



Fury as 'tidal wave' of new homes is looming

LIBERAL Democrats in Bath are under fire from some of their own councillors in a row over a "tidal wave of development" about to hit Keynsham, Saltford and other parts of North East Somerset.

The government has told Bath and North East Somerset Council that it needs to find space for 27,340 new homes to be built across the district over the next 18 years. A plan drawn up by the council would see about a quarter of that new housing growth take place in Bath, despite the city accounting for around half of the district's population.

Members of the Liberal Democrat council cabinet - all bar one of whom represent wards in or next to Bath - say it is not possible to build more in the city because of its UNESCO World Heritage Site status.

Instead, they propose that villages and towns across North East Somerset grow disproportionately to take the homes - generating fury from councillors outside the city.

As the council cabinet met on September 10 to agree on sending the draft Local Plan out for a final public consultation, backbench Liberal Democrats were among the North East Somerset

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A dog show at Kingfisher Lodge care home in Saltford has raised £135 for the charity Pets as Therapy (PAT). Pictured above are Joan (centre) with dogs Maisie and Barney, and below, Janet and family and sprocker spaniel Mauve



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Work starts on park's new-look play area

BATH & North East Somerset Council has responded to criticism that it did not take residents' feedback on board when designing Keynsham Memorial Park's revamped play area.

Work on the long-awaited new look for the upper play area began on September 21 after the council revealed that the final design had been agreed.

But the announcement left many parents unimpressed, with some complaining that the proposals were uninspired compared to what is available in other play areas, such as the Royal Victoria Park in Bath.

One person commented on Facebook: "It would be very interesting for you to highlight in which ways you listened to feedback? It still looks very poor."

Another said: "Waited a long time for this update and it doesn't feel like it responds to the community feedback."

After the Voice asked B&NES Council for comment about how feedback had been incorporated, Councillor Sarah Warren, deputy leader and cabinet member for Sustainable B&NES, said: "The design for Keynsham Memorial Park's new play area has been shaped by feedback from residents at every stage, especially the young people who told us what they wanted to see in their park."

"Following further feedback from Keynsham Town Council and residents, we've added more swings, expanded the equipment for younger children, introduced a new trim trail and moved the



A climbing wall being built for the play area Photo: B&NES Council

snakes and ladders closer to the café. The result will be a play area that reflects what the community asked for and provides more opportunities for children of all ages to play, explore and enjoy the park."

In May this year, the council released images of how their proposals would look, but its announcement of the final design was accompanied only by photos of existing play equipment from other locations as examples.

Since then, the council has released a photo of a climbing wall that is being made for the play area. Works are expected to be completed by the end of the year.

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New homes target is 'shockingly high'

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councillors who raised objections to the plan.

The plan sets out space for 5,900 new homes to be built in Bath. But Keynsham, which has an estimated population almost five times smaller than the city, would be expected to take almost as many - 5,700 - in addition to having the new town of Hicks Gate built next door.

Liberal Democrat councillor for Keynsham East, Andy Wait, accused the council of "poor planning" for failing to work with UNESCO to modify the city's World Heritage Site listing in time.

He said: "I can blame the Labour government for more than doubling the housing numbers, or WECA for designing a Bristol-Bath corridor as a growth zone. I could point out that recent legislation has reduced the powers of local authorities; they have also crippled the once powerful green belt by creating a 'grey belt.'

However, this is B&NES' plan."

The Liberal Democrats dominate B&NES Council, with 38 of the 59 councillors, but when it comes to the Local Plan, the council administration says it has been left little choice over what to do by the Labour government.

Matt McCabe (Bathavon South, Liberal Democrat), the council cabinet member responsible for planning and housing, said: "This Labour government has unleashed a tidal wave of development that we are powerless to stop."

The council had been drawing up a plan for around 14,000 homes but, in 2024, the new government doubled its housing target to 27,340, which Mr McCabe called "shockingly high."

This means the council is now behind its target, reducing its ability to turn down inappropriate housing developments until it has an up-to-date plan in place. Several huge planning applications have already been submitted ahead of the plan

coming into force.

Initially, the council had proposed allocating land between the edge of Twerton and the Globe Roundabout for a 2,000 home westward suburban expansion of the city, but it was told by the government's planning inspectorate that the plan would be rejected if this was included without the support of UNESCO.

Bath's UNESCO World Heritage Site listing specifically includes its setting in a "hollow in the hills," meaning that any suburban expansion of the city could see it lose the coveted status - something neither the council nor the government is prepared to allow.

Mr McCabe said: "I believe that this plan offers the best opportunity for our residents to defend their communities against speculative development."

Leader of the council's opposition Labour group, Robin Moss (Westfield), said in a statement: "We have

repeatedly asked why the Lib Dem administration thinks World Heritage status stops them from building homes, but got no reasonable answer. UNESCO is proud of other World Heritage Site cities where the locals aren't priced out."

Allocating a site for development in the Local Plan does not mean there are current plans to build there, but any planning applications that align with developments proposed in the plan will almost certainly be approved.

A six-week public consultation on the Local Plan began on September 18 and runs until October 30. This is the final opportunity for people to comment on the plan before it is submitted to the government for approval. Once approved, it will establish the rules by which planning applications are decided until 2043.

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Family say thanks with epic cycle ride

KEYNSHAM couple Emma and George Rockell welcomed their first child Alannah into the world on March 26.

But what should have been a joyous event soon became an anxious time for the new parents.

Alannah was born five weeks prematurely by emergency C section weighing just 4lbs and was immediately placed in intensive care.

Hours later she was diagnosed with OA-TOF and VACTERL associations, a rare and life-threatening condition.

Alannah had been born with her food pipe disconnected from her stomach and attached to her windpipe, meaning she was unable to swallow. This condition affects one in 3,500 babies and can have lifelong implications.

After diagnosis, she was taken from the Royal United Hospital, Bath, to the University of Wales in Cardiff, where at just two days old she underwent complex, lifesaving surgery.

After being sedated, she was put on a ventilator for five days then tube-fed for five weeks.

On May 3, Emma and George were relieved and elated to finally take their baby daughter home.

During this difficult time, the couple received advice and help from TOFS, a



Emma and George Rockell with baby Alannah

charity that offers lifelong support to those born with OA/TOF (Oesophageal Atresia & Tracheo-Oesophageal Fistula). TOFS receives no support from the Government and relies on donations.

To show his family's appreciation, George decided to cycle 450 miles from Keynsham to

Donegal to raise money for TOFS and raise awareness of the condition.

Emma said: "George had witnessed Alannah's journey and what I had to go through during the birth and really wanted to do his bit to give back."

On September 11, George was waved off by family and friends, including players from Saltford Lawn Tennis Club, of which George is a member.

At the same time, his wife and daughter started their 450-mile drive to Emma's home town in Milford, Co. Donegal, where Alannah would meet her grandad Frank for the first time.

George's 10-day journey took him from Keynsham along the English/Welsh border to Holyhead and then via Dublin, Mullingar and Omagh, reaching Milford on September 20.

Although Alannah is now thriving, she will need regular monitoring during the first years of her life. She is taking milk well but the next challenge will be the introduction of solids.

George is covering all his travelling, food and accommodation costs, so every penny raised of the £7,000 he has raised so far goes directly to the charity. To donate, visit www.justgiving.com/page/cycle4tofs.

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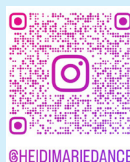


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Local Plan: Have your say while you can

KEYNSHAM residents are being urged to have their say before a blueprint for new housing in Keynsham is finalised.

The government has told Bath & North East Somerset Council that it needs to find space for 27,340 new homes over the next 18 years.

The council's draft Local Plan allocates 5,900 to the city of Bath, while Keynsham is expected to take 5,700, despite it having a much smaller population.

A final consultation on the draft plan runs until October 30, and those who attended a public meeting in Keynsham were urged by a panel of the town's district councillors to make their views known if they believe parts of the plan are "unsound".

One example given was B&NES Council's suggestion that flats could be built on half of Ashton Way car park and both Labbott car parks, an idea that was described by one councillor as "insane".

The meeting was told this could be viewed as unsound because it raised the question of where residents, shoppers from out of town, and employees, such as B&NES Council staff who work in Keynsham Civic Centre, would park instead.

Saying that part of the plan was unsound would then give the person commenting the right to address a public enquiry into the Local Plan early next year.

Some residents expressed scepticism that commenting on the plan could change the outcome.

Councillor Andy Wait (Lib Dem, Keynsham East), who

The public consultation on the draft Local Plan began on September 18 and runs until 5pm on October 30.

To explore the plan and submit your comments online, you can visit <https://haveyoursay.bathnes.gov.uk/localplan/>. Hard copies of the main consultation documents will also be available for inspection at council offices and libraries.

chaired the meeting, said: "It might make a difference. It might not. But what's the alternative?"

"We have to stick together as a community and recognise what needs to be done to keep the place safe."

Cllr Wait said that those present should encourage as many family, friends and neighbours to take part as possible, because "numbers count."

He cited the example of Burnett, where a potential location for new homes was removed from the Local Plan after hundreds of people objected.

At the meeting in The Space on September 21, residents aired their frustration at more homes being proposed while the town's infrastructure is creaking, with burst water mains, power cuts, traffic-clogged roads and the difficulty of getting a doctor or dentist appointment.

They were also angry at developers being granted permission to build on one site despite their unfulfilled infrastructure promises on another, with new estates remaining unadopted up to 15 years after they were built.

Councillors said past failures could not lawfully justify refusing new applications, and B&NES

Council lacked the resources to pursue legal action against large developers.

But the meeting was told that not having a Local Plan in place would allow developers even more freedom to build what they want, regardless of community needs, such as parks, play areas and wellbeing facilities.

Councillors on the panel said the draft plan did suggest some potentially suitable locations for new housing, such as Hicks Gate and North Keynsham, both adjacent to the A4, as well as east of Avonmill Lane.

Cllr Wait said: "We also recognise the positive aspects

of people moving into the town. They bring in revenue, they bring in tax, and so on. But there are lots of other negatives."

Residents also had the chance to hear more about the plan from B&NES Council officers at the Keynsham Area Forum meeting on September 24.

Forum chairman Alan Hale (Independent, Keynsham South) described the meeting as "useful" and added: "There is a need for people to engage and have their say."

Keynsham Town Council and Saltford Parish Council have yet to formally respond to the draft plan, which proposes about 1,300 new homes in Saltford.

Councillor Duncan Hounsell (Lib Dem, Saltford) said: "The Labour government's housing tsunami has hit the Saltford shores. The numbers proposed are very high and I do not support the draft Local Plan for Saltford as it stands."

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One of the organisers, Jenny Davis, said: "This was amazing, and we have enjoyed seeing many new faces as well as those who come every year. Our volunteer bakers have produced such an amazing variety of cakes, so many treats each week, that we have been spoilt for choice."

Teas will be back next year starting on the spring bank holiday weekend in May.



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Right, Helen Lee and Jenny Davis serving tea



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200 homes approved next to Charlton Rd

COUNCILLORS have narrowly approved a developer's plan to build 200 homes west of Charlton Road in Keynsham after warning that new government rules gave them no choice.

Bath and North East Somerset Council's planning committee voted 5-4 to allow Persimmon to build the properties.

It comes after new government rules restricting councils' ability to turn down housing developments came into effect. Councillors were reminded of the new rules at the start of the meeting on September 2.

Planning committee member Toby Simon (Bathwick, Liberal Democrat) said: "Under the current regime, I don't think we have good grounds to reject this."

The houses will be built on a field opposite Bilbie Green. This was one of several pockets of land suggested for housing in the council's draft Local Plan.

No decision has yet been made on whether to allocate these sites, but that has not stopped developers from submitting planning applications to build on them already.

Councillor for Keynsham South, Alan Hale (Independent Group), agreed that Keynsham needed homes but said they should be built around Hicks Gate and the proposed northern extension of the town.

He said: "Keynsham South has had its fair share of development. I therefore beseech you to refuse the application you have before you."

He warned: "Enough is enough."

Former chair of the planning committee Duncan Hounsell (Saltford, Liberal Democrat) said he would not be supporting the development over concerns about "urban sprawl."

Tim Warren (Midsomer Norton Redfield, Conservative) added that the land was in the green belt for a reason.

He said: "Keynsham is fast becoming a suburb of Bristol, sadly."

But Fiona Gourley said it was good that 45% of the homes would be 'affordable' and pointed out that the development also included allotments, a play area, and cycle path.

She said: "I think we have no option to refuse it, but also it will bring benefits."

The homes will be a mix of two, three, and four-bed properties. They will be "zero-carbon ready," equipped with air-source heat pumps and solar panels, and will feature electric car charging points.

The homes only have outline planning permission. A follow-up "reserved matters" application will confirm the final details of

the design and layout before they can be built.

Persimmon Homes Severn Valley managing director Claire Burton said: "We look forward to progressing our plans to the next stage and will continue to work closely with BANES Council, the local community, and its representatives as we develop our reserved matters application and aim to leave a positive and lasting legacy in Keynsham."

Almost 100 people had raised objections to the scheme on B&NES Council's website, citing concerns about extra traffic and the pressure on the town's already struggling infrastructure.

Following the meeting, Cllr Hale posted on Facebook: "My concern now is that eventually they will build all of the way towards the town behind Lays Drive and then on to Lockingwell Road. If that happens, then we really will suffer gridlock, and the nature of the town will be significantly changed."

One person commented: "I find it disgusting that with such overwhelming opposition they simply voted it through. What is the point in a public consultation if they just choose to ignore the will of the people?"

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Edd reunited with lifesaving 999 crew

A KEYNSHAM man has been reunited with the ambulance crew who helped save his life.

Edd Pocock, 43, suffered a sudden cardiac arrest at his home in the early hours of Monday March 23 this year. Recognising that something was seriously wrong, Edd's wife Terrianne called 999.

Crews from the South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SWASFT) quickly arrived on scene, providing life-saving care and delivering two defibrillator shocks.

