

Peasedown St John and Carlingcott

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Peasedown takes part in world record attempt



Green fingers: Cllr Sarah Bevan with local school children.

All children taking part were given t-shirts and booklets commemorating the event.

To see photos, and YouTube videos from the day visit www.peasedownlibdems.org.uk.

“Give us lower bus fares”

Research carried out by Cllr Nathan Hartley and resident Matt Clifford shows that residents are very unhappy with the cost of travelling by buses run by First Bus.

It costs £4.10 for an adult return ticket between Peasedown and Bath. To travel between the village and Midsomer Norton is even more expensive. Travellers who board a service in Ashgrove will be charged £4.70 for a return ticket. Anyone boarding at the Red Post Inn will be charged just 10p less at £4.60.

The survey's key findings include:

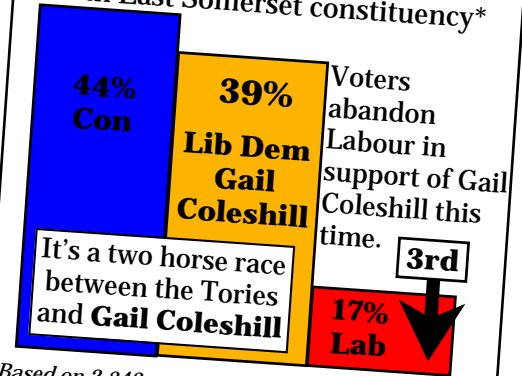
- 67% of respondents say the return fare between Peasedown and Bath should be less than £3.
- 47% said the adult return fare between Peasedown and Midsomer Norton should be no higher than £2
- 36% of respondents want to see a bus service between Peasedown and Midsomer Norton every 15 minutes.

Nathan and Matt have sent the survey results to B&NES, First Bus and Wessex Connect asking for action on residents' concerns.

“If we're serious about caring for the environment then the Council and bus service providers need to work together to reduce costs and provide a service which encourages people to use their cars less.”
-Prospective Lib Dem MP Gail Coleshill



How you will vote in the **NEW** North East Somerset constituency*



*Based on 2,343 canvass returns from Jan-Dec 2009 asking who residents will, or are likely to, vote for.

Last December, Peasedown St John took part in the the BBC's attempt to set a new world record for tree planting.

Peasedown was one of hundreds of communities across the UK taking part. Our local event was organised by Councillor Sarah Bevan who said: "On 5th December residents and children from Peasedown School came along with their teachers and spades to plant our ornamental orchard as part of world record attempt in Beacon Field. We planted 30 trees in honour of the orchard on which Orchard Way was built. The trees are all fruit and nut bearing, so provide food as well as a lovely environment.

This will be a truly beautiful place to enjoy for future generations, whether or not we gain entry to the Guinness Book of World Records!"

Peasedown victorious at Community Awards



Victory: Cllr Hartley with Youth Community Council members Katie Madams, and Sarah and Becky Savine.

The Peasedown Youth Community Council beat nine other nominations to be officially named as the 'Young Volunteer Team of the Year' at the Community Awards 2009.

They have taken part in lots of events including tree planting, fund raising, and village clean-up days such as the successful 'Big Clean Up' when several tonnes of rubbish were cleared from Frederick and Albert Avenues last year.

The group was founded by Cllr Nathan Hartley and Peasedown youth workers to give young people a voice and a chance to make a difference in the community. Nathan said:

"Over the last two years the Youth Community Council has shown just how much they care about our village and have demonstrated a strong desire to make a difference for themselves and their neighbours.

I am so proud of their achievements. Their

victory at the Community Awards is a real boost not just for the group and the youth centre – but a boost for the whole of Peasedown St John."

Councillors' clean up

Sarah and Nathan have worked with residents to install **four** new litter bins in the village. Costing over £300 each, they are the result of months of campaigning to persuade B&NES to part with the cash. Three of the bins are located in **Orchard Way, Underknoll and Bath Road.**

The fourth is in Idwal Close and was provided by Somer Housing thanks to Tenant Rep. Lawrence Wright, who worked with Nathan to get the bin installed.

Sarah said: **"We're so pleased to have these new bins for Peasedown. We've even placed stickers on the bins telling residents that dog mess can be deposited as long as it's securely wrapped up."**



Down your street...

- **New Buildings** Nathan has arranged for a 'No Dog Mess' sign to be put up and pot holes to be filled.
- **Bath Road** Sarah worked with B&NES Anti-Social Behaviour Team to get a new security camera put up opposite Tesco.
- **A367 By-Pass** Nathan and Sarah liaised with B&NES Council over getting the large road sign at the Orchard Way junction fixed and put back in the correct place.
- **Ashgrove** Nathan persuaded B&NES Council to cut an overhanging hedge, two months before they planned to, following requests from residents.
- **Eckweek Gardens** Nathan and Sarah arranged for brand new road markings to be painted on the Eckweek Gardens/Road junction to help drivers identify who has right of way.
- **Greenlands Road** Nathan has arranged for a brand new street sign has be erected directing visitors to **Highfield Road and Hillside View.**
- **Dunkerton Hill** Sarah arranged for overgrown vegetation to be cut back on the pathway to the Prince of Wales Inn.
- **Church Road** Nathan worked with Western Power to remove a large piece of graffiti on the electricity box. Sarah arranged for a new street sign to be erected in a small cul-de-sac in Church Road (*pictured right with affected residents*).



Can we help? Your local Lib Dem team

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Peasedown Community News

Hundreds of residents now receive Sarah and Nathan's e-news update every month. During the snowfall, the Councillors were able to keep residents informed of refuse collection and gritting arrangements. If you'd like to receive monthly email updates contact Nathan.