

# FOCUS

*On Peasedown St John, Carlingcott & Braysdown*

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## Lib Dem pressure pays off

Local Councillors Sarah Bevan and Nathan Hartley have welcomed a move by B&NES Council to carry out a full review of winter maintenance and gritting around Peasedown St John.

Earlier in the year, the area was with heavy snow and severe ice, leaving many people stranded. Nathan said:

**"In January, people were left stranded due to heavy snowfall when much of the UK ground to a halt. Residents from all over Peasedown, Carlingcott and Braysdown contacted us to say that the Council hadn't been to grit their roads and as a result couldn't go out."**

**Unfortunately, under current B&NES Council guidelines, only certain roads are considered a priority."**

Cllr Sarah Bevan added:

**"Residents in Carlingcott felt let down when they were told that their area wasn't a priority, despite all five access routes involving a gradient of some kind".**

Now, following calls from the Lib Dems, the Council has agreed to carry out a full review of winter maintenance in the next few months. Pressure from the Councillors has also led to two of the worst affected roads, Eckweek Gardens and Wellow Mead, being earmarked for complete resurfacing during the summer.



### Bike rack for local GP



A local doctor who had nowhere to store his bike at work can resume his healthy working lifestyle thanks to Cllr Sarah Bevan who successfully applied for two free cycle stands for the surgery.

Life Cycle UK provided the stands at the surgery and also at Peasedown St John Primary School. Surgery Practice Manager Anne Davies approved the installation before handing over the project to Cllr Bevan. Sarah said:

**"Anne was initially anxious about costs, but I was able to reassure her that the stands were free, and local builder M D Building Services were working at the school anyway, so I asked them to pop round and bed the stands in since their working hours were already fully paid for. It's a win win situation for all concerned!"**

Dr Nesbitt can now taste his own medicine for healthy living by doing his rounds using pedal power rather than petrol power.

### What do the locals say?...



**"We support the Lib Dems because they work all year, every year. You don't just see them at election time."**

**Mandy & Lesley Clarke,  
Albert Avenue**

## Footpath makeover

Following calls from residents for improvements to the footpath next to 53, Eckweek Gardens leading through to Beacon Hall, Cllr Sarah Bevan began negotiations with Somer Housing Trust. Their contractors first treated the weeds which were cracking up the tarmac, but further work was required to complete the job. Cllr Bevan said:

**“The initial attempt at improving this path was not going to last, so I asked whether the whole thing could be re-surfaced. The job is now perfect and will last a worthwhile length of time. Residents with mobility scooters in particular will now have a much more comfortable ride.”**

Photo shows Cllr Bevan with resident Steven Miller, who helped provide contact names for his housing trust, as Cllr Bevan plans further work for this location involving another housing trust.



## School gets go ahead for extra children

Every year Peasedown Primary School is limited to a two-form entry of 60 pupils. However, due to a baby boom four years ago, over 70 children submitted applications to join this September.

Following negotiations and talks B&NES Council has agreed to increase the number of entrants for this year.

Cllr Nathan Hartley, the Lib Dem spokesperson for Children's Services in B&NES, worked with senior council officers to resolve the situation. He said:

**"I'm really pleased that the Council has made this decision. It's very important that local children can attend their local primary school. I do wish them all the best in their future years at the school."**

## Councillors to the rescue!



Local Councillors came to the rescue of Hillcrest Surgery recently by organising a community clean up in the car park.

Cllr Sarah Bevan said:

"The surgery car park and garden is often inundated with large amounts

of rubbish, so Cllr Hartley and I teamed up to give it a make-over.

Litter picks have become a regular feature across the area. Residents can set up their own litter pick days which can transform their local community, generate pride in it and increase residents' confidence in their surroundings."

The local Councillors filled six bags of rubbish, which resulted in a much cleaner Hillcrest Surgery car park.

## Down your street...

- **Bath Road** Nathan is working with B&NES Council to address the flooding problems opposite the Church Road junction, with drainage treatment to be carried out this summer.
- **Eckweek Gardens, St John's Close, Frederick Avenue and Albert Avenue** Sarah and Nathan have both worked with Somer Housing to install two brand new grit bins in these areas.
- **Laxton Way and Russet Way** Following calls from residents about parking problems in these streets, Sarah arranged for new road marking to be painted around the junction, making visibility much easier for drivers.
- **Wellow Tynning** At the request of residents, Nathan worked with the Community Dog Warden to put up three new 'No Dog Mess' signs.
- **Tynning Road** Following vandalism, Nathan arranged for a replacement street sign to be erected in this street.

## Can we help? Your local Lib Dem team

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### Facebook

You can now join our Facebook group, 'Peasedown First', at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

### Peasedown Community News

Hundreds of residents now receive Sarah and Nathan's e-news update every month. If you'd like to receive it contact Nathan.

**Everyone knows someone who's been helped by Sarah and Nathan**

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