Once stable, Edd was taken to the Bristol Heart Institute, where he spent 29 days. While in hospital, Edd had a stent and an ICD (Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillator) fitted.

Now back home and recovering well, Edd and his family were recently reunited with paramedic Josh Dodge, emergency ambulance associate Maddie Bunniss and Bristol Ambulance EMS colleagues



Ismael and Neil at Keynsham Ambulance Station.

Edd said: "I want to say thank you to Josh, Maddie, Ismael, and Neil for saving my life and for giving me the incredible gift of being reunited with you all.

"I can't put into words how much it means to me. Being able to share such a special experience

together was something I'll never forget."

Paramedic Josh said: "Moments like this remind me why I love what I do and make all the hard work truly worthwhile. It was wonderful to meet Edd and his family, and I wish them all the very best for the future."

Every year, ambulance

clinicians respond to thousands of patients suffering cardiac arrest. Survival depends on early recognition, immediate CPR, rapid access to a defibrillator and prompt advanced medical care.

The South Western Ambulance Service is encouraging everyone to learn CPR and familiarise themselves with the use and location of their nearest public access defibrillator. In a cardiac arrest, every second counts and early action can save a life.

Now continuing his recovery, Edd is looking forward to spending time with his family and getting back into work.

To find out more about recognising the signs of a cardiac arrest and what to do, visit <https://www.swast.nhs.uk/saving-lives-together>

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ON THE BEAT

We all have a part to play in tackling ASB

ANTI-social behaviour (ASB) and criminality can have a significant impact on our communities, affecting residents' quality of life, feelings of safety, and community cohesion.

Whether it is nuisance behaviour, vandalism, criminal damage, theft, substance misuse, or violence, the actions of a small number of individuals can have a lasting effect on many others.

Reducing ASB and crime is not solely the responsibility of the police. It requires a partnership approach involving local authorities, schools, housing providers, youth services, community groups, parents, and residents. Anti-social behaviour is any conduct that causes harassment, alarm, or distress to others. Common examples include:

- Persistent noise nuisance.
- Vandalism and graffiti.
- Intimidating behaviour.
- Street drinking and substance misuse.
- Damage to public or private property.



Sgt Rob Turner
Keynsham Police

- Groups congregating and causing disruption.
- Verbal abuse towards residents or businesses.

While some incidents may appear minor in isolation, repeated behaviour can have a profound impact on victims, particularly older and vulnerable members of our community.

In my experience, anti-social behaviour can sometimes be a gateway to more serious offending. Low-level disorder can escalate into criminal activity, including theft, violence, drug-related offences, and exploitation. Early intervention is therefore crucial.

Police and partner agencies will always seek to balance

enforcement with prevention. Where appropriate, individuals may be offered support to address underlying issues contributing to their behaviour. However, where criminal offences are committed, robust action will be taken.

Parents are encouraged to:

- Know where their children are and who they spend time with.
- Be aware of their child's online activity and social media use.
- Set clear boundaries and expectations regarding behaviour.
- Encourage school attendance and positive activities.
- Challenge unacceptable behaviour as soon as possible.
- Maintain open and honest communication with their children.

Many young people make mistakes as they learn and develop. What makes the difference is how these behaviours are addressed. Early conversations and appropriate consequences can prevent more serious issues from developing.

Parents should remain alert to changes that may indicate a

child is becoming involved in ASB or criminality. Warning signs can include:

- Regular unexplained absences from home or school.
- Associating with older peer groups involved in risky behaviour.
- Possession of unexplained money or expensive items.
- Increasing secrecy regarding friends or activities.
- Substance misuse.
- Aggressive or disruptive behaviour at home or school.

Every member of the community has a role to play in preventing ASB and criminality.

Residents should not assume that someone else will report concerns. Information provided by the public often helps build a broader picture of ongoing issues and enables agencies to take appropriate action.

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THIS photograph shows the view down Bath Hill East as it was about 1953 or 1954.

Below the row of cottages on the left is Flanders House, which faced the park and was set below the modern road level. It was built about 1695 and demolished in 1964.

The Memorial Park is open (the gates were dedicated in 1952) but

interestingly the upper part, where the café and tennis courts are, has not been constructed.

The row of shops at the bottom on the right was demolished after the 1968 flood. In the right foreground is Drovers' Way, which still exists and is the remains of the old road as it was before Bath Hill was rebuilt to a shallower gradient about 1830.

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KEYNSHAM AND SALTFORD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Keeping the rain out through the years

WHEN we walk down a street, we notice the buildings but usually don't raise our eyes and look at the roofs of them. Sometimes these have their own stories to tell.

Whilst there are few hard facts to draw on, we can be fairly confident that in the Keynsham of say 1700 all the buildings would have had thatched roofs, with the parish church probably the only exception.

The use of thatch was not formally prohibited in cities such as Bristol and Bath, but it was not generally used because of the fire risk. However, in villages and the countryside its use was universal, except for grand and important buildings.

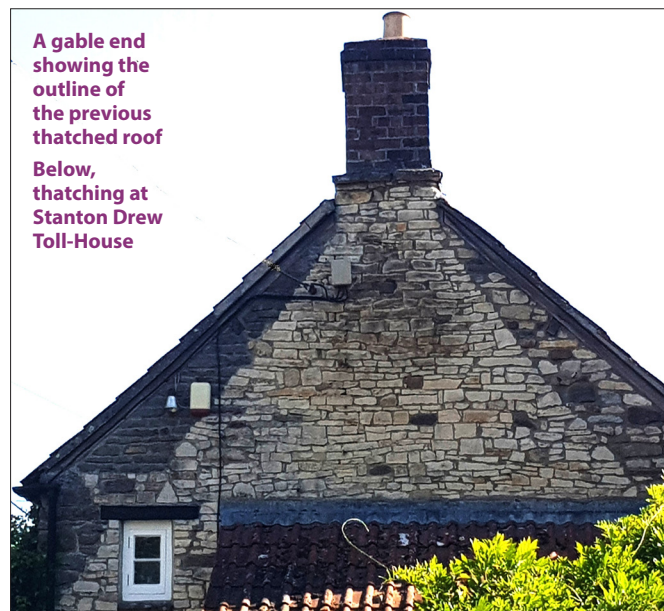
Thatch was cheap, effective, relatively light in weight, and the skills to install it were widely practised, as many agricultural labourers were used to thatching hayricks.

Various types of straw or reed were used in different parts of the country. In the West Country the main material was known as combed wheat reed. Strictly this is not a reed at all but simply wheat straw that has not been through any type of threshing machine.

The oldest photograph we have of a building in Keynsham dates from the 1850s. The roofs shown are tiled, as they are in all later images. We do not know when the change from thatch to tile took place, but we can make a good guess.

Clay tiles were not manufactured in the west of England, with one notable exception. This was Bridgwater, where the tile and brick industry grew rapidly from the 1790s.

Mass production techniques



A gable end showing the outline of the previous thatched roof

Below, thatching at Stanton Drew Toll-House

were introduced in the 1840s and at about the same time railways connected Bristol to both London and Exeter. Together these innovations slashed the cost of tiles dramatically.

Bearing in mind that they never needed replacing, tiles were now an attractive alternative to the traditional thatch and were quickly adopted. They appear to have been used in almost all local buildings except churches and chapels, which tended to use slate from Cornwall or North Wales.

When roofs were converted from thatch to tile, work to the



roof timbers would frequently be necessary. Tiles were heavier, requiring stronger rafters, and the battens had to be precisely and

evenly spaced to accommodate the nails holding the tiles.

Quite often the opportunity was taken to "raise the roof". For thatch to work, the slope needs to be in region of 55 degrees, which looks very steep to our eyes. If it is much less, the thatch will not drain well, and rot will shorten its life. If much steeper, thatch can be difficult to fix.

A tiled roof typically has a flatter slope of about 40 degrees. So, if the bottom of the rafters was raised, the upper storey of a house could be higher and more spacious without increasing the overall height. This can be seen very clearly on the photograph of a gable end taken recently in Bitton village. It is easy to spot the steep roofs where no structural changes were made.

Today, there is very little thatch locally, with one of the nearest examples being the much-photographed toll-house at Stanton Drew.

● If you like our monthly pieces on assorted aspects of our history, now is a good time to join the society. Our annual general meeting and social last month saw the launch of our programme of events through the winter. Our website now has a huge amount of local history information available to members.

You can sample this and find details of our activities at www.keysalthist.org. You can also download a membership form from this site.

This month sees the start of our monthly talks programme with a presentation on "The Growth of Bristol 137 – 1951" at St Dunstan's Church Hall.

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KEYNSHAM IN BLOOM

Well done to our talented young artists!



I'M an amateur weathergirl. I cannot pass my barometer without tapping and adjusting the hand. I then go onto my BBC weather app – no rain forecast until sometime in October perhaps!

Lovely for some but not if you are a Keynsham in Bloom volunteer trying to keep the High Street, train station, Pocket Park and other areas of Keynsham alive. Thank goodness for the Baptist church tap and watering cans.

OK, enough of me moaning. Now to a happy occasion. The winners of the Keynsham in Bloom colouring competition - Emma, Callie, Holly, Luca, Tahilia, Jessica and Zakary - have received their certificates and gifts, and here is a gallery of the budding artists. The theme this year was wool, so the children were asked to colour a jumper, and they did a wonderful job.

September's Voice featured photos of the memorial train and flower container, and I am pleased to report that our displays are still looking lovely. Another exciting bit of news about our station: the Royal Horticultural Society is running an award for best station and Keynsham has been shortlisted. Watch this space.

Work on spreading compost at the Pocket Park has had to stop because wasps have made their home in the bins and one of our volunteers found out the hard way, so please be careful when visiting.

Slow-release fertiliser and more compost have been added to the Triangle flowerbed after a good weed and tidying ready for planting this month. A huge thank-you to all involved,

especially Alan, Ty and Steve, who did the heavy work, and Sarah, Jenny and Julia, who trimmed and raked.

The High Street troughs are being judged shortly so we will find out which business has won the Golden Watering Can trophy - thank you all for getting involved.

As usual, the Holmoak Road containers are looking colourful due to volunteer Ty, and KIB are grateful for your help.

Consultations are ongoing to arrange a small group to maintain the Queens Road containers, and the Chandag Road containers are still thriving after a difficult summer.

Enjoy this warm autumn weather and pray for rain at night!

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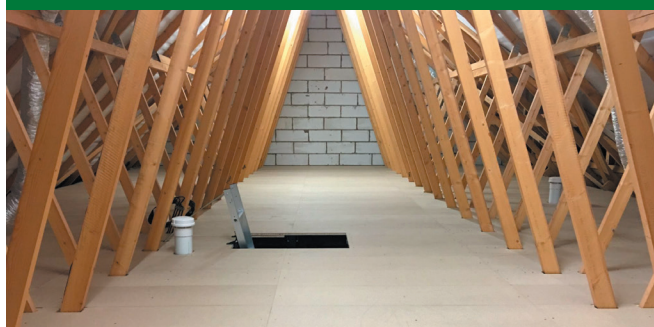
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NEWS

Council flats opposite Tesco completed

TEN new council homes in Keynsham town centre have been completed, ready for residents to move in.

The flats have been constructed in Danes Lane, opposite the Tesco car park.

Before the properties were built, archaeologists excavating the site discovered relics dating as far back as medieval times, including old boundary walls, cess pits, pottery and coins.

The development, named Great Barn Court, has been created for Bath & North East Somerset Council's B&NES Homes programme by Aequus Construction Limited (ACL), the council-owned development company.

B&NES Council says the properties will provide much-needed social rented housing at a time of intense pressure on local housing.

Built on council-owned land that was previously used for informal parking behind the Old



Bank pub in the High Street, the development formerly known as Danes Court provides six one-bedroom and four two-bedroom apartments in two separate blocks.

The council says high-performance insulation, solar photovoltaic panels and an all-electric heating system will make the homes more energy efficient and cheaper to heat.

The completion of Great

Barn Court is viewed as another milestone for the B&NES Homes programme, which is transforming surplus council sites into new council housing to deliver affordable homes across the district.

Other developments are progressing at Bath Western Riverside, Bath Quays North, Bath Quays South and several smaller sites across the district.

Councillor Matt McCabe,

cabinet member for built environment, housing and sustainable development, said: "Every new affordable home we deliver makes a real difference to people and families who need somewhere secure, high-quality and affordable to live. These are modern, energy-efficient homes that will be cheaper to heat, helping residents with the cost of living while reducing carbon emissions."

The housing will be owned directly by B&NES Council and let through Homesearch. Three of the apartments were set aside for young people who have lived in care.

One B&NES resident who has been rehoused through Homesearch said: "I've been sofa surfing for ages and it's been really hard. I tried a shared place, but it didn't work out. I've just passed my apprenticeship and I'm getting my own flat and it's amazing. It's the final piece of the jigsaw."

Steve Bellamy Carpets

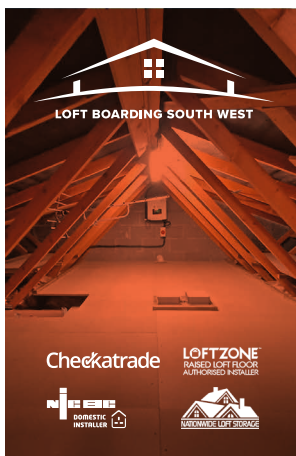
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■ BACK TO NATURE

Wildlife on your doorstep this autumn

WHEN we picture prime wildlife-watching spots, our minds naturally drift to nature reserves, dense woodlands and open countryside, undisturbed habitats where birds, butterflies, and wild creatures thrive.

