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Batheaston Times

Your go-to guide for all the village news & events



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Our amazing village needs you!

We want to ensure that all the amazing organisations represented in this paper - and more besides - have the needful volunteers to allow them to flourish and to enhance the life of our wonderful village.

As Chair of the Batheaston Leadership group, and on behalf of all Batheaston residents, I'd like to express our thanks to the amazing volunteers that came together for Coronation weekend. They gave of their time to pull together some truly memorable events. It was very lovely to see so many generations mixing together and having fun - and not letting the unpredictable British weather get in the way!

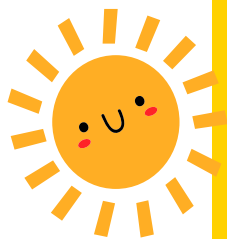
One of the major reasons for the formation of the Batheaston Leadership was to coordinate our community activities. Crucially, we want to ensure that all the amazing organisations represented in this paper - and more besides - have the needful volunteers to allow them to flourish and to enhance the life of our wonderful village.

Please do step forward and volunteer in any little way you can.
Our amazing village needs you.

Cllr Kevin Guy
Chair of Batheaston Leadership Board



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Summer events calendar

A round-up of some of the events that are on in the village this Summer

NEW EVENT!

MEADOWFEST

Saturday 15th July
2-5pm

This event promises to be an unforgettable experience for all attendees. We will be offering a wide array of attractions, including a lively bar, sizzling barbeque, engaging kids' activities, thrilling inflatables, captivating games, a vibrant Samba band, and a dynamic DJ.

YOUTH CLUB

6.30-9pm
School Lane
for 11-21 year olds

Young people can meet their friends in a safe and friendly environment, by just chilling or joining in with activities. Youth workers engaged young people in many different activities and workshops. 07905 905970

GB FOOTBALL CLUB

Every Saturday 9-11am
Weather dependent

New girls only group for 2023!

It's for girls and boys aged between 4 and 10. Main objectives are for the kids to have fun, get some exercise, and learn about teamwork and respect. Cash only on the day, £5 per 2 hour session.

growbatheaston.co.uk/gbfc

KUNG FU BATH

Every Wednesday
Youth Club
5-11 years - 6-6.45pm
Scout Hut
12 upwards - 7-8.30pm
The Bath Kung Fu Academy is pleased to offer professional step by step instruction for men, women and children of all ages. We guide you from complete beginner to advanced practitioner and pride ourselves on being fun and friendly.
www.kungfubath.com/

AVONVALE RFC JUNIORS

Every Sunday
London Road
10-11.30am
Between Sept and April

Come along and enjoy mini rugby at Avon RFC. Fully qualified and experienced coaches with enhanced DBS checks. Our focus is having fun.

www.avonvalerfc.co.uk/minis-juniors

POP-UP PUB

Friday 30th June
6pm - 9pm

A great way to meet old friends and make new ones across the village. Held in the hall on the last Friday of each month between 6-9pm. Register at villagepopuppub1@gmail.com to book tickets, and then pay on the evening. £15 will get you 3 drinks and nibbles.



NEW EVENT!

BATHEASTON CHURCH FETE

New Village Hall & Field
Saturday 24th June,
12pm to 4pm

Play games and win prizes but more importantly there will be chances to meet old friends and make new ones, share some fun and support our village church. If you would like to be involved, please contact Louisa on louisakile@yahoo.com.

BATHEASTON GARDEN GROUP

Garden visits this summer;
21st June: Moor Wood
Roses, Cirencester.
7th July: Duck Pond Barn,
Wingfield.
9th August: Whatley Manor,
Malmesbury.

Please see our website for membership details and full programme of visits and talks. www.batheastongardengroup.co.uk

CUBS

Scout Hut
Every Monday
6.30 - 8pm

Being a Cub is all about growing and learning in small but mighty ways. Cubs are young people aged 8-10½yrs. We meet on Mondays from 6.30-8 pm at our Scout Hut School Lane Batheaston.

