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## Lib Dems working hard for you in South West Bath HMO Licensing Applications

In 2013 Liberal Democrats in BathNES introduced the Article 4 directive and HMO Licensing.

The article 4 directive on HMOs is starting to bite and a number of applications have now been processed with several being refused.

The important issue of HMO licensing has also started to take effect with a record number of applications in the targeted area, nearly 1,000 applications being received against expectations of up to 800.

Westmoreland Councillor Sharon Ball said: "It is interesting to find that the Liberal Democrats position on insisting that HMO Licensing would improve housing standards is being vindicated with nearly 1/3 of all applications received needing works done on the property before a licence can be issued".

Liberal Democrat campaigner Sarah Moore said: "Residents have told me that they are pleased that the Liberal Democrats have carried out their promises to residents by improving housing standards across the area".



## Newton Road Traffic Calming

The issue of safety of children crossing the road at Newton Road will become more secure later this year with the installation of traffic calming.

This is to encompass the entire road from the junction with Watery Lane through to Pennyquick.



Designs are currently being drawn up for a scheme including a speed table outside St Michael's Junior School.

Twerton councillor Tim Ball said: "This £30,000 scheme was put in the councils budget this year to improve road safety for children after accidents in previous years".

We will keep residents informed of progress with this work and confirm as soon as designs are available for comment.

## New Jobs for Southdown

We are delighted that the former Southdown Labour Club has now transformed into a dynamic employment space with a number of local companies operating from the refurbished buildings.



The transformation was originally going to be refused but Western Building Consultants approached Dine and Paul and we worked with them to ensure the planning was granted.

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# Lymore Gardens Play Park

Westmoreland Councillor Sharon Ball and Lib Dem activist Sarah Moore have been working closely with the Parks team, to ensure the play area in Lymore Gardens is enhanced.



The ground has been levelled and fresh bark has been placed down, we are awaiting confirmation of when the multi activity unit is going to be replaced and will then be arranging a community day to repaint the swings and metal bench.

If you are interested in helping, please do get in touch.

# Poolemead Road Parking



The new off road parking strips on the grass verge are now in place on Poolemead Road and are working well.

Twerton councillor Gerry Curran said: "The whole area looks much better but we are looking at installing

several bollards to assist restricting parking to the area that can be parked on, we believe this is a good investment for local residents".

# Defibrillator for Southside



Dine and Paul have used some of their ward initiative money to provide a defibrillator for the Southside centre.

These machines can be lifesavers if a person is having a heart attack and they are easy for anyone to use.

We are keen to see more of these installed across the city.

# Linear Way Shared Path

Work started at the beginning of June to install the ramp from the Linear Way shared path up to Bridge Road/Claude Avenue.

This will provide a good, safe route for children to use to school as well as adding an additional access point to the Two Tunnels route.

During the first part of the year, work was also carried out to enable the route to go over the old railway bridge at the top of Bellotts Road and continue down behind the homes on Bellotts Road.



We have been contacted by a number of residents in Inverness Road to discuss issues that have arisen with the significant increase in cyclists using this route and will keep residents updated on the outcome of our discussions.

## LOCAL DECISIONS, LOCAL ACTIONS, LOCAL DECISIONS, LOCAL ACTIONS, LOCAL

**Kelston View** - we are still waiting for the bus stop alterations to take place and have also asked that the stability of the road is investigated as it seems the have dropped in several places.

**Western Riverside** - we have been visiting the area to check on issues and talk to residents about any concerns they have.

**The Hollow** - we supported local residents in getting the application for the unapproved fence rejected and so it will now have to altered to conform with current planning law.

**Loxton Drive/Priddy Close** - we have been out clearing the rubbish that is being left around the estate from waste bags that are left out on the wrong days by residents. Please help keep the area tidy by not putting your rubbish out until it is due for collection.

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