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Latest News from Westdene & Hove Park

From Cllr Samer Bageen, Dr Emma Hogan and Ivan Lyons

New ward, new team in Westdene & Hove Park

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has created a new City Council ward for the May 2023 elections, that brings together Westdene & Hove Park.

On Thursday 4th May 2023, residents of Westdene & Hove Park will elect 3 Councillors to represent the area on the City Council.

With longstanding Hove Park Ward Councillor Vanessa Brown retiring, the Conservatives have selected a new team to stand in the new ward.

- **Cllr Samer BAGAEEN** is the current sitting Councillor for the Hove Park ward. He is a Professor of Planning and has served as a Governor for three schools in the city since 2009.
- **Dr Emma HOGAN** is a Hove Park resident and an NHS Doctor in mental health. She is a Trustee of The Sussex Heart Charity and active in community sport, coaching Synchro at Prince Regent Swimming Pool.
- **Mr Ivan LYONS** is a Westdene resident, who together with his

family have always lived in the City. Ivan is the Managing Director of a Firm of Financial Advisers and on track to run his 300th full marathon for the benefit of local charities.

The Commission noted the shared community of interest between Westdene & Hove Park.

Our enthusiastic team has been out meeting and listening to local residents' associations, including Westdene Local Action Team, Friends of Hove Park, and Goldstone Valley residents, to identify City Council issues and offer assistance.

We look forward to hearing about your City Council issues. **Please get in touch on 01273 290454.**



Our Conservative Council Team for Westdene & Hove Park Ward, Samer Bageen, Emma Hogan & Ivan Lyons, would like to hear directly from you about the City Council issues you would like addressed.



Cllr Bageen & Cllr Brown have been working to support local tennis clubs.

Hove Park Tennis Club has applied for planning permission for a new pavilion to provide much needed space for the community and new accessible toilets.

Dyke Park Tennis Club has taken on day to day management of the club from the council. We recently delivered funding for six new tennis nets at Dyke Park.

Basic council services survey

Thank you to the many residents who have completed and returned our City Council services survey, either via post or online.

It is clear from the responses that residents are unhappy with the way the Green-Labour Council is mismanaging basic services across Westdene & Hove Park. Feedback received includes:

- Pavements are not being weeded, after Labour banned the use of weedkiller in the City in 2019 without putting any alternative in place.
- Drain gullies are not being cleared regularly and some are clogged with weeds, creating a flood risk.
- Council vehicles are breaking down and there are ongoing missed rubbish collections. Brighton & Hove's recycling rate is the worst in Sussex at 29.4%. The national average is 45%.

After 12 years of Labour-Green Councils, services are worse than ever before. Complete our survey at tinyurl.com/basiccouncilservices



Conservatives are protecting local public toilets from Council cuts and securing funding for refurbishment.

Protecting and refurbishing our public toilets

Cllr Vanessa Brown & Cllr Samer Bageen have recently secured funding for the refurbishment of Hove Park's toilets.

They secured up to £1 million for community infrastructure in the area from Section 106 contributions, including basketball court resurfacing, funding for the play area and toilet refurbishment.

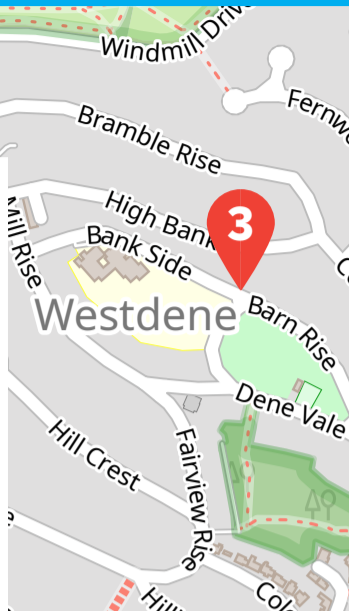
Council issues in Westdene & Hove Park ward



1 Dog walkers are concerned about the Green-Labour Council's plans to restrict off-lead walking on parts of Waterhall.



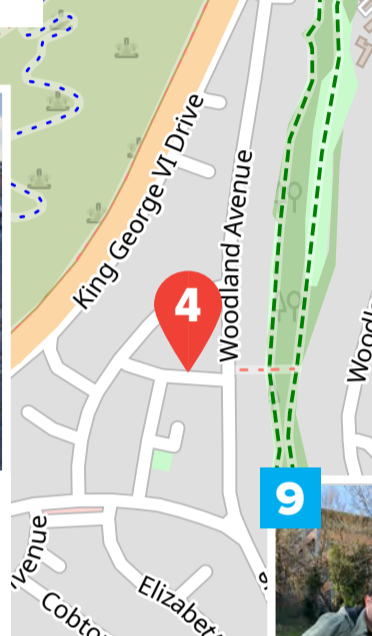
2 The Council wanted to build a permanent park and ride station at Mill Road without consulting Westdene residents. We brought a motion to council to stop this.