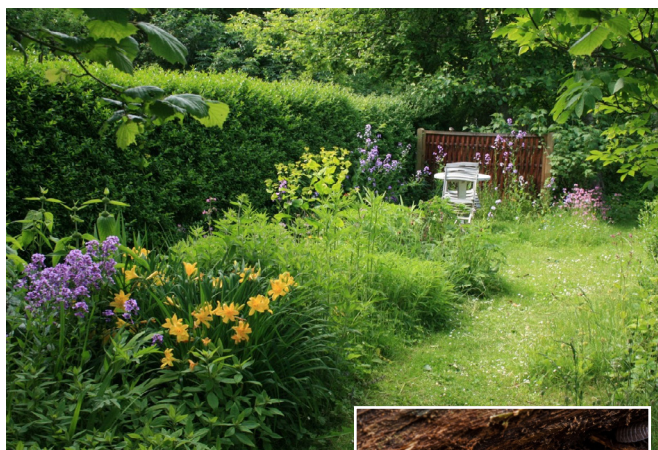
While these spaces are undeniably fantastic for experiencing the UK's stunning rural biodiversity, some of the most rewarding wildlife encounters can happen right outside our own homes.

Here in Keynsham, we are fortunate to enjoy lovely local parks and green spaces. Yet our private gardens, allotments, and even untidy roadside verges play an equally critical role in supporting ecosystems. If you stop and take a closer look, you might be surprised by the sheer volume of life bustling just steps from your kitchen or your front door.

Consider the typical garden. We often assume ideal outdoor spaces should be pristine, featuring manicured lawns and impeccably weeded borders. Nature, however, holds a very different standard. A pile of fallen leaves tucked into a quiet corner may seem unsightly to human eyes, but to a hedgehog or a complex network of tiny invertebrates, it represents vital shelter. An old log decaying on the ground provides a rich sanctuary for beetles, fungi, and detritivores.

Simply allowing a patch of grass to grow longer gives countless insects a safe place to feed, hide, and breed. In short, embracing a little bit of mess can be an extraordinary gift to local ecology.

Flora is equally essential. Bees, butterflies, and hoverflies require a steady supply of nectar and pollen across the seasons. Transforming



A wildlife garden, beautiful but not manicured

Photo: Wiki Creative Commons - Sten

Right, woodlice under an upturned log, a detritivore at work



Our autumn/winter talks season starts on Friday October 9 with "It's Time to Talk Eels", with Somerset Eel Recovery Project co-founder Vanessa Becker-Hughes.

Once so abundant that Somerset tenants paid their rent in eels, the European eel has suffered great losses over the last 40 years. Hear how SERP is combining cutting-edge eDNA science, community citizen science, and centuries-old folklore to help bring a focus

onto this critically endangered species.

Keynsham Baptist Church Hall, BS31 1DS. Entrance: Avon Wildlife Trust members £3.50, non-members £5. Includes refreshments served at 7.15pm. The talk begins at 7.30pm. All welcome, no booking required.

For more information on our Keynsham group, visit our website www.keynshamawt.org.uk, email info@keynshamawt.org.uk or phone Dave 07899 716068.

your garden into an insect haven does not demand an elaborate landscaping budget or sweeping floral beds; even a selection of pollinator-friendly plants in a few patio pots can make a world of difference.

Water is another powerful

magnet for wildlife. While a garden pond is ideal, a shallow dish of fresh water will attract birds, mammals, and thirsty insects. It is always remarkable how swiftly local wildlife discovers and adopts new water sources once introduced.

Hedges are another frequently overlooked environmental asset. Beyond offering vital food, shelter, and nesting sites for birds, hedges act as ecological corridors. These living green highways allow smaller creatures to travel safely from one patch of habitat to another without venturing onto open, hazardous ground.

But perhaps the most impactful shift we can make is rethinking our approach to land management. Not every lawn demands a close weekly trim, not every fallen leaf needs to be raked into a bin, and not every uninvited plant must be instantly uprooted.

Naturally, few people want their garden to descend into an impenetrable wilderness, and there is genuine joy in maintaining a beautiful outdoor space. The goal is balance, finding a little extra room for nature within our cultivated spaces, at a time when nature needs it more than ever.

One small garden might feel insignificant in isolation. However, imagine hundreds of gardens across Keynsham collectively offering food, refuge, and breeding grounds. Interconnected with our public parks, hedgerows, and allotments, these individual sanctuaries merge into a powerful landscape-scale wildlife network.

The next time you step outside, pause for a few minutes. Watch the bees hard at work among the blossoms, listen to the bird song overhead, or turn over a fallen log. You will likely discover that your garden is far more vibrant than you ever realised. You do not need a distant nature reserve to connect with the wild. Sometimes, your doorstep is the reserve.

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NEWS

Visitors explore our town's rich heritage

KEYNSHAM'S heritage took centre stage during 10 days of free events, discoveries and community activity.

This year's Heritage Open Days festival featured 13 events across 10 venues, giving residents and visitors the opportunity to explore some of the town's most historic buildings, places and stories.

Highlights included the chance to explore the ruins of Keynsham Abbey, maintained by volunteers from the Bristol History & Archaeology Society; visit Albert Mill, managed by its residents; and discover more about the town's Roman past with historical experts from across the region.

Visitors took part in guided walks with Keynsham Walkers are Welcome and Richard Dyson of Keynsham and Saltford Local Historical Society, and enjoyed the Hidden Heroes photography exhibition held at St John's Church with community group Snap and Stroll.

At St John's, visitors were able to climb the tower, listen to a bell-ringing demonstration and learn more about the history of the church and its grounds, while other venues, including the Baptist church and Methodist church, opened their doors throughout the festival.

The festival ended with an evening event showcasing Roman discoveries at



Displays at Albert Mill and Keynsham Abbey were among the attractions

Keynsham Cemetery, with talks delivered by staff from Keynsham Town Council, Roman Baths Heritage Services, Bath Conservation Architects, and Bath & Counties Archaeological Society.

The event provided an opportunity to showcase the people who volunteer throughout the year to preserve Keynsham's heritage.



Amanda Leonard, business and community engagement officer at Keynsham Town Council, said: "A huge thank-you goes to all the venues, volunteers, community groups and organisers who gave their time and knowledge to make the festival such a success."

The festival was organised as part of Heritage Open Days, the annual national celebration of history and heritage.

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■ KEYNSHAM COMMUNITY HUB

Friendship and support

KEYNSHAM Community Hub is inviting local residents to discover the wide range of activities taking place each week at its base in Queens Road.

The hub has become a welcoming meeting place for people of all ages, offering opportunities to make new friends, learn new skills and access support.

One of its most successful activities is the Code Club for children in Years 4 to 6. The club is currently full, with a waiting list, so the hub is seeking more adult volunteers to help run the sessions. No coding experience is needed – just an enthusiasm for working with children and helping them learn.

Every Tuesday from 12.30pm to 4.30pm, the Public Living Room welcomes anyone who would like to enjoy a light lunch, a cup of tea or coffee and good company. The drop-in is open to everyone and provides a warm, friendly place to meet others in the community.

The Craft Group meets on Wednesdays from 10am to 12 noon, bringing together people who enjoy crafts or would like to learn new skills.

On Wednesdays from 1.30pm to 3.30pm, the Women's Group allows women of all ages to get together, make friends and enjoy conversation over refreshments.

The hub also hosts Coffee Connection, in

partnership with Dorothy House, every Thursday from 10am to 12 noon. The group offers friendship and support for anyone affected by cancer or another life-limiting illness, whether personally, as a family member or carer.

For new mums, Breakfast and Babies takes place every Friday from 10am to 12 noon. The group is designed for mothers and babies aged 0-6 months, providing breakfast, conversation and the chance to meet other mums during those important first months of parenthood.

Later this autumn, the hub will also launch a new support group for women who have survived domestic abuse, providing a safe environment where women can share experiences and rebuild confidence.

Martin Burton, chair of Keynsham Community Hub, said: "We're proud that the hub is becoming a place where people of all ages can find friendship, support and opportunities to get involved."

"We also hire out our space to local groups. If you are thinking of creating a new group and want to test the waters, please get in touch to discuss your idea."

Anyone interested in joining one of the groups, volunteering, or finding out more about activities at Keynsham Community Hub can email hello@keynshamhub.co.uk

■ EVERGREENS

Choir returns for autumn season

THE first evening's entertainment of the Pensford Evergreens autumn programme was a return by the wonderful ladies' choir Westfield Voices.

As well as performing a wide variety of music, choir members recited poetry and comical readings - a great evening thoroughly enjoyed by all. The following week we made a day trip to Weymouth. Although cloudy, the day was warm and dry, and the fish-and-chip lunch was a treat.

Our September evening's entertainment included a visit by local singer Steve Wilcox and female vocalist Lynne. If you would care to join us at the Memorial Hall, Pensford, at 7pm on any Thursday evening, you would be warmly welcomed. The cost, including tea and biscuits, is £4.

On Monday November 9, we set off for a five-day, four-night 'tinsel and turkey' holiday to Blackpool. It will include daily excursions to the Lake District, Bury Market and Lytham St Annes, and a tour of the illuminations.

It costs £350 per person, and there are still one or two places available. For more information, call Heather on 01761 452092 or 07593 348 863.

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NEWS

Safety fears over bus stops on bypass

SAFETY fears have been raised over proposals for bus stops on the Keynsham Bypass.

Saltford & Keynsham Labour Party says that, although it supports the principle of investment in the A4 corridor, the scheme needs to place public transport and the needs of local residents at its centre.

In its response to the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) consultation on its A4 proposals, the party said: "We are particularly concerned that the proposed bypass bus stops and access through Memorial Park could create safety problems, particularly after dark, and that children could potentially gain direct access from the park to the bypass."

It called on WECA to review the proposed pedestrian access through the Memorial Park to the bypass on safety grounds, and to investigate Pool Barton, Unity Road and The Avenue as alternative bypass access points.

Independent councillor Alan Hale voiced similar concerns after attending a



A WECA image of the proposed path through the Memorial Park to the bypass

consultation meeting at the Fear Institute.

He said that when he asked how children would be prevented from entering the bypass through a gate from the park, a WECA representative told him that children could just as easily walk out of a shop on the High Street onto a road.

"I was amazed at the answer," said Cllr Hale, who represents Keynsham South on

Bath & North East Somerset Council.

"I also raised the issue of vulnerable people, young women and the elderly and vulnerable men as well, standing at a bus stop in the middle of nowhere and perhaps on their own. Again, there was a dismissive attitude to such dangers."

Cllr Hale said he was also concerned about the impact of new bus lanes to serve the bus stops, saying they would prompt potentially dangerous lane changes by drivers.

Saltford & Keynsham Labour Party, which has similar reservations about the bus lanes, wants WECA to install a genuinely segregated cycle route along the bypass with physical separation from motor traffic.

It also wants WECA to ensure that cycle routes remain continuous and clearly separated from pedestrian routes, particularly around St John's Church and existing crossings nearby.

The party said: "We want to see an A4 corridor that works for the people who live along it."

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When being together is always a pleasure.

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And whoever decides to stay close to the Lord
Will find there is no one can sever the cord.

Sylvia Kirby

KEYNSHAM AND SALTORD PROBUS CLUB

Close encounter with birds of prey

KEYNSHAM and Saltford Probus Club meets twice a month at Saltford Golf Club, once for an informal coffee morning and again for a lunch where a guest speaks to members.

We recently heard Mike Britton talk about 'The Swinging Sixties - Sex and Drugs and Rock and Roll.' Most entertaining!

The club also offers a programme of outings. During September we visited the Bird of Prey Project at Newton St Loe, where members

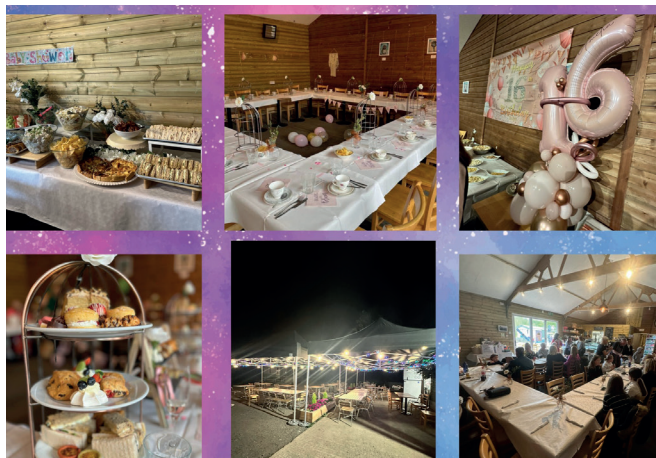


had the opportunity to 'fly a bird' and watch a demonstration of flying.

Our photo shows Owen Cole, our most senior member, with an owl.

Another group enjoyed a day visiting Sudeley Castle and we also look forward to a guided walk discovering 'Bath in the Blitz.'

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NEWS

Village shares its history

THE history of Corston village from Saxon times until the present day was displayed at a weekend heritage event in All Saints Church.

Photographs, documents, maps and albums were on display, as well as village censuses and old church registers.

One of the highlights was the display of the United Patriots Benefit Society banner, made for Corston by hand-painting on silk in 1901.

Cllr Duncan Hounsell, local B&NES ward councillor, said: "This was a wonderful event for Corston, showing Corston, its people, and its development over time. My appreciation to all involved."

Local historian and parish



councillor John Bravin said: "The local history weekend was a chance for the community to share the common history of the village and the church. The onus is on us to maintain our precious heritage for future generations."

● Pictured, John Bravin (left) and Cllr Duncan Hounsell with the historic banner.

KEYNSHAM WALKERS ARE WELCOME

Festival walkers take

KEYNSHAM Walkers are Welcome launched their walking festival with a history walk timed to coincide with the start of the town's Heritage Week events.

Forty-two walkers gathered at the Memorial Park bandstand on Friday September 11 before setting off shortly after 6pm, led by Richard Dyson from Keynsham & Salford Local History Society.

At intervals, Richard stopped to explain the history of nearby buildings and sites. A feature of Keynsham history is that many interesting sites have been lost, so imagination is required!

