

# Broadstairs & St. Peter's Town Council



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## Words of Acceptance

Thank you to everyone for choosing me as your mayor for the municipal year. It's a tremendous honour.

I'd also like to thank the Town Clerk in advance for the help she'll be giving me in adhering to the correct procedures in the coming year.

As I look around the Council Chamber, I can see a lot of apprehension from those more experienced members of the Council and who are on the opposite side of the political spectrum from my colleagues and me.

I'd like to begin by speaking to you directly.

Every member of Broadstairs and St. Peter's Town Council has one thing in common; we all love our town and want to make sure it continues to be the best place to live in this amazing country of ours.

Please do try to remember that shared love in our debates during this Council.

Now a few words on Broadstairs, our wonderful town.

We have beautiful beaches.

Our tourism and hospitality sectors are thriving.

We offer a huge network of well-established local societies and community groups for our residents to enjoy.

But;

We must be honest and acknowledge that there is a flipside and that not everything is as good as it could be.

At the end of a busy summer's day, our amazing beaches will be strewn with single use plastics.

For every person enjoying a Michelin-star quality meal at one of our ground-breaking restaurants, there'll be parents going hungry because they can't afford to feed their children and eat as well.

While adults are enjoying a great event at the Pavilion or in Pierremont Park, there are kids who have nothing to do.

As some of our older residents busy themselves at women's group meetings, others are at home lonely; left isolated by the disappearance of their bus services.

And – while we relax on Viking Bay, enjoying the sea air, the roads of Broadstairs are clogged with traffic, rushing at unsafe speeds.

With so many new members, and new ideas, this Council has a once-in-a-generation opportunity to make a positive difference to the lives of our neighbours who have all too often been an afterthought in Council decisions.

I therefore speak to the Council as a whole and urge all members to embrace this opportunity.

How we work together over the coming days and weeks will be vital in setting the tone for the next four years and in building the foundation of a safer, cleaner, and kinder Broadstairs.

**The Mayor of Broadstairs & St. Peter's Town Council**

*Ellie Kristian Bright*