

PORTSWOOD GREEN VIEW

Photo: Riverside Park



Katherine Barbour,
your local Green campaigner

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KATHERINE RESPONDS TO LOCAL RESIDENTS' CONCERNS

UNREPAIRED POTHOLES DRIVING US POTTY!

Christopher of **Oakmount Avenue** got in contact with Katherine Barbour about the state of the roads. Katherine got onto this straight away, she contacted the council and met with the highways officer. Why is it down to local residents to raise these issues? The roads are being surveyed regularly so the Council should know about this. The road is now due to be repaired later in 2022.

Katherine says **"It is a dangerous situation and someone could get killed. I will be keeping an eye on this and will be on to them again if action is not taken soon."** Thanks to Christopher for raising this issue with your hard working Green campaigner Katherine Barbour. Do you know a road that is dangerous? **Contact Katherine and she will take action for you.**

CALLS FOR LIGHTS TO BE CUT

Katherine met with a local resident of Portswood who asked, "Why are there lights on all the time in the **car showroom on Wide Lane?**" Katherine visited the showroom and asked the staff about this. They said the lights are movement sensitive and all the lights are LEDs. **Katherine wasn't happy with this response** as the lights don't need to be on all night and is pushing this company to turn off lights when the showroom is closed. Is light pollution an issue for you? **Let Katherine know where else she can be pushing for positive change.**



Katherine highlights one of many potholes, Brookvale Road



Katherine visits the showroom

KATHERINE BARBOUR: WORKING HARD FOR YOU ALL YEAR ROUND

BARBOUR'S BRIGHT IDEAS

In **Coventry** the council are offering residents **£3000 to give up their car** and the money can be used to fund taxis, buy bicycles and use public transport. These are the benefits:

- 1 Cleaner Air**
- 2 Less Traffic**
- Healthier People!**

Katherine says, **“Why don't we have that here in Southampton?”**

SIX YEARS LATER THE COUNCIL ACTS ON TRAFFIC CONCERNS

Lots of residents have told Katherine Barbour about their delight now that Kent Road is blocked off. The Southampton Green team started a petition about this **six years ago** and it was signed by many people and even some who moved because they couldn't wait for change to come. **Katherine is delighted that finally the Council have decided to listen to what the residents**

have been saying and there is now an active travel zone in place. This is a good start; **Katherine will keep pushing** for more active travel zones and for 20mph speed limits all across St Denys, Highfield and Portswood. Katherine says she'll keep going until everyone has the same experience as one resident in Priors Road who said, **“We can breathe again.”**

KATHERINE'S CONCERNS MOUNT OVER GROWING CONCRETE JUNGLE

An anonymous resident from **Highfield** got in touch with Katherine Barbour because she is concerned about **landlords concreting over gardens**. This nature loving lady told Katherine how she had been busy making the gardens welcoming for wildlife and nature, but sadly the landlords have been removing the planting and then concreting over the gardens. Katherine says, **“Not only is this unsightly, it is also a risk with the**

water run off into the road making a slip hazard and increasing the flood waters through the drainage system. These roads are looking sad, maybe the council needs to do some tree planting to enhance this area. There is no haven for insects, birds and wildlife. I have been speaking to students in the area to find out who their landlord is to ask if this can be put right. I will keep you posted on this.”



Katherine investigates concerns

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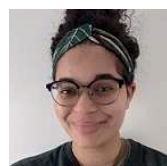
Please get in touch if there is anything we can help with, or if you'd like to help deliver leaflets or join a litter pick. You will be warmly welcomed!



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