

CHICHESTER GREEN NEWS

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COUNCILLOR SARAH SHARP

Three Cheers for the Bike Bus organised by Chichester Greens! Encourage local schools to join the fun, safe, and green school bus.

Children in Bosham were cycling safely to their primary school last summer thanks to the Bike Bus. They loved it. They had adults with them who saw them safely across any busy junctions. It is great to see the children enjoying the freedom and exercise.



**Cycling to school safely,
thanks to the Bike Bus and our
Green Party helpers.**

The Bike Bus was organised by Green Party supporters, Georgie Armour and Jenny Cole. Jenny would love to see more Bike Buses in Chichester and would help with the organisation. Even the District Council are supporting this. Jenny says, "If your children's school would like to do the same, contact me for more information on 07879263402. This is a great way to give children exercise, take cars off the road and reduce pollution - and it's fun!"

Avoid flooding this winter.

None of us want to see flooding this winter, so it's important to keep our ditches clear. If you see a blocked ditch you can phone the **Highways Department** on **01243 642105** to report it.

Did you know? If you have a ditch or a stream, brook or culvert running next to your property, then you are responsible for keeping it clear. Sarah says "Please check your ditches and help keep our pavements and roads water free."



SARAH SHARP : WORKING HARD TO GET THINGS DONE



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Can you give a child a home?

Have you ever thought about being a foster parent? Over six hundred children, mostly 11 to 17 year olds are in need of a good home. Sadly, the number of people applying to become foster parents is falling. We have reached crisis point. Sarah says, "If you have space in your home, and in your heart, do get in touch with **Fostering West Sussex** on **0330 222 7775**. You can also find out more on the **Fostering West Sussex** website.

Bill Sharp remembered



You may be aware that Cllr Sarah Sharp was on compassionate leave last year, when her husband, Bill, became seriously ill. Sadly, Bill died in July. Bill was actively involved in the local community. He was Vice Chair of the Chichester Society. He was a key driver in the campaigns to save Rumboldswyke School and the pub, Muchos Nachos at the Crown. Bill will be missed greatly by many people, by all his friends in Chichester and especially by Sarah and their children. Sarah is now taking up her council duties again.

Attack on our democracy

On 9th January the Conservative led County Council voted to ask the government to include West Sussex in their devolution plans and to postpone the May elections. The Green party thinks this is a cynical bid to avoid an election where the Conservatives are likely to lose seats and their majority. We believe that the devolution plans deserve serious discussion and consultation, but that this should not allow our current councillors to keep their council seats and salaries for what could be three more years.

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