

OLD TOWN & WORSHAM GREEN PARTY NEWS

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Councillor
Polly Gray

GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR GREEN COUNCILLOR, POLLY GRAY

Polly was elected to represent Bexhill Old Town & Worsham in May 2019, with **more votes** than any other candidate in the ward. Since then, she has been **working hard for local people**.

“ In November’s newsletter, I said I’d be standing down as a District Councillor, but lots of people have been in touch asking me to stay on. So **I’ve decided to stand again and look forward to serving local people and the local environment for another 4 years.**”

If there’s anything in your area that needs sorting out or any Green issues you’d like to raise with the Council, do let me know and I’ll try to help.

Councillor Polly Gray

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Polly

WHAT I’VE BEEN UP TO

In wind and rain on 21st November, I planted a rowan tree and a rose for the Bexhill Trefoil Trust at the Guide HQ in London Road to celebrate their 60th Anniversary.



Planting for the Trefoil Trust at the Guide HQ
Jill Read, Rachel Page and Helen Cunliffe with John and me

On 12th December the residents of Marina Court gave me a donation of £100 for plants to celebrate the King’s coronation. The money will be used to replant the pots in the town with red, white and blue flowers. Thank you all!



I supported RDC’s wonderful “Couch to Carbon Zero 10-day Sprint” in November, which saw 80 council staff find out more about the easy steps they can take to help the council achieve its goal of being carbon neutral by 2030.

Despite freezing weather, on 4th December, I took part (with 200 others) in the annual 5km Santa Dash along Bexhill seafront. It’s organised by Bexhill Lions to raise money for local charities. Teddy won the first ever Santa Paws race!



Teddy won his race and I got a medal

In the recent icy weather, I heard from a resident that the footbridge over King Offa Way from Lychgates Close



John and I made the bridge safe

to St Peter’s was “an accident waiting to happen.” Knowing the ESCC team was inundated with work, my husband John and I went there with a shovel and buckets of salt and sand to make a safe path across.

CYCLE ROUTE PLANS

Some residents have asked me about the proposed cycle route which goes through our ward. Residents from Barrack Road need not worry; the only double yellow lines planned for this area are in Holliers Hill, near junctions, to improve visibility. A traffic island is also planned for Holliers Hill to make crossing easier for people going to the hospital and children going to Chantry School. I’ve been asking for this for a long time! You can view the plans full-size on the ESCC website.



POLLY & THE GREENS: WORKING WITH PEOPLE AND GETTING THINGS DONE

OUR GREEN RESOLUTIONS FOR 2023

Happy New Year to you all! Many people make New Year resolutions, so we decided to share some of ours.

I'm determined to buy products with **less packaging**, especially less plastic. So I'll be buying loose veg from now on!



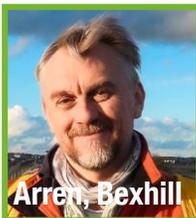
Polly, Bexhill

I'll try to remember to **take my reusable mug with me every time** I go out. I sometimes get caught out and hate using disposable cups.



Sue W, Bexhill

My family aims to get better at **planning our meals ahead**. This will save money and reduce food waste.



Arren, Bexhill

I've just got a rescue dog. He will help me stick to my plan to **walk every day**.



Dom, Peasmarsh

I'm **switching to a bank that doesn't invest in fossil fuels** or unethical social practices.



Sue B, Battle

I am vowing **not to use my car unless absolutely necessary** (which is less often than you'd expect).



Ros, Bexhill

£2 BUS JOURNEYS UNTIL MARCH

From 1 January to 31 March 2023, Stagecoach bus fares will be no more than £2 for a single journey. This will help many people at a time when every penny needs to stretch further.



WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

Green Party members and friends turned up to the Trees for Cities event on 2nd December, along with pupils from Chantry and King Offa schools, council officers and 100+ Bexhill residents. Organised by Rother District Council, local people planted 1800 trees on Bexhill Down.



Polly and Arren planted trees

Do you know a road that needs a visit from our Litter Squad? Please get in touch with Sue on sueburtongreen@gmail.com

WARMER HOMES EVENT

Experts showed how to stay warm and save money



Front row: Our experts Dominic Manning, Kate Meakin and Ken Davies

Photo: Arren Rathbone Arlei

People who turned up to our Warmer Homes event on 21st November went home with armfuls of freebies as well as lots of useful advice from our expert speakers. Ken Davies (architect and insulation expert) says the number one thing is to **make sure your house is dry** so check your roofs, floors, walls and windows. Dominic Manning (architect) says your next priority is to **add (more) insulation**. Kate Meakin (Energy Advisor at Energise Sussex Coast) says **“sort out draught-proofing** which is a really cheap and quick way to feel warmer. **And don't forget to insulate the loft hatch!”** Improvements like solar panels or heat pumps should be last of all, after these **simple quick wins**.

Big thanks to Rev.Kev and Mel of St. Stephen's Church for letting us hold our event there.

A video of all the talks is available on our facebook page: facebook.com/RotherGreenParty

People who are finding it expensive to stay warm at home can visit one of Bexhill's registered **Warm Spaces** at **Beulah Baptist Church** and **The Pelham**. Both will be open from 4th January. For longer-term **help with energy bills**, call or text 01424 390062 or email hello@energisesussexcoast.co.uk

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Big thanks to the amazing team of members, friends and supporters who deliver Our leaflets. **If you could help with deliveries in your street, we'd love to hear from you.** Please contact Caroline on info@rother.greenparty.org.uk



POLLY & THE GREENS: WORKING HARD FOR YOU ALL YEAR ROUND