

NEWS and views

Storm damage

Whilst the *BVN* editor was basking in the warmth of the Melbourne sunshine, the rest of you were being battered and drenched by the February storms.

Bus shelters were blown away, utility poles felled, roofs ripped off and drains overflowed (again). Compared to some parts of the country it looks like we got off very lightly.

Ian Findlay captured some of the carnage on camera.

The old timber bus shelter at the top of Celtic Way was totally destroyed by the gale-force winds. It's given us a good few years of service, having been moved over 12 years ago from its original location at the junction of Bridge / Bleadon Roads. The parish council has yet to decide whether to replace it.



Eco plans for sewage treatment works

Wessex Water have put forward proposals for improving the wildlife habitat and pedestrian access around their Accommodation Road treatment works.

Following the recent completion of major enlargement and improvements to the works that handle our foul water and sewage the company hopes to make the surrounding land more accessible to walkers and more habitable for wildlife, water fowl, flora and fauna.

Wessex Water are in lengthy discussions with the various environmental agencies to ensure that we all benefit from the best practical solution. Initial draft proposals were presented to the parish council at the March meeting. We now await final proposals and look forward to the work being completed after the end of this nesting season.



Posters for the village notice boards

If you have a Bleadon village event that needs to be publicised you are welcome to have your A4 poster displayed on the five purpose-built parish notice boards that are scattered around the village. Of course, this is dependent upon there being space available. With so much going on in our little village space on the boards is frequently at a premium.

Leave your A4 (portrait format) posters at the Post House Stores at Purn. Tony the village ranger picks up the posters at 8.30 on a Monday morning and then distributes them around the notice boards. Please understand that it isn't always possible to display all posters but Tony tries to be as fair to everyone as possible. Priority will always go to promoting village based events for Bleadon residents.