

Sackville ward town councillors update: Wednesday 7 September 2022

Hope you all had a good summer. Welcome to our September newsletter – an update on some of what we have been up to over the last couple of months.

Events

Cllr Baldry and Cllr Gibson are both part of Bexhill Community Events Group along with Cllr Lynn Brailsford. The group organised its first event – a free family fun day – on Saturday 13 August to celebrate the 1250th anniversary of the signing of the Bexhill charter.

Highlights of the day included a re-enactment of the signing of the charter, with words composed by Cllr Baldry. Anglo-Saxon troop Age of Penda carried out demonstrations and encouraged families to try on the clothes and hold the theatrical weapons. There was also live music from local performers Kevin Terrell and the Other Band, an afternoon tea served by the Bexhill Lions, a range of food and craft stalls, and vintage cars.

BBC Radio Sussex journalist Kryss O'Brien reported live from the event, and we both braved the airwaves. **BIG** thanks to all who performed, supported and visited.



On Saturday 27 August Cllr Baldry attended the art exhibition at the studio at the DLWP.

Bexhill Day

The town council celebrated Bexhill Day on Sunday 21 August. Businesses across Sackville ward – and Bexhill more widely – joined in the fun, with special 'Bexhill Day' offers. Cllr Baldry accompanied Mayor Paul Plim on part of his walk from Lunsford Cross to Bexhill seafront, and watched the spitfire fly past and live music at the Albatross.

Community

We continue to work with the local community, and to advise and support residents with any issues they experience. For example, Cllr Gibson is accompanying residents to a meeting with ESCC councillors on Friday (9 September) to discuss parking challenges in Sackville. We will be visiting businesses in the ward on Thursday 22 September.

Both councillors have supported many of the great events we've had in the town over the summer, including the sunset screenings at the DLWP, the live music at the Colonnade and the vintage car show at the Polegrove on Monday 25 August.

Cllr Gibson was elected as the town council rep for the possible development of the Sea Angling Club and has attended two meetings over the summer. We are working towards signage for the Club on the promenade as there are no signs for the Club in Bexhill.

Cllr Baldry gave a send-off to the Mayor as he participated in the Bexhill Walk for Mental Health from Oceanside Café (August 29). Cllr Baldry is taking part in the Bexhill Dementia Action Alliance Memory Walk 2022 (from the DLWP) at 11am on Saturday (11 September).

On Saturday (10 September) Cllr Gibson will be running the 7am leg of the Running Space 24-hour suicide awareness event. Email hello@runningspace.org if you'd like to join in!

Both councillors are collecting 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 Baldry will shortly be organising a weekly food collection from next to Egerton Park.

Bexhill Hub for Ukraine

Cllr Gibson and Cllr Baldry continue to support the Bexhill Hub for Ukraine. We both attended the lovely Ukraine Independence Day celebration in Devonshire Square on Wednesday 24 August.

Working with RDC and ESCC

Cllrs Baldry and Gibson remain in regular contact with our RDC and ESCC councillors.

The lack of a safe place for residents – and visitors – to cross the road on the East Parade continues to be a priority for us all, and we are campaigning together on improvements. We have our next meeting on this on Friday 16 September.

We are also supporting Cllr Ian Hollidge's call for Southern Water to hold a public meeting about the sewage discharges on our beautiful beaches this summer.

Cllr Baldry represented Sackville ward at the town council away day yesterday (6 September).

Upcoming diary

- **9 September (and every Friday):** Coffee afternoon for Ukrainian refugees, 2.30-4.30pm at the DLWP.
- **10 September:** Running Space 24-hour suicide awareness run.
- **10 September, 11am:** Bexhill Dementia Action Alliance Memory Walk (DLWP).
- **22 September:** Councillors visit to businesses in Sackville ward.

Thank you,

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