

ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN PARTY NEWS

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Photo: Arren Rathbone Ariel



NEWS FROM POLLY GRAY

LET'S DOUBLE THE GREEN POWER!

Polly is the only Green Party Councillor on Rother District Council. She was elected in May 2019.

“ Happy New Year to you all!

I'm delighted to introduce to you Arren Rathbone Ariel, who is going to be standing as a Green Party candidate for your ward – St. Stephen's - in the District Council elections next May. I've got to know Arren well over the last year or so, and know he's going to work really hard for the people of St. Stephen's ward. **And together we can achieve so much more.**

Arren and I both attended the Trees for Cities event in early December helping to plant hundreds of trees on the Down.

Through my work on RDC's Climate Change Steering Group, I supported RDC's "Couch to Carbon Zero 10-day Sprint" in November, which saw 80 staff find out more about the easy steps they can take to help the council achieve its goal of being carbon neutral by 2030. **”**

Councillor Polly Gray

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POLY



ARREN RATHBONE ARIEL

YOUR GREEN CANDIDATE FOR ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL

“ Happy New Year! I'm so looking forward to the chance to represent the people of St. Stephen's ward and to work with Polly for Rother as a whole.



Passing the Leisure Centre the other day, I noticed some **neglected areas**, especially around the school and the Underpasses, and I have chased these up with the council. But the mural (above) cheered me up!

The new cycle route should tidy up the passageway behind King Offa. Councillor Polly Gray, with Elise Liversedge, is already working on the Chantry underpass, and they will now address the Combe Valley Way underpass as well.



Walking through St. Mary's Wood just as the snow was melting, I spotted this nuthatch foraging. I'll be taking part in the **RSPB's Big Garden Watch** at the end of the month, and will be doing one spot on the Down on **Sunday 29th**

January at 09:30. If you're around, I'll be opposite the church by the signpost. It would be great to chat.

If you have any local concerns, do let me know and I'll investigate.

Arren Rathbone Ariel

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ARREN, 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**.



Sue B, Battle

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



Ros, Bexhill

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

£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



Arren with one of the tree experts

Green Party members and friends turned up to the Trees for Cities event on 2nd December, along with pupils

from King Offa and Chantry schools, and over 100 Bexhill residents. Organised by Rother District Council, local people planted around 1800 trees on Bexhill Down.

Does your road need a visit from our Litter Squad?
Please get in touch at: arrenrathboneariel@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

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



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