

LYME REGIS & CHARMOUTH GREEN NEWS

AUTUMN 2023

YOUR LOCAL GREENS



BELINDA BAWDEN
Lyme Regis town councillor & Dorset councillor
Lyme & Charmouth



ROB SMITH
Lyme Regis town councillor



STUART COCKERELL
Lyme Regis town councillor

TRAVEL AND TRAFFIC

YOUR IDEAS NEEDED

Traffic congestion and parking in Lyme and Charmouth are big issues for local residents. **Bus services** are in need of improvement and on some roads speed is a real problem. Lyme Regis Town Council is working on **solutions** like extending the town bus (Damory 71) to Uplyme and Charmouth to enable more people to leave their cars at home. It's also looking at bold ideas for our future mobility to feed back to Dorset Council for the new **Local Transport Plan**.

Please send Green councillor Belinda Bawden your ideas and suggestions – or come to a surgery to discuss it. Belinda says: *“Among the things I have been working on is asking Dorset Council to offer a designated space parking permit for those with the greatest mobility challenges. I’ve also requested resident parking permits for Queen’s Walk in Lyme and changes to deal with dangerous parking around junctions, including Wesley Close in Charmouth”*.



SPEEDWATCH TRAINING ON OFFER



Residents in some local roads are worried about traffic going too fast. Belinda has proposed a **20mph** speed zone and is offering training on Speedwatch monitoring. If you would like to join in helping make our roads safer, please get in touch.

Green Councillor Brian Heatley helped secure the roll out of 20 mph schemes across Dorset

FLOOD RISK PILOT FOR CHARMOUTH

Charmouth is one of only three towns in the South West to be selected to receive government funding and expertise on how best to adapt to coastal erosion. Climate change is causing rapid changes to our coastline and many coastal communities are facing an uncertain future. The Environment Agency is leading the programme. *“This is urgently needed”*, said Belinda Bawden. *“Charmouth is facing significant challenges in the next fifty years from sea level rise, storms and erosion. This funding will help Charmouth plan for the long term”*.



GREENS: WORKING TO GET THINGS DONE IN LYME REGIS AND CHARMOUTH



Giving space to nature

BACKING WILDLIFE ON COUNCIL LAND

The Environment Committee of Lyme Regis Town Council, chaired by Green councillor Rob Smith, has agreed to invest in more wildlife friendly planting. Wildflowers in **Langmoor and Lister Gardens** have proved popular with residents and visitors – and with invertebrates of course. Now the planting will be expanded to create mini ecosystems around the town which will benefit wildlife from tiny bugs to butterflies, birds and bats. *“With massive losses in insects over the last 20 years we must do everything we can to provide space for wildlife”*, said Rob

Smith. *“Our food production depends on pollinators – it’s vital for all our sakes to support them and new wildflower planting will visually enhance the town too.”*

ENERGY CHAMPIONS IN LYME AND CHARMOUTH

As the cold weather draws in, it’s time to think about how well insulated your home is. Insulation is the cheapest way of improving the energy saving in your home and reducing your bills. If you’d like a visit from an Community Energy Champion with a thermal camera to find out where your energy losses are, please email energychampslyme@gmail.com



GREEN CAMPAIGNER

Green Party campaigner Stuart Cockerell joined the town council in April. He’s part of the Traffic and Travel Working Group looking at



new solutions to our traffic and parking issues and is getting involved as a town council representative on the Harbour Users’ Group. He’s concerned about a proposal to allow personal watercraft (eg jet skis) to launch from the harbour at Lyme Regis: *“There are lots of ways to enjoy being at the seaside. We like innovation and new businesses but we feel jet skis often cause too much of a nuisance and safety risk to others who are peacefully enjoying the seaside.”*

COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

Charmouth Community Library, The Street, DT6 6PE usually last Monday of the month from 2pm to 4pm

Mon 27th November
Mon 18th December
Mon 8th January 2024

Lyme’s Community Café at the Hub, Church Street, DT7 3BS usually fortnightly from 10am to 12pm

Thurs 23rd November
Thurs 7th December
Thurs 21st December
Thurs 4th January 2024

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