Our route took us through Bath Hill East car park, up to the New Inn, down through the park to Dapps Hill bridge and on to Temple Street. Points of interest included the former Green Dragon public house on Bath Hill, the Queen Victoria Jubilee fountain, The Ship and The Trout, and the clock tower, where walkers heard about buildings demolished in the 1960s.

Always of interest are the public conveniences that are buried

beneath the road junction. The walk finished by the banking hub, once the site of the last factory on the High Street, which manufactured eyelets for the boot and shoe industry.

● Eleven people joined the walk leader for a long circular walk on Saturday September 12, starting in Keynsham and taking in Chewton Keynsham, Burnett, Compton Dando, Woollard and Pensford.

Leaving Keynsham Memorial Park in good weather, the walkers followed the path south of the River Chew through Dapps Hill and Albert Mill, where Heritage Week activities were taking place.

The riverside route continued through Chewton Keynsham and the lower fields of Burnett to Compton Dando, where the group paused on the village green for a photo before passing through the grounds of 14th-century St Mary's Church and by the old mill mentioned in the 1086 Domesday Book.

After a steep climb through woodland towards Smallbrook Lane,



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a step back into our town's past



the walkers crossed pasture fields to Woollard Bell Farm Alpacas, where they stopped to watch the alpacas having lunch.

The route then passed through Woollard, along Mill Lane and over another section of the River Chew, before heading across fields to Lords Wood, Pensford, on the south-eastern edge of the Chew Valley.

From there the group emerged on Hunstrete Lane near Nutgrove

Farm, walked down lanes into Compton Dando and enjoyed a refreshment break at the Compton Inn. Rested, they returned by following the River Chew on the opposite bank through Chewton Keynsham and back to Keynsham.

● The festival's final walk on Sunday September 13 was again dedicated to Children in Need, with walkers invited to make a small donation. This year the event raised £172.

On a drizzly Sunday morning, 16 walkers met for a four-mile circular walk to the Lock and Weir pub in Hanham and back to Keynsham. Leaving Memorial Park, they walked to the Lock Keeper, entered the fields and followed the river opposite Somerdale. In the next field, a large and inquisitive cow had to be coaxed away from the gateway before the group could pass.

The walkers climbed a steep hill to a forest, continued through lanes and fields, and reached Hanham Court for a short photo stop. They then returned towards the river for refreshments at the Lock and Weir before following the river back to Keynsham.

Although the first half of the walk was largely dry, the second half was in continuous rain, leaving 16 very wet walkers and two very wet dogs at the finish.

Thank you to everyone who took part and donated, and to Keynsham Town Council for its grant towards the cost of organising the festival.

NEWS

Village fete raises £5,000



COMPTON Dando's fete, held in July, not only brought joy to the whole village but also raised £5,102.10.

This sum has been shared equally between Compton Dando Community Association, the village hall and St Mary's Church. The community association will use its share to fund village activities such as coffee mornings, the youth group and the board games club.

Pictured receiving cheques from the fete proceeds are Clive Howarth, on behalf of St Mary's Church, and Harriette Dottridge for the village hall.

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■ ADVERTISING FEATURE

What I've been doing on your behalf

Alan Hale, Independent councillor for Keynsham South, newsletter for April 1 to September 20

POTENTIAL housing developments and the alterations to the bypass have featured highly in my work during this period.

- Conveyed a resident's concerns to a highways officer about work on a residential road starting too early on the first day of resurfacing.
- Conducted a Points West TV news interview regarding the situation of our MP.
- Contacted B&NES officers about confusion over amended bus routes and lack of bus stops.
- After a protracted period involving a number of emails to B&NES, both from myself and a resident, we achieved a new disabled bay for her.
- Wrote to police and trading standards on behalf of a resident regarding his concerns over the two 'convenience stores' and the increasing presence of 'Turkish barbers' in the town. This followed television news reports regarding money laundering in parts of the country by such businesses.
- I wrote on behalf of a family to a neighbouring authority area supporting their wish to achieve a school place for their young daughter. Eventually this matter was resolved.
- Held a site meeting with the appropriate officer on the Park Estate regarding the wish of residents to remove a small section of double yellow lines. This is being taken forward.
- Sought advice of a highways officer on behalf of a senior citizen concerned that a dropped kerb might be sought and its location would adversely impact her situation.
- Contacted police on behalf of a resident of a new development where car owners were completely blocking pavements with their vehicles.
- Contacted police and Curo on behalf of a resident to try and resolve issues of obstruction.
- Attended a meeting with WECA and B&NES officers about the future of the bypass.
- Circulated details of a clean air consultation via four Facebook pages.
- Met with social service managers who were on strike because their conditions of service were



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'Service Before Politics'

being undermined and they had real fears for the future of their service to children. I then had a meeting with the director for the service.

- Wrote to WECA and B&NES regarding the absence of bus stops on the new 43 bus route. WECA put the responsibility on to B&NES so hopefully some resolution will be found. I wait to hear.
- Attended a meeting with senior highways officer regarding the outcomes of the change of speed limits - somewhat ironic as within the previous week or so a car ended up on its roof following a collision on the Queen Charlton crossroads. It must be difficult to turn your car over within a 30mph limit!
- Acted on behalf of a constituent seeking land where he might run his electric scale model buggy. I put him in touch with the right department.
- Collated some 30 reports of 'criminal damage tagging' and informed the graffiti team and the police.
- In the month up until June 24th, I sent 64 emails and dealt with 313 incoming emails. During that period, I had been away for five days holiday.
- Assisted a family dealing with significant issues and tried to get support through the council.
- Assisted a constituent by seeking advice about invasive plants in a neighbour's garden.
- Assisted constituents following an assault on a child by advocating successfully with the police to re-examine a crime they had basically written off.
- Advocated for a resident of Caernarvon Road about various issues.
- Collated responses about Curo service levels from social residents to take to a meeting with Curo's CEO.

- Advocated with the housing team for a family in a housing situation that was far from reasonable.
- Communicated with the parks department about the regularity of grass cutting on an area of the Federated Estate. Hopefully the problem has been resolved.
- Supported and spoke in favour of a motion to full council bemoaning the lack of NHS dentists in B&NES and asked the council to take action.

- Wrote to a housing association, police and environmental health on behalf of constituent about noise, fly tipping and drug use when children present.
- Contacted the council tax team on behalf of a constituent experiencing problems. An officer committed to calling her to offer help and advice.
- Attended a meeting between a constituent and a Curo manager.
- Attended three online meetings with WECA officers and, in company with a fellow councillor, we successfully achieved a change of the original WECA decision, so that they are now allowing the X1 to continue serving the constituency.
- Contacted council senior officers regarding the suicide dangers of the Station Road bridge over the bypass. This followed an incident when a constituent was involved in the successful prevention of a suicide from the bridge.
- Following a constituent's complaint and three emails from me to the council, I eventually got a response and an overgrown walkway on the Park Estate was cleared.
- Circulated via Facebook a council media release about the Memorial Park.
- Attended a meeting with Keynsham Dial-a-Ride together with Cllr Dave Biddleston.
- Responded to police about safety concerns regarding the illegal use of scooters and e-motorcycles on the Bristol to Bath railway path, as well as the footpath from Park Road near allotments through to St Clements Road. Council Connect also informed for cutback of hedgerow.
- Collated complaints about Curo and met Curo's chief operating officer. Some answers were achieved.
- Advocated with the local police superintendent on behalf of a constituent who had suffered a dog attack and the police follow-up has been awaited for some months. Weeks later I had to chase senior officers as nothing had happened.
- Attended a planning committee meeting in September to speak against the application to build on the green belt on Charlton Road. It was 'permitted' when five Bath Lib Dem councillors voted for it. I also provided a report and my speech on five Facebook pages.
- Attended the WECA 'consultation' at the Fear Institute. Made my views clear to the project manager and the First Bus reps.
- Gave an interview to Keynsham radio station about both the bypass and the now-permitted Persimmons development.
- Heard the good news that a family I had been advocating for had managed to convince B&NES that the school placements they wanted for their children should be granted.



Plans for the Keynsham Bypass and the lack of bus stops on the new 43 bus route have been among issues featured in the work of Councillor Alan Hale over the past six months

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NEWS

'Fry estate trees must be preserved'

SOMERDALE residents are calling for greater care and professional maintenance of the trees forming the entrance to the Fry estate in Keynsham, saying they are an important part of the town's heritage, wildlife and community identity.

The avenue of mature trees has been a familiar feature for generations. Residents say they were historically maintained professionally and regularly, keeping them at a manageable size while preserving their character.

Chandos Road resident Denise Bruton, who has lived in the area for 50 years, said: "They are the symbol of the Fry estate and they are beautiful. They used to be looked after every year professionally and were half the size they are now. We're losing them and we must not lose more just because they are hard to look after."

There are also concerns about the condition of some of the trees from residents who live immediately next to them.

Titus Road resident Sydney Woodman said there is already a dead tree and that others have been removed.

"We must preserve these beautiful trees and they are a major asset to the community. I see no maintenance to our trees. Five or six years ago was the last time I saw proper



Labour Group spokesman Martin Burton

work. They only monitor and then do nothing."

His wife, Mary Woodman, highlighted the importance of the trees to local wildlife.

She said: "The wildlife is phenomenal because of our trees. Baby birds are everywhere and the sky is full of bird song. It's absolutely essential for the trees to be properly maintained."

Residents approached Taylor Wimpey with concerns about the trees' condition and apparent lack of regular maintenance. GreenSquare Accord, which is responsible for public open-space operations, subsequently explained that the trees are inspected and that many of the mature horse chestnuts are protected by Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs).

GreenSquare has told residents that deadwood removal and ivy management can be undertaken with notification to Bath & North East Somerset Council, but that more substantial work, such as crown reductions, requires a formal planning application.

GreenSquare submitted a planning application for such work to B&NES in July and it was approved last month.

Labour Group spokesman Martin Burton said: "TPOs should not become a reason for trees to be left until they become unsafe or require removal. Their purpose should be to protect valuable trees while allowing appropriate professional management where necessary."

"Residents aren't asking for them to be removed or drastically altered. They are asking for proper, professional arboricultural management that allows them to remain healthy, safe and beautiful."

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■ CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

Brace yourselves for El Niño

THE lengthening evenings and autumnal colours are dulling our memories of this summer's horrible heat, droughts and wildfires. But it was nothing like as bad as what's coming for many regions around the world this autumn and winter, thanks to what's being described as a 'super-sized El Niño.'

Already, the temperature in the Pacific Ocean has reached over 3C, an ominous record with forecasts predicting an unprecedented 4C peak. Scientists say this "mind-blowing" event is the largest we've seen in a thousand years and could lead to the loss of over 450,000 lives.

El Niño occurs naturally, and regularly, whenever the Pacific ocean's waters heat, and causes a series of weather-related impacts around the world. El Niño amplifies the effects of climate change, driving global temperatures even higher. But recent research has shown that climate change can also strengthen an El Niño.

In normal times, the UK isn't likely to experience first-hand the droughts, floods, storms and other extremes that Asia, South America, some parts of Africa and the west Pacific are facing.

But because it's stronger than we've ever previously observed, scientists think we may experience more storms in autumn and early winter, followed by a sudden drop in temperature in later winter.

We'll feel it in other ways too. El Niño will disrupt food harvests, so prices for things like rice, cocoa and coffee will go up. Where harvests fail, food insecurity causes conflict, disease and migration. Changing weather patterns may drive up demand for gas and oil. Ultimately, harvest disruptions, drought and rising energy demand are likely to have a devastating effect on the global economy, peace and security.

It's hard to find the positive in this. But having the scientific evidence, knowing the size of the beast, at least can help us prepare for it and reduce the risks. Community and household resilience are key, and so is government action at national and global levels. Every fraction of a degree of global heating that we can prevent will reduce the ferocity of future El Niños, but time is running out.

Elizabeth Willitts

■ CHURCH NEWS

Church celebrates the life and legacy of St Francis

ST Francis Church is inviting the people of Keynsham to join in a weekend of celebrations marking the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi.

The church on Warwick Road will host a series of events over two weekends, celebrating the life and legacy of a saint renowned for his love of nature, his commitment to peace and his care for those in need.

The celebrations begin on Saturday October 3 with a patronal meal at 6pm, offering a choice of meat or vegetarian dishes. Tickets cost £5 for adults, with children attending free. If you would like to attend, contact the Keynsham Parish Office by emailing office@keynshamparish.org.uk

On Sunday October 4, the church's 9.30am Celtic Service will explore the spirituality and wisdom of St Francis, reflecting on his message of caring for creation and living simply.

Later that morning, at 10.30am, St Francis Church will take worship into the community with an informal service at The Charlton pub. Organisers hope the relaxed setting will encourage people who may never have been to church before to come along and find out more. The day will conclude with a lively Praise Service at 6pm, led by the parish worship band.

Families are also invited to a special Bubble Church on Sunday October 11 at 9.30am. Aimed at young children and their families, the service will include puppets, singing and stories about St Francis, with wolves, birds and sheep helping to bring his story to life.

Everyone is welcome at the events, whether they are regular churchgoers, returning to church after many years, or simply curious to find out more.

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NEWS

Climate crisis film screening

THE film *The People's Emergency Briefing*, focusing on the climate and nature crisis, will be screened at The Space, above Keynsham Library, on October 12.

The 45-minute documentary is being shown jointly by Keynsham Town Council and Keynsham Filmworks. Doors open at 6.30pm. At 7pm there will be a presentation/introduction by Kevin Stephens. There will also be time for a discussion after the film.

The showing is part of Keynsham GreenScreen, a collection of films in response to the environmental and climate crisis. There will be two more films shown in the coming months. Visit www.keynshamfilmworks.co.uk/keynsham-green-screen/ for details.

Shine Night Walk

SEVEN staff members from Hays Travel in Keynsham will take part in the Shine Night Walk on Friday October 9.

They will step out on the 10K route in the centre of Bristol to raise money for Cancer Research UK. Each staff member has their own link for donations. One such link can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/3ea64uwp>

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



Pip Lovell

Youth Leader
at Keynsham
Parish and
Chaplain for
Futura Trust

When things do look a bit gloomy for us, what can we use to bring back that spark?

