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## Twerton and Whiteway

# FOCUS



July/August 2022

Community newsletter from your local Liberal Democrat team  
Councillor Tim Ball • Councillor Sarah Moore

## Footpath/Road resurfacing



The Council is responsible for the maintenance of approximately 1150Km of adopted highway within its boundaries and the budget has to be spread around the whole area, however, as part of their election pledge, Sarah Moore and Tim Ball committed to get more of the damaged roads and footpaths in Twerton and Whiteway resurfaced.

Since the election in 2019, the following roads in Twerton and Whiteway have been repaired -North Way, West Close, St Michael's Road, East Close, East Way, Wedgwood Road, Landseer Road, Innox Road, North View Close, Springfield Close, Highfield Close, Long Hay Close, The Brow, Newton Road, How Hill, Shaw's Way, Watery Lane as well as parts of Redland Park, Shophouse Road and Poolemead Road together with several footpaths.

It is great to see the team out on Shaws Way this week to resurface the footpath at the rear of Twerton Infant School.

Sarah and Tim met with Highways officers to discuss the condition of more of the roads in our area and how they can be repaired. The roads discussed were Poolemead Road (remaining sections), Haycombe Drive, Windrush Close, Rosewarn Close, Woodhouse Road, Freeview Road, Dominion Road and Highland Road. Some of these roads will require more substantial and costly repairs due to the volume of traffic and their condition.

We are aware this is not all the remaining roads in Twerton and Whiteway that require repairs, but with such under investment in our roads over a long period of time the budget needs to be spread around the whole of BANES. We will provide more updates on these repairs as soon as we have them.



# IN OUR AREA

## Pennyquick Park



Following feedback from residents, Councillors Tim Ball and Sarah Moore have met with the Parks team and Cabinet Member responsible to discuss all options.

They have asked the parks team to draw up plans for full refurbishment of the park to include, replacing play equipment, installation of disabled play equipment, outdoor gym equipment, a path around the circumference of the park, replacement pump track, picnic benches, more seating and a wildflower meadow area.

Councillor Sarah Moore has submitted an application for CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) funding to put

in some outdoor gym equipment and refurbishment of the pump track and this will be decided at a meeting in July.

All other aspects are being costed and whilst there is not currently a budget to do all the work, once the costs are known, they are looking at a phased approach to the work and are looking at all possible funding streams to enable it to happen.

Tim and Sarah are committed to improving this amazing park and will keep everyone updated of progress.

## Down your street

**Garrick Road** - We have requested the rusted street sign is replaced.

**Blagdon Park** - We have asked that the Council and Curo work together to get this area cleaned up.

**Walwyn Close** - We have requested the damaged, rusted street sign is replaced.

**Redland Park** - We have asked Curo to ensure the back lanes of the houses at the top of the area are cleared to ensure all residents can use their back gates.

## Girls Brigade

A big thank you to the members of the Girls Brigade and their helpers that took the time to come to Twerton in June to carry out a litterpick in Highland Road and Landseer Road.

They had a great time and the area looks so much cleaner.

## Energy Rebate

The Council are in the process of providing the £150 energy rebate that has been promised by Central Government.

Due to several software issues a number of people that pay by direct debit have not yet received their payment.

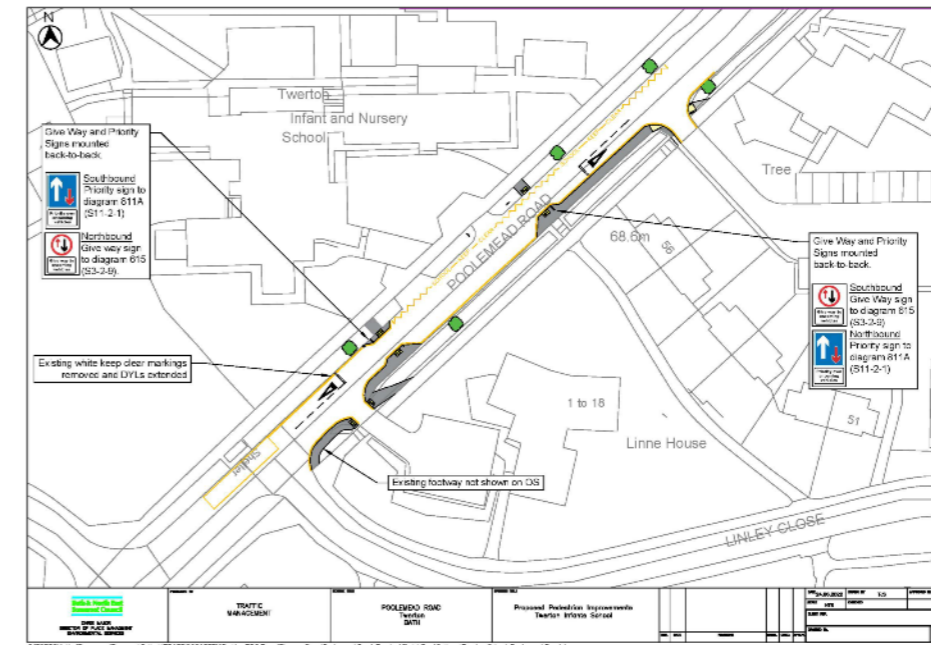
Councillor Sarah Moore has been pushing to get this resolved and the software fix has now been applied and is being tested. As soon as it is confirmed the payments will then be paid.

In the meantime, eligible residents that do not pay by direct debit will have received a letter notifying them of how to apply for their rebate.

If you believe you are eligible and have not yet received your letter, please do let us know.

The Council have until 30<sup>th</sup> September to make these payments, however, they are aiming to get these all paid as soon as they possibly can.

## Poolemead Road Safety



Another priority that was raised with Councillors Sarah Moore and Tim Ball by a large number of local residents was to ensure there was a safer way to cross Poolemead Road outside Twerton Infants School.

They met with Highways offices and the school's head teacher George Samios to discuss options to slow the traffic and narrow the road to help keep all the pedestrians safe.

The above image has been drawn up following the meeting with the officers and is what is planned to be put in place as soon as it possibly can be.

## Community Action Days

Following a number of conversations with residents, Councillors Tim Ball and Sarah Moore are pleased to confirm that during the last few weeks of July the Council along with Curo will be taking action across Twerton and Whiteway to clear some of our areas.

The action days will include litter picks, weed clearance and sign post cleaning as well as other issues that need resolving. The action days will involve Council and Curo staff who will work alongside residents and Councillors to help resolve some issues that are outstanding.

We will publish the dates and locations on social media and deliver a newsletter to tell residents which areas will be worked upon several days before each event.

Residents will be very welcome to help out with any of the action days.

Some areas have already benefited from this clearance work over the past few weeks and it would be great to see more areas covered.

