

Sackville ward town councillors update: 16 March 2022

Working with RDC and ESCC

Cllr Baldry and Cllr Gibson keep in regular contact with Cllr Terry Bryne and Cllr Hazel Timpe (RDC) and Cllr Ian Hollidge (ESCC). Over the last month we've worked together on issues including the derelict shop front in Sea Road, the Sea Road zebra crossing consultation, and issues with traffic lights on the A259 by Penland Road.

We held a joint surgery for residents on Friday 21 January at the Sackville Bistro. This was our second surgery all together, and Cllr Baldry and Cllr Gibson's 4th surgery since election in May. Our next joint meeting with residents will be on Friday 29 April from 10am, venue tbc.

Residents, businesses and the local community

We continue to support residents, businesses and the local community. We've had an increase in comments from residents about graffiti in the ward recently, especially on Bridge Road. The town clerk is approaching Network Rail to ensure this spot is tackled effectively.

We have also assisted residents with parking issues on Galley Hill, planning concerns, getting water after the storms, and enquiries about the shelters on the East Parade. Cllr Gibson met Bexhill Heritage yesterday (Tuesday 15 March) to see how best the town council can support this important re-development work along the seafront.

Both councillors supported the Bexhill After Dark event run by 18 Hours in the town centre on Saturday 29 January. Cllr Baldry wrote and read out a poem for the rally for peace in Ukraine on Saturday 12 March, which was attended by Cllr Gibson.

Both councillors are assisting Macmillan Busker Kevin Tyrell with a fundraising busk for Ukraine on Saturday 26 March at the Bathing Station (big thanks to Stella for her help!).

We have encouraged local groups to apply for the town council grants and encouraged nominations of Bexhill residents for this year's civic awards for the Freedom of Bexhill.

Deputy Mayor

In her role as deputy mayor, Cllr Baldry supported events outside the town hall on Monday 21 and Friday 25 February as part of Fair Trade fortnight. And she attended a Fair Trade breakfast on Sunday 13 March at St Martha's in Little Common, and a British Legion birthday celebration at Mais House yesterday (15 March).

Events

Cllrs Baldry and Gibson are both part of the Bexhill Community Events group, along with Cllr Brailsford, which is organising an event on Saturday 13 August to celebrate the 1250th anniversary this year of King Offa founding Bexhill. We met with Roger Elias from St Peter's Church on Friday 28 January, to find out more about the signing of the charter and the

celebrations St Peter's have planned. We look forward to supporting the church events. Both councillors will be at the special anniversary service on Sunday 3 July.

Both councillors will be at the town council's Bexhill Town Crier audition event on the DLWP lawns on Saturday 9 April – hope to see you there. Watch out for a poem by Cllr Baldry!

Committees – and the Big Survey 2021

Cllr Baldry and Cllr Gibson have attended the regular committee and working group meetings as well as training on standing orders and on planning.

Both councillors are on the community committee which will be responsible for devising a strategy to recommend to the full council to implement the results of the Big Survey 2021. Priorities from the survey included smartening up the town, reducing fly tipping, addressing potholes, expanding local activities for children and young people, addressing loneliness and improving toilets. The full results are available here [online](#).

Young people

Cllr Gibson is working with the Town Clerk to set up opportunities for community service for younger teenagers taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. And Cllr Baldry is arranging a visit to the Bexhill youth group in the Polegrove with Cllr Brailsford.

Upcoming diary

- **26 February:** Kevin Tyrell busk for Ukraine at the Bathing Station.
- **9 April:** Town Crier event, DLWP lawns.
- **29 April:** Joint surgery with RDC and ESCC councillors, venue tbc.

Thank you, Cllr Elly Gibson and Cllr Claire Baldry

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