

FOCUS

...on Peasedown St John, Carlingcott & Braysdown



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From your local Councillors Sarah Bevan and Nathan Hartley

Peasedown children get creative



Sarah and Nathan would like to wish all residents a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



Local children got creative recently when over 100 of them gathered to build a giant willow structure.

Held at Beacon Hall, the afternoon-long workshop was run by the local Playrangers and workshop leader Simon Joshua.

The workshop was funded through Cllr Nathan Hartley's Initiative Fund, allocated to him for community projects and initiatives in the village.

He commented: "When I was a kid I really enjoyed outdoor play. With my brother and our friends we used to create hide-outs in various woodlands around Peasedown. It was great fun, and I'll never forget the impact it had on me in terms of becoming more imaginative and appreciating the outdoors.

This is partly why I was pleased to fund some of the work the Playrangers do when they approached me for funding earlier this year. They do an excellent job with our local children, which is clearly shown

through the impressive willow structure that was built in Peasedown on this action day."

The Wansdyke Play Association, which employs the Playrangers, currently runs outdoor play sessions for children in Peasedown St John on Mondays and Thursdays from 3.30pm-6pm on Beacon Field and the Recreation Field. The above photo shows Nathan with Playrangers Emma and Yvonne, and some of the children in the willow structure.

Residents get their wish for traffic safety with new flashing sign

After consulting with local residents about traffic calming in Ashgrove, a new Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) has been introduced to encourage drivers to slow down. Now, thanks to funding made available a new sign will flash telling drivers not to exceed 30mph.



Sarah and Nathan check out the new VAS in Ashgrove.

Cllr Sarah Bevan commented: "We've been receiving complaints about speeding here for years, which is why we were so relieved that funding had become available for speed reduction measures.

In order to make an informed decision about how the money was spent, we consulted residents, asking for their views on what they wanted to see. This generated a lot of responses showing support for some kind of speed reduction measure near St Joseph's Catholic Church."

Cllr Nathan Hartley added: "It's always important for residents to be asked for their views. That way people feel included and involved in the decision making processes. It's very pleasing to see the VAS has been erected, and I do hope it will be beneficial in reducing the speed of traffic in Ashgrove."

What do the locals say?...

"Sarah and Nathan always have the best interests of local residents at heart. The Lib Dems are the only local politicians that make themselves available all year round."



Mat Newman, Eckweek Road

'New' bus shelter saves local council tax payers £3,050



Local Councillor Sarah Bevan has negotiated with public transport officers at B&NES to have a much needed bus shelter installed where scores of school pupils formerly waited in the rain. Despite the government imposed savings demanded of councils up and down the country, the shelter was installed with seat and hard standing.

Sarah said: "It is very reassuring that by discussing the needs of local residents with our resourceful officers at B&NES council, we can still achieve what is needed for our communities".

After installation, Sarah met with some of the pupils who use the bus stop on a regular basis, who declared that they thought the shelter looked brand new. Sarah added:

"A new shelter would have cost between £3,000 and £3,500. This one only cost £450 to remove from its former location and reinstall here at the junction of Faulkland View

and Orchard Way. It's a very pleasing result for residents". Sarah is pictured above with school children and local resident Adi Davis.

Your village, your money

£233,726 will be made available over the next five years for community facilities in Peasedown St John, as a result of planning permission being granted for the new housing development in Wellow Lane.

Sarah and Nathan want to make sure that local residents are consulted over how this money is spent.

You can submit your views online at www.peasedownlibdems.org.uk



Do you think 20 is Plenty?

Residents can now download their own '20 is Plenty' poster to display in their windows. Sarah and Nathan believe reducing the speed limit to 20mph in residential areas will be safer for pedestrians, and reduce fatalities all over the country. To show your support for Sarah and Nathan's campaign download your window poster at www.peasedownlibdems.org.uk



Laxton Way drain gullies

Residents contacting Cllr Sarah Bevan about accidents caused by missing drain covers in the residents' car park in Laxton Way were reassured shortly afterwards when repairs were carried out promptly by Sovereign Housing Association.

A young boy whose bicycle wheels became lodged in the gully holes suffered injuries when he came off his bike.

Sarah said: "I was impressed at the speed with which Sovereign Housing responded to my enquiries about repairs to these gullies. They were carried out to a high standard of workmanship within the week. My thanks have gone to the officers involved at Sovereign."

Sarah and Nathan are pleased with the repair work in Laxton Way.



Down your street...

- **Hillcrest** Nathan arranged for a new disabled parking bay to be painted for a local resident
- **Bath Road/Sunnyside View** Sarah arranged for new 'STOP' marking to be painted on the path between these two streets, so children know there's a busy road ahead.
- **Sunnyside View and Church Road** Sarah and Nathan worked with the Dog Warden to have new 'No Dog Mess' signs displayed in these streets.
- **Fairfield Terrace** Sarah arranged for the 'STOP' marking to be refreshed as part of the designated Safe Route to School.
- **Idwal Close** Nathan liaised with Somer Housing to install new lights on the community hall so visitors can see more clearly when attending events in the evening.
- **Bath Road** Sarah and Nathan worked with B&NES Council to install a brand new litter bin outside Pizza Plus.
- **Frederick Avenue** After years without a garden fence, Nathan persuaded Somer Housing to erect a brand new one for residents in this street.



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Peasedown Community News

Hundreds of residents now receive Sarah and Nathan's e-news update every month. During the snowfall last winter 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.

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