

# BEXHILL CENTRAL UPDATE

from Cllr Christine Bayliss & Cllr Ruairi McCourt

## We did it Bexhill Central

We are humbled by the mandate you have given us to represent you for another four years. With over 50% of the vote share, you have demonstrated your belief in us as Labour Councillors.



We have already hit the ground running, tackling a lot of casework that we identified whilst door knocking and developing new initiatives and policies with colleagues.

## Egerton Park Survey Results



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Egerton Park Survey. You raised important issues that we will take forward in our work as local councillors. Sorting out the toilets which are underneath the Museum was a top concern but it was very good to hear that people love the children's play facilities, the wildlife and planting.

We know that there will have to be some tough financial decisions made in the next 12 months. Having your feedback and knowing what people really value about the park will be an important consideration. You can download a copy of our report from the local Labour Party website: [bexhillandbattlelabour.org.uk](http://bexhillandbattlelabour.org.uk)

## Current priorities for Bexhill Central

- Ensuring that in the new Local Plan we protect and enhance the Town Centre whilst taking into account the cost for those residents living in the conservation area.
- Making it a priority to ensure that more homes for social rent are built and that our residents have decent homes and secure tenancy arrangements.
- Worryingly for their customers, NatWest are closing their branch in Devonshire Road in September 2023. Whilst our smaller independent retailers thankfully appear to be weathering the financial crisis, it is clear there are issues maintaining business in some of the larger units. We will make it a priority to tackle these empty larger units to help sustain our Town Centre's retail economy.

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# SIDLEY UPDATE

from Cllr Fazlul Chowdhury & Cllr Sam Coleman

## Thank you Sidley!

We did it! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to the people of Sidley for trusting us to represent the village for the next four years. We will be building on the fantastic work Sam started and are already working hard to deliver on our 2023 local election manifesto commitments.



## Off to a great start and working hard

Following the election, both Sam and Fazlul have been attending training sessions at the Town Hall and online to make sure they are equipped with the latest information on everything from planning to the environment. As well as this, they have been attending local events and Sam has been introducing Fazlul to various local groups and people who do work in the community.

Both Councillors have been working hard dealing with casework from the election, for example, days after they accepted their positions, Fazlul was chasing the County Council to fix some road issues - including some unfilled potholes and poor maintenance - and Sam was assisting several residents with housing issues.

## Current priorities for Sidley

- Ensure Levelling Up project progresses smoothly to deliver a fantastic community facility for residents via the Heart of Sidley and work to find a solution for Gullivers.
- Campaign for the County Council to improve the state of our roads and pavements, and continue pushing for a zebra crossing on Turkey Road and also Ninfield Road.
- Promote local businesses to help them bounce back following the recent slump in trade due to the roadworks in Sidley High Street.
- Encourage and promote summer activities in Sidley, particularly opportunities for younger and older Sidley residents to get active. As well as developing Sidley's community identity and supporting local community events

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