

# LYME REGIS & CHARMOUTH GREEN NEWS

WINTER 2024

## LYME OPEN FOR BUSINESS

### NEW GROUP

Dorset Green Councillor for Lyme and Charmouth, Belinda Bawden, has been working with local businesses to help them to set up a new business group in Lyme. Several business owners stepped forward to help coordinate it and Tom Robinson, of Tom's on the seafront, is the first chairman. With a fast-growing membership of over 80 local businesses, the new group is a welcome additional voice to Lyme's active community. Councillor Bawden has discussed operational and funding options with key people at Dorset Council. She says: "I'm looking forward to liaising with the business group on a range of events and consultations to keep our area lovely and thriving for all who live and visit here".

## 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



Councillor Bawden working with new business group, chaired by Chef Patron Tom Robinson

## BUSINESS WASTE ADVICE



Getting more recycling and waste separation is vital with new regulations coming in. Cllr Bawden has been working with local businesses and Dorset Council's commercial waste management team to work out the best ways to resolve some immediate issues and to look at longer term solutions to reduce food waste.

## WATER QUALITY

### A PRIORITY FOR LYME AND CHARMOUTH

Getting our rivers and beaches cleaned up is a top priority for local residents and visitors. The Lower Char Community Project and the River Lim Action group have both recently held packed community events to raise awareness. Hundreds of people have volunteered support. Belinda Bawden, who's a river monitor, says: "Holding the water companies to account and keeping pressure on the regulators is vital. I'm so pleased we've got such committed community action here".



River Char monitors in action

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



Councillor Belinda Bawden promoting Christmas festivities in Lyme

## CARRYING ON WITH CHRISTMAS DESPITE ROAD CLOSURES

The road closures since September affected trade in Lyme Regis as shoppers were confused by road closed signs. Dorset and town councillor Belinda Bawden worked hard to get the “open for business” message across. She organised a Christmas market and produced a map showing numerous festive activities and events.

Belinda Bawden says: “So many of our shops, pubs, restaurants and local organisations went

*the extra mile to show Lyme was very much open. Creating the ‘Christmas in Lyme Regis’ map seemed the best way to show the range of gifts, treats and fun family experiences on offer here.”*

## WATCH OUT FOR THAT POTHOLE!

We all know that the state of our roads can be patchy, with potholes often concealed by surface water causing damage to vehicles and safety



Cyclist and Green Town councillor Rob Smith

issues for cyclists. Councillor Bawden has been reporting concerns, getting problem areas onto the works list for assessment and encouraging people to report any problems on the highways to Dorset Council and Dorset RoadSafe.

## SHARE YOUR IDEAS ON OUR FUTURE MOBILITY AND TRAVEL

Pedestrian safety is at the top of Belinda Bawden’s list in discussions with the town council’s Traffic and Travel Working Group. Stuart Cockerell and other town councillors are developing a long-term vision for a safer, healthier and more enjoyable town centre. Belinda is organising a public event in Charmouth and Lyme Regis on 20 February so everyone can take part in the public consultation on Dorset Council’s new Local Transport Plan. It’s important as it’s for the next 10-15 years! So please join in.

## CAN YOU HELP US DELIVER LEAFLETS?

We want to deliver leaflets across Lyme and Charmouth in the run up to the elections on May 2<sup>nd</sup> so residents know what we stand for. If you can help in a couple of roads near you please email [dorsetgreenparty@gmail.com](mailto:dorsetgreenparty@gmail.com)

## COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

### Charmouth

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> February 12pm - 2pm Bankhouse Cafe  
Mon 26<sup>th</sup> February 2pm - 4pm Community Library  
Sat 9<sup>th</sup> March 12pm - 2pm Bankhouse Cafe  
Mon 25<sup>th</sup> March 2pm - 4pm Community Library

### Lyme Regis Community Café, the Hub

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> February 10am - 12pm  
Thurs 22<sup>th</sup> February 10am - 12pm  
Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March 10am - 12pm  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> March 1pm - 3pm



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