

# GREEN VIEW

## WINTON EAST

INCLUDING NW CHARMINSTER



**Green Councillor  
Simon Bull**



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Chris Rigby**

## NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT COMING SOON TO PINE ROAD PARK

**Local councillors contribute funds for a new roundabout, slide, and safety gate**

The **playground at Pine Road Park** will soon see a **few much-needed upgrades**. Hard-working local Green councillors Simon Bull and Chris Rigby have **approved the application for funds** for a scheme to install three new pieces of equipment.

There will be a **new roundabout** installed in the currently empty spot (*pictured, back left*). The **slide** (*pictured*), which is looking a bit shabby and reaching the end of its life, will be replaced. The **playground gate** will be replaced with a self-closing one.



**Simon Bull shows some of the play equipment to be upgraded soon, after local councillors gave the green light**

Simon Bull said: "It's good news. It's not the full makeover that I would like, but of course the funds don't allow that. But a few more pieces of equipment to improve Pine Road Park, that's been crying out for it."

## MORE BIKE STANDS ON THE WAY FOR WINTON REC

**Replacement piece of equipment coming also to the Rec's sensory garden**

Additional **bike stands** are to be **installed at Winton Recreation Ground, close to the park café**. The **spinning bowl** in the **sensory garden** will also be **replaced with a new item** similar to, but not the same as, the current one.

Councillor Simon Bull explains: "We've given approval to having this new equipment installed at Winton Rec and at Pine Road under the Community Infrastructure Levy (paid whenever people put new buildings up), making a contribution into the community.

Councillor Chris Rigby added: "It's a great park, as is Pine Road Park. The more we can do to broaden their appeal, making them **safe, and fun spaces for everyone**, aiming towards **getting everyone out** and making the most of our green spaces, the better.

"I'm looking forward to working hard to bring more equipment to be used, as well as encouraging wildlife back, making a **multi-use diverse space for all**."



**Chris Rigby at Winton Rec: More bike stands coming soon near the café**

## COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER FOR ANOTHER TERRIFIC WINTON CLEAN-UP



Local Councillor Simon Bull praised "**a terrific turnout for another Winton cleanup**" in late August. **Lots of youngsters came** with their mums and dads. The volunteers worked for the morning in Winton High Street, picking up litter, weeding, gardening and sweeping. Disappointingly, over a dozen PPE masks were found discarded. Thank you to local traders Carly Webster and Emma Martineau who organise the events on behalf of the Winton Traders Association.

In the afternoon Simon moved on to Winton Rec, for a quick litter pick (*pictured*). You can **check out litter-picking community group, the Dorset Devils**, at [dorsetdevils.org](http://dorsetdevils.org). **Chris Rigby seeks participants for a weekend litter-pick** in Winton, suitable for weekday workers – please get in touch! (*Details overleaf*.)

## LOCAL COUNCILLORS HOLDING REGULAR MEETINGS WITH NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE

Councillor Chris Rigby says: "Councillor Bull and I have had the first of what will be **fortnightly meetings with the Sergeant of the local neighbourhood policing team.**

"We're working hard to try and **tackle the issues** we're facing in Winton from **anti-social behaviour to street drug dealing.**"

## LOCAL TRAFFIC REGULATION EXPERIMENTS PUT PEOPLE FIRST

BCP Council's recent use of "Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders" (ETROs) has allowed neighbourhood 'people-first' schemes such as **the temporary widening**

*(pictured)* of the **pavement in Wimborne Road** at the height of lockdown.



Green Councillor Chris Rigby commented: "The more who can walk, cycle or scoot **alleviates congestion** for those who can't, **making the roads better and safer for everyone** whilst **reducing pollution.**

"As a kid I played in the street – the shout of 'CAAAAAR' instantly stopping any game. And it was fairly rare. We expected them and they expected us on the road. I'm only 36. It is **amazing how much has changed.**

"It might be a wild dream, but I'd love to see a return to **roads being shared**, cars not being the go to, and **space being shared** by all. It's **got to be worth a shot**, right?"

Green Councillor Simon Bull said: "I have had **large numbers of emails from residents in support**, particularly where they've seen the difference they can make."

• **More:** [tinyurl.com/bcpETROs](http://tinyurl.com/bcpETROs)

## CAN WE HELP?

**Surgeries to resume on Zoom** on the second Saturday of every month, 10.00am–11.30am.  
**Contact for an appointment.**



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## SIMON BULL TAKES TO THE AIRWAVES CALLING FOR LOCAL WINDFARM SCHEME TO BE REVISITED

Simon Bull appeared on news bulletins of **regional radio station** Wave 105, **suggesting a revival of shelved windfarm plans** for Poole Bay, in response to a Government announcement of an expansion of wind power.



Simon said: "It was a **great shame** that the Navitus Bay [rejected windfarm scheme] wasn't given the opportunity. **We could be using the energy now.** I think there was a lot of misinformation at the time... I would welcome any opportunity to **revisit that and see what we could do.**"

## POLITICS: BCP'S CONSERVATIVE COUNCILLORS COMPLETE MID-PANDEMIC POWER GRAB

**BCP Council was taken over by the Conservatives** on 1<sup>st</sup> October. This **ended 16 months of control** of our 'hung' council by the Unity Alliance led by Lib Dem Vikki Slade.

The "**kinder, gentler, broader**" **Unity Alliance (UA)** had won **praise** for BCP Council's **Covid-19 response**, and for its 153-point **Climate & Ecological Emergency action plan** for BCP.

The local Conservative power-grab has raised **democratic fairness questions**, since the seven diverse parties and groups in the **UA represent 60% of local votes** cast, compared to **only 28% for the Conservatives.**

Simon Bull said: "**I fear for** what remaining **youth provision** there is. I fear for the building of any more **social housing** in BCP. I fear for services such as **public toilets.** I fear for this council's contribution to addressing the climate and ecological emergency." Local Conservative opposition to ETROs *(see left)* suggests **lack of serious environmental intent**, he added.

BCP's new Conservative Cabinet **deleted the words "Climate Change"** from their list of job titles. Their new sustainability chief said BCP should **oppose any revival of windfarm plans** for the Dorset coast, in comments East Dorset Friends of the Earth called "factually incorrect" and showing "**outdated understanding**".

### LOWLIGHTS OF PAST LOCAL CONSERVATIVE RULE

**2014:** Spending **£63,302** of Council money **opposing windfarm** at Navitus Bay *(see above)*

**2017:** **Closing half of public toilets** in Poole, to save money. *(Many now reopened by UA.)* Health hazards made national news, as desperate visitors used bushes instead

**2018:** Introducing fines of **£100**, rising to **£1,000**, for **rough sleepers** in Poole

Installing "**anti-homeless bars**" on public benches in Bournemouth, to prevent rough sleepers using them



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