

Community Grants for 2023

This summer, Peasedown St John Parish Council has donated a total of £3,350 to organisations in the village. Here are some of the local groups who have benefitted this year:

Peasedown St John Cricket Club received a grant towards their Annual Firework Display on 3rd November, to provide free tickets for pupils at Peasedown St John Primary School.

Bath Area Play Project received money for a Play Day on Beacon Field. Their Playdays are always very popular and well-attended.

Avon & Somerset Police received a grant for the Mini Police to buy promotional boards for use at community



Photo shows councillors Andy Larcombe and Jo Davis with attendees at the "All Starz" Summer Fun Day

events as well as coach travel costs for an educational trip to the Police horse and dog section in Clevedon.

Braysdown Allotments Committee received money towards the cost of the Allotment Holders' Barbecue. This popular event is held each year in July. Braysdown Allotments have been very popular during recent years, but the waiting list is now becoming more manageable. Please contact us if you are interested in a plot.

Bath All Starz Cheerleading received a grant towards the cost of three Summer Holiday Fun Days in Beacon Hall and coach travel costs to a cheerleading competition.

Update from Metro Mayor for the West of England



Apply for your FREE BIRTHDAY BUS PASS, valid across buses in the West of England for the whole of your birthday month.



Many happy returns and singles!

I'm pleased to let readers of Peasedown St John know about Birthday Buses. Please do apply at **www.birthdaybus.co.uk** There you can apply for a special Birthday bus pass for free bus travel throughout the whole month of your Birthday. We have ambitious net zero targets in the West of England and 44% of our carbon emissions currently come from transport.

This is a plan to encourage people to try the buses and hopefully switch to them, which in turn will mean more fare income and so better buses in the future too. You'll need a digital style passport photo and a local address to apply - and to fill in a couple of quick questions about your travel habits.

Thinking about a green upgrade to your home? The new "Retrofit West" Advice Line has been launched. Call 0800 038 6733 to find out about measures that could suit your home and get advice on next steps.

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Persimmon Land Transfer

We are very pleased to announce that the Parish Council will shortly take ownership of 28 pieces of land which previously belonged to different housing developers involved with building the areas of new housing in the village. This has been a lengthy process which councillors have been working on in conjunction with the Clerk over the past eight years.

After many meetings an agreement was reached for the areas of land, which includes a contribution from the developers towards their ongoing maintenance. Title deeds for each area of land needed to be obtained from the Land Registry, so that the change of ownership could be officially recorded. All of the areas shown in colour on the maps (below and right) will be included in the transfer. Although roads are shown on the map, the Parish Council will only be responsible for the verges, as the roads and pavements will remain under the control of Bath & N E Somerset Council.

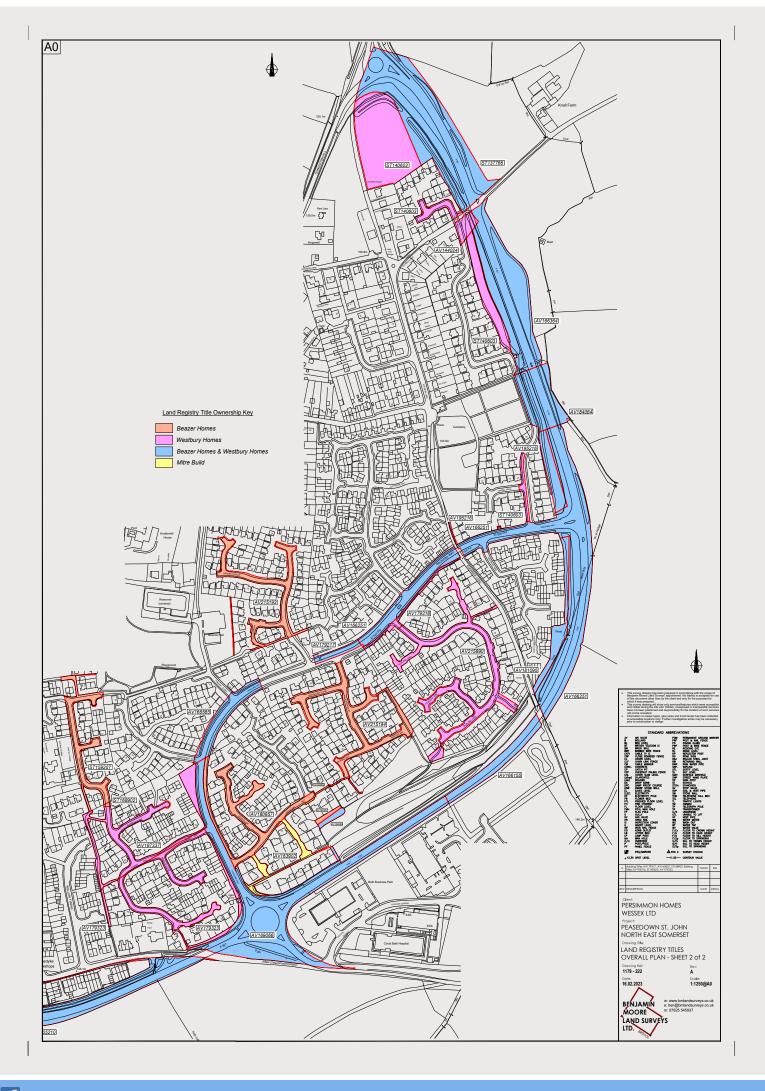
Many of these areas have been poorly maintained over the years, and the Parish Council has plans to make



