

Poem by Patricia Brent - 'After Rupert Brooke'

Oh God to see that other Eden
The lovely village known as Bleadon.
For Bleadon is one place I know
Where August trippers do not go.
But though the village is delightful
The neighbourhood is rather frightful.

Down Uphill they don't laugh a lot,
Well—let's be honest—what they got?
We all know they'm short of a button
In the far-flung territory of Hutton.
And dreadful monsters have been seen
On Accommodation Road to Brean.

They, down in Weston-super-Mare,
Do roll around in mud—quite bare.
If you goes out with a girl from Worle
I've 'eard it makes your toe nails curl.

There's folks 'as been as far as Wells
But they say their pigs didn't like the smells.
And what goes on is something shocking
With all they airmen down to Locking.
There's dragons and goblins out as Mark,
So they dares not go out after dark.

The Witch of Wookey you must see
'Cos the women there do look like she.
In Glastonbury they're proud of the Tor,
But what the 'ell is 'e stuck there for?

Oh! I will go and take a train,
And (a fortnight later) be in Bleadon again.
Let me once more the old church clock
With its handsome golden weathercock.
But I do wish they'd make it chime
So I could tell the Bleadon time.

Written October 1996.

Letter to the editor

Dear editor,

I am writing to inform the residents of Bleadon, again, that a local businessman who wants to build houses for profit and destroy our green fields, voles, bats and other wildlife along with scenery around Bleadon, is still trying to get permission to build on the fields alongside Bleadon Road.

I would urge all to get in touch with North Somerset Council if and when he appeals against their decision to refuse planning permission, as it has just done as well as on two other occasions..

This has also gone to the government's ombudsman in the past when he appealed, and as the inspector listened to all of our arguments, Bleadon Parish Council did not want it, as the parishioners told us in great detail they did not want it.

North Somerset's planning department was also against it and refused permission, for all of

the various reasons given.

Biodiversity, ecology, disruption to the village and disruption to our wildlife, voles, bats, birds, insects and habitat.

Why can't this person realise he will be going against the village's wishes, the local district council and the parish council and the government who all want greener spaces for our wellbeing.

Here are just a few reasons why the development should not go ahead:

- Affect local ecology
- Close to adjoining properties
- Conflict with local plan
- Development too high
- General dislike of proposal
- Inadequate access
- Inadequate parking provision
- Increase in traffic
- Increase of pollution
- Information missing from plans
- Loss of parking
- Loss of privacy
- More open space needed on development

Regards, David Sharman

The following is a brief reminder that during the current Covid-19 vaccination roll-out the UK government advises that, if you experience any of the following from around four days to four weeks after vaccination you should seek medical advice urgently:

- a new, severe headache which is not helped by usual painkillers or is getting worse.
- an unusual headache which seems worse when lying down or bending over or may be accompanied by
- blurred vision, nausea and vomiting
- difficulty with your speech
- weakness, drowsiness or seizures
- new, unexplained pinprick bruising or bleeding
- shortness of breath, chest pain, leg swelling or persistent abdominal pain

To help the NHS with side-effect reporting, the government has set up a £1.5 million Yellow Card system so you can report, and be informed of, known adverse effects.

Please complete a Yellow Card even if you think someone else may have reported one – the system can detect duplicate reports and we can use information to add to details about the case.

The Government Yellow Card system can be found at yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk