

GREEN VIEW

EAST CLIFF & SPRINGBOURNE

INCLUDING
CHARMINSTER
BORDERS



**Green Councillor
Sara Armstrong**

£103,400 EXTRA FOR OUR AREA SECURED BY SARA ARMSTRONG

“Team effort” brings safer, nicer parks, new facilities and bins, and more

Since being elected two years ago, hard-working local Green Councillor **Sara Armstrong** has brought **£103,400** of extra investment into our area. Sara has personally written and worked with local groups to make applications, resulting in securing grants, and Community Infrastructure funding levied from developers. This is supporting projects that matter to local people – from safer parks and better bins, to improved green spaces and community facilities:

- ✓ £50,000 for **Knyveton Gardens improvements** to combat anti-social behaviour
- ✓ £20,000 for **new play equipment** in **Springbourne Gardens**
- ✓ £10,000 from the Prosperity Fund for **district enhancements**
- ✓ £12,000 helping deliver **new outdoor equipment** for **Vale Lodge residents**, play equipment and children’s area at the library
- ✓ £7,000 for **extra security lighting, CCTV, electrics** and **sensory garden upgrades** at **Knyveton Gardens** in partnership with the **Friends and Bowls Club**
- ✓ £3,000 for **new bins** along the **East Cliff**
- ✓ £1,000 for **pond improvements** in the sensory gardens at **Knyveton Gardens**
- ✓ £400 for **volunteers and events** at **Knyveton and Spencer Gardens**
- ✓ £1,000 to **help establish the Friends of East Cliff & Springbourne group** to support **local volunteering**, future fundraising, and write grant applications.

Sara said: “I’m proud to have **secured this funding for our community**. It’s a **team effort** and **shows what we can achieve** when we **listen to local people** and **work together**. This is **just the beginning**.”



*The **Asda Foundation** presenting a cheque to **Friends of Knyveton & Spencer Gardens***



*The **new Friends of East Cliff & Springbourne group** – planning **green space improvements, arts and heritage projects, community events** and **info***

LOCAL RESIDENTS AUDIT EAST CLIFF, AND ACTION FOLLOWS



***Local residents audit the East Cliff** with **Councillor Sara Armstrong** [second from right]*

East Cliff conservation area walks led by Councillor Sara Armstrong continue to **draw residents** eager to **make a difference**. These on-the-ground audits have **spotlighted long-standing issues**, and Sara’s persistent lobbying of Council staff is **paying off**. June’s walk saw **real progress**: **graffiti reduced**, **fences fixed**, **accessible beach toilets reopened**, **lighting fixed**, and **new bins on the way**.

Sara commented: “There’s **still much to do**, but we’re **moving forward** despite financial pressures at the Council.”

A **cleaner, safer East Cliff** is **taking shape**. Now the **newly established East Cliff Action Group** is **stepping up**, and inviting volunteers to **drive local improvements** and **community pride**. ● *Contact Sara to get involved [details overleaf]*

SARA ARMSTRONG: WORKING WITH PEOPLE AND GETTING THINGS DONE

FRIENDS OF KNYVETON & SPENCER GARDENS MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE

All Knyveton Gardens entrances have **new signage**, a damaged **bin** has been **replaced**, and the sensory gardens have had a 'haircut' with **flowering plants** returning. A **Nature Walk**, a **table tennis table** and **children's activity items** are on the way. There's **more voluntary work** going on in the park. Renovations to the **community shed** continue, alongside general upkeep. Meanwhile **Spencer Gardens** had a **Spring trim**.

Cllr **Sara Armstrong** has worked with **neighbourhood police** on **tackling crime and anti-social behaviour**. Police have adopted a "Scanning, Analysis, Response, Assessment plan", tasked a **new neighbourhood officer**, and **changed CCTV**.



Friends of Knyveton & Spencer Gardens:
Follow them on Facebook

KING'S PARK PLAY EQUIPMENT WILL BE REPLACED IN £200,000 INVESTMENT

The **wooden play equipment** and **zip wire** at **King's Park** have sadly been **removed due to safety concerns**.

Councillor **Sara Armstrong** said: "King's Park was **part of my childhood**. For many families, especially those living in flats or without gardens, **spaces like King's Park** are **not luxuries**. They are **essential for a healthy, happy childhood**."



Happily, **BCP Council** has a **plan for change**. Sara has received confirmation from staff of a **£200,000 investment** to **completely redesign and rebuild King's Park play park**. A full Council **consultation of the local community** is in progress this summer.

Sara commented: "I'll **keep pushing** to make sure the process is **inclusive, transparent**, and **delivers a space our community can be proud of**."

EAST CLIFF & SPRINGBOURNE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AND AREA DESIGNATION APPROVED



BCP Council consultations:
Over 200 residents responded

BCP Council has approved the **designation of a neighbourhood area**, and the formation of a **Neighbourhood Forum**, for **East Cliff and Springbourne**. Neighbourhood planning **empowers communities** to **influence land use, design and development**.

Cllr **Sara Armstrong** had made securing this an **election pledge**. She said: "I **pay tribute** to the **many residents**, staff and colleagues who **contributed** to this **achievement**." • **More:** tiny.cc/ecsna

NEWS IN BRIEF

ROADS IMPROVEMENT REQUESTS GO FORWARD:

Following **regular work** by **Sara Armstrong** with **Parking and Enforcement** staff, **requests** from our area's community for **parking, access and road safety improvements** at **Shelbourne Close** and **Victoria Place** are being **taken forward** for possible funding. However only 20-25 such requests are granted each year in BCP.

SARA PRESSES BEACH CONCERNS: Following **discussions with residents, East Cliff hoteliers**, and a **recent beach litter-pick**, Sara has **written to Council bosses**. She highlighted concerns over **disposable BBQs, inadequate facilities**, general **neglect** of public spaces, **parking enforcement** and management, **accessible toilets** and **beachfront access** – as well as inaction over restoring the long-disused **East Cliff lift**.

GRAFFITI REMOVED





FROM SUBWAY: After **work between Cllr Sara Armstrong and Cllr Alasdair Keddie** (Green, Queen's Park & Charminster), **graffiti was removed from the Wessex Way subway** and nearby hotspots.



CAN SARA HELP?



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

 sara.armstrong@bcpcouncil.gov.uk  01202 794326
 BCP Cllr Sara Armstrong for East Cliff and Springbourne
 @SaraArmstr64445

Newsletter archive: bcp.greenparty.org.uk/east-cliff-springbourne

Could you help Sara keep all local residents informed, by **delivering copies** of future issues of this newsletter **to your own street?**

If you could help, please **sign up** at tiny.cc/ecshelp



SARA ARMSTRONG: WORKING HARD FOR EAST CLIFF & SPRINGBOURNE

Promoted by Kate Salmon on behalf of Sara Armstrong (Green Party), both c/o 30 Latimer Road, Bournemouth, BH9 1JZ.
Printed by Solopress, 9 Stock Road, SS2 5QF.