



# Your Newsletter

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

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## Well done to the Mini Police!

Congratulations to this year's Mini Police Cadets who had their special assembly at Peasedown St John Primary School on 10th of June 2024. Cllr Larcombe attended on behalf of the Parish Council, together with Robert Beckley QPM, the new High Sheriff of Somerset. Thank you to our local PCSOs Louise Jones and Tony McIntosh who put in a great deal of work organising the activities and running the group, alongside staff from the School, and to the Mini Police themselves who have been busy during the year helping out around the village. The photos below show them putting some extra plants in the Jubilee Garden, filling in any gaps and ensuring that it is looking its best ready for summer.



## Summer Planting

Thank you to our wonderful planting volunteers Howard, Gill, Sue, Roger and Mike who together with Parish Council staff and contractors, did a great job at getting everything planted-up for this summer's floral displays. If you would like to volunteer to help with future planting, please contact the Parish Office. Planting around the village takes place in May and October (the exact day will be known nearer the time). There is also a weekly group of volunteers who look after the planted areas at Ashgrove Cemetery - if you could spare any time on a Thursday between 10am and 1pm, please do get in touch - new volunteers are always welcome.





## Thoughts from the Chair



I am extremely proud to have been re-selected by Councillors in May to continue my role as Chair of Council for the new Council year. I wish to say a huge thank you to my fellow councillors and to parish council staff for all their hard work over the course of the past year. We are looking forward to doing our best for the village and its community in the coming year.

We have introduced a new committee structure for our council meetings which we hope will be a more logical arrangement, and we have some exciting plans for projects for this year. These include improvements to Beacon Hall to install solar panels and insulation, for which we have been lucky enough to secure grant funding from the West of England Combined Authority.

Other potential projects include a Wildlife Pond at Ecewiche Green, and some mature trees to provide additional shade on parts of Beacon Field. If you have any ideas for potential projects, please do get in touch.

On a separate note, I was pleased to donate part of my Chair's Allowance to the WI to cover the hire of Beacon Hall for their Fund Raiser, which raised £650 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Best wishes, Jonathan.

## The Active Way - Free fitness activities for local residents



Get ready for a dose of outdoor fun! If you're looking for ways to get more active outdoors, look no further than The Active Way.

The Active Way is a three-year pilot project delivering an Active Travel Social Prescribing programme, which is your gateway to a healthier and more active lifestyle through outdoor travel. The Active Way offers free cycling and walking activities to help you step out, connect with others, and feel fantastic. Whether you're seeking new or revisiting old experiences, need access to bikes and local walking trails, or want to meet new people while enjoying the great outdoors – The Active Way has got you covered!

There is so much to explore, from led group walks and cycling with Sustrans' Active Steps programme to inclusive cycling with All Cycles Bath & West and their adapted bikes. The BANES Bikeability team offers 1-2-1 cycle lessons for adults and families, and Dr Bike is here to prepare your bike for all your two-wheeled adventures. Then, there is Supporting Family Change, which runs 1-2-1, and group Walk and Talk sessions. There are also Nordic Walking courses and Wellbeing Buggy Walks, Chat-e-cycle, (a side-by-side electrical tandem taxi service), and KiActiv, a 12-week program helping you to track your daily movements with the help of a health coach and nifty wearable device.

And there's more! Join Snap and Stroll, a wellbeing photography group, at The Hive, Peasedown St John, every Tuesday from 2 to 4 pm starting in June. Or head over to GoJauntly, a free walking and wellness app that helps you connect with the great outdoors. The Active Way has commissioned GoJauntly to create 30 miles of walking trails across the Somer Valley, with new routes in Peasedown St John (download the free app to find out more!)

For more details or to sign up to The Active Way, you can fill in a referral form (link below), head over to their website, reach out via email or phone, or pop down to Hope House Surgery every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 10 am and 3 pm. All details below:

Referral form: [www.theactivewayreferrals.riviam.io/form/self-referral](http://www.theactivewayreferrals.riviam.io/form/self-referral)

Website: [www.theactivewaybathnes.co.uk](http://www.theactivewaybathnes.co.uk) Email: [info@theactivewaybathnes.co.uk](mailto:info@theactivewaybathnes.co.uk) Phone: 01225 395205

Location: Hope House Surgery, 10 Waterloo Road, Radstock, BA3 3EP



# BT Telephone Box Refurbishment



The BT telephone box in Carlingcott has received a much-needed makeover - we hope you will agree that it looks much better than the "before" picture shown on the right!

Our contractor repaired the door and replaced a missing pane of glass, before sanding, undercoating and painting in traditional phone box red.

The Parish Council purchased the phone box from BT for £1 in 2012, after it was decommissioned. Since then it has been repurposed as a community library for local residents.



## Workshop to help Wildlife at Ashgrove Cemetery



Residents attended a workshop on Sunday 9th June to learn how to make bird and bat boxes, organised as part of the Natural History Consortium's "Festival of Nature".

Councillor Howard Hartley, who helped to organise the event with Councillor Gill Auld, said: "We are grateful to all those who attended our workshop. We completed 20 bird and bat boxes which are now ready to be installed in locations around Ashgrove Cemetery and Ecewiche Green. We hope they will encourage more wildlife to the area for us all to enjoy."

If you want to help make a difference for wildlife in your own garden, why not pick up a "Hedgehog Highway" free of charge from the Parish Office? These are designed to allow hedgehogs to roam freely from one garden to another in their search for food. Please see the links below for further details:



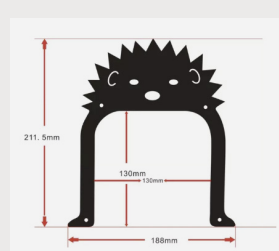
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# Beacon Lighting for 80th Anniversary of D-Day



Thank you to everyone who came along to the D-Day 80th Anniversary Beacon Lighting on 6th June. Despite being June, it was still quite cold, but it was nice too see those who turned out to remember a key moment in our history that changed the course of World War II and shaped the future of our world.

We joined with many towns and villages across the nation in lighting the beacon to commemorate this significant event.

Peasedown Social and Wellbeing Group have made the lovely banner (shown in the photo top left) to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day. It is now on display inside Beacon Hall - please come and take a look. The left hand side of the panel background represents the green green grass of home and the right hand side represents the Normandy beaches.

