

## **Sackville ward town councillors update: Wednesday 5 October 2022**

### **Queen Elizabeth II**

We were saddened to hear of the death of Queen Elizabeth II. We would like to thank her for her extraordinary lifetime of exemplary and dedicated public service.

Cllr Baldry took part in the special Bexhill-on-Sea town council proclamation ceremony to announce the new King Charles III in Devonshire Square, and both councillors attended the town council's National Moment of Reflection event at the DLWP. Cllr Gibson also attended the special requiem mass at All Saints Church, Sidley.



### **Ward activity**

We are working with the community, businesses and residents on any issues they experience. On Thursday 22 September, we visited businesses in Sackville to find out how they're coping with difficulties like the cost-of-living crisis and increasing energy bills. The same day, we met with members of the UN group on their Witness Walk at St Barnabas Church.

We are supporting the Homeless Unity Group (HUG) based in Sea Road with a fundraising drive to raise £2,000 to ensure vulnerable residents have enough heating this winter. Cllr Gibson is running the Tonbridge half-marathon on Sunday (9 October) – please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/homelessnessunitygroup> for more info.

Both councillors are collecting egg boxes and strong plastic bags for the Bexhill food bank as they are currently short and need them urgently – please get in touch if you have any you can donate. Cllr Gibson continues to volunteer at the food bank and Cllr Baldry is organising a month-long food bank collection from next to Egerton Park. More details soon!

Cllr Gibson continues to attend meetings about the possible development of the Sea Angling Club as the town council representative for this project.

**Our next ward surgery is Thursday 3 November from 10am-12noon at Bexhill station.**

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

Both councillors remain in regular contact with our RDC and ESCC councillors. On Friday 16 September we met to further discuss the lack of a safe road crossing on the East Parade – and to determine our next steps in the campaign for traffic calming measures in the area.

As a member of the asset transfer committee, Cllr Baldry continues to be involved in discussions with RDC about the transfer of public toilets to Bexhill-on-Sea town council.

### **Events**

Cllr Gibson attended the ceremony to mark the UN International Day of Peace at the Peace Pole on Galley Hill on Wednesday 21 September, while Cllr Claire Baldry supported the Macmillan coffee morning on the West Parade on Saturday 24 September.

On Friday 30 September, in her role as Deputy Mayor, Cllr Baldry attended Chantry School for a celebration of the Platinum Arts Mark Award. And on Sunday (2 October) Cllr Baldry drew the raffle at the Pebsham Community Centre Market

### **Bexhill Hub for Ukraine**

Cllr Baldry and Cllr Gibson continue to support the Bexhill Hub for Ukraine. Please note the Friday session at the DLWP has changed times to 12noon-2pm.

Cllr Gibson attended a barbecue for Ukrainian guests at Ashburnham Place. A lovely afternoon was had by all in the sunshine. And Cllr Gibson attended an event to help to find more host families for Ukrainian guests at Beulah Church.



### **Training**

We continue to take up as many training opportunities as we can. Cllr Gibson attended ESALC finance and budget training on Tuesday 13 September, and both councillors took part in GDPR training on Thursday 15 September.

### **Upcoming diary**

- **8 October** Cllr Baldry attending Choral Society concert at St Barnabas.
- **9 October:** Cllr Gibson running the Tonbridge half-marathon to fundraise for HUG.
- **15 October:** Cllr Baldry attending a Commemoration Service for Queen Elizabeth II at St Augustine's church and judging Pages Lane scarecrow competition.
- **17 October:** Cllr Baldry attending Bexhill Trust meeting.
- **18 October:** Cllr Baldry attending the police forum on behalf of Sackville ward.

- **25 October** Cllr Baldry coordinating writers' café at Wickham Bistro.
- **3 November:** Sackville town councillors ward surgery, Bexhill station, 10am-12noon.

**Thank you,**

**Cllr Claire Baldry and Cllr Elly Gibson**

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