23rdbathscouts.org/cubs/

BEAVERS & SCOUTS

Scout Hut, every Thursday

Beavers (ages 6-8)
6 - 7.15pm
23rdbathscouts.org/beavers/

Scouts (ages 10.5-14)
7.30 - 9pm
23rdbathscouts.org/scouts/

Activities include cooking, building, problem solving, hiking, camping and adventures.

AERO-TONE-LATES

Every Monday 6-7pm
New Village Hall
20 mins aerobics, 20 mins toning and 20 mins Pilates.
Contact Jane on 07866604341.

WALKING FIT CLUB

Daily one hour circular walks from the best pubs and cafes in Bath, 50 different walks.
For more info contact Jane at jane_braham@hotmail.com or 07866604341.
www.walkingfitclub.com

WALKING FOOTBALL

Rhymes Field
Wednesdays
5.30-6.30pm

Are you looking to stay active and enjoy football at a slower pace? All abilities welcome, aimed at over 50's, grass surface, £3 per session.
info@bathcityfoundation.org



NEW EVENT!

BATHEASTON COMMUNITY LUNCH

Batheaston New Village Hall
Friday 16th June

A special Coronation/King's Birthday Royal celebration. Children from the school will be singing for us creating a multi-generational feel to the event. Everyone in the community is welcome, we just request a voluntary donation of £5 to help cover costs. Go to Wern on page 14 for more details.

COMMUNITY PLANTING

10am - 12 noon the second Saturday and last Sunday of each month

Email for mobile number to hello@growbatheaston.co.uk to be added to the community planting whatsapp group so we can let you know where we are going to be for each session and what we are doing. A great way to keep fit, have fun and meet new people.

BATHEASTON ALL SORTS

Batheaston New Village Hall
Every Tuesday 9.30-11am

We have a wide variety of fun and educational toys, a weekly craft activity, snack time, story time and music time. There is tea and fresh coffee for grown ups and home-made cake. The cost of the session is £2 per family/childminder.
www.facebook.com/groups/170815826444823



SEN (SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS) PARENT / CARERS CAFE
Fridays 10.30-12.30 term time only. Upstairs room, Batheaston New Village Hall

If you are a parent or a carer join us for a chance to talk with other parent carers in a happy friendly place with coffee, tea and cake too. Anyone involved in any way caring for a young person with SEND, regardless of a diagnosis, is always very welcome.
roxyrussell1985@gmail.com

SOLSBURY SINGS COMMUNITY CHOIR

New Village Hall
Every Monday
7.30-8.45 pm

A friendly mixed choir for all abilities
Contact Cathy - cathy@solsburysings.co.uk

HAVE AN EVENT IDEA?
hello@batheaston-times.co.uk

CREATIVE ROOTS -
Mikes Meadow, Northend, Batheaston, BA1 7EP
Family mornings the last Saturday of each month.

www.bookwhen.com/creativeroots

Activities include nature crafts, den building, bushcraft, sewing, simple campfire cooking, singing and storytelling



New Village Hall

We've been buzzing with activity with plenty more to come!

We have experienced our first summer wedding reception. The hall was in tip top condition, volunteers having spent many hours cleaning and tidying. With the spacious terrace for a sunny day, everything ensured a memorable day for bride, groom and guests. We look forward to hosting further wedding receptions in June and August.

CEROC: An exciting new dance event starts on Thursday evening, 1st June. It will run through 51 weeks of the year.

Beginners are very welcome and there is no need to bring a partner. Look up the website by searching "Ceroc Batheaston". This gives full information about the sessions and the dance styles. These are loosely based around Jive, Ballroom, Latin American, Tango, Salsa etc. For timings see below.

We're still keen to hear from anyone who might like to be involved with a new amateur dramatics group for Batheaston. We have the stage and lights ... we now need the actors and all the wonderful people who make theatre happen. Please get in touch.

Regular Weekly Classes:

Please note that school holidays are approaching, and most of our classes will be taking some time off. So always check the calendar to see what is running.

