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**Liberal Democrats
to run B&NES Council
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Thank you for your support

We would like to thank voters for their support in May. The results showed a clear win for us.

Overall, we achieved 53% of the vote. The strength of our vote in Peasedown means that we now hold the 'safest' seats in the whole of B&NES.

Now the election is over, we will continue to work hard for local people, doing our best for Peasedown.

Sarah sorts sixth sign stolen for scrap

The theft of road signs is a growing problem.

Cllr Sarah Bevan said: "Over the past year, I've replaced two horse aware signs on the road to Wellow from Peasedown, two reflective chevron signs on the sharp bend into Peasedown from Radstock and two directional signs on the by-pass here.

"It's getting very expensive for local tax payers, but essential to replace each one as they disappear. These signs are important, not extras. It's amazing how they disappear so often. The scrap metal industry must be doing well!"

Residents are urged to report missing signs to Cllr Sarah Bevan using the details below.



Nathan Hartley & Sarah Bevan

Nathan Hartley	Lib Dem	1172
Sarah Bevan	Lib Dem	1149
G Matthews	Lab	361
R Butt	Ind	360
K Thomas	Ind	288
J Rich	Ind	287
M Brewer	Con	268
A Jovcic-Sas	Labour	252
D Horstman	Con	238



Residents are worried about the amount of damage being done to vehicles, due to the number of potholes.

Many roads are in need of resurfacing following snowfall earlier this year. Colin Hooper, from Albert Avenue, said: "The stretch of road leading into our estate is a shambles. It's very un-even and has an excess number of cracks and pot holes."

The road leads to over 250 houses in Frederick Avenue, Albert Avenue, St John Close

and Sunnyside View.

Nathan commented: "Over five years ago a lot of funding was invested into this estate, reducing the speed limit, and creating a cobbled Homezone area. The stretch of road at the entrance to the estate was not included as part of the plan, so has deteriorated."

Colin and Nathan would like the road resurfaced as soon as possible. Nathan has written to the Highways Department asking for this.

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Bath & North East Somerset Liberal Democrat councillors have formed the council administration

Lib Dems win here

The Liberal Democrats gained three extra seats on B&NES Council at the expense of the Conservatives.

Every re-standing Liberal Democrat councillor was re-elected on 5th May, along with eight new members elected for the first time.

Liberal Democrats	+3	29
Labour	-	5
Conservative	-2	29
Independents	-1	2

After winning more seats at the council elections, the Liberal Democrats are running B&NES Council.

No party has a majority in B&NES, but the Conservatives were the clear losers of the council elections. Labour supported the Liberal Democrats to secure a stable administration.

The Lib Dems will run a listening council. The new cabinet has eight members with a wide range of experience. Two - including the deputy leader - are from North East Somerset.

Culverhay school saved

The Lib Dems will halt the Conservative closure plan and open a school for boys and girls at Culverhay.

Regeneration on track

Projects in Radstock and Keynsham will go ahead with no risk to the local taxpayer.

BRT bus road stopped

The Lib Dems will stop the Conservative £18 million plan to build a bus road through back-gardens in Newbridge.

Don Foster & Graham Watson take action on climate change

Bath's Lib Dem MP Don Foster has applauded tough new rules for greenhouse gas emissions. Meanwhile, MEP Graham Watson has urged the EU to take a lead in securing a renewable energy strategy,

In an open letter to the EU Commission President, Watson has urged him to commit 5% of the EU budget towards investing in renewable energy projects.

Speaking ahead of the Climate Parliament conference which he is chairing, Watson said: "The South West is a major player in



Don Foster & Graham Watson

the UK's Green agenda. The construction of more renewable energy sources can provide thousands of jobs to the region. The South West must take advantage of a £112 billion industry that is set to grow by

25% between now and 2015."

In government, the Lib Dems are leading the environmental agenda. They are creating a £3bn green investment fund and setting tough targets to reduce carbon emissions. Bath MP Don Foster said: "this 50% cut is the most ambitious legally binding limit on carbon emissions set by any government in the world.

"It underlines our commitment to being the greenest government ever and puts Britain at the forefront of the global fight against climate change."

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