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# FOCUS



December 2018

Community newsletter from your local Liberal Democrat team  
Cllr Tim Ball • Sarah Moore • Cllr Paul Crossley • Cllr Dine Romero

## Season's Greetings

### Tackling our speeding Traffic Problems

We have issues across the city with ever increasing traffic, however, in our area, we have a big issue on a number of our streets with vehicles that believe the speed limits do not actually apply to them.

These are not just limited to cars, but vans, lorries and buses.



A group of residents have now been trained and are working with the police to monitor and track the speed of vehicles on some roads, with a view to extending the area they cover to ensure everyone is safe.

The Twerton Community Speedwatch Group have now received all their training and are out and about. Group Co-coordinator Sarah Moore said "So many residents have contacted us to express their concern for the speeds they have witnessed on their road, that I felt it was important to get this group up and active to monitor and also try and deter speeding to make sure everyone in our community are safe."

Sarah Moore also started a petition to request the Council arrange for a Pedestrian crossing to be put on Poolemead Road, near Twerton Infants School to enable residents, especially children to cross this busy road safely and hopefully slow the traffic in this area. The petition will be presented to the Cabinet Member for Highways at the Cabinet meeting in December.





# IN OUR AREA

## Hillcrest Field - continued improvement



After getting the new bins at all 4 entrances to the park and replacement play equipment during the year we are delighted that finally the Table tennis and now the bench and table seat have arrived.

Councillor Romero said “this field is incredibly well used by dog walkers and children. We now have a park that is really meeting the needs of all the users. I have had several positive comments about the play area.”

Councillor Crossley added “now we are just waiting for the self shutting gates to be put on so that dogs cannot get into the play part of the field.”

## Innox Park - Update

Following the recent consultation by BANES the proposed plans have now been put together. This area of Twerton is a great open space that is under used.



## The Circle

After a long time waiting, the top part of The Circle is now being repaired. A new strong kerb is being installed and the messed grass area repaired and the road widened to recognize the traffic flows around The Circle.

Cllr Romero said “We have been discussing the problems of The Circle with residents and highway engineers for a long time now. I am delighted to have been able to get this much needed repair kick started by using some of my Councillor Ward initiative funding. I am particularly pleased that the grass still looks like a circle.”



We are really pleased that the access areas are a priority as well as extending the footpath, with plans showing the main entrances being opened up with wooden bollards put in to replace the metal gates.

Installation of modern play equipment for pre 5 year olds and a new multi goal for Football and Basketball, together with more seating around the whole park area.

Increasing of tree planting, specifically cherry and apple trees and establishing wild meadow areas working in conjunction with Bathscape are also a priority.

Future plans include the potential to install outdoor gym equipment which the council are looking to the residents to help fund raise.

If you would like to get involved in fundraising events, please contact either Sarah Moore or Councillor Tim Ball.

## Eating Disorders Motion - MP Update

Eating disorders are a massive problem for people in Bath. Over 1500 people in the city have an eating disorder, which can have huge negative impacts on people's lives.

To combat this, Wera Hobhouse our Lib Dem MP has launched a motion in Parliament to bring down waiting times for treatment, and to improve it once it's given.

Lorna O'Connor, a Bath resident who suffered from an eating disorder, was denied treatment by doctors who told her she was fine due to the ratio between her height and weight.

Lorna said: “To just be told ‘no you're fine’ - I felt like I didn't know where to turn next. I was 8 stone and if I had been a slightly different height I would have probably fitted into the weight category for diagnosis. Essentially he told me: ‘You're going to have to be seven stone before I can help you.’ It was like telling me to go away and starve myself

for longer.”

Wera said: “People like Lorna were denied treatment when they needed it most. My motion will put a stop to this. The earlier we can treat someone, the more likely they are to get better. People in Bath who suffer from eating disorders demand better services with reduced waiting times. I'm fighting to put this in place.”



## Blagdon Park - Parking

Curo, BANES Council, Sarah Moore and Local Councillors Paul Crossley, Dine Romero and Tim Ball are all working together to resolve the parking issues to improve the neighbourhood for everyone.

We are undertaking a two stage process of consultation so that we can explore all ideas and possible solutions as well as to make sure everybody has a say on what should be done.

## Down Your Street

**Haycombe Drive** - We are working on a more robust option to reduce the vandalism of Bus Shelters

**Priddy Close/Loxton Drive** - We are chasing Curo to remove the many flytippers around the estate.

**King George's Road** - We are also chasing Curo to cut back tree growth that is obscuring footpath streetlighting.

**Poolemead Road** - We are pleased to confirm that the bin we have been pushing for has finally been installed.

## Holiday Rubbish Collection Dates

Below are details of the revised rubbish and recycling collection dates over the Christmas period.

My collection day should be	Revised collection day
Tuesday 25th December	Thursday 27th December
Wednesday 26th December	Friday 28th December
Thursday 27th December	Saturday 29th December
Friday 28th December	Monday 31st December
Monday 31st December	Wednesday 2nd January
Tuesday 1st January	Thursday 3rd January
Wednesday 2nd January	Friday 4th January
Thursday 3rd January	Saturday 5th January
Friday 4th January	Monday 7th January
Monday 7th January	Tuesday 8th January
Tuesday 8th January	Wednesday 9th January
Wed 9th January	Thursday 10th January
Thursday 10th January	Friday 11th January
Friday 11th January	Saturday 12th January

We note at the moment there will be no Christmas Tree collection this year, we are asking the Conservative Council to re-instate this.