

Sackville ward update: Full council Wednesday 5 July 2023

We'd like to start this month's newsletter by saying how excited we are to be representing Sackville ward again on the town council for the next four years. We'd like to express our congratulations to our new Mayor Lynn Brailsford and Deputy Mayor Connor Winter – and welcome all the new councillors joining us for the first time.

Sackville residents

It's been a busy month or so helping residents in Sackville ward – not least in Cantelupe Road where we've had a tree branch blocking the road, vanishing street signs, and missed rubbish collections!

After three weeks of us chasing East Sussex Highways, Rother District Council ended up removing the branch – much to the relief of local residents. And new road signs are on order and will be installed as soon as they arrive.



We've also heard from residents concerned about verge cutting, litter and noise. We continue to assist with every inquiry, and we aim to reply to every email within a couple of working days. Please do give us a shout if you've got any concerns.

Sackville businesses

We took a walk round the ward on Saturday 10 June to talk to local businesses about how things are going in the cost-of-living crisis.

After listening to traders' concerns in the area, we are helping them set up a Sackville Traders' Association – in our personal capacities – to help them progress and try to secure extra funding as they continue to contest with the challenging economic environment.

We've also started doing a new series of "Sackville Shout Outs" on our social media to highlight the independent businesses in the ward.

Committees

Council committee places have now been decided. Cllr Baldry is on the Climate, Nature and Environment (CNE), Community and Finance and General Purposes (FGP) committees. Cllr Gibson is on CNE and FGP.

Community

Cllr Gibson continues to volunteer at the Bexhill food bank. The food bank needs your bags for life and egg boxes as well as food donations. We are happy to collect in Sackville ward so please let us know if we can help.

A reminder food bank sessions are: Tuesday 1-3pm, Thursday 10am-12noon and Friday 3-5pm. If you need a referral for the food bank, please get in touch.

Cllr Baldry was pleased to be invited to read her Sussex Day poem at St Barnabas Church on Friday 16 June.

Representation on external bodies

Cllr Baldry is the new Bexhill-on-Sea town council rep for Bexhill Fair Trade. Cllr Gibson represents the council with Citizens Advice 1066, Little Gate Farm and the Sea Angling Club (in Sackville Ward) redesign. We attend regular meetings to support these responsibilities.

Upcoming diary

- **Saturday 8 July:** Bexhill town council health and well-being market in Devonshire Square (Cllr Gibson) and Sidley Green (Cllr Baldry).
- **Wednesday 12 July:** Climate, Nature and Environment Committee meeting.
- **Saturday 15 July:** 10.30am-12noon – Sackville and Old Town Ward councillor surgery, organised by Cllr Baldry, at Manor Barn Gardens. RDC and ESCC councillors will also be in attendance.
- **Tuesday 8 August:** Town Council visit to Little Gate Farm, organised by Cllr Gibson.

Thank You,

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