Photo shows Councillors Kathy Thomas and Andy Larcombe in a meeting to discuss the land transfer some big improvements. We will begin this process by conducting a full tree survey of the various areas to find out what work needs to be done. Any necessary tree work will be carried out over the Autumn/Winter months along with some general maintenance of hedges and verges.

If you have any queries regarding the transfer or wish to highlight any areas where urgent maintenance may be required, please do get in touch with the Parish Office using the phone/e-mail on the front of this newsletter.





Thoughts from the Chair



Although the summer weather has been far from perfect, it has been good weather for gardens, and our village floral displays are looking stunning! Thanks again to our team of volunteers who have helped to plant them up, and to Cllr Kathy Thomas, who with volunteers Roger Dix, Mike llott and Gill Rogers, tended the beds over the summer months.

As we approach the end of the year, councillors will be looking at general repairs and replacements that will need to be funded in next year's budget, as well as any projects of benefit to our residents. We would welcome your ideas - please send us an email or come along to our next councillor surgery to let us know what you think. The dates for these are advertised in advance on our Facebook page, noticeboards and on banners.

Lastly, some dates for your diary: a Remembrance Day event at Beacon Hall on 12th November; and the Christmas Tea for Senior Residents at Beacon Hall on Sunday 3rd December. Please see below for details.

A New Tree for the Recreation Ground

Thank you very much to Mr Stanley, who has kindly donated a beautiful crab apple tree in memory of his late wife, Betty. The tree has been planted on the Recreation Ground, where Mrs Stanley used to walk her dogs each day and will be enjoyed by local residents and dog walkers in years to come. The photo shows Mr Stanley (2nd from left) with friends, unveiling the plaque next to the tree.



We will be hosting our Christmas Tea Party for older residents of Peasedown St John on **Sunday 3rd December 2023**

Please SAVE THE DATE - and if you would like to register an interest phone (01761) 433686



Peasedown St John Parish Council will be holding their Remembrance Events for 2023:

Dressing of War Graves 11am Saturday 11th November 2023 St John's Church, Peasedown St John



Remembrance Event

3pm Sunday 12th November 2023 Beacon Hall, Peasedown St John Event to include poems, readings and short films **Refreshments will be served**



All Welcome



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Gardening Volunteers Needed!

We're working to get our flower beds at Ashgrove Cemetery back into shape and, once this is done, we would like to put together a team of volunteers to help maintain them. Cllr Howard Hartley (pictured below) will be organising regular gardening sessions with the team who we hope will be helping us to keep the weeds in check and plant some new flowers and shrubs when available.

Can you help? We would love to hear from you! Previous gardening experience is not needed, as others will be on hand to provide advice. If you are interested, please get in touch with the Parish Office - contact details on the front page.