MY thoughts for this month naturally turned to the change in season. The days are shorter and darker. It's a bit more gloomy and the weather is not as nice. So it got me thinking, how do we bring light to this darker part of the year?

Physically we might have twinkle lights, candles, Halloween pumpkins on the doorstep, torches, lanterns or, if you're lucky, a nice cozy fire to sit by.

Other ways we might make the season brighter is by taking that first sip of seasonal coffee or hot chocolate, using warm blankets, cozy boots and big jumpers, getting that perfect secondhand find in a charity shop or old book shop, and family walks collecting leaves of all the different colours you can find. These are just a few things that bring back a spark of hope and joy in a gloomy season.

Sometimes that change in season can be something that happens or changes in our own lives. This may take our physical or mental health to a darker place than we'd like. And that's ok - life is full of ups and downs and we don't need to be happy 24/7. But when things do look a bit

gloomy for us, what can we use to bring back that spark?

Connection is an important one. Connection to a favourite hobby. Connection to ourselves through things we enjoy. Connection to our family, friends or others over a shared cup or meal. Connection to something bigger than ourselves through being in nature, volunteering for others, or being part of a wider faith community. Connection to a "village" is what really helps me through the change of becoming a mum. These are just a few examples, but have a think, what works for you? What do you have in place to bring the spark of joy and hope back in through a dark season?

Take some time to pause and think. Make a change if you need to. But make sure you have a way to bring light to your darkness. Think of trusted people who can help you through. And maybe, in this season, give the source of light a try, for "In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:4-5)

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NEWS

Kelly is school's new head

PUPILS at Castle Primary School in Keynsham have been welcomed by a new headteacher, but a familiar face, as Kelly Sessions takes on the role to lead the school.

Kelly has been deputy headteacher at the school since September 2020 and was part of the team that turned it from an Ofsted judgment of Requires Improvement, to Good with Outstanding Elements in 2023. Kelly was co-headteacher alongside Chris Cannings last academic year.

Kelly said: "I am excited to be taking on the role of headteacher at a school I know and love. Having previously been deputy and co-head last year, I know the hard work that takes place every day to ensure Castle is a great school.

"I am looking forward to continue to work with our whole school community to build on this success, embrace new opportunities and ensure our pupils continue to Thrive and Learn."

Kelly will be replacing Chris Cannings, who led the school for eight years. He has been appointed director of school improvement for The Partnership Trust, the multi-academy trust to which Castle belongs. His new role will involve working across the 17 primary, first and special schools in the trust, based in Radstock.

Emily Massey, CEO of The Partnership Trust said: "Kelly has played a key role in



guiding the school through a period of growth and success, and I am delighted that she will now lead Castle into its next chapter."

The cult of the warrior bishop

A PROJECT about a warrior bishop has earned Keynsham resident Andy Williams a masters degree from the University of Exeter.

His thesis was titled "Bishop Heahmund, His Cult and the Monastic Foundation at Keynsham".

Bishop Heahmund was a warrior bishop who died in a battle in Wiltshire in 871 and was subsequently buried at the minster in Keynsham.

Andy, who achieved a Masters by Research in History for his thesis, has been researching the project over the last three years and this involved tracking down and reading many ancient documents and manuscripts.

He is a member of the committee of the Keynsham and Saltford Local History Society.

Andy said he was pleased to be able to add to our knowledge of the Anglo-Saxon period in Keynsham, as little work has been done on this previously. He hopes to raise awareness of Bishop Heahmund and intends to prepare an information board for display in the Memorial Park.

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Jennifer Niven

If you enjoyed *Lessons in Chemistry*, this may be the book for you. For the last 20 years Del and Dinah Newman and their sons Guy and Shep have been America's favourite family. TV viewers watch the Newman family cook dinner, deal with high school issues and have family arguments.

But the Swinging Sixties are fast approaching - are the Newmans a bit old fashioned? Ratings are sliding and the Newmans are spiralling, with secrets of their own. Then Del has a mysterious car accident, and Dinah decides to take matters into her own hands. She hires a young, hip reporter, Juliet Dunne, to write a final episode. Cultures clash and questions are raised about what it means to be a woman and a family in the 1960s. Will the last episode go out?

This is a thoughtful book, especially in its portrayal of women in this time, and you are really rooting for Dinah.

Dracula

Bram Stoker

A classic horror story for Halloween, written in 1897 and full of gothic eastern European descriptions.

Jonathan Harker travels to Dracula's castle in Transylvania and meets the sinister count, who has many secrets. Then there is

Dracula's voyage to England and the magical description of the count's coffin arriving in Whitby. Professor Van Helsing is enlisted to prevent the count from spreading his curse. It's the original vampire novel that inspired hundreds of books and films. Enjoy!

Adult Non-Fiction

Empire of the Elite

Michael M. Grybaum

I saw this book in Bristol Central Library. As I read the first few pages, I was hooked and had to borrow it. It is a rollicking ride, from the 1950s to the early 2000s, through USA publishing house Conde Nast, whose magazine titles include *Vogue*, *GQ* and *Vanity Fair*.

This book explains the publishing house's cut-throat origins, its meteoric rise, especially in the 1980-90s as a style bible for millions, to the beginning of the online world, when sales started to fall.

Famous names regularly pop up, including powerhouse editors Tina Brown and Anna Wintour, models such as Kate Moss, designers like Versace, Hollywood stars, and even Donald Trump.

There are wild parties and excessive company spending before things start to crumble with the internet and social media. It is the story behind *The Devil Wears Prada* - well written and a fascinating story.

Children's Fiction

Little Badman and the Rise of the Punjabi Zombies

Humza Arshad and Henry White

Here's a fun book for Halloween, full of horrible zombies - well, not so scary really. Humza is a little rapper/hero/samosa-eater who has just started big school, which is not what he expected. Then life gets weird. There is an ancient magical orb plus a zombie uprising, and Humza's dad is even madder with him than usual. Can Humza and his friends save the world from destruction? Read on and find out. This is a cracker of a book, well written and really funny.

Witch Watch

Sibéal Pounder

Welcome to the world of Sinkville, the witchy Ritzy City and our heroine Tiga Whicabim. Tiga is over the moon about learning the name of her missing mother and now she must search for her in Silver City.

But strange things start to happen. Weird colours come back into the black-and-white world of Sinkville, including a horrible orange dress her old guardian, Miss Hecks, starts to wear. Can Tiga find out what is going on or will evil Celia Crayfish stand in her way? A delightful series about a community of witches who get up to some witchy adventures.

Jonathan the Magic Pony

Stuart Heritage and Nicola Slater

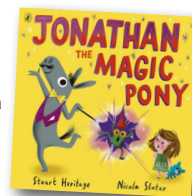
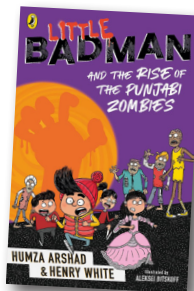
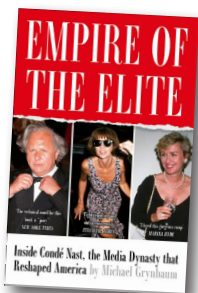
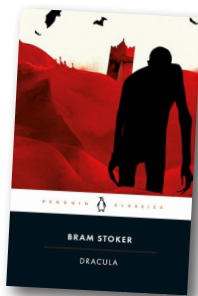
A magical picture book for the under-4s. Jonathan is a very special pony - he is a magician. With a wave of his wand, things disappear with a BOOMF! But don't worry, with another wave of the wand they reappear. However, when he makes Sarah's bear disappear, the trick goes horribly wrong, and when they try to get the bear back, chaos reigns.

Library news

2026 is the national Year of Reading. Look out in all local libraries for some exciting displays and great book suggestions.

As always there is so much going on in all our libraries, and it's all free. So drop in and see what's on offer. Tuesday 9.30-10am and 10.30am-11am term time only, 0-5 years, for families with children, sing along at Baby Bounce and Rhyme, or get comfy whilst listening to stories at our ever-popular Storytime, Thursday at 10.30am, at Keynsham Library - term time only and for 0-4 years.

Joining the library costs nothing, so pop in or visit www.librarieswest.org.uk to also access thousands of eBooks.



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Intriguing talks about the past

PENSFORD Local History Group's series of autumn talks starts this month.

On Monday October 5, Garry Atterton will give a talk on the wartime stories of Jewish refugees from Vienna and their links with Bristol. This will be followed on Monday November 2 by a presentation on the Commonwealth war graves of Somerset by Richard Cooper-Knight. On Monday December 7,

Dave Chapple will talk about the 1926 General Strike and miners' lockout in the Somerset coalfield.

All the talks will be held at Pensford Memorial Hall (BS39 4HW). They start at 7.30pm and last about an hour. Entry including refreshments is £3 (cash only). Everyone is welcome and there is no need to book. For more information, please email pensfordhistorygroup@gmail.com

NEWS

Energy firm wins appeal over solar farm

A SOLAR farm can be built on green-belt land in Burnett, a planning inspector has ruled.

Conrad Energy (Developments) II Ltd submitted a planning application to develop the 70-acre site in Middle Piece Lane in 2024.

The plan was met with objections from nearby residents who believed the landscape would be “blighted with an industrial-scale eyesore”, although some supported the renewable energy project.

The company told B&NES Council’s planning committee in September last year that the scheme was a “direct response” to the council’s climate emergency declaration, made in 2019. But the committee voted to refuse permission on the grounds of inappropriate development in the green belt, significant harm to the landscape, and adverse visual impacts.

The applicant then appealed against the decision. And now a planning inspector appointed by the Secretary of State has ruled in its favour.

The inspector said that the four large fields comprising the site were lower grade agricultural land. Although they were in the green belt, they could be considered grey-belt land, meaning that they lacked a strong role in protecting the countryside.

Having visited the site, the inspector said



Conrad Energy says the Burnett solar farm will be grazed by sheep to help enhance the establishment of a wildflower meadow

Image: Conrad Energy (Developments) II Ltd

that the solar farm and its infrastructure would have a “significant adverse effect on the character and appearance of the local landscape”.

It would also adversely affect the rural backdrop of nearby listed buildings, such as the Grade II-listed Manor House, dating from the 17th century, and the Church of St Michael, originating from the 13th century.

However, these factors had to be balanced against the benefits of a renewable energy project that would generate up to 22 GWh of clean electricity annually, equivalent

to meeting the needs of around 5,574 households.

The development would also help to enhance energy security through the provision of a secure, diversified and decentralised source of renewable energy, consistent with national policy objectives. This was of particular importance as the energy sector moved away from fossil fuels and responded to increasing demand.

The solar farm would also bring ecological and landscape enhancements to the site through biodiversity net gain (BNG) of 54% of habitat, 12.95% of hedgerows and 19.88% of watercourse units.

The inspector concluded: “Taken together, these considerations weigh substantially in favour of the proposal and offset the harm and weight I have given to the proposal’s effects on the setting of listed buildings and local character and appearance, as well as the associated conflict with the development plan. Accordingly, the proposal is judged to be acceptable, having regard to the material considerations.”

The inspector imposed several conditions, including that the solar farm should operate for no more than 40 years, after which the land should be restored to its previous condition.



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Fields at risk from housing tsunami

The Labour Government's housing tsunami has hit the Saltford shores

The proposed number of new dwellings at Saltford in the next Local Plan period up to 2043 is around 1,300. This represents about a 75% increase to the size of Saltford in that time.

The government doubled the housing target for B&NES and the method for calculation is based on the relative price of properties compared to local wages.

North East Somerset is not being asked to take any shortfall that follows from Bath's world heritage status and the protection to its green setting. However, the government calculation is that there should be about 14,000 new dwellings for the North East Somerset area in the plan period.

Moreover, government planning reforms put every green field adjacent to a village at risk of development. These fields are being described as "grey belt". With green belt, you knew if you were in it or not because it was map-based. Grey-belt is defined by criteria not geography. The criteria do not protect villages in the same way that green belt used to.

B&NES cannot currently demonstrate a five-year housing land supply so the government insists there has to be the "tilted balance" applied to planning applications in favour of development unless the harms are very significant. Planning rules set a high bar to refuse any large-scale planning application.

A public consultation follows the publication of the draft Local Plan and I urge everyone to take part. The consultation has to be about whether the draft Local Plan is "sound" in that it follows national planning policy but, of course, national planning policy is to build substantially more houses.

If the draft Local Plan was abandoned and if individual planning applications are resisted, developers would likely get planning permission anyway on appeal with little or no control on quality or impact.

There are some advantages to new housing but this must not be at the expense of Saltford's character. The numbers proposed are very high and I do not support the draft Local Plan for Saltford as it stands.

WECA is the authority that is responsible for strategic transport. The draft Local Plan is not

sound if the necessary transport infrastructure is not in place early in the plan period.

Wise heads are needed to steer Saltford through this rocky period ahead.

Councillor Duncan Hounsell, B&NES, Saltford ward

Heritage status is not an excuse

B&NES Council's draft Local Plan proposes around 22,000 new homes. Around 73% of them are outside Bath, with approximately 8,900 concentrated along the Bristol-to-Bath corridor, including Keynsham, Saltford, Hicks Gate and Whitchurch.

That distribution needs far more scrutiny. We are often told by the council that Bath's World Heritage status limits where development can go. But World Heritage status does not mean Bath cannot build new homes.

UNESCO itself has previously concluded that major development in Bath can go ahead without harming the city's Outstanding Universal Value or integrity. In other words, development does not automatically threaten Bath's World Heritage status.

Then there is transport. The recent consultation on proposals for the Keynsham Bypass asked residents to choose between "very positive change", "slightly positive change", "no positive change" and "no opinion". There was no equivalent option to say a proposal would have a negative impact.

Saltford Parish Council formally raised concerns about this, questioning whether such a questionnaire could accurately measure opposition and saying it would consider a formal complaint.

