

Keir Greenway Report – May

County Council Report

Community Varnishing Event – Bersted Park – 7th May

This was a resident's initiative to set up an event to varnish the wood Bersted Park Art Trail sculptures. Between Councillors and Residents, I think we did a fine job and they are looking so much better now for the community to continue to enjoy.

Business Stakeholder Meeting – 6th May

I was invited to attend a meeting of stakeholders on doing business in the Town Centre, where we discussed the current challenges and potential solutions. It was good to be able to hear from a range of businesses to listen to their view on current state of the business environment in the Town. With Nick Gibb MP, representatives from the local police teams and local councillors present hopefully these meetings will progress to positive outcomes.

Catch up meeting with Southway Primary - 29th April

Southway Primary have been working extremely hard to improve school standards and move themselves out from "Requires Improvement" from the last Ofsted inspection. I was so pleased to hear that the latest inspection awarded them with a "Good" status, which is brilliant news for the school, but also our residents here in Bersted. I was so pleased to be able to congratulate both the Principal and Deputy Principal in person, whilst we discussed other issues and projects.

Fire Station Retained Firefighter Recruitment event – 23rd April

As the local member, I went along to the above event to find out more about the role and the tests required to become a Retained Firefighter. I did gear up and had a go at the physical tests they had on offer (and passed!). They currently have around 8 vacant posts at the station. As things stand, it is quite a big commitment for someone. I know WSCC are looking into the Retained Firefighter contracts today (9th May) and I will be attending to see if I can add my voice to the discussions.

Investment in our Town – Latest news on the Esplanade

With Levelling Up funding for the Alexandra Theatre and the development of the Place St Maur, I welcome the announcement from the County Council to allocate £431,000 for further design and survey works to The Esplanade Public Realm Improvements Scheme. This scheme is planned to created better accessible from the seafront to the Place St Maur and the Town Centre. I'll stop there as all Parish Councillors will have received the press release to find out more, or please ask.

I'll leave it there for now. Any questions, please let me know.

Parish Council Report:-

Shripney Litterpick – 8th May

Successful event, 7 volunteers in total, this includes 3 Parish Councillors (Cllr Spencer, Cllr Yeates and myself). Thank you to those Councillors and member off the public for helping out. Arun have agreed to collect the waste.

Road Safety Webinar – 28th April

Hosted by Sussex Police, they touched on some of the upcoming campaigns during the Summer, around Speeding for example and how this can be reported. One of the items which came out quite

strongly was the effectiveness of Speed Indicator Devices and how these can be purchased by Parish and Town councils and moved around the Parish. Data can be collected using these devices and passed onto the Police. I think this is something the Parish Council should consider, in line with the Business Plan objectives.