



Newsletter Summer 2020

# Your Newsletter

For residents of Braysdown, Carlingcott,  
Peasedown St John and Woodborough

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## Summer Floral Displays



Our Caretaker and his team have been hard at work throughout the lockdown, planting and maintaining our beautiful floral displays around the village. As well as the roundabouts, flower beds, hanging baskets and containers, we have some lovely planting at Ashgrove Cemetery - you are welcome to visit for a stroll. The Burial Committee meet regularly and will next be discussing plans for further planting in the wildflower meadow area.



## Community Grants



Thank you to our wonderful Mini Police (left) who, before the lockdown, were busy clearing litter around the village with some borrowed equipment. The Parish Council will be providing them with a grant for more litter-picking equipment, so that they are fully equipped to continue with this work when possible.

Because many events and activities have been put on hold due to Coronavirus, we will be having a second phase of Community Grants this year. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for further details in due course.



## Thoughts from the Chair



What a strange and unsettling time we have been living through: the Covid 19 pandemic took the world by surprise. We in the South West have been fortunate that there has been relatively low infection, but nevertheless our lives have been disrupted. My thoughts go out to everyone, especially those who have lost family or friends. I consider myself to be in a fortunate position, as lockdown started at the time my 8 ewes were due to lamb, which has certainly kept me busy. I now have 13 lambs and it's a joy watching them frolic. Council life and business continued with the use of video conferencing and I would like to thank council staff and fellow councillors for embracing the technology. Remember: be alert and keep safe. With best wishes, Kathy.

## Councillor Surgery & Councillor Vacancy



Are you passionate about Peasedown St. John and its community? Do you have an interest in the future of the parish and the facilities provided? If so, you may wish to consider becoming a Parish Councillor. There is currently a vacancy on the Parish Council, which can be

filled by co-option. Please get in touch with the Parish Office if you would like further details.

Councillors plan to hold a **Councillor Surgery at Beacon Hall (outside, if weather permits) on 21st August 2020** - they will be adhering to all necessary social distancing measures. If you would be interested in becoming a Councillor, please come along for a chat. Interviews will be held remotely by video.

## Coronavirus Update: Council Meetings, Parish Office and Beacon Hall

**Council Meetings:** Parish Councillors are continuing to work hard for all residents, with council meetings being held online (see below). If you wish to access these meetings to listen-in or comment during the public session, there is a link provided for every meeting on our website and the Agenda can be found on the Parish Council website and Facebook page.

**Parish Office:** The office is closed, but staffed on an occasional basis, with staff working from home for the majority of time. If you need to contact the office, please phone, e-mail or message us on Facebook in the usual way.

**Beacon Hall:** All classes and party bookings at Beacon Hall have been stopped for the time being, but will resume as soon as we are able to ensure the safety of hall-hirers. The Parish Council is reviewing this situation on a monthly basis.

**Outside Spaces:** We are regularly reviewing the measures in place for our outside spaces. Meanwhile, we have taken the opportunity to have some essential maintenance work carried out.



Left: Cllrs Andrew Larcombe, Kathy Thomas, Conor Ogilvie-Davidson and Gavin Heathcote at an online council meeting.

Right: The football pitch at the Recreation Ground, following recent grounds maintenance work.



## Snow Wardens



Due to other local and family commitments, our Snow Warden, Calvin Bird, has decided to retire. We are grateful to him for all his hard work on behalf of local residents. The Snow Warden works with a team of helpers to clear a walk-way to the school, doctors' surgery and main shops, during icy weather. Initially supported by B&NES Council, the scheme has been fully-funded by the Parish Council since 2018.

In order for the scheme to continue, we now need a new volunteer Snow Warden and some additional volunteer helpers. If you would be interested in finding out more about either of these roles, please get in touch with the Parish Office or come along to the Councillor Surgery at Beacon Hall on 21st August 2020.

## Accessible Allotment Plots

We are pleased to announce that we will soon have some allotment plots designed to be accessible for those with reduced mobility, similar to those shown on the right. We hope to have up to four plots available, which will be suitable for those who need some support when walking, and may find a raised bed easier to manage.



We aim to have these completed by Autumn 2020. If one of these plots might be of interest, and you are an individual with mobility needs or run a local group for those with mobility needs, please get in touch with the Parish Office so that we can put your name on the waiting list.