

Keir Greenway Report – March 2023

County Council Report

Citizen Advice Bureau New Premises – 19th May

I was invited to attend the opening of the new CAB premises in Belmont Street. It was good opportunity to see the new facilities and find out more about their services. A very highly valued service!

Community Varnishing event – 3rd June

Arranged by a local resident, 14 of us came out to varnish the Bersted Park Art Trail, in the hope to preserve the art for as long as possible. It's hoped another event can be scheduled for the autumn.

Elbridge Farm application (WSCC/021/23)

Parish Councillors will know the expected revised application for the expanding of the waste recycling centre has been lodged. At first glance, I note some welcome improvements, however I am yet to study all the documents and come to a view. Any questions or representations, I'm all ears.

Resurfacing work imminent

Moorhen Way – Starting 26th June
Van Gogh Place – Starting 17th June
Ravens Way – Starting 22nd June
Winston Crescent – 27th June

Communities, Highways and Environment Scrutiny Committee – 9th June

The committee scrutinised the quarterly performance of the service areas. A lot of discussion about highway defect turnaround times, recycling rates and School Streets trials.

We also scrutinised the draft Active Travel Strategy, focusing on walking, wheeling and cycling. I spoke about the need for change on maintenance to cycleways, "carrot/stick" when it comes to demand management and the potential of e-bikes and e-scooters on our de-carbonisation journey.

Speed Limit Reduction in Shripney (A29 and Shripney Lane)

Application has been filed and will update the Parish Council with any further updates.

Update on Chalcraft Lane/West Meads Drive

Still gathering support and will update the Parish Council with any further updates.

District Council Report

Annual Council

Not much to report here. Me and my group are now in opposition. I look forward to holding the new administration to account, as they deliver what they promised to the electorate.

Committees

For the forthcoming year, I will be sitting on the Environment Committee and Pay and Finance Committee.

Reporting of the graffiti and litter in the Trees Estate

I have written to the relevant Group Heads at Arun (and the Police) about the state of parts of the Trees Estate. Unfortunately, the level of graffiti coverage is appalling. I've had a response, Arun will be taking a look and I'd be happy to report back.

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Litterpick event, Central Avenue – 20th May

Litterpick and clearance, Bersted Park Lake – 1st June

Watered the Rowan Trees on Rowan Way – 5th June

Friends of Bersted Brooks – 11th June

Assisting with Facebook Posts