



JO GETS NEW HOME FOR ORE MARINE TRAINING CORP

JO: "I AM SO PLEASED THIS YOUTH PROVISION HAS STAYED IN ORE"



Green Councillor Jo Walker with Major Richard Jarvis at Ore Downs Farm Community Centre

When Green Councillor Jo Walker discovered that the Ore division of the Marine Training Corps had outgrown their venue in Ore Village, she was quick to act. Keen to keep this valuable community group in the area, **Jo helped them find a new home** at the recently reopened Downs Farm Community Centre. **Jo shared, "The Marine Training Corps provides such an important service for the young people of Ore. Not only do they develop essential life skills, but they also learn teamwork and citizenship."**

These skills will serve them well, not just in the military, but in vital community roles like the police, ambulance service, and fire brigade too."

Sessions are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Ore Downs Farm Community Centre, offering local youngsters a fantastic opportunity to build their confidence and learn new skills in a supportive environment. To find out more about the Marine Training Corps visit <https://marinetrainingcorps.org.uk/contact-the-mtc/>

PLASTIC FREE HASTINGS!

GREEN JO HELPING TO REDUCE SINGLE-USE PLASTIC IN OUR TOWN

Active Green Cllr Jo Walker brought a motion to Hastings Borough Council to support the Plastic Free Communities campaign, which encourages residents, businesses to reduce single-use plastic in Hastings. Cllr Jo Walker will be part of the Steering Group that will guide Hastings towards gaining Plastic Free Status. **Jo explains, "This isn't about removing plastic altogether, but rather encouraging us all to think about alternatives, reduce our reliance on single-use plastics, and help others make similar changes."**

Jo says "Reducing single-use plastic in Hastings will have a positive impact on our environment. Plus, businesses that participate in the campaign can earn an award for their efforts. Achieving Plastic Free Status will also boost Hastings' reputation as an eco-conscious tourist destination."

There will be a beach clean on 7th March, 10am from the pier, plus a **Big Ore Spring Community Clean on Sunday 27th April, 10am from the Ore Community Centre.**

Get in touch for more details on the campaign or if you have a business interested in gaining an award.



Cllr Jo Walker and Cllr Amanda Jobson celebrating Plastic Free Communities campaign support from Hastings Borough Council

BATTLING THE STORMS TO KEEP ORE CLEAN

CLLR JO WALKER AND CLLR YUNIS SMITH OUT WHATEVER THE WEATHER!

Green Councillors Jo Walker and Yunis Smith have continued to organise litter picks in the Ore and Baird Wards. Despite some stormy weather, events have gone ahead with support from volunteers. **Jo says "Our Ore Clean Up Hub has now logged 91 bags of rubbish collected so far!"**

Litter pickers, gloves and bags are available for the community to use, from the Ore Community Centre anytime.

Baird Ward Councillor Yunis Smith says "As an Ore resident, I am happy to help, whatever the weather. Come rain or shine Greens get it done!"



Hardworking Green Councillors Jo and Yunis litterpicking around Ore and Baird

In addition to the litter picks, **Cllr Jo Walker has been pressing East Sussex County Council for updates on the collapsed pavement in Victoria Avenue and the blocked drains in Ore Village,** working hard to address local safety and infrastructure concerns.

YOUR GREEN-LED COUNCIL: OUR WORK SO FAR

Cabinet Lead for Environment, Cllr Jo says 'One of the first things I did when elected was to apply for **funding for trees in Hastings**, I am pleased we were successful and hopefully this is just the start of improvements to our town.'



Cabinet Lead for Environment, Cllr Jo Walker, with Green Leader Cllr Julia Hilton, out talking to residents about new street trees on Collier Rd

HERE ARE A JUST A FEW MORE OF THE THINGS WE'VE ACHIEVED SINCE MAY

- ✓ Called in Southern Water's CEO to two public meetings to face questions
- ✓ Appointed experienced Chief Executive to help us find fresh, smart solutions
- ✓ Passed dog PSPO giving back access for dogs on Rock-a-Nore beach
- ✓ Passed our Climate & Nature motion for a new, dedicated Climate Officer
- ✓ Got Foreshore Trust funding approved for a full-time beach cleaner
- ✓ Found exciting local company to start Castle & West Hill Café regeneration

CAN I HELP?

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