

## YOUR GREEN TEAM ASKS: "ARE YOU OKAY?"



Although the Covid pandemic is easing, and more and more people have been vaccinated, that doesn't mean the problems are all sorted.

Some people have lost their jobs, others face long-term health problems, some have got into real financial difficulty, and social isolation has harmed the mental health of many. If you need help to deal with the consequences of Covid in your household, here are some useful numbers and resources:

### Your health

Conquest Hospital - 0300 131 4500  
Covid-19 vaccination -  
[www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination](http://www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination)  
Health Concerns (not life threatening situation) - Call 111  
Sussex Mental Health line - 0800 0309 500

### Your finances

Benefits support - 03333440681 (Mon to Fri)  
Business support during Covid -  
<https://www.rother.gov.uk/business/information-for-businesses/>  
Finding employment (local job centre)- 01273 516347

### Your support

Bexhill Caring Community - 01424 215116  
Bexhill Foodbank - 01424 736515, 07866570468 Tue 1-3; Thu 10-12.  
Carers support and advice – 01323 738390  
Parent Helpline - 0808 802 5544 (Mon to Fri 9.30 to 4pm)  
NHS Volunteers - 0808 196 3646 (8am to 8 pm)

### Your safety

Domestic Abuse 24-hour support freephone - 08082000247  
The Samaritans - 116 123 or email [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

### COVID-SAFE DELIVERY

This leaflet has been delivered according to government guidelines. All our volunteers work alone or in socially-distanced pairs, and have masks and hand-sanitiser. We do not enter private homes.



**BEXHILL EAST**

**OLD TOWN & WORSHAM WARD**

**PEBSHAM & ST. MICHAEL'S WARD**

**March 2021**

**There will be county and town council elections on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

## MEET YOUR GREEN CANDIDATES



Local campaigner and former NHS worker **Sue Burton** is a "let's get it sorted" person who has always devoted herself to the wellbeing of her community. A recent letter to the Bexhill Observer described Sue as a "hero" for leading the work to get a Health Pathway built and opened in Rother. Sue is your Green candidate for **East Sussex County Council** in **Bexhill East**. Sue says: "I am working hard to make Bexhill a 'green and pleasant' place for us all."

Archaeologist, **Dr. James Cole** lives in Pebsham with his young family. James says: "My professional interest in how people have adapted to changing climates inspires and informs my passion for a cleaner and greener future." James is your Green candidate for **Pebsham & St. Michael's ward** on **Bexhill Parish Council**.



**John Gray** is well-known in Bexhill having lived in the area all his life. You may have seen him cycling around town, playing football, or at the bowls club. A lifelong environmentalist, John already actively supports his wife, Cllr. Polly Gray. John is your Green candidate for **Old Town & Worsham ward** on **Bexhill Parish Council**.

Hard-working **Cllr. Polly Gray** was elected in 2019 as the Green Party Councillor for **Old Town & Worsham** on **Rother District Council**. Polly says: "I'm thrilled to have three such brilliant people joining the Green team. Together we'll be able make even better and greener things happen in Bexhill."

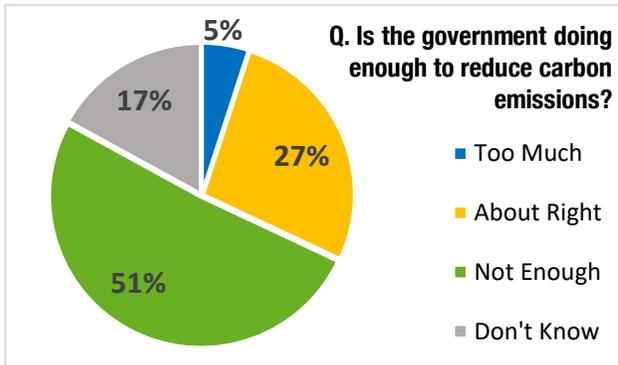


## MOST PEOPLE SAY "PROTECT THE PLANET"

People in the UK think the environment is the **third** most important issue facing the country after Covid and the economy. But the Green Party is the *only* party prioritising the future of our planet.

Over half of British people think the government isn't doing enough to reduce carbon emissions.

Thinking about the impact on humanity, people in Britain are equally concerned about Coronavirus and Climate Change. In fact, adults under the age of 50 are *more* concerned about the climate than about corona. Source: YouGov surveys, January and March 2021



Source: YouGov survey of 2935 GB adults, October 2020

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## DR. JAMES COLE SAYS: "DID YOU KNOW?"



**Great value garden compost bins**, wormeries, kitchen composters and food waste digesters are available to anyone living in **East Sussex**.

[www.eastsussex.gov.uk/environment/rubbishandrecycling/whatyoucando/composting](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/environment/rubbishandrecycling/whatyoucando/composting)

The roll-out of **LED streetlights** in **Bexhill** will be completed by the end of 2021. Hastings and Eastbourne have had LED streetlights for 5 years and have made big savings on energy costs. LED lights last longer too.



You can help to keep our area beautiful for everybody by reporting **fly tipping, litter, over-flowing bins and dog mess** on Rother District Council's website: [my.rother.gov.uk](http://my.rother.gov.uk). You can mark the place on a map.

## TELL YOUR GREEN TEAM ABOUT YOUR LOCAL CONCERNS

Get in touch with let Sue, James and John by email to [elections@rother.greenparty.org.uk](mailto:elections@rother.greenparty.org.uk) or phone / text **07835 756774**, to let us know what needs sorting in your local area. We can't promise to solve it right away, but we do promise to follow it up for you, and to keep in touch about progress.

**Why not take our survey?** There are only 4 quick questions. Just scan the QR code.



Also at [www.rother.greenparty.org.uk](http://www.rother.greenparty.org.uk)

## JOHN SAYS: "IT SHOULDN'T BE CHEAPER TO GO BY CAR!"

Almost half of our journeys are under 2 miles. But a return bus fare from **Wrestwood Road to Ravenside** would cost a couple or a parent with two kids £13.20. It's no wonder people choose to go by car!

Sue, James and John say that public transport should be **more frequent, more reliable** and **more affordable** for everyone (not just for people with passes).

They want **free school-buses for all** school and college pupils in Bexhill, and say that walking and cycling should be easier and safer.



## SUE SAYS: "GREEN SPACES ARE GOOD FOR YOU"



Sue (pictured here at **Combe Valley Country Park**) says: "Green spaces are important for the environment and also for people. A recent report estimates that every £1 spent on parks in England generates £7 in value for the health and wellbeing of local people.

We're lucky to have biodiversity-rich green spaces for us all to enjoy, such as the Combe Valley Countryside Park. Let's make sure our green spaces are protected so Bexhill folk continue to benefit for years to come "