

# GREEN VIEW

## MOORDOWN



**Kate Salmon & Joe Salmon**  
Local campaigners

### LITTER AT MOORDOWN REC: KATE & JOE SALMON'S GREEN TEAM CLEANS UP

- Six bags of rubbish gathered and taken away
- "People in Moordown willing to step up"

Hard-working local campaigners **Kate and Joe Salmon** organised a successful community litter pick in December. **Eleven local residents** gathered at **Moordown Recreation Ground** and collected **six sacks of litter** from the park and surrounding streets. **Kate got the rubbish collected** by the council's waste team.

Kate says: "A **big thank you** to the fantastic group of volunteers who **gave up an hour to clean up our local area**. I know **many local people are concerned** about the **poor state of our streets**, with **litter an increasing problem**. It makes our community feel **neglected and uncared for**, and **causes problems** like blocked drains and gullies which increase the risk of localised flooding.



**Moordown Rec: Kate Salmon** [pictured, left] **and Joe Salmon** [taking this photo] **co-organised the community litter-pick**

"It's great that **people in Moordown are willing to step up and help make things better**. Yet it's **sad that we no longer seem to be able to rely on the Council** to maintain a **pleasant local environment**."

**NEXT COMMUNITY LITTER PICK WITH KATE AND JOE SALMON: Sat 18 March, 11.30am–12.30pm. Meet at the junction of Malvern Road and Nursery Road. All welcome, and all equipment supplied. If you'd like to come along, please contact Kate [details overleaf].**

### SPATE OF LOCAL POTHOLES: WATCHFUL GREENS GET CASTLE ROAD HOLE FIXED

**Road's state still poor, Kate Salmon tells Council**



**Castle Road: Largest pothole fixed after local Green action – now Kate Salmon is pushing the Council for fuller repairs**

The winter weather has brought a **sharp increase in potholes and road defects** appearing in **Moordown**. **Castle Road** has been particularly **badly affected**. Chris Rigby, **Green Councillor** for the neighbouring Winton East area, successfully **got the largest hole fixed** in January.

Yet Moordown Green Party campaigner **Kate Salmon is concerned** at signs that the **road is in overall bad repair**. Several **large cracks** have appeared along the central line. **Kate has reported her concerns to BCP Council** and **asked for early action** to prevent the situation worsening.

### LOCAL DOG FOULING: KATE SALMON PRESSES COUNCIL TO TURN WORDS INTO ACTION



**Kate Salmon contacted BCP Council again** in January, **asking for an update** on proposals for a **Public Space Protection Order** to **curb dog fouling** [see issues 5 & 6]. She also **suggested an awareness campaign**, using Keep Britain Tidy's 'out of the box' packages.

## CHARMINSTER ROAD SAFETY:

### CAMPAIGN UPDATES

Kate Salmon has been pushing BCP Council for a new pedestrian crossing on Charminster Road, near Malvern Road. The Council said they were aiming to schedule assessment of the site in Autumn 2022. Kate has been asking for an update, but has not heard back.



The Council had warned of a long backlog of new road safety proposals. They appeared to admit there had been no one handling them for BCP Council's first two years.

Kate also asked BCP to consider safety improvements to the junction of Charminster Road and West Way. Its wide, shallow curve allows drivers to turn from Charminster Road into West Way at high speeds, raising safety concerns for other road users. Kate has now applied to Dorset Police for the junction to become a Community Speed Watch area.



## DELAYS IN S.E.N. SUPPORT:

### VULNERABLE LOCAL CHILDREN

#### 'SHOULD NOT BE FAILED' — GREEN IN ECHO

Almost 2 in 3 plans issued by BCP Council for more support for children and young people with special educational needs (SEN) and disabilities are not meeting the official deadline. In 2019, barely 1 in 10 deadlines were being missed locally.



Green Councillor Simon Bull [pictured] had his response letter published by the *Bournemouth Daily Echo*. Simon wrote:

"Consistently missing the deadlines on Education, Health & Care Plans (EHCPs) can have a huge impact on families. Parents rely on these to ensure their child/children get the appropriate support. It can mean that a child is not found a place in a suitable educational setting. This can impact on the whole family and can affect the rest of a child's life.

"It is a challenge for the authority that needs to be met. We should not fail these vulnerable children and their families. I hear regularly about families who are at their wits' end struggling without the necessary support."

Nationally, campaigners have taken legal action against cuts by the Conservative Government, stating that councils can no longer afford adequate SEN provision.

## COUNCIL BUDGET CRISIS: BCP IN FIRE SALE OF ASSETS TO PLUG £20M BLACK HOLE

Conservative-run BCP Council is rushing to complete by March an emergency sell-off of local taxpayer-owned assets. This includes land for new housing in Bournemouth. The council is still trying to fix a £20m black hole in next year's budget [see issue 6].

BCP's leadership no longer wants to take a £76m emergency Government bailout loan. This loan would come with extra Government scrutiny of the Council's finances – which ruling local Conservative councillors apparently don't want. BCP's decision-making and spending were repeatedly featured in 2022 in national satirical magazine *Private Eye*.



Green Councillor Chris Rigby [pictured] said: "We've seen poor financial management, and investment in vanity projects such as the attempts to buy Barclays House and a disastrous Freeport bid. This has left BCP's Conservative administration in a position where they're forced to sell profitable assets, rather than accept the increased scrutiny from accepting a Government loan."



## CAN KATE AND JOE HELP WITH LOCAL ISSUES?



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Third Saturday of each month,  
10-11am, Moordown  
Community Centre café

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## KATE, JOE AND LOCAL GREENS: WORKING HARD AND SPEAKING UP FOR LOCAL PEOPLE