Mondays

Curious Child 9.30-10.45am & 11.15am-12.30pm
www.thecuriouschild.co.uk

Aero-tone-irates 6-7pm

<http://www.aero-tone-irates.com>

Solsbury Sings 7.30-8.45pm

www.solsburysings.co.uk

Tuesdays

Toddlers 9.30-11am www.facebook.com/groups/170815826444823

Watercolour Art 9.30am-12.30pm

www.rachelmoyawilliams.co.uk

Pilates – 9.30-10.30am www.pure-focus.co.uk

Wednesdays

Zumba – 9.30-10.45am

jess.harding-wyatt@live.co.uk

Pilates – 6.25-7.10pm & 7.30-8.30pm

www.pilateswithgaby.co.uk

Bath Show Choir – 7.30-9pm

www.bathshowchoir.com

Thursdays

Baby Sensory 10.30-11.15am & 11.45am-12.30pm

www.babysensory.com/bath/

Pilates 10-11am www.pure-focus.co.uk

Yoga – 12-1pm shenyoga.co.uk

Yoga – 6.15-7.15pm millie.trinkwon@btinternet.com

NEW – CEROC Dance:

7.45pm - 8.30pm: Beginners' Class,

8.30pm - 8.45pm: Short Freestyle,

8.45pm - 9.15pm: Intermediate Class &

Beginners' Catch-Up Session,

9.15pm - 10.45pm: Freestyle for the rest of the

night

Fridays

Singing Tree – 9.30-10.30am –

Contact **Noeline Beesley** 07583 449200

SEN Carers Café – 10.30-12.30 –

Contact katy@wern.co.uk

Other Public Events June Onwards:

Book Club – first Tuesday of every month

7-8.15pm juliaj@hotmail.co.uk

Community lunch – monthly Fridays 16th June

and 21st July from 12.30pm katy@wern.co.uk

Annual Church Fete – Saturday 24th June,

12pm to 4pm

Family Constellation Workshop Weds 28th

June and 19th July 10.30am – 3.30pm

www.jamiecolston.com/workshopsandevents

Pop-up Pub – next Pub planned for Friday 30th

June, 6pm to 9pm, villagepoppub1@gmail.com.

com

Yoga Retreat Day – Saturday 8th July (all day)

hello@rachelstacey-mckay.com

Singing Mamas – once a month Fridays

10.30am-12noon - Contact **Noeline Beesley**

07583 449200



Batheaston Church School

Living life in all its fullness

Coronation Celebrations at School: First we held a special Crown Parade. Children were invited to show off their extravagant homemade creations to the rest of the school. Later that day we held a tea party and invited parents and grandparents to join us. Children from Reception to Year Six were all involved in making, chopping and baking food to serve to our guests (which linked very well with their learning in Design Technology). The sun shone for us, a feast fit for a king was laid out and music played. The gates opened at 2.00pm and soon the playground came alive with the red, white and blue of the children dressed up for the day either as a Royal or in Union Jack colours. It was a wonderful occasion and gave a real chance for the children to share their cooking and baking skills with their families. A big thank you goes to All I see Media for some amazing photographs of that afternoon.

Our Church School's Vision: Marking the historic event of the coronation has helped us to embrace once more our school's Christian vision of 'Living life in all its fullness'. And, as it happens, this term we have been specially focusing on the core value of service. We have been helping our children understand what it means to be of service to others. This too has fitted in particularly well with all our celebrations.

The date for this year's Meadowfest is Saturday 15th July, slightly later than in past years. We look forward to welcoming members of our local community and all our school families to the Meadowfest, inviting them to join us for an afternoon of fun and games.

Sally Jefferies Head Teacher,
Batheaston Church School

Grow Batheaston

Working together from the ground up



Breaking news - we're a charity. It's taken all of 18 months - and we've done it! Thank-you to everyone who has contributed to this rigorous process. Now we are officially recognised as an organisation which serves, and is of benefit to, our village and its surrounding area. Charitable status also allows us to access new funds and support.

Over the last 3 years a core group of volunteers has been delivering our projects, and we would like more of you to join in - so if you might like to be involved, or have an idea you would like to make happen, please speak to us - your village needs you!

