



Message from the Chairman

Nobody is more surprised than I am to be writing this letter to you all as Chairman of the Parish Council.

I am however delighted to be able to do so.

One of my first and very important tasks was to represent the Council at the inquiry into building 200 houses on the fields next to the A370 and you will have read the basis of our objections in the last issue. What I wanted to tell you, and it's really important that you know this, is that your responses to the village survey were referred to on several occasions. North Somerset's barrister working on our behalf referred to it in his summing up and on several earlier occasions, but even more importantly, the inquiry inspector had clearly read it, referred to it himself and recommended that one of the main experts appearing on behalf of the appellants should read it too before completing his statement.

So although you might not have attended the inquiry, your views were heard as important evidence.

We don't know the result of the inquiry yet but you, as part of the Neighbourhood Planning responses were heard.

We hope to hold a Public Meeting in the new year re the Neighbourhood Plan and now you know how important it can be we look forward to seeing you there.

Congratulations too to our Bleadon in Bloom team and the success they achieved. We hope that the village will look even more beautiful in the Spring.

My best wishes for the fast approaching Festive Season and all the usual village events.

Gill Williams.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Planning group has not met for the last 2 months. We are waiting for the result of the appeal against the 200 houses before we call a village meeting in January to decide what we have to do next. Graham Quick who has been helping us with policies will speak at that meeting and we hope that as many villagers as possible will be able to attend. Meetings are usually held monthly on a Wednesday evening in the Church Room – check the parish notice boards and Bleadon Neighbourhood Plan website [https://](https://www.bleadonneighbourhoodplan.co.uk/)

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Allotments

Most of the allotments are looking very well maintained especially the upper ones, but unfortunately a few of the lower ones are not so well managed. Perhaps, if the weather permits they can get an early spring clean.

There is a half plot available to rent. Can I remind all tenants that permission is required by the Parish Council to erect any structure Shed/greenhouse including sign before installation. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Councillor Mary Sheppard

Bleadon in Bloom Win

Our Bleadon Bloomers have had an incredibly successful first year. Winning Silver Gilt (just below gold) for their "Beautiful but Dutiful" entry this year. The focus was on the wildlife and this was rewarded by the John Wheatley Trophy for the Best Blue Campaign Entry. Considering our neighbours in Portishead also concentrated on the Wildlife and are a much more experienced team we are thrilled at this accolade and grateful to the team for making it happen. We look forward to finding out about their plans for next year in this edition of the Bleadon News.

We would like to remind everyone about our centenary celebration and ask that you contact Councillor Sharman to pledge your support. The idea is to bring the village together group by group and through each individual. By contacting everyone, we hope that no one is missed. We want to hold a big street party style celebration with all Bleadon groups involved. Everyone can do their bit. It will be great to see you all there on the 8th of May.

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