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...on Peasedown St John, Carlingcott & Braysdown

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## New Mercy in Action shop comes to Peasedown

Crowds gathered in Peasedown St John for the opening of the new *Mercy in Action* shop in September in Bath Road.

The shop was officially opened by local Councillors Nathan Hartley and Sarah Bevan.

*Mercy in Action* started in 1995 when John and Allison Todd visited the Philippines and were horrified by the conditions that many of the orphaned children were living in.

Following their visit, they then came back to the UK, and started raising funds to change these children's lives.

Cllr Nathan Hartley told those present at the opening that he hoped the local community would support the

new shop: **"When I heard that a *Mercy in Action* store was opening here I was thrilled because I believe that the organisation's values are shared by us all. Most people like to support those who are less well off and the majority of people want to be a part of a strong community where we look out for one another."**

Cllr Sarah Bevan has been keen for a charity to take the lease of this building for many years. During the opening she added: **"Here today, mercy and truth, the motto of *Mercy in Action*, have met together for the good of others - locally and globally. I congratulate everyone involved, especially John and Allison Todd, without whose vision and first hand experience of people in need, this shop would not be open today."**

To see photos from the opening visit [www.peasedownlibdems.org.uk](http://www.peasedownlibdems.org.uk)



(Above) Sarah and Nathan with charity Director Allison Todd at the opening of the shop. (Left) Sarah hands over a bag of goodies to *Mercy in Action*.



## Nathan helps Hillcrest... Lincott View and Idwal Close residents

Sarah and Nathan's campaign to clean up the community and restore local pride continued in the summer in Hillcrest with the

introduction of a much needed new street sign. Nathan worked with residents to get the sign which shows clearly that the estate leads to Idwal Close and Lincott View.



## Safety and savings a priority as Sarah saves £100s for tax payers

Cllr Sarah Bevan noticed bollards missing on the safety splitter island on the A367 approach to the bypass at Peasedown St John.

After speaking to B&NES Highways Officer she was at first told that replacements would be too expensive, but an agreement was reached that new bollards would be provided at a later date, when gully cleansing was due to take place at the same location, thus avoiding the need for a costly lane closure on two occasions. Lane closures cost £2,000 each so Cllr Bevan agreed to wait until the routine 6 monthly cleanse came round as the location isn't an accident black spot.



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

## Councillor's Fund gives £4,000 to local groups

Community groups and projects in Peasedown St John and Carlingcott have received £4,000 thanks to the Councillors' Initiative Fund.

Cllr Nathan Hartley was allocated the money by B&NES Council to spend in the area.

Each year, a group of B&NES Councillors are allocated money so initiatives can receive some much needed funding – giving many of the projects that rely on volunteers that extra financial support. Nathan said: **“There are lots of worthy groups locally and I enjoyed working with many of them to decide how the money was spent. Much of the work in our communities is carried out by un-paid residents who have a passion for a particular cause. They should all be applauded for being the social fabric that holds our village together.”**

These groups benefited from Nathan's Fund:

- ✓ Peasedown Methodist Church
- ✓ Laurel Farm Kinderkarten
- ✓ Peasedown St John Lunch Club
- ✓ Peasedown Youth Club
- ✓ Wansdyke Play Association
- ✓ Peasedown St John Scouts
- ✓ Peasedown Athletic Football Club
- ✓ Peasedown Athletic Under 15's

## Safety campaign completed at Radstock-end of Bath Road

Cllr Sarah Bevan noticed last year that although the speed limit had been reduced from to 50 mph on exit from the Bath Road junction onto A367, the speed limit resumption roundels had not been changed. Drivers were confused as some quite rightly thought that 60 mph was an appropriate speed for this accident hot spot. Sarah said: **“I am pleased that speed signage at this junction has now been correctly installed. This location is well known to local drivers as a dangerous one - this completes the other safety measures I discussed with Highways Officers last year.”**



## Final turn of the cycling wheel for residents is achieved at Beacon Field



Residents asked Cllr Sarah Bevan to explore more facilities for local cyclists. Working with cycling charity *Life Cycle*, Sarah secured 4 new free cycle stands for various locations, including this one at the Laxton Way entrance to Beacon Field. Cllr Bevan said: **“I'm keen to promote environmentally friendly measures wherever I can, and residents with small children especially can make good use of this cycle stand which has been installed very near to the toddler play area”.**



**Hot Stuff:** Nathan tries out the new hot water heater purchased by Peasedown Methodist Church from the Councillors' Initiative Fund.

## Down your street...

- **Underknoll** Nathan worked with Persimmon Homes to fix a broken gutter on the sub-station here, after being contacted by residents who raised the issue.
- **Eckweek Gardens** Sarah worked with Hastoe Homes to remove a broken fence on the footpath towards Beacon Field.
- **French Close** After speaking with residents, Nathan and Sarah liaised with B&NES Council to have 'SLOW' signs painted on the road surface following complaints about speeding motorists to Beacon Hall.
- **Frederick Avenue** Nathan persuaded Somer Housing to listen to residents concerns over the chosen new colour of homes in this estate.
- **Eckweek Road** Sarah arranged for the 'Children caution' sign to be relocated here so motorists were aware of Zebedee Nursery's location.
- **A367 by-pass** Sarah and Nathan worked with B&NES to cut the overgrown grass that was blocking drivers' visibility.
- **Westbury View** After talking with residents during a Street Surgery, Sarah arranged for new bollards to be installed (pictured) - to stop motorists driving over the pavement.



Cllr Nathan Hartley would like to thank this year's Party in the Park organisers for their hard work to arrange the event: **Joy Fraser, Beryl Fedder, Jason Cronin, Bridie Marshall, Karen Walker and Jo Curd.** Almost 3,000 people attended this year's festival.

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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.