

Sackville ward town councillors update: Wednesday 6 July 2022

Events

Cllr Baldry and Cllr Gibson both attended the opening of the Bexhill BMX and Skate Park in Sidley on Saturday 11 June. A huge thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to bring this brilliant facility to Bexhill.

Cllr Baldry was part of the special 40th anniversary of the Falklands event on the DLWP lawns on Saturday 18 June. Big thanks to Bexhill Rotary for their help with this remembrance event.

We both went to the exhibition of the plans for the town hall renaissance on Wednesday 15 June to help inform our residents about the planned development. And we both attended the celebratory eucharist at St Peter's Church in the Old Town on Sunday 3 July for the church's 1250th anniversary.



Community

We continue to work with businesses and the local community, and to advise and support Sackville residents with any issues they experience.

Cllr Baldry organised a wide range of events for the Millifest celebration of the life of local hero Spike Milligan, which concluded with an Open Mic Spike at Milligans Bar on Saturday 18 June. Millifest raised over £400 for local mental health charities.

Cllr Gibson continues to volunteer at the food bank and undertook safeguarding training at Beulah Baptist church on Friday 24 June. Both councillors supported the food bank day at Tescos, Ravenside, on Friday 1 July. Thanks to all who stopped to talk to us, and who gave food and money. The donations will all be much appreciated.

We are both part of Bexhill Community Events Group along with Cllr Lynn Brailsford. We are now busy organising a family fun day on Saturday 13 August to celebrate the 1250th anniversary of the signing of the Bexhill charter. More details coming soon!

Deputy Mayor

In her role as Deputy Mayor, Cllr Baldry attended the Homecall open gardens event on Saturday 12 June, and the National Garden Scheme open gardens on Saturday 26 June. Cllr Baldry was also part of the Sussex Day celebrations at the Pelham on Thursday 16 June. And she attended the last night of the Proms at the DLWP on Sunday 3 July, which was the final event of the Bexhill festival of music.

Council business and committees

We continue to attend the regular programme of council meetings. We were both elected on to the HR committee when the Finance and General Purposes committee met on Wednesday 22 June. Cllr Gibson attended financial training at the Pelham on Thursday 9 June. And Cllr Baldry recently represented the Mayor at the ESALC chairs forum.

Bexhill Hub for Ukraine

Cllr Gibson and Cllr Baldry have both attended coffee afternoons for Ukrainians at the DLWP, meeting some of our Ukrainian guests and hearing how they're settling into Bexhill life. We have worked together with Cllr Taylor-Gee on a motion on support for our Ukrainian refugees for the next community committee meeting on Wednesday 13 July.

Working with RDC and ESCC

Cllrs Baldry and Gibson remain in regular contact with our RDC and ESCC councillors. Issues that we've resolved together in the last few weeks include cutting back overgrown nettles and Sea Road shop fronts.

The lack of a safe place for residents – and visitors – to cross the road on the East Parade continue to be a priority for us all, and we are campaigning together on improvements.

Upcoming diary

- **8 July (and every Friday):** Coffee afternoon for Ukrainian refugees, 2.30-4.30pm at the DLWP.
- **13 July:** Community Committee meeting at 7pm at the town hall – public welcome.
- **13 August:** Free family fun day to celebrate the 1250th anniversary of the signing of the Bexhill Charter.

Thank you for your continued support and wishing you a very happy summer,

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