

Sackville ward town councillors update: 20 October 2021

The Big Survey 2021

Both councillors have been busy promoting the [Big Survey 2021](#) to people who live and work in Sackville, and in Bexhill more widely. Cllr Baldry met with [St Richard's School](#) to discuss the survey. And Cllr Gibson assisted Cllrs Izzard and Thomas in St Stephens with their promotion of the survey and took copies of the survey in for staff at [Glenleigh Park Primary Academy](#) to complete, as well as securing a note about the survey in the school newsletter to parents.

We met with a Bexhill resident to talk about more ways of engaging with the community on Friday 1 October. We then met with residents from the [Sackville apartments](#) on Friday 8 October to talk about the survey and other local issues. And on Friday 15 October we visited [Bay House](#) nursing home to talk to staff, residents, and their families about the survey.

Both councillors did a shift on the town council staff at the Anglo-Continental market on Sunday 19 September. And both councillors will be on the town council stall at the [Bexhill Farmers Market](#) on Friday 22 October to promote the survey further.

We've also contacted churches across the ward to inform them about the survey. [The United Reformed Church](#) put an item about the survey in their newsletter.

Working with RDC and ESCC

Cllr Baldry and Cllr Gibson remain in regular contact with Cllr Terry Bryne and Cllr Hazel Timpe from RDC and Cllr Ian Hollidge from ESCC. We have referred several local resident issues to the RDC and ESCC which have subsequently been resolved.

The five of us held a very successful and busy meeting with residents together on Friday 24 September from 10am at Bexhill train station. Many people came along, and we gave out copies of the survey. We took lots of enquiries on issues around parking, potholes, pavements, planning and community affairs.

Supporting residents

Both Cllrs have continued to support residents with their enquiries. We supported residents who contacted us with their concerns about the Gullivers planning application. Cllr Gibson accompanied the residents to a town council planning committee meeting so they could speak to the committee, and Cllr Baldry formally raised their concerns at the meeting.

Cllr Gibson supported hoping to get a local green space made into a community asset, inviting them to the Community committee meeting where they could speak to the committee, and the committee voted to support their application.

Community news

In her role as Deputy Mayor, Cllr Baldry attended an event at [the Colonnade](#) on Tuesday 21 September and a coffee morning in support of [Home Call](#) on Thursday 30 September.

Cllr Baldry accompanied the Mayor to the [Bexhill Museum](#) to see the great work that had been done cleaning up the Mace. Cllr Baldry also accompanied Mayor Plim to visit the [Bexhill 9th Beaver group](#) to talk about the work of the council, show their robes, and support them in writing poetry about being a Beaver Scout.

Both councillors attended the inaugural performance of the [Bexhill Sinfonietta](#) orchestra on Sunday 11 October at the [Izzard Theatre](#), supporting Sackville composer Peter Lapham and all the talented musicians involved. And we are visiting the [Bexhill Memory Moments Dementia café](#) on Thursday 28 October.

Working with local business

Cllr Gibson supported local businesses including the [Brickmakers Alehouse](#) with entering their submissions into the East Sussex parking review. Several businesses in Sackville have told us their problems with the current parking systems – including no unloading bays, insufficient disabled spaces, and residents parking only in front of their businesses.

We are continuing with a mapping exercise of the ward to identify businesses we have not yet met with. We are getting in touch with those businesses to introduce ourselves.

Committees and working groups

Cllrs Baldry went to the Covid recovery group meeting, and both councillors have attended premises working group meetings as we continue to search for and secure a suitable premises for the town council.

Both councillors have attended all the Community and Finance committee meetings. We attended the legal/financial training on Wednesday 29 September. And Cllr Gibson attended NALC financial training on Thursday 16 September.

The Bexhill Trust

Cllr Gibson is a trustee of the Bexhill Trust charity and attended her first meeting on Wednesday 22 September, when a grant was awarded.

Upcoming diary

- **Friday 22 October:** Town council stand at the Farmers Market – come and say hello!
- **Saturday 23 October:** Opening of the Footbridge Project Gallery
- **Thursday 28 October:** Joint visit to the Know Dementia Memory Moments café

Thank you, Cllr Elly Gibson and Cllr Claire Baldry

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