

Croquet club scores with Ward Member Initiative funding

The Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Club has been given £400 to purchase new croquet mallets thanks to Bath & North East Somerset Council's Ward Member Initiative Fund.

The cash boost for the new equipment should mean that more people can enjoy a game at the club's Redpost Ground, on Whitebrook Lane in Peasedown St John.

As part of the Ward Councillors' Initiative – which aims to help local councillors respond quickly to needs within their wards with money for local projects – Councillor Nathan Hartley allocated part of his funding for the croquet club.

Councillor Nathan Hartley (Lib-Dem, Peasedown), Deputy Leader of Council and Cabinet Member for Early Years, said: "The Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Club provides an invaluable source of recreation – where people of all ages can try out the sport and enjoy getting together for a bit of fun. Therefore I'm delighted to use money from Bath & North East Somerset Council's Ward Member Initiative Fund to support the club to buy some new equipment and hopefully encourage more people to give it a go."

Brian Wilson, a member of the Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Club, said: "We're really grateful to Cllr Hartley and Bath & North East Somerset Council for helping us to improve our equipment and we look forward to welcoming even more people to the club. We're running sessions every Monday, Thursday and Saturday from 1-4pm ahead of our new four-lawn facility opening in March. You don't need to book or bring anything along – just turn up in flat shoes and warm clothes."

Bath & North East Somerset Council's Ward Member Initiative Scheme has allocated a sum of £2,000 to each ward councillor during 2011-12 so that they can respond quickly to local community needs where a small amount of financial support can make a big difference. To date, more than £17,500 has been distributed to a wide range of projects including children and youth provision, football coaching and refurbishing a church kitchen.