

GREEN VIEW

EAST CLIFF & SPRINGBOURNE



Sara Armstrong

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Local campaigners

BCP COUNCIL ELECTION 2023: EAST CLIFF & SPRINGBOURNE RESULT

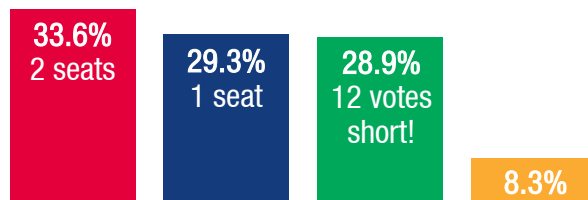
GREENS MISS OUT BY JUST 12 VOTES HERE — THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

There was a really close three-way result here in East Cliff & Springbourne in the BCP Council election on 4th May 2023.

Sara Armstrong from the Green Party fell just 12 votes short of becoming our area’s first Green councillor. Sara got 830 votes (28.9%) while Conservative councillor Anne Filer just clung on with 842 (29.3%).

Labour unseated our area’s other two Conservatives. The Liberal Democrats came a distant last here with just 8.3% of the vote.

Sara Armstrong [left of photo] commented: “We want to thank everyone who has supported us through engagement, voting and volunteering. We remain committed to our community... this is only the beginning.” • Full vote tallies: tiny.cc/ecs23



NEWLY ELECTED LABOUR COUNCILLOR RESIGNS AFTER 5 DAYS: BY-ELECTION TO TAKE PLACE HERE



One of East Cliff & Springbourne’s newly elected Labour councillors has resigned just five days after being elected. This has triggered a by-election in our area.

Labour’s Martin Bedford was quoted in the *Bournemouth Daily Echo* on 10th May: “I have had to make this decision because of family commitments and health implications.”

The date of the East Cliff & Springbourne by-election to replace Mr Bedford on BCP Council has not yet been announced, but it is likely to be in late June or early July.

A local resident from Springbourne, whose letter was published in the *Echo*, expressed consternation at the reported £10,000 cost to the local taxpayer of the by-election. They and others suggested that Sara Armstrong from the Green Party – next highest candidate after the three councillors elected just five days before the vacancy – could be given a clear run by other parties to avoid the cost to the public. However, it is already clear that the main other parties will stand candidates.

FIVE GREEN COUNCILLORS ELECTED IN BOURNEMOUTH

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Photo: @xchmadhouse



Five Greens were elected in Bournemouth in the BCP Council election on Thursday 4th May 2023. They will now form a fully fledged Green group of BCP councillors.

In neighbouring **QUEEN'S PARK & CHARMINSTER**, the Green Party's Alasdair Keddie topped the poll with 809 votes (31.2%) to gain a seat from the Conservatives.

There was even bigger Green success in **MOORDOWN**, where husband-and-wife Green team of Kate and Joe Salmon gained both that area's seats from sitting Conservative councillors. Kate polled 1,089 votes (44.3%) and Joe 904 votes (36.8%).

Alasdair, Kate and Joe all campaigned on neighbourhood issues including fly-tipping, anti-social behaviour, and run-down local play areas. Kate also leads for Bournemouth Greens on demanding action on dog fouling, and better from Council services you can't phone. Alasdair's environmental campaigning most recently focused on March's disastrous Poole Harbour oil spill.

Meanwhile in **WINTON EAST**, sitting Green councillors Simon Bull and Chris Rigby were re-elected with 1,163 and 1,116 votes respectively – their vote shares rising to 64.9% and 61.2%. As Green BCP councillors, Simon [right of photo] and Chris's achievements have included declaring climate emergency, restoring BCP's Fairtrade commitment, helping get badger culling banned on Council land, and getting Wessex Water called in over frequent beach sewage discharges. • [More: tiny.cc/bhq5](https://tiny.cc/bhq5)



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CAUGHT ON CAMERA: LOCAL LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR MP STEALS GREEN PARTY ELECTION FLYER FROM LETTERBOX



Labour's Parliamentary candidate here in Bournemouth East, Tom Hayes, stole a Green Party election flyer from a letterbox, while delivering a Labour Party leaflet. This widely circulated footage of the incident was captured on a resident's doorbell camera.

The story was reported by the *Bournemouth Echo* and two national newspapers. • [More: tiny.cc/thsl](https://tiny.cc/thsl)

SARA IS ALREADY GETTING TO WORK

Since the election, hard-working local Green campaigner Sara Armstrong has wasted no time:

- ✓ Listening to residents' concerns about anti-social behaviour.
- ✓ Taking action by calling on the police to attend street corner meetings with local residents.
- ✓ Strengthening relationships in our residents' groups, to realise local ambitions for a Neighbourhood Plan.



CAN WE HELP WITH LOCAL ISSUES?



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SARA & LOCAL GREENS: WORKING HARD FOR LOCAL PEOPLE