

## **Sackville ward town councillors update: 18 August 2021**

### **Working with local clubs**

Cllr Baldry and Cllr Gibson met with representatives from the committee of the [Bexhill Sea Angling Club](#) at their premises near Galley Hill. The committee members raised a number of issues, including parking and the lack of signage for the club anywhere in the town. Cllrs Baldry and Gibson are working with the town clerk to address the latter.

### **Working with local business**

We had a useful meeting with Lisa Gillette who runs Bexhill's [Citizens Advice](#) based in St Leonard's Road, finding out how best to work with Citizens Advice as town councillors. As advised by the clerk we shared learnings with her so that she can inform the whole town council about how Citizens Advice works.

Cllrs Baldry and Gibson have also been round most of the businesses in the ward again, this time talking to them about how they are coping as we emerge from the pandemic, and the upcoming Bexhill Day on Sunday 22 August.

Sackville businesses have responded warmly to Bexhill Day and so far, Vintage at 25 on Sea Road have advertised that they will offer their customers 10% off when they spend over £5, [Sandie's Café](#) on St Leonard's Road is offering a traditional breakfast and hot drink for the special price of £6.95, and the [Brickmakers Alehouse](#) on Sea Road will be selling a special Bexhill best bitter for £3.

### **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 meeting and greeting residents with Cllrs Bryne and Timpe on Friday 24 September, when hopefully Cllr Hollidge will also be able to attend.

### **Residents' concerns**

Cllr Baldry and Cllr Gibson continue to hear from ward residents to hear about their concerns. This time verges and pavements have been a particular issue. As directed by the town clerk, we have shared these concerns with the town clerk, and she is advancing them. We also continue to help Penland Wood residents try to get their bench that was taken away by RDC following unsociable behaviour relocated and reinstated.

### **Committees**

Cllrs Baldry and Gibson have attended extraordinary Community committee meetings to ensure that the town council consultation exercise could be finalised quickly, so that the consultation can begin, and we can hear from residents of Bexhill as soon as possible.

Cllr Baldry attended the inaugural meeting of the Nature, Climate and Environment Committee, held outside at Summer Hill Allotments.

### **Town Council consultation**

Cllr Baldry has arranged for responses to be returned to the Over-55s club in Sackville ward.

### **Next steps**

- Cllrs Baldry and Gibson are trying to arrange a meeting with Bexhill Sailing Club to hear about the club and how we can support them.
- We will also be arranging meetings with St Richard's School and local churches in the ward to speak to them about the town council's upcoming consultation exercise.
- We will shortly carry out a ward mapping exercise to identify the remaining residents associations, care homes, groups, businesses and so on in the ward that we have yet to meet with.
- Both councillors are on the Finance and General Purpose committee that meets for the first time on Friday 10 September.

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

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