



Have you ever wondered about the who, what, why, where, when and how of BleadonBOB at [www.bleadon.org.uk](http://www.bleadon.org.uk) ?

Bob McKay was the original creator of a community website for Bleadon early in 2000 and it was the first and only website for Bleadon at the time. Following his untimely death in 2006 his wife gave us the opportunity to take on the domain name. So, when it came to giving the website a new name after a redesign we thought BleadonBOB should be used as a homage to Bob McKay, as well as standing for Butler's Online Bleadon. We developed upon his early work and expanded the functionality for the benefit of all residents, providing an independent online community website serving Bleadon village, parish and beyond. The site now gives access to interactive blogs as well as local and national information and resources, and linked social media.

The BOB website also enables the community to advertise their events, activities, products and news as well as being a resource to locate and contact local organisations, groups, societies and businesses. There is information relating to the village market, Neighbourhood Watch, properties and items for sale, local travel, road works, links to North Somerset services, and much, much, more. BOB also works online with local residents and action groups raising awareness of local democracy, and relaying information regarding political hot-topics such as major planning applications like the proposed Bridge Road, Devil's Bridge, Wentwood Drive & Bleadon Hill housing developments, the Caravan Park expansion, the A370 Solar Farm & Wake Park developments; and the proposed A370 road improvements to name but a few. These have been shared with BOB and then widely publicised directly to hundreds of BOB contacts using a variety of media to help local residents connect with like minded people and comment to our government representatives accordingly.

Residents, ex-residents and visitors from the UK and abroad contact BOB for local information about tourism, accommodation, history, photos and open spaces, helping them to enjoy our great outdoors whether they are here or in the USA, Hong Kong, Australia or Singapore! BOB pages include local Walks, our Wildlife Reserves, Public Rights of Way, Spaces and Places and other surrounding areas of outstanding natural beauty.

If you are interested in our community information you can interact with BOB in a number of ways including:

- [www.bleadon.org.uk/news](http://www.bleadon.org.uk/news) : for people who like their community news in one place as this pulls together all the various BOB blog posts.
- social media: Facebook BleadonBOB, Twitter @Bleadon, NextDoor BleadonBOB
- [news@bleadon.org.uk](mailto:news@bleadon.org.uk) : to send us any information or requests and if you would like to be directly alerted to BOB website posted information via email.

Finally, thanks to all who have helped keep the Bleadon BOB website proactive for well over a decade and a warm welcome to any readers who may want to join our online community.

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