With thousands of new homes proposed around Keynsham and Saltford, residents deserve transparent consultation, proper infrastructure and a genuinely fair debate about where development should go, rather than seemingly prioritising Bath.

Leo Pargeter, chairman, North East Somerset & Hanham Conservatives

Redirect the X39 through the town

I recently viewed the display re the proposed changes by the West of England Combined Authority to Keynsham town centre and Keynsham Bypass. I think, along with most of those who attended, there was an air of disbelief.

The main proposal centres

round the provision of a bus stop on each side of the bypass for people to access the X39 bus. There was nothing on the display to indicate how many people were likely to use this facility and so I asked.

The representatives from First Bus did not know, as they had not been consulted. However, a person from the mayor's office advised me 600 per day i.e. 300 absolute maximum each way.

Buses will run every 15 minutes during the week from Bristol to Bath from 5.30 to 19.40 and Bath to Bristol from 6.15 to 21.45. I reckon this is about 40 bus journeys in each direction to pick up 300 passengers.

I asked the folk from First Bus if they could redirect the X39 through Keynsham and they agreed they could, but they would require some revenue grant money. When I put this to the mayoral staff, I was told their funding was capital funding and could not be used for revenue purposes. This illustrates what is wrong with financial management in the public sector!

Whilst suggesting that buses be re-routed through Keynsham, I appreciate that some folk who travel the route might want the journey to be as short as possible and would not welcome an extra 15/20 minutes with a Keynsham stop.

The solution is simple - alternate the journeys, one along the bypass, the next through Keynsham. At least give this idea a try before spending millions of pounds on an unwanted project.

The attitude of mayoral staff is summed up by the statement on each of the display boards which reads "Funded by HM Government". I pointed out that it should read "Funded by HM Taxpayer".

The whole project is a shambles and misappropriation of public funds.

Mike Barrow

Why bother with this 'consultation'?

Very much on the basis of "why bother, we've been here before" I did go online to register my disgust at the proposed alteration to the Keynsham bypass.

Was it worth it my effort? I very much doubt it. Nowhere in the tick box section was there anywhere one could tick on "bad idea", "disapprove", "won't work" etc. The worst box appeared to be "make no difference". It's only at the very end where there is space for a personal opinion that one can comment

on what a completely stupid idea this is.

My thoughts are that when this goes ahead, as it no doubt will, WECA will be able to say, almost truthfully, that they did a consultation and no one disagreed. Am I being excessively cynical?

Jan Brown

Bypass would no longer be a bypass

In last month's *Voice*, BANES councillor George Leach (Lib Dem, Keynsham North) said he supported the suggested cycle lane along the bypass, but he felt it was incredible to put a bus stop and a crossing in the middle of a bypass. Instead, just reroute the X39 through Keynsham. He is so correct. Please listen to him.

People and fast-moving traffic do not mix, hence the proposal to reduce the speed limit to 40mph. The purpose of a bypass is to speed traffic along; it would no longer be a bypass.

The X39 should be routed through Keynsham or, as previously suggested, two of the four buses per hour should be routed to collect travellers from Keynsham.

As for the 1.2 km proposed bus lane from Broadmead roundabout to Copse Road, what precisely is the purpose? The road is not even wide enough for cars - how could we possibly have a dedicated bus lane?

Brenda Barrington, Saltford

Horried by lack of traffic survey

I was interested to read your article on the plans for the A4 and in particular the Keynsham Bypass. I have responded to the consultation and have also put in a Freedom of Information (FOI) request to the West of England Combined Authority (WECA).

I was horrified to find that WECA has put forward the plans without carrying out any sample survey of the traffic on the A4 e.g. where people are coming from, going to, and why. This would give an idea as to whether they might change to using a bus or if it is simply impractical. There has also been no survey to determine the likely usage of the proposed bus stops on the bypass.

In my response to the consultation, I pointed out that bus passengers coming into town from either side are unlikely to get off, walk through the park, and stand by the noisy A4 to get on the X39 or back on another Bristol-bound bus (likewise in reverse to get

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home). It is also unlikely for travel towards Bath, even though the current service from the High Street is less frequent.

It is absurd that so much money will be spent, and interim traffic chaos caused, by the planned changes on the bypass, in Saltford, on Bath Hill and in Bath. If only WECA, or the local councils had been given that money for much-needed social housing!

Nigel Long

New bus lanes pose a safety risk

I recently attended one the consultation events about the proposed "improvements" to the Keynsham Bypass. It was well attended and from my observations the majority present were not in favour of installing bus stops on the bypass.

There is in my view merit in some of the other proposals e.g. upgrading the existing bus stops. On questioning the various organisation representatives I established that the 200-metre bus lane is reserved for buses only. This led me to conclude that other vehicles would have to be

in or move into the outside lane, a manoeuvre that is both risky and will need to be carried out in good time, so in effect extending each of the bus lanes considerably.

I also established that First Bus could divert the X39, or at least some of them, through the town centre but at a cost and adding further complications to the timetables, but nevertheless achievable.

It would seem more sensible to bring the buses closer to where people live or can easily access them and the bypass proposal meets neither of these criteria.

Keynsham now have much improved bus services, all of which at some point travel close to or along the High Street. Adding rerouted X39 buses into that mix will open up more options for onward travel into Bath and Bristol from the town centre. Linking with the K1 and K2 would also be much easier, which might encourage people to use public transport more often and avoid wasting money on an ill-conceived proposal.

The WECA mayor has said she has listened to the residents and acted accordingly. If, as many

suspect, the bypass proposal is not supported, will she listen again, scrap it and divert taxpayer funds to more worthwhile projects?

Brian Withyman

The case for bus stops on the bypass

I am motivated to write in favour of the bus stops on the bypass for the X39 and yes I have filled in the WECA consultation both times I have been asked.

This bus route is a fast route into Bristol or Bath - going via Keynsham High Street would slow it down considerably and make people less likely to use it. I use it every time I go to Bristol or Bath, mainly for entertainment or to see family, and like many pensioners I could not cycle all that way. But I am happy to leave my car behind, thereby reducing traffic queues on the A4 for those who have to or prefer to use their cars. This bus route is well used and fairly frequent.

I was in favour of taking a small piece of the Memorial Park so the bus stop would not interrupt the flow of traffic but this has been shelved, presumably because too

many people objected to it? It is a great idea to be able to take the bus and get off right by the beautiful Memorial Park for anyone - but especially families with buggies or any mobility issues.

Reducing speeds at the two big roundabouts, Hicks Gate and Broadmead, are also reasonable measures. There have been two nasty crashes this year, one where a car ended up on the central reservation through people driving too fast over Broadmead roundabout. Pedestrians (or cyclists) wanting to cross four lanes to reach the retail outlets at the latter, which are due to be expanded soon, will be very grateful for the new crossings.

At Keynsham High Street roundabout, I recently tried to cross on foot from St John's Church via the traffic islands by the roundabout with a five-year-old and a toddler and it was difficult, to put it mildly. Yes there is a zebra crossing further down Station Road but why should pedestrians have to travel further than people travelling by car?

Politicians are respecting my opinions by proposing these ideas.

Ruth Cole, Keynsham resident



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■ WHAT'S ON

Friday October 2

■ Keynsham RUHX Fundraising Group meets at Keynsham Library (ground floor by Pam's Pantry), 10am-2pm on the first Friday of the month. Free refreshments, chat and a chance to discuss future events and plans. Please drop in, everyone is welcome. All help gratefully received. No financial or time obligations/commitments necessary.



Monday October 5

■ Pensford Local History Group talk, 'War time stories of Jewish refugees from Vienna and the links with Bristol, speaker Garry Atterton, 7.30pm, Pensford Memorial Hall (BS39 4HW) 7.30pm. The talk lasts about an hour. Attendance including refreshments is £3 (cash only). All welcome, no need to book. For more information, email pensfordhistorygroup@gmail.com.

Monday October 9

■ "It's Time to Talk Eels" wildlife talk with the Somerset Eel Recovery Project. Keynsham Baptist Church Hall, BS31 1DS at 7.30pm. Entrance £3.50 for Avon Wildlife Trust members, £5 for non-members, includes refreshments served at 7.15pm. All welcome, no booking required.

Saturday October 17

■ Farmborough Craft & Gift Fayre, Memorial Hall, BA2 0AH. 10.30am-3pm, entry £1, children free. Wide range of gifts, refreshments throughout the day.

Sunday October 18

■ Flea market at Saltford Hall to raise funds for Saltford Community Association. 10am-1pm. Plenty of stalls selling goods including household items, garage and attic clearance, collectables, and crafts etc. The cafe will be open selling its popular bacon butties and home-made cakes. For further information or to reserve a table, please phone Angela on 0117 9831314.

Monday October 19

■ Messy Church at Keynsham Methodist Church, Queens Road, BS31 2NN, 3.15pm-5.15pm, with our usual mix of craft activities, Bible story, songs, food and fun. All are welcome, book your place with the church office on 0117 9149408 or email bookings@keynshammethodistchurch.co.uk.

We would love to publicise your event

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Friday Oct 23 & Sat Oct 31

■ CAMEO, Keynsham Methodist Church group for people living alone, tea and chat at Victoria Centre, High Street, 2.30pm.

Tuesday October 27

■ Saltford and Keynsham Flower Club meets in Saltford Hall at 2pm for Candles and Baubles, where we have a go at arrangements for the Christmas table or other special occasions. Non-members welcome, entrance £8. Sales table, tea & coffee, and raffle.

Saturday October 31

■ A talk by Rev. Mike Leaves, "William Tyndale and the English Bible", Saltford Community Church, Norman Road, Saltford, 7.30pm. Refreshments provided. All welcome.

Monday November 2

■ Pensford Local History Group talk, 'Death and Service: The Commonwealth War Graves of Somerset', speaker Richard Cooper-Knight, 7.30pm, Pensford Memorial Hall (BS39 4HW) 7.30pm. The talk lasts about an hour. Attendance including refreshments is £3 (cash only). All welcome, no need to book. For more information, email pensfordhistorygroup@gmail.com

REGULAR EVENTS

Mondays

■ Line dance club Dance By-Line meets at Fear Hall, Keynsham, on Mondays, 7pm to 8.30pm.

■ The Royal British Legion Women's Section Keynsham Branch meets on the first Monday of each month upstairs at the RBL Club,

Charlton Road, Keynsham, BS31 2JA, 7.30pm. Occasional speakers, social events and outings.

■ Saltford Whist Club, Saltford Hall. Monday afternoons 1.30pm-4pm. Contact Malcolm 01225 872555.

■ Keynsham Bridge Club can now welcome new experienced players to our Monday evening sessions. Contact Pat 07442 160553 or Diane 0117 9861267.

■ Children's Code Club (Years 4-6), Keynsham Community Hub, 67 Queens Road. Create games and animations, 4.30pm-5.30pm.

■ Key Voices Community Choir meets Mondays at 7.30pm at St. Dunstan's Church Hall, BS31 2BQ (or third Monday of month at Royal British Legion). We sing a wide range of music, with occasional performances and social events. Friendly non-auditioned choir, all are welcome. First session free.

■ Keynsham Brass Band, Broadlands School, St Francis Road, 7.30pm to 9.30pm term time. Trombonists particularly needed for traditional brass band. Friendly group who play at summer fetes in Keynsham Memorial Park and a few concerts. Call Sarah Medley on 0117 4625626 or email sarah.medley1@btinternet.com, or see the Facebook page or webpage (Keynsham Brass Band).

■ Key Ring, Key Centre, Charlton Road, Keynsham, 2.30pm to 4pm.

Mondays/Tuesdays

■ Seated Pilates class

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Mondays/Weds/Thursdays

■ The Victoria Centre of the Methodist Church in Keynsham High Street is open from 10am to 12 noon for coffee, biscuits and a chat. A great place to meet people. We have a children's area for play, and a book and card sale table. Come and join us, all are welcome.

Mondays/Thursdays

■ Yoga For Men

Monday 7-8pm and Thursday 7.30-8.30pm. Mixed ability. Two Rivers School, Hygge Park, BS31 1GE. Free 1st class, £9 thereafter. Loyalty card. Book online. Pay on the night - cash or contactless.
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Mondays/Thurs/Fridays

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Thursday 7pm (intermediate)
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St Francis Church, Warwick Rd, Keynsham.
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1:1 sessions also available at my studio in Saltford
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Mondays/Fridays

■ Butterflies Haven, charity for families of children with autism, sessions Monday 6.30pm-8.30pm for our older 11-18 year olds and Friday 5.30pm-7.30pm for our 4-11 year olds. Sessions are held at St Francis Church, Keynsham. A safe space for children to be themselves supported by volunteers. To join Butterflies Haven and get two taster sessions, complete the application form on www.butterflies-haven.com

Tuesdays

■ Little Blessings runs on a Tuesday morning from 10.30am to 12pm (term time) at St Mary's Church Hall in Saltford. For parents/carers with babies aged up to one years old.

■ St Keyna Townswomen's Guild meets at the Fear Hall, Keynsham, from 10am to 12pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Contact Jill on 07446915414.

WHAT'S ON

■ Chew Valley Choral Society rehearsals for 'Messiah', 7.30pm, Bishop Sutton Village Hall, Wick Road, Bishop Sutton, BS39 5XQ. Performance will be on November 28 in St John's Church, Keynsham. Details www.chewvalleychoral.org.uk/sing-messiah.

■ Keynsham Mencap football for people aged 16 and over with a learning disability, every Tuesday 7pm-8.30pm at Broadlands Academy, St Francis Road, Keynsham, BS31 2DY. Contact laura@keynshammencap.org.uk.

■ Welsh conversation group, The Old Manor House, Bristol Road, Keynsham, 7pm-8.30pm, third Tuesday of the month - October 20, November 17, December 15. Free to attend. Organiser Catherine Dhanjal. Call Catherine on 07941669925 or follow <https://www.facebook.com/CymraegBrysteCaerfaddon>.

