

Introducing our new PCSO

It has now been over two months since I resumed my role as a Police Community Support Officer and it was a pleasant surprise to find that upon my return to work, Bleadon was added to the areas I patrol. I had a very warm welcome at the Bleadon welcome event and I have gradually been introduced to other active members of the Bleadon community with whom I am likely to be in contact with on a regular basis.

Not many of you will know that I have been a PCSO over 7 years and was your former PCSO's counterpart working in Banwell, Hutton, Locking and St Georges. Of course, Banwell was dropped and I was given Bleadon which I am very happy about and I continue to cover Hutton, Locking and St Georges. I have worked for Avon & Somerset Police for 13 years and was formerly in charge of the Main Reception at Police Headquarters, until one day a police officer made the comment that I would make a good PCSO and the rest is history as they say I am

familiar with a police background as my father served in the Bristol Constabulary too.

Prior to joining the force, I have worked in an unpaid capacity in the community working for MIND, helping to run children's clubs and Brownies, and latterly heading Messy Church and being involved in the organisation of our church. I am also a volunteer manager for the YHA. In a paid capacity, I worked for Bristol Social Services as a Residential Social Worker which gave me lots of experience in dealing with staff teams and teenagers between 13 – 19 years of age. That was the greatest challenge of my life and helped me to keep into perspective, the raising of my own three children! All in all these experiences have been invaluable in being able to fulfil my role as a PCSO.

Fortunately, it helps that I love the outdoor life which means being out and about in the community which suits me down to the ground whatever the weather!! Some of you



will have seen me already on the walkabout and the picture was taken when walking from Hutton to Locking. I do this sometimes if I don't have a patrol car but would be too time consuming to do all the time. The walking (alongside hiking as a hobby) keeps me fit. So, on my walkabouts and contact in the village, I hope to meet many more residents. In the meantime, if you do have items that are of concern then please ring tel: 101 and one of the beat team will get in touch with you.

PCSO 7369 Maggie Evans

New Ranger takes the reins

The Parish Council is delighted to have appointed Ian Findlay to the post of Parish Ranger following the resignation of Tony Derrick in early May.

Many of you will already be very familiar with Ian because of his involvement in the Parish Council, Cory Hall, May Day

Fayre, the Bleadon Party and many other village events.

Since taking over the role of Parish Ranger in early June Ian has been putting himself about with making numerous improvements to our village environment.

These have already included regular strimming of the Combe Quarry and two Roman Road lay-byes, clearing the beds at the back of the car park and Coronation Hall, repairs to play equipment, repairs and refurbishment of the notice boards and much more. All this on top of the regular day job of litter picking, dealing with fly-tipping, waste disposal and recycling, grounds maintenance and posting our parish notices.

Keep up the good work Ian.



25 years on the Bleadon job

Parish Clerk, Bruce Poole celebrated his 25 years of unstinting public service to Bleadon by taking a well-deserved break in Majorca in June. Bruce is recognised throughout his profession as one of Britain's most experienced clerks. We're grateful to have him.



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