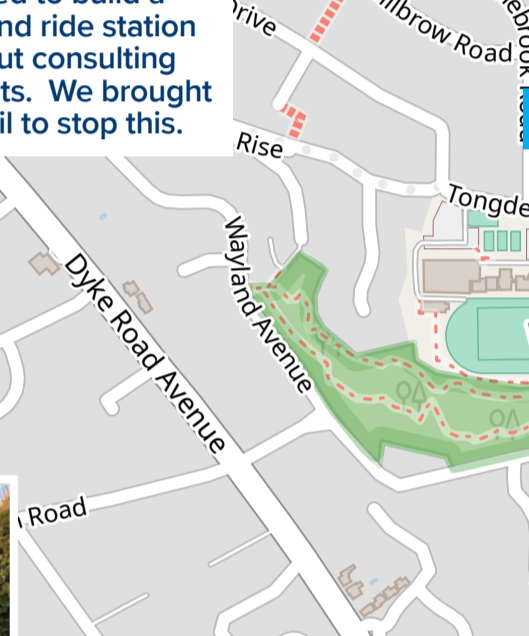
3 We have met with residents unhappy with Greens' school streets changes at Westdene Green; and supported a Deputation to the Council.



4 We are working with Goldstone Valley residents to tackle leaves and weeds in drains that are causing flood risk.



5 Conservatives have secured funding to re-surface the basketball courts at Hove Park.



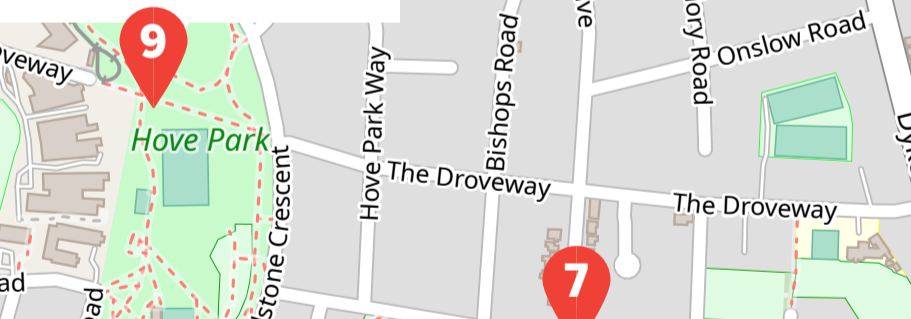
6 The Greens have halved the number of verge cuttings, leaving residents with inaccessible bus stops. We lobbied the Council to get them cut.



7 We worked with residents to install a new pedestrian crossing at Lullington Ave.



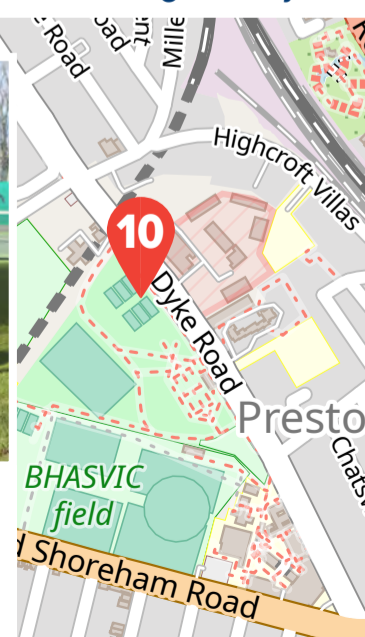
8 We secured road improvements at the junction of Hove Park Rd and Shirley Drive to improve safety; and are campaigning for pedestrian crossings nearby.



9 Cllr Bagaeen has questioned the Council re motorcycles speeding through Aldrington Tunnel, after the Council removed barriers.



10 Cllr Brown & Cllr Bagaeen worked with Dyke Park Tennis Club to deliver funding for six new nets.



Contact us with your Council issues: 01273 290454