

## **Sackville ward town councillors update: 15 September 2021**

### **Bexhill Day**

Cllr Baldry and Cllr Gibson both took part in Bexhill Day on Sunday 22 August. We attended the Bexhill Festival in Glyne Gap and helped on the Town Council stand. Cllr Baldry read a new poem she had composed especially for the occasion called the Mayor's Journey.

Cllr Gibson then accompanied Mayor Cllr Paul Plim through the Sackville ward section of his journey from Glyne Gap to Norman's Bay. We met with residents, community groups and businesses in the ward including [Bexhill Heritage](#), Stella and her staff at the Old Bathing Station (who were all in fancy dress for the occasion!), John from Vintage at 25 – and we sampled the special Bexhill Day beer in the [Brickmaker's Alehouse](#) with Robin and his team.

Cllr Baldry took a journey inland in her role as Deputy Mayor, meeting and greeting people in Pebsham, Old Town and Worsham, St Stephen's and Sidley, supported by Town Cllrs Barfoot and Thomas and Rother District Council Cllr Coleman. She spoke to residents at [Heatherdene Nursing Home](#), St Peter's Park Care Home, read the Mayor's Journey and more poetry on the Downs, and visited the Golden Palace in Pebsham.

### **The Big Survey 2021**

Cllr Baldry has arranged to meet with [St Richard's School](#) to discuss pupil input to the [Big Survey 2021](#) – the town council's consultation exercise that will inform our five-year plan.

Cllr Baldry and Cllr Gibson have set aside Friday 1, Friday 8 and Friday 15 October to meet with local businesses, residents' associations, community groups and so on in the ward to discuss the survey, and we are starting to book slots in. We will meet Sue Cassell, Sackville ward resident and representative of the [Bexhill Lions](#), on Friday 1 October, to discuss the survey as well as some local issues.

We are meeting residents from the [Sackville apartments](#) from 10am on Friday 8 October to talk to them about the survey and answer any questions they may have.

And we have also contacted care homes and churches in the ward to inform them about the survey and offer meetings with them.

### **Community news**

Cllr Gibson helped with a beach clean with Bexhill Angling Club on Saturday 28 August, and Cllr Gibson ran the 10am leg – along with Cllr Tony Carroll and the town clerk – of Bexhill charity [Running Space's](#) "Midnight to Midnight" 24-hour run to promote life and beat suicide on Friday (10 September). Cllr Gibson has been elected as a new trustee of the Bexhill Trust.

Cllr Baldry has visited the [Bexhill Senior Citizens Club](#), who are kindly hosting one of our boxes for completed responses to the Big Survey 2021. Big thanks to [Withams](#) for donating 8 boxes and to [Made in Bexhill](#) for decorating them.

We have also been in touch with the [Bexhill Memory Moments Dementia café](#) and have booked in a visit to them together.

We have referred several local resident issues to the RDC and ESCC which have subsequently been resolved.

### **Working with local business**

We have conducted a mapping exercise of the ward to identify businesses we have not yet met with. We are getting in touch with those businesses to introduce ourselves and hope to meet with them shortly.

### **Working with RDC and ESCC**

Cllr Baldry and Cllr Gibson remain in regular contact with Cllr Terry Bryne and Cllr Hazel Timpe from RDC and Cllr Ian Hollidge from ESCC.

We are all meeting residents together on Friday 24 September from 10am.

### **Committees and working groups**

Cllrs Baldry and Gibson have attended premises working group meetings as we continue to search for and secure a suitable premises for the town council.

Both councillors are on the Finance and General Purpose committee that met for financial training on Friday (10 September).

### **Upcoming diary:**

- Cllr Gibson is attending NALC financial training tomorrow evening (Thursday 16 September).
- Both councillors will be taking a shift on the town council stand at the Anglo/Continental market this weekend (18/19 Sept) in the De La Warr Pavilion car park.
- Both councillors will attend the next Community Committee meeting on Wednesday 22 September.
- We are meeting and greeting residents along with RDC and ESCC councillors on Friday 24 September.
- In her role as Deputy Mayor, Cllr Baldry is attending an event at the Colonnade on Tuesday 21 September and a coffee morning in support of Home Call on Thursday 30 September.

**Thank you, Cllr Elly Gibson and Cllr Claire Baldry**

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