

GREEN VIEW

EAST CLIFF & SPRINGBOURNE

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Green Councillor
Sara Armstrong

WORK CONTINUES FOR SAFER, CLEANER STREETS

- Fly-tipping, squatting, anti-social behaviour, graffiti incidents dealt with
- Sara Armstrong works with local residents, BCP Council, Dorset Police

Hard-working local Green Councillor Sara Armstrong has fixed an assortment of fly-tipping incidents across our area, plus graffiti and community safety issues.

Roads cleaned up by BCP Council after Sara acted include East Cliff's Derby Road, Francis Road, Knyveton Road/Gardens, plus Spencer Gardens; Springbourne's Corporation Road, Corporation Walk, Curzon Road, Grants Avenue, Harrison Avenue, Holdenhurst Road, Lytton Road, Malmesbury Park Road, Spring Road, Spring Walk, Stanley Road and Windham Road; and Charminster's Lowther Road and Shelbourne Road. Sara said: "It's a constant battle. Work with staff continues."

An unsecured, empty property at 21 Knole Road, East Cliff attracted fly-tipping, squatting and anti-social behaviour. Sara Armstrong met with Dorset Police and BCP Council staff to discuss the issue. BCP Council took legal action against the landlord for neglect of their property. Dorset Police attended to board up the property and secure it to ensure the safety and wellbeing of residents.

Just one of the graffiti issues fixed was racist lewd graffiti on a fence in Manor Road, East Cliff – clearly offensive to the local community. BCP Council couldn't act as it wasn't on their property. Sara Armstrong intervened and dealt with the property's managing agent, who then removed the graffiti. Sara has also developed an action plan with residents for cleaning up East Cliff after walkabouts with them.

Sara commented: "Thanks to all our residents who have kept reporting. Reporting does lead to results." • Report forms: tiny.cc/bcpflyingtipping / tiny.cc/bcpgraffiti



Fly-tipping in our area, sorted out by hard-working Councillor Sara Armstrong



Before and after: obscene, racist graffiti [whited out] on a Manor Road fence, sorted by Sara Armstrong

COMMUNITY WORK DAY RESTORES BOSCOMBE FAMILY HUB'S OUTDOOR SPACE



Family Hub outdoor space rejuvenation: Sara Armstrong [3rd from r], her Green Team, and other volunteers participated

A day of hard work in the outdoor space at Boscombe Family Hub [actually in Ashley Close, Springbourne] restored this vital space to glory. Sara Armstrong joined Green Party community volunteers Pippa Gillingham and Andrew, local residents, BCP family centre staff and Travis Perkins.

Due to Covid, a very busy workload of the team at the Hub and budget pressures, the garden space had been neglected. The work day volunteers gave it a good spruce-up. Sara commented. "Thank you to everyone involved. It's amazing what we can do when we come together as a community."

SARA ARMSTRONG: WORKING WITH PEOPLE AND GETTING THINGS DONE

£10,000 GRANT FOR SPRINGBOURNE GARDENS

...while Friends group officially launched after £50,000 Knyveton Gardens boost



Sara Armstrong [centre] discussed the new **£10,000 funding to improve Springbourne Gardens**



Sara [third from right] attended the formal launch of the **Friends of Knyveton & Spencer Gardens**

£10,000 has been granted from BCP's **Prosperity Fund** to enhance the **Springbourne area**. This will focus on the area around **Springbourne Gardens** (the library park). Hard-working local **Green Councillor Sara Armstrong** met with a councillor colleague, BCP Council staff and local residents to **discuss use of this money**.

Sara said: “**£10k won't go very far**, so we're also **looking into ways to attract more funding** to enhance this **important community space**. Preserving our green spaces is **vital for mental health, wellbeing, play** and making **connections with others**.”

Meanwhile, **Sara attended the launch of the Friends of Knyveton and Spencer Gardens** as a constituted community group. This followed her **success in obtaining a £50,000 grant to improve Knyveton Gardens in East Cliff** [see previous issue].

Sara commented: “**Reclaiming the park as a community** is an important step in **combating the type of anti-social behaviour** that has **blighted this part of our neighbourhood** for decades. I'm proud to be one of the very first members. **Contact me** [details below] to **get involved** and I'll connect you with the group.”

HARRY REDKNAPP TO DEMOLISH ELSTEAD HOTEL DESPITE COMMUNITY OUTCRY

The **Elstead Hotel** in **East Cliff** will soon be **demolished** by former football manager **Harry Redknapp's** company. It will make way for **59 new flats**. Councillors found ‘**no planning grounds**’ to block the proposal, despite **major local opposition**.

Sara Armstrong said: “The **Elstead's leisure facility** is **local, safe and reasonably priced**. There are **no other facilities quite like it here**. With **no affordable housing**, these new flats **won't meet local residents' needs**.”

“My **work with the community** to develop a **Neighbourhood Plan** aims to **give residents more say in future over what local development we want**.” In **better news** in Sara's ongoing **fight against bad local development**, out-of-keeping, intrusive **new flats on Holdenhurst Road** in **Springbourne** were **rejected**.



Community opposition, championed by Sara Armstrong [third from right], to **demolition of the Elstead Hotel**

NEWS IN BRIEF

PLAN TO DEAL WITH PROSTITUTION & KERB CRAWLING

Dorset Police have prepared a SARA plan for partnership working, and an extra local officer, to tackle prostitution, kerb crawling and anti-social behaviour in five hotspot **East Cliff** streets. Sara Armstrong is working with police.

AXE STAVED OFF FOR SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLLER



A possible Council decision to cut the school crossing patroller at Cleveland Road, **Springbourne** has been paused. Local red-light jumping and speeding will now be investigated. Cllr Sara Armstrong said: “I continue to campaign to save this vital support for local families.”

A SAD FAREWELL TO KING'S PARK PLANT NURSERY







King's Park Plant Nursery has closed, in £41m of BCP cuts. Sara Armstrong visited to thank staff and volunteers. She rehomed surplus plants, including at **Springbourne Library**, Boscombe Community Hub [see front], and **East Cliff's Knyveton Gardens**.

CAN SARA HELP?



Drop-in surgeries: Every last Tuesday of the month (excl public holidays), 10.30am–12 noon, Springbourne Library

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SARA ARMSTRONG: WORKING HARD FOR EAST CLIFF & SPRINGBOURNE