

Sackville ward town councillors update: Wednesday 11th January 2023

As we start the New Year, Cllrs Baldry and Gibson would like to thank all Sackville Ward residents and businesses for their continued support. We look forward to working with you in the coming months. 2023 is an important year for Bexhill Town Council. With most of the foundations for our brand new council now in place, we can look forward to sharing news with you of exciting developments for Bexhill as these are agreed. As well as continuing our Sackville Ward meetups, we also hope to catch up with as many residents as possible at the new Town Council premises in Western Road which will open in February.



Ward Activity

Both councillors have continued to support residents in the ward. We were especially pleased to see that the Town Council Notice Board at Penland Wood is now in use, and 'Ben's Bench' has finally been reinstated opposite the bus stop in Ridgeway Gardens.



We visited as many local businesses as possible on Thursday 22 December, but if we missed you, and you would like a chat, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Cllr Gibson has continued to represent the council on the possible development of the Sea Angling Club at Galley Hill and attended a meeting on 10th December.

Both councillors were pleased to see local groups having the opportunity to further benefit from Town Council grants. We hope that members of the Bexhill Senior Citizen's Club in Eversley Road enjoy the newly refurbished floor in their hall.



Governance

As members of the Community Committee both councillors were part of the work to finalise a five year strategy for the Town Council which will be recommended for adoption at the Full Council Meeting on 11th January.

Cllr Baldry took part in detailed discussions at the recent Asset Transfer Committee about possible transfer of the maintenance of the toilets from Rother District Council to Bexhill Town Council. This includes the toilets in Sackville Ward on East Parade and in the Manor Barn car park. We hope to have further updates shortly.

Community

Councillor Gibson has continued to undertake regular shifts at the food bank, and Cllr Baldry has been pleased to support donations to both the Christmas lights and the Festival of the Sea through her role as chair of Friends of Bexhill Events Group.

Deputy Mayor

In her role as Deputy Mayor Cllr Baldry was delighted to attend the combined Primary Schools at the De La Warr Pavilion on 13th December

Upcoming diary

- **Tuesday 17 January:** Meeting with Sussex Police
- **Wednesday 8th February:** 6pm Planning Committee, 7pm Full Council Meeting

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and healthy New Year.

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