■ Badminton - friendly, beginners and improvers, mixed, adult (18 - 80) group play every Tuesday 10am-12 noon at Keynsham Leisure Centre. Ring Clive 0117 9866793 or just turn up.

■ Keynsham Orchestra rehearsals, Queen's Road Methodist Church Hall, 7.30pm-9.30pm, school term time. For more information, visit www.keynshamorchestra.org.uk/

■ Keynsham Sequence Dance Club, 7.30pm-10pm, Fear Hall, Keynsham, every Tuesday. Contact Brian and Jo, Keynsham Sequence Dance Club, on 0117 9868540, or just turn up. Everyone welcome.

■ Public Living Room, Keynsham Community Hub, 67 Queens Road. An open space to relax, keep warm, have a lunch, and meet other people. 12.30pm-4pm.

■ Ladies group meets on alternate Tuesdays (October 6 & 20) at Keynsham Methodist Church, Queens Road, BS31 2NN, 2.30pm-4pm. Please check <https://www.keynshammethodistchurch.co.uk/calendar/> for upcoming dates.

■ Craft group meets on alternate Tuesdays (October 13 & 27) in the Fellowship Room, Key Centre, Charlton Road, Keynsham, 2pm-4pm. All welcome.

■ Keynsham Girls' Brigade for girls aged 4 to 15 meet during term time, 6pm-7pm, at the Key Centre, Charlton Road, Keynsham. For more details, contact Linda on lindachrisp@hotmail.com.

■ Scrabble Club, Keynsham Community Hub, 67 Queens Road, 2pm-4pm.

■ Saltford Village Choir practises for its Christmas Blessings concert on Tuesdays 7.30pm, Wansdyke Room, Saltford Hall. Non-members welcome to give us a try.

Tuesdays/Weds/Thurs/ Sat

■ The Somerdale Shed and Community Garden is open Tuesday 6.30pm-9pm, Wednesday 9.30am to midday, Thursdays 9.30am-12pm, and Saturday 9.30am-12pm.

Tuesdays/Thursdays

■ Play & Shine - for children aged 0-5 years with a learning disability, emerging needs or would benefit from a small group. Tuesdays and Thursdays (term-time only) 9.30am-11.30am, Queen's Road Methodist Church, Keynsham BS31 2NN. Contact molly@keynshammencap.org.uk for more info.

Tuesdays/Sundays

■ Indoor rowing classes Tues 7pm & Sun 10.15am, Saltford Rowing Centre, Bath Road, Saltford, BS31 3JS. Go Row Indoor exercise class caters for people of all ages and levels of fitness. Classes last 45-60 minutes using rowing machines. First class free, then £5 (or £18 pm). Email gorowindoor@avoncountyrrowingclub.org. uk to book. More details <http://avoncountyrrowingclub.org.uk/>

Wednesdays

■ Hanham Bridge Club meets every Wednesday 7pm-10pm at Hanham Community Centre. New members and visitors welcome. See www.hanhambridgeclub.co.uk or call Graham 07790 491564.

■ Keynsham Photographic Society meet on Wednesday evenings at the Fear Hall in the High Street, 1st floor 7.30pm. A warm welcome group, open to anyone interested in photography at whatever level. From SLRs to mobile phones and everything in between. First meeting Wednesday September 9. Please see the forthcoming programme on the website www.keynshamphotographicsociety.co.uk

■ Buggy walk restarts weekly from October 14. Meet outside Keynsham Methodist Church, Victoria Centre, High Street, for coffee and play, Wednesdays, 10.30am.

■ Coffee and Craft, Keynsham Community Hub, 67 Queens Road, 10am-12 noon.

■ German conversation group, Old Manor House Hotel, Keynsham, 7pm-9pm, second Wednesday of the month - May 13, June 10, July 8, (August no meeting), September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9. Free to attend. Organiser Steve James. Join Keynsham Stammtisch on Facebook.

■ French conversation group, Old Manor House Hotel, Keynsham, 7pm-8.30pm, fourth Wednesday of the month - September 23, October 28, November 25, December 23 (TBC). Free to attend. Organisers Steve James and Catherine Dhanjal. Call Catherine on 0794 1669925 or join L'Amicale Francaise de Keynsham on Facebook.

■ Oldland Ukulele Club is a mixed-ability group who meet every Wednesday at 1.30pm at Oldland Common United Reformed Church (the blue church), High Street, Oldland Common, BS30 9QN. Call/text 'Ukulele' Ben on 07910 668258.

■ Keynsham's popular Good Afternoon Community Choir from 2pm-4pm at Keynsham Methodist Church / Victoria Centre. NO auditions and NO charge to attend your first 'meet us' rehearsal. Everyone welcome www.goodafternoonchoir.org

■ Discipleship group meets on October 21 at Keynsham Methodist Church, Victoria Centre, High Street, 10.30am-11.30am.

Wednesdays/Thurs/Friday

■ TimeOut Youth Centre, 16 Bath Hill, Keynsham, holds open drop-in sessions on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The free sessions include cooking, baking, music studio recording, pool, table tennis, computers for internet use, gaming, arts & crafts, and other activities during half term and summer holidays. Wednesdays 6-8pm 14-19 years Thursdays 6-8pm 14-19 years Fridays 4-6pm 11-14 years For more information or queries, phone 0117 9868683 or email youthleader@keynsham-tc.gov.uk. Spaces available.

Wednesdays/Saturdays

■ Keynsham Community Veg Plot in the Memorial Park (by the café and toilets) 2pm-4pm on the first Saturday & third Wednesday of

the month. No experience or tools required but bring gloves if you use them. Whether you're new to the 'grow your own' hobby, you have the experience but don't have a suitable garden, or you just want to meet like-minded people, join us for a sociable afternoon. All the fruit and veg grown is shared. It's like a shared allotment.

Wednesdays/Sundays

■ Keynsham Ladies Run. Free ladies social running group, part of This Woman Runs. 30 to 45-minute, chatty-paced runs with warm-up and cool-down. No need to book, come along and meet us at Ashton Way car park near the bus stop. Runs are on Wednesdays at 7.30pm and Sundays at 8am.

Thursdays

■ Saltford Bridge Club group meet Thursday evenings to play duplicate bridge at Saltford Golf Club. New members welcome. If you don't have a partner, the club can often find one for you. Contact Val on 07989775780.

■ St Mary's Toddlers runs on a Thursday morning from 9.30am to 11.30am (term time) at St Mary's Church Hall in Saltford. For parents/carers with children aged 0-4.

■ Keynsham & Saltford Dementia Action Alliance runs Music for the Mind sessions for people living with dementia and their carers. St Dunstan's Church Hall, Keynsham, 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 10.30am-12.15pm. Singing and gentle exercises from 11am. No charge. www.keynshamdaa.co.uk, ksdaa22@gmail.com or 07392442966.

■ Midweek worship at the Keynsham Methodist Church coffee morning (Victoria Centre, BS31 2JA). Join us for a relaxed short service at 11am. All welcome.

■ Keynsham Town walking football for the over-50s, 7.15pm-8.30pm. Play football at a slower pace for fun and fitness. New members welcome. Contact keynshamtownwff@gmail.com.

■ Longwell Green Orchestra meet each Thursday at Longwell Green Community Centre, 7.30pm to 9.40pm. We have players of all abilities. Email Contact@longwellgreenorchestra.org. uk beforehand to tell us what instrument and what level.

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WHAT'S ON

Thursdays

■ Spanish class, Keynsham Community Hub, 67 Queens Road, 7pm-8.30pm.

■ Art class, Keynsham Community Hub, 67 Queens Road, 10am-12 noon (term time only). Run by Bath City College.

■ Dorothy House Coffee Connection, Keynsham Community Hub, 67 Queens Road, 10am-12pm. A social group for anyone affected by cancer or life-limiting illness.

■ ASP Poetry Circle, free entry, every third Thursday of each month, 11am-12pm, Keynsham Library, upstairs balcony, diagonally across from table in corner, by the window. Bring two or three poems, own or another poet's, to share. <https://asppoetrycircle.wordpress.com/>

■ Try social badminton for fun and fitness - only £3.20. No experience? No racket? No problem! Play at your own pace. Join friendly, mixed adult group (18-80+) drop-in session in Keynsham, Thursdays 10am-12noon. Ring Clive 01179866793.

Fridays

■ CAMEO, Keynsham Methodist Church group for people living alone, coffee morning at the Key Centre, Charlton Road, Keynsham, 10am-12pm, first Friday of the month. All welcome.

■ Baby Comes Too toddler group meet every Friday in term time at Keynsham Methodist Church, Victoria Centre, High Street, 10am-12pm. All welcome. For more information email bookings@keynshammethodistchurch.co.uk

■ Babies and Breakfast, Keynsham Community Hub, 67 Queens Road, 10am-12 noon. For all mums with babies (up to 6 months). Meet other mums and share experiences.

■ Golden Oldies singing group, Key Centre, Charlton Road, Keynsham, 2pm-3pm, with Sue Crick, on the last Friday of the month. All welcome. For more information, visit <https://www.golden-oldies.org.uk>

Saturdays

■ Bible group, Keynsham Community Hub, 67 Queens Road, 12.30am-4pm, alternate Saturdays.

■ Keynsham Sequence Dance Club Monthly Dance, 7.30pm to 10.30pm, Fear Hall, Keynsham, third Saturday of the month. Contact Brian and Jo, Keynsham Sequence Dance Club, on 01179868540 or just turn up. Refreshments (coffee/tea and biscuits), £5 each.

■ Volunteers at Keynsham Repair Cafe – a free monthly event, with a café, at Keynsham Baptist Church, High Street – fix everyday household items like toasters and lamps, sew a button onto a jacket, glue a handle back onto a mug, as well as more unusual items. Every second Saturday (same as Keynsham Farmers Market), 10am-12pm. keynshamrepaircafe.wixsite.com/home.

■ Keynsham Abbey's remains are open on alternate Saturdays, March to October, from 2pm-4pm (weather permitting) at the top of the Memorial Park, Abbey Park road entrance near the station. Volunteers will be on site and can give details of its history, as well as the work currently being undertaken. For more details, see the Keynsham Abbey website at keynshamabbey.com/#

■ Cllr George Leach and Cllr Alex Beaumont surgery at Keynsham Library, 10.30am-11.30am, on Market Saturday (second Saturday of the month) to help residents with issues or advice, No appointment necessary.

■ Keynsham Mencap Super Saturday Club for those aged 5 to 18 years with a learning disability, Saturdays (term-time only) 10am - 12pm, Queen's Road Methodist Church, Keynsham BS31 2NN. Contact molly@keynshammencap.org.uk for more info.

Sundays

■ Keynsham Kings Flag American Football. Do you fancy trying out a new sport? Do you love the NFL? Flag American football is taking the UK by storm as a fast-paced, non-contact version of American football. Training: Sundays 10.30am-1pm, Manor Road Playing Fields. Mixed sport - anyone 16 years-plus welcome. No previous experience needed. Contact us for more info on the Keynsham Kings Facebook or Instagram pages.

READ EASY KEYNSHAM



The Keynsham Read Easy team at a recent volunteer drop-in session

Help people open new chapter in their lives

DO you know someone who struggles to read? Every day, many adults quietly navigate life without the reading skills they need. Many hide their struggles, even from family, colleagues or friends. But there is support, and it's right here in our community.

Read Easy Keynsham offers free and confidential one-to-one reading coaching for adults who find reading difficult. Readers are paired with a trained coach who will meet them twice a week, helping them build skills at their own pace and without pressure. It's friendly, flexible and genuinely life-changing.

Across England, 2.4 million adults either cannot read at all or

struggle to read. There are many reasons why learning to read as a child may not have been possible, but it is never too late. Read Easy has already helped hundreds of adults transform their confidence, independence and opportunities.

If you're a GP, teacher, employer, or simply someone who knows a friend, neighbour or colleague who might benefit, Read Easy Keynsham would love to hear from you. A quiet conversation could open the door to a new chapter in someone's life.

To find out more or to refer someone, contact Susan, Keynsham Hub Pioneer, at keynshamhubpioneer@readeasy.org.uk or 07708 635718.

NEWS

Autumn arrives in style

A POST box in Charlton Road, Keynsham, has been given a seasonal makeover.

In the summer, it was adorned with a crocheted topper to celebrate the Bristol International Balloon Fiesta.

Now it has been decorated with an autumn theme by Danica Emes, aka The Stitching Seal, using patterns from the book 'Crochet Snails and Mushroom Sprites' by Megan Lapp.

The first topper Danica made for the post box in Charlton Road was in June to celebrate the World Cup. Her toppers have



attracted appreciative comments from residents on Facebook, who have praised their skill and creativity.

People on Facebook are delighted with her latest creation, calling it beautiful, adorable and cool.

NEWS

Wombles' Tesco clean-up

RUBBISH from around Tesco in the town centre has been cleared away thanks to the efforts of Keynsham Wombles.

The Wombles' next litter pick is on Saturday October 3, from 9.30am to 11.30am, around the Waitrose store.

The group has also been asked to keep Keynsham Winter Festival free of litter during the event, which runs from 12pm to 6pm on Saturday November 28.

Meanwhile, members have also been asked to bag any litter they see in the railway station overspill car

park just down from Somerdale on Keynsham Road opposite Brassmill Lane.

The Wombles already tackle this area as part of their annual Lock Keeper litter pick and are planning an additional group litter pick so that the area is tidied up twice a year. In the meantime, any picking that can be by individual volunteers will make a difference.

For more information about Keynsham Wombles and how to take part in their litter picks, visit keynshamwombles.org



Frustration over attempt to reunite bike with owner

A KEYNSHAM resident says he was left disappointed after trying to reunite an abandoned bike with its owner.

He said he first spotted the cycle leaning against a wall in Steel Mills before finding it on his driveway the following day.

He put the bike in his car and drove to Keynsham Police Centre, where staff asked whether it had any identification. When he said he did not know, he asked if one of the officers could check it in his car. However,

he said they declined and told him that if the bike could not be identified, he should take it to the recycling centre.

