

## **Sackville ward town councillors update: Wednesday 8 February 2023**

### **Ward activity**

Cllrs Baldry and Gibson continue to help residents in Sackville ward with problems they experience. We are in regular contact with our RDC and ESCC colleagues and are working well together.

We will be holding a town councillor surgery with our Central ward town councillors Paul Plim and Viv Taylor-Gee at Bexhill train station from 1.30-3pm on Tuesday 14 February. Many thanks to Chucky's Baristro as always for the hospitality! Hope to see you there. We will try to arrange an early evening meeting when the weather warms up and the evenings are lighter.

### **Deputy Mayor**

In her role as Deputy Mayor, Cllr Baldry had a lovely afternoon celebrating the life of Robbie Burns at Mais House Residential Home with residents and their families on Weds 25 January.

On Saturday 28 January, she opened a tabletop sale at St Martha's Church in Little Common to raise funds for Ukraine – well done to Bridget Grant for organising such a successful event.

And Cllr Baldry also supported the dementia coffee morning on Wednesday (1 February) at St Marks Community Centre, which was organised by the town council.



### **Council work**

Cllr Gibson represents the town council on the re-development of the Sea Angling Club and attended a zoom meeting yesterday (Tuesday 7 February) for an update on the project.

Cllr Gibson is also the town council link with Bexhill Citizens Advice. Cllr Gibson went to a training session with Citizens Advice at the Pelham on Monday 16 January, and had a

meeting with Tracy Dighton on Thursday 2 February. There has been a huge increase in the volume of calls to Citizens Advice on a range of issues including benefits and debt advice.

Remember, if you're struggling with the cost-of-living crisis and need a voucher for Bexhill food bank, you can leave a message on Citizens Advice on their call back service on **01424 869 352** and someone will get back to you. Citizens Advice also have a member of staff posted at the food bank who can offer you advice and support.



Both councillors supported the 'soft opening' of the new town council premises on Western Road yesterday (7 February). We hope many of you will pop in over the coming weeks.

### **Community**

Cllr Baldry attended a meeting with the town council and local police on Tuesday 17 January to find out more about how to keep councillors and town council staff safe from harassment.

Cllr Gibson continues to volunteer at the food bank and will be at All Saints school in Sidley this Friday (10 February) talking to parents about the service. The food bank needs strong carrier bags – if you can spare any please drop them into the food bank or pass them to us.

Cllr Gibson will also be supporting the Trees for Cities community tree planting day at Sidley Rec next week (Wednesday 15 February).

### **Upcoming diary**

- **Tuesday 14 February:** Meet your Central and Sackville ward councillors, 1.30-3pm Bexhill train station.
- **Wednesday 15 February:** Community tree planting day at Sidley Rec from 10am.



- **Tuesday 21 February:** Cllr Baldry speaking at the Tuesday tea talk group at Beulah Baptist Church.
- **Wednesday 8 March:** March town council meeting at the town hall, from 7pm.

**Thank you,**

**Cllr Claire Baldry and Cllr Elly Gibson**

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**TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY  
BEXHILL STATION  
1.30–3.00 PM**

**Town Councillors Viv Taylor-Gee, Paul Plim, Elly  
Gibson and Claire Baldry**