Working Together from the Ground Up: Our next Plant Swap is on 10th June, 10-12 noon in the Riverside car park. Here you can also glean gardening advice and to buy our apple juice, sales of which fund further projects. If you have no plants to swap, just pick up plants or seeds for a small donation. If you would like to join our active whatsapp group please contact hello@growbatheaston.co.uk - we're very friendly folks.

Children's Football - It's great seeing all the children enjoying professional football coaching, and now the sun at last is shining. We've had some wonderful feedback from parents about how valuable the sessions are. Football continues into the summer term on Saturday mornings 9-11am on Rhymes pavilion field. (first session free, £5 thereafter).

Community Food and Craft Festival, Saturday 16th September 12-5pm, in the Church Field. Just the one this year - each is such a lot of work! If you would like to be involved and perhaps run a stall please contact Chris our lead volunteer: chris.cox104@googlemail.com

Third Annual Batheaston Art Trail, Weekend of 7th and 8th October. This event showcases so much local creativity. More information to follow. Please contact us to find out how you can be part of this wonderful community event.

Email: hello@growbatheaston.co.uk
Website: www.growbatheaston.co.uk

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Events

FOOTBALL CLUB
Every Saturday 9-11am
Rhymes Field
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COMMUNITY PLANTING
10am-12noon the second Saturday and last Sunday of each month.
Forest Garden
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SEED & PLANT SWAP
Forest Garden
10-12pm, 10th June
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COMMUNITY FOOD & CRAFT FESTIVAL
Saturday 16th September 12-5pm, in the Church Field
Forest Garden
.....

THIRD ANNUAL BATHEASTON ART TRAIL
7th and 8th October.



Batheaston & Bathford Scouts*

Scouting for young people in Batheaston and Bathford *aka 23rd Bath Avondale is provided by 23rd Bath (Avonvale) Scout Group.

Over the weekend of the early May Bank Holiday we came together for a spring camp.

Who went?
The Beavers (6-8 years old), Cubs (8-10.5 years old), Scouts (10.5-14 years old), young leaders (14-16 years old), and leaders (a little bit older...). The Beavers had one night at camp as their first ever night under canvas, with the remaining groups getting two nights away. We had some special guests. Emma had her first trip under canvas at 5.5 months and Alan Fraying, who is the group's oldest member, also paid us a visit.

What did we eat?
Some fantastic coordination from Alex and Chris meant all bellies were happily full all weekend. And we had a selection of cakes to help keep everyone going. Particular highlights were double yolk eggs, and campfire doughnuts. The cubs got to have a go at making their own cooking fires, whilst the well practised scouts were proficient at making their fires and cooked in their patrols.

What did we get up to?
Everyone got to have a go at archery,

tomahawk throwing, and climbing. The young leaders coordinated some taskmaster challenges for the cubs. There were a lot of games and plenty of exploring time. Everyone slept under canvas, and some well practised tent pitching kept everyone dry and warm. The weather was mostly on our side but a couple of showery spells didn't bring any moods down. Of course one of the biggest moments of camp is the campfire, this time led in songs and dances by Tom, Harry and Roger. We sat around the fire and there were hot chocolates for all.

Fancy getting involved...
If you'd like to volunteer, become a parent helper or think you might have an activity we'd be interested in then you can get in touch: <https://23rdbathscouts.org/volunteer/>

If you want to sign your child up to join in:
www.onlinescoutmanager.co.uk/waiting-list/23rd-bath-avonvale-waiting-list/54c3d21f-8199-45ac-910f-da94bc227650/apply



Penny's Pantry & Community Café

Penny's Pantry (PP) is a not-for-profit organisation, run by local volunteers to expand affordable food choice and social activity for local residents.



Penny's Pantry is in full swing on Wednesday mornings at the Rhymes Pavilion where volunteers serve coffee, tea, cake and a good old dose of Batheaston friendliness.

A Warm Welcome

Anyone can pop in on Wednesdays. All ages are welcome. Bring a friend, a neighbour or someone you know who might feel a bit shy about coming along on their own. We have a kids' corner and some of our guests can be found simply reading, knitting, sharing recipe ideas and more.