A spokesperson for Avon and Somerset Police said: "The nationwide found property policy is that we will not accept found bikes if they are not identifiable with a serial number etc, as we cannot confirm that they are stolen and therefore who they belong to."

"If customers attend the station with a bike and the reference number is identifiable,

and it has been reported as stolen, then we would accept the bike as evidential property."

The resident, who asked not to be named, said he remained unhappy that nobody from the police centre "could be bothered" to come out and check the bike for identification.

He said: "There were three officers in the reception area, so at least one of them could have checked."

The resident later took the bike to the Reuse shop at Keynsham Recycling Centre.

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SALTFORD SCOUTS

Angus Explorers' Netherlands adventure

ON Sunday, we had a very early start, delayed by traffic going to Bristol Airport. The flight to Amsterdam Schiphol was uneventful.

After landing, we took the train to Baarn, which was clean and fancy compared to British trains. We were allowed to explore the high street before walking to our camp site. Eventually, we reached our modern lodgings with clean toilets, showers and rooms. We had dinner and relaxed until bedtime.

On Monday, we went on two small hikes. One lasted two hours near our site. We returned for lunch before another walk into the centre, with its shops and cafes. We also saw deer and birds in a sanctuary. Our group explored Baarn and got ice cream, while a larger group went to the park and played an Argus-designed board game.

Wednesday was one of the best and busiest days of the camp. We learned about the city's history and had a unique view of Amsterdam's famous sights from the canal. After disembarking, we had free time before travelling to the Wonder experience using our I-Amsterdam travel cards.

We explored in small groups, finding a bouncy castle, ball pits, sensory experiences and a life-size replica of SpongeBob's house. It was a fun afternoon filled with laughter and bonding before exploring the city and local attractions.

We then caught the train back to the Scoutcentrum to watch the solar eclipse.



Experiencing the eclipse with scouts from other countries was a once-in-a-lifetime event. The staff at Buitenzorg tracked the eclipse with a pinhole camera, and it was amazing to see the sun change throughout the evening.

On Thursday, we took a train from Baarn to Amsterdam, where we explored the city and visited the zoo. A group embarked on a treetop adventure, then had to navigate the train system back, including taking the wrong train before getting back on route to Amsterdam Central.

After further train complications, we finally made it back to Baarn, laughing about the day.

Our final day was supposed to be straightforward. The journey to the airport went smoothly, then we were told our flight had been cancelled. We went to Amsterdam to get lunch then returned with a new plan: a third of our group would fly to Gatwick, while the rest would take a 10pm flight to Manchester. Twelve hours later than anticipated, we landed back in England. Finally, we made it home after a long day.

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NEWS

Students get taste of life on the farm

TEN students from Lift Broadlands in Keynsham enjoyed four days experiencing life on a working farm.

Students in years 7 and 8 cared for animals, prepared meals, chopped wood and helped to renovate a beehive during their stay at Hill House Farm in Box, just outside Bath.

They were taking part in the Jamie's Farm programme, which gives young people the chance to take on practical tasks, work together and learn from new experiences in a supportive environment.

Alongside these activities, the students took part in horse therapy sessions, teamwork activities and explored the local area. Evenings provided opportunities to relax, share meals and reflect on the day's experiences.

Staff praised the students for the kindness, determination and positive attitude they showed throughout the visit.

The visit forms part of Lift Broadlands' ongoing partnership with Jamie's Farm. It was the school's third residential stay with the charity in the past two years.

Jake Curtis, co-CEO of Jamie's Farm, said: "The partnership with Broadlands is the perfect model for how we like to work with our partner schools. The young people are always well prepared and show real enthusiasm at getting stuck into challenging jobs and seeing how hard work can be enjoyable and rewarding."

Lift Broadlands was one of the



four academies that Jamie's Farm chose for its Flagship Schools programme last year. Charity staff visited the school several times to share what they had learned about the young people, helping to embed the positive

changes from the residential stay into students' daily lives at the academy.

Laura Stone, principal at Lift Broadlands, said: "Jamie's Farm gives our students a wonderful opportunity to experience

something different, take on new challenges and create some fantastic memories together.

"Experiences like this help young people grow as individuals and build important qualities that will support them in the future."



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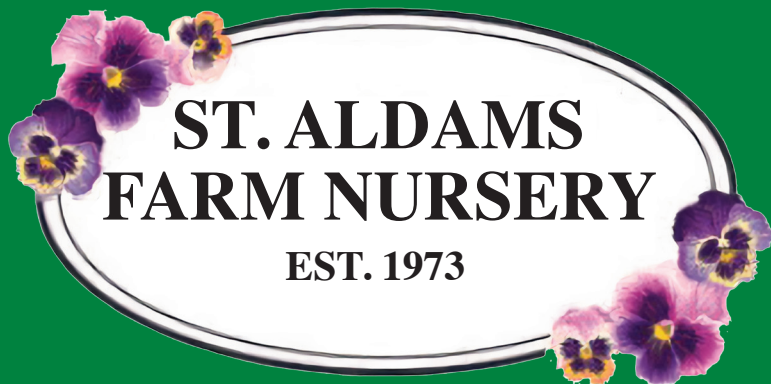
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■ KEYNSHAM BOWLING CLUB

Plays excel at thrilling finals weekend

AS the evenings draw in and we see early-morning dew on the grass, it is time to put the green at Keynsham Bowling Club to bed for its winter break.

The last few weeks have been busy with the final league games, some friendlies, our finals weekend and the last Somerset county match.

In the leagues, our ladies had a good season, finishing 2nd in the North Somerset League, 5th in the SBA County League, and got to the semi-final of the Southey Cup, losing away to Portishead RBL on a wet afternoon.

Our gents had a successful season, with our A team playing in the Thursday Bristol and District League and our B team in the Saturday North Somerset League, both winning promotion.

Our Friday evening team gave a good account of themselves in the Mid Somerset mixed league, while



Sally Difazio and Ken Gaull with their championship trophies

our Friday afternoon triple team finished 5th and narrowly lost to St Anne's Park in the cup final.

Our men went on their usual end-of-season tour, this year based in Torquay, where they won games at Paignton, Brixham and Honiton and lost at Torquay, with one game cancelled due to the weather. As usual, they took

their pig charity money box along, inviting donations from our own and opposing teams towards our captains' charity, which this year is Great Western Air Ambulance. They collected £350.

We hosted the final county game of the season when the ladies' president's team played the men's president's side. The men won on 5 rinks, with the ladies triumphant on the rink where the two presidents went head to head.

Throughout the season, members play against one another in the knock-out competitions which result in our annual finals weekend. Fifteen finals took place, as well as three other competitions played over various weekends.

The ladies' and gents' championships provided two of the most competitively fought finals for many years, with excellent woods being rolled. The winner of each match would be the first

to reach 21 shots. In the ladies' match between Sally Difazio and Maggie Davies, Maggie was one shot in front after 10 ends and two in front after 18. Then Sally put on the pressure, winning 4 of the next 5 ends, with Sally's winning woods being rolled on end 23.

The men's match between Ken Gaull and Steve Fenner was equally exciting. Steve was 5 shots ahead after 11 ends. Ken then started to pull his way back, leaving Steve stuck on unlucky 13 for 5 ends, by which stage Ken was 4 shots ahead. He then lost 4 on the trot to leave Steve one shot ahead at end 26. Ken then bowled the winning woods over the next 3 ends to bring the game to a finish at end 29.

These two great games of bowls were a joy to watch. Both Sally and Ken went on pick up another 4 awards each in other finals.

Mike Barrow

■ SALT FORD GOLF CLUB

Women crowned county champions

SALT FORD Golf Club hosted the women's Somerset Handicap Championships on August 20, which saw over 70 players from across the county competing for a number of trophies.

There were some excellent scores, with Saltford women golfers securing a number of prestigious trophies. Arabella White won both the Cairns Cup and the Dickinson Cup with an impressive gross 73, whilst Amanda Mayne won both the Janet White Salver and the Jenny

Hobbs Trophy, also with an excellent gross score of 73.

Saltford Golf Club were crowned as Somerset's Champion Club and will go forward to next year's National Clubs Competition, represented by Abigail, Amanda and Arabella Whittock (pictured).

The club is welcoming and supportive for women and girls and next year celebrates 100 years of women playing golf at Saltford.



■ KEYNSHAM CRICKET CLUB

Brothers provide highlights of scorching season

TIME flies when you're having fun! Keynsham Cricket Club entertained Bishopston on Saturday August 22, sadly the first team's last home game of the season.

Bishopston, clearly the best side in the league, arrived as champions. Having won the toss, they elected to bat and did it well, with contributions from all their batsmen and a formidable total looking likely. However, Will Burston came to the rescue, bowling out their lower order and achieving outstanding figures of 6 for 40 in 9 overs, enabling us to bowl them out for an achievable 233.

But Bishopston bowled as steadily as they had batted and Keynsham soon fell under time pressure. Luke Jonwee top-scored with 33 and when he was dismissed, caught at cover, our chances of winning went with him. Some undistinguished batting saw Keynsham subside to an ignominious 146 all out, and the 87-run defeat which was a fair result.

Then it was gone! Having lost only one game to weather in this magnificent summer, our last game at Bath was washed out as the record-breaking dry spell ended. It was a disappointing end and in some ways a reflection of the season.

We finished second for which, as they say, there are no prizes, having lost 5 games and won 10. Defeats against Frenchay and Bristol Pakistanis stand out as low points.

The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the outstanding contribution made by the Burston brothers with both bat and ball.

So in batting order, firstly Will. In 12 innings he scored 580 runs (22.7% of runs scored) at an average of 52.73 and highest score of 157. He bowled 77.1 overs with a best of 6/40, taking 30 wickets at an average of 11 (32.6% of the total).

James scored an amazing 648 runs in 12 innings (22.48% of our total), producing an amazing average of 64.8, with highest score of 135. With the ball, he took 15 wickets for

405 runs in 86 overs, an average of 27 (James's two not-outs as opposed to Will's one were significant in calculating batting averages).

Old heads can't recall one player, let alone two, achieving such results. Even in this embarrassment of riches, I feel that Will's 30 wickets at 11 is unsurpassed, especially in only 77 overs. Who said leg spin bowling is dead?

Whilst the Burstons deservedly hogged the headlines, the emerging Jack Stone deserves a mention. He made a significant contribution, bowling consistently and contributing invaluable runs, often under pressure. Progress up the batting order must surely beckon.

Little cricket is played other than in leagues nowadays, so the only other event on the ground for this season was the beer and cider festival. The weather was dry and the family-friendly event was, as usual, well attended and enjoyed by all.

Greg Bryan

■ FRY'S BOWLING CLUB

Narrow escape in battle against relegation

WITH the season heading into its final month, Fry's members spent time off the green at the end of August on a boat trip down the Avon Gorge. It was an excellent half-day out and the captain, Luke, provided an informative commentary throughout the journey.

Bristol and District League:

Fry's missed the chance to avoid relegation from the Bristol and District League Division 2 by scoring no points against fellow relegation battlers Victoria Park A.

A slow start on rink 3 and strong back-end play on rink 1 saw the visitors race to a lead Fry's could not overcome. Rink 2 was a close game throughout, with Fry's taking a late lead. Victoria Park drew level on the penultimate end, picking up two shots on the final end.

The last game of the season saw Fry's travel to relegated Long Ashton. Fry's needed a point to guarantee safety, with Victoria Park A playing Severn Vale A. The night started well as rinks 1 and 3 pulled ahead, but Long Ashton held the advantage on rink 2 and then pulled the deficits back to take the overall lead.

All rinks needed the last end to secure the points, all of which to Long Ashton. Another pointless night left Fry's in bad spot in the table. Severn Vale A picked up 10 points, leaving Fry's and Severn Vale A tied on points, with Fry's staying ahead by one shot on shots difference.



Fry's in 7th retained their Division 2 status.

Scores:

August 20: Fry's 33-55 Victoria Park A - rink 1, 11-18; rink 2, 13-15; rink 3, 9-22 (0-10)

August 27: Fry's 39-52 Long Ashton - rink 1, 14-18; rink 2, 14-17; rink 3, 11-17 (0-10)

2026 season record:

Played 18, won 8, lost 10, shots for 759, shots against 832, shots difference -73, points 78.

Friday Triples League

After a defeat at Knowle, Fry's picked up a long-awaited Triples League win in a basement battle against Bristol Greenbank. Two rinks nearly offset each other with both clubs picking up a rink each. A 22-9 scoreline in favour of Fry's on

the third rink gave Fry's a commanding position in the match, taking a 57-45 win. The 10 points saw Fry's move off the bottom of the table.

The penultimate and final home game saw Fry's host Keynsham, with the visitors taking a comfortable win.

Fry's final game in the Triples League saw them host league leaders Bristol. A win for Bristol would see them take the title, as they went into the game with a 5-point advantage over Page Park. A spirited effort from Fry's saw them almost take a rink, falling one shot short, but with a combined loss of 15 shots on the other two rinks, Fry's could not pick up any points. Bristol took a 57-41 win and all 12 points to secure the title. Fry's finished a difficult year last in the table.

Scores:

August 21: Fry's 46-58 Knowle - rink 1, 15-23; rink 2, 13-21; rink 3, 18-14 (2-10)

August 28: Fry's 57-45 Bristol Greenbank - rink 1, 17-20; rink 2, 18-16; rink 3, 22-9 (10-2)

September 4: Fry's 36-62 Keynsham - rink 1, 8-21; rink 2, 12-21; rink 3, 16-20 (0-12)

September 11: Fry's 41-57 Bristol - rink 1, 14-24; rink 2, 11-12; rink 3, 16-21 (0-12)

2026 season record:

Played 22, won 3, lost 19, shots for 960, shots against 1232, shots difference -272, points 62.

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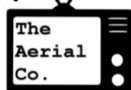
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