar flash floods could still happen unless drastic (and costly) action is taken.

TOILET CLOSURES

The Conservative plan to close public conveniences across Bournemouth has been halted for further discussion.

In Winton East we saw the permanent closure of the toilets in Firbank Road. I questioned this, but the cost of repairing and reopening them was very high given the amount of use.

The Leslie Road public toilets are very different - well-used and in a busy shopping area - **I will fight to keep them open.**

The council must provide facilities for the shoppers and those working in the area.

WINTON CASEWORK



HELPING RESIDENTS

As a councillor, I help residents with problems like pot-holes, overgrowing foliage, bins on pavements, parking issues, and tagging.

There are also planning, licensing and other council work that residents ask me for advice and help with.



Potholes damage cars and make cycling dangerous



We need action to stop and clean off tagging



Overgrown hedges causes real problems for the elderly.

GETTING INVOLVED

I have signed up to the Dorset Devils, a great initiative that tackles litter. They run group litter picks across the town and provide equipment so members can do their own litter picks.

I go out with my children in the roads close to where I live and Winton Rec. Anyone can join, and they have a Junior Dorset Devils for children. If you are interested visit: dorsetdevils.org.



RAISING ISSUES

A lot of problems need proper long-term solutions. Since my election in 2015, I've asked formal questions in Council Meetings on the following topics:

- The use of toxic weedkiller Glyphosate.
- A referendum on reorganising Dorset councils.
- Opposing the use of music to deter the homeless.
- Encouraging the council to be greener.
- Problems caused by flooding in Winton.
- Bournemouth's problem with air pollution.
- The proposed closure of public conveniences.
- The vital contribution of AFC Bournemouth.

GET IN TOUCH

If you think we can help, please contact us:



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