

BRIDPORT & LYME REGIS

GREEN NEWS

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Councillors in Lyme



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INSULATE BRIDPORT! It should be *MUCH EASIER!*

Kelvin Clayton demands answers from Dorset's Cabinet member for Planning

Green Councillor Kelvin Clayton has challenged Dorset Council's Cabinet member for Planning to make basic home improvements such as double glazing easier for people living in listed buildings, of which there are around 500 in Bridport.

Kelvin said, "It's ridiculous that given the climate crisis we all face it's so difficult for Bridport owners to get double glazing for their homes. Double glazing barely shows from the outside and the planning department needs to wake up to the reality of the situation."

More Help Required for Insulation—Individuals Show What's Possible

Kelvin recently met with Bridport resident Malcolm Drew who has improved his bungalow's energy efficiency very significantly over the past 10 years. Like many, the bungalow had significant heat loss from its cavity walls so he put insulation on the inside, added solar panels to the roof, rainwater harvesting and an electric charging point for his car. Of the latter, Malcolm says, "I can go to Bristol and back for just £2.50". He is now adding insulation to the outside walls. "This addition alone", said Malcolm, "can save as much as 38% heat loss for some houses".



Kelvin Clayton with local resident Malcolm Drew describing the energy saving possibilities for an ordinary bungalow

Kelvin says "Malcolm has demonstrated what can be achieved in an ordinary house. Now he can retire with minimal bills for heating, hot water, and running his car."

"There are many houses like this in Bridport which could make huge energy savings"

"We need the UK government to step up here and put their money where their mouth is. A nationwide programme of insulation in both private and social housing would help lower people's fuel bills and make their homes warmer and more comfortable. It would also create thousands of good jobs and, importantly, reduce carbon emissions."



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Owners of listed properties such as these find it hard to get permission for simple improvements like double glazing

WORKING FOR PEOPLE IN BRIDPORT AND LYME REGIS.

COULD JOINING A CAR CLUB SAVE YOU MONEY?

Town Councillor Belinda Bawden Brings Car Club Trial to Lyme

Lyme Regis town councillor and Green Party member Belinda Bawden is starting a car club trial in Lyme and there may soon be one in Bridport too.

Belinda says "If you only use your car occasionally then a car club could save you a lot of money. Or perhaps your household has two cars – in this case joining a car club could let you make do with one."



Belinda Bawden (inset) brings Car Club Trial to Lyme Regis to help residents save money and reduce CO2 emissions.

"Our car club trial will be run by social enterprise Co-Cars with an electric or hybrid car based next to the town council's new chargers in the Woodmead car park in Lyme Regis."

"A typical hire fee for a return trip from Lyme to Axminster might cost about £6 but then you save on all the costs and hassle of owning a car"

"We've had interest from over 60 people. We hope the scheme will be up and running by early 2022."

Meanwhile in Bridport, town councillors have also considered starting a club. Cllr Kelvin Clayton said "I would really support such an initiative – it could help people save money as well as reducing CO2 emissions and congestion. Most cars remain unused most of the time - this scheme could make sense for a lot of people"

BEACH TOYS BOX GOES DOWN A STORM



The ReUse Beach Toys Box promoted by Belinda Bawden has proved really popular with beach goers in Lyme Regis

Councillor Belinda Bawden and her daughter Ceci are delighted that the Re-use & Recycle Beach Toy Box is proving so popular. Ceci explains " ... I loved the idea of providing toys for families that don't come to the beach often enough to justify buying their kids beach toys."

Local mum, Adrienne Mullins describes it as "... a great addition to the seafront at Lyme Regis". Adrienne says.. "Every time I visit the beach with my son he looks in the box for a toy to play with, which makes our beach visit more fun and interesting. At the end of the day, any abandoned toys we find we collect and put them in the box for others to enjoy. **It also teaches my son the importance of reusing and recycling.**"

Belinda commented "...This simple solution to a plastic waste problem was suggested by Ceci to Lyme Regis Town Council. Local young people helped build and design the box and signs. "We've had lots of interest on social media as well as the seafront. I hope the idea will be taken up at other beaches."

COUNCILLOR SURGERY

Kelvin Clayton has re-started his councillor surgeries on Wednesdays at Soulshine Café from 9.30 - 10.30 am. Look for Kelvin by the table in the window at the front.