We Need Bakers

At the Pantry, you can indulge in home-made cakes, enjoy a cuppa and share local news. We're always on the lookout for volunteer bakers, so get in touch if you can bake a cake now and again.

We Need Hosts

If you enjoy being around people and would like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you. We're expanding our team of volunteers by the day.

Your Ideas

The Pantry is a place where you can share your interests and ideas for local events, services and activities, especially where food is concerned. Why not pop in with yours?

Signposting Advice

At the Pantry, our volunteers can put you in touch with local advisors. They can help with health, safety and money matters as well as any community concerns you might have.

Get in touch

If you have any queries about the Pantry, please pop in to say hello.

Events

Wednesday Café - Every Wednesday 10.30am-12.30pm Rhymes Pavilion – just drop in.

Monthly Community Lunch:

Our next dates are Friday 16th June, 12.30 arrival for 1.00pm. Book via the Pantry team or call Katy Lunn (WERN agent) on 07876 035600.



Events

COMMUNITY LUNCHES

Friday 16th June
New Village Hall.
Book via the Pantry,
St John's or Katy on
07876 035600

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY DROP-IN CAFE

Rhymes Pavilion
10.30pm-12.30pm

Batheaston Parish Council



Batheaston Parish Council provides recreation and other facilities, maintains some of the local environment, and represents the community



Our Village Coronation Party was a great success thanks to everyone who helped, either by coming along or by working behind the scenes. We are already planning a party for the same time next year (with or without a royal event!)

The Playground Working Group has made great progress. As I write, the under-5's equipment – and weeds and what was left of the play bark – have been removed. Very soon the installation of the new play area will get started.

We want to thank the team from Future Positive for help with the arduous task of removing the existing equipment and weed membrane. Parish Councillor Kate Skelton has also done a great job calling in favours from local suppliers and her husband Charlie has also done much preparatory work. These volunteers are enabling us to spend more on the actual facilities for the children.

Soon we will be refurbishing equipment for older children, and improving the skate ramp and the all-weather court. We will also be opening up access to the St Catherine's Brook. Please get in touch if you want to help.

The Rhymes Pavilion: Councillors are mindful

that this costs about £7,000 p.a. to keep open, and is not being as well used as it once was. A range of options will be considered from refurbishment to replacement. Whatever happens, Councillors are clear that they want to build on all that the Rhymes has meant to the village.

The Riverside Area continues to be a great asset and we appreciate the work of the volunteers who look after the Secret Garden, and the new Forest Garden. Turning from horticulture to aquaculture, the Council is striving for a cleaner river. We have generous support for this from Surfers Against Sewage. We need real-time awareness of water quality. Over the bathing season we will be taking weekly lab-accredited water quality tests and reporting the results to you.

There's lots going on ... and we are still keen for residents to join the Council or help in other ways!

Events

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Tues 20th June & Tues 18th July 7:15pm
Rhymes Pavilion Coalpit Road

Batheaston Youth Club

Batheaston Youth Club (BYC) is a place for young people to enjoy, learn and to plan activities together for the future in a supportive, purpose-built environment.



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01225 859 324

Batheaston Youth Club (BYC) is a place for young people to meet, learn and plan activities together in a supportive, purpose-built environment.

What's New?

We're delighted to tell you that lots of our young residents have started coming to BYC for the first time. They have been enjoying each other's company, playing games and music and trying out some new activities. This is an exciting opportunity after lockdown for our young folk to put forward their ideas.

The Club

BYC gives a space to relax and have some fun locally. Most importantly it gives young people a chance to share time together outside school hours. BYC offers:

- Sofa Lounge area
- Sports Hall
- Tuck shop and kitchen

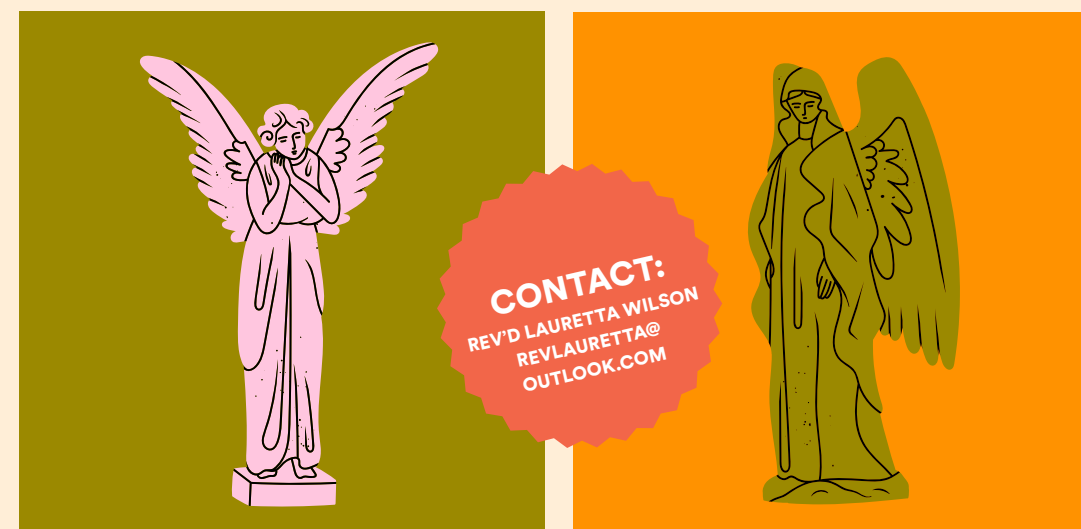
- Computer Corner
- Outings
- Talks/workshops
- Confidential support from staff or school nurse
- BYC can be hired for parties/events

BYC is led by two qualified youth workers, Julie Russell and Belinda Milsom, and runs drop-in evenings on Tuesday and Thursday during term time, 6.30pm – 9.00pm.

Fresh Ideas

We want to learn from our young people about what activities they would enjoy in the months ahead. So, if you are a young person reading this, or can put ideas forward on behalf of the young people you know, send these ideas to hello@batheastontimes.co.uk. We'll do our best to make interesting plans for the future.

Contact us: 01225 859324,
Batheaston Youth Club, School Lane,
Batheaston BA17EP.



CONTACT:
REV'D LAURETTA WILSON
REVLAURETTA@OUTLOOK.COM

St John's with St Catherine's

If you live in Batheaston, then this is YOUR church, and we'd like you to take advantage of that fact, and continue to support it.

Dear Friends,

I have only been here for 8 months but I am so impressed with the ways that people reach out and connect with one another in the village.

We have school children singing at the Community Lunch, the Community Lunch itself, Pop-up Pubs, Penny's Pantry, the Bath Welcomes Refugees talk at St John's, very friendly local shopkeepers, Coronation events (wet but welcoming!), Chris Rich's farm shop, ... you'll have your own to add...

Our Batheaston Fete is on Saturday

24th June, 12 noon – 4pm, at the New Village Hall and Field. The Fete gives another opportunity to enjoy the amazing community spirit that we have in Batheaston. There will be lots of chances to play games and win prizes but more importantly there will be chances to meet old friends and make new ones, share some fun, support our village church and join in with Batheaston. Do come along, and if you

would like to be involved, please contact Louisa on louisakile@yahoo.com.

Another great example of community spirit was when two children recently decided to do a cake stall in front of their house on Northend for their choice of good cause. As I stopped and chatted and supported the children, along with other people, it really felt like joining in with Batheaston - and the cakes were super yummy! Thanks to those children for that gesture of reaching out, and for giving us the chance to join in.

I am convinced that God is always reaching out to us and offering us the chance to join in with all the good in the world, and in Batheaston! Let's pray for lots of sunny days this summer to share that goodness and to continue building our community.

With every blessing,
Lauretta

WERN



CONTACT
katy@wern.org.uk

Batheaston Village Agent – WERN (West of England Rural Network)



They say Prevention is Better than a Cure – as a Village Agent I can help get things in place so that you stay well, whether that's making adaptations to your home or making sure you are claiming what you're entitled to such as Attendance Allowance or Disability Living Allowance. I keep my ear to the ground and make it my business to find out what services and support there is in Batheaston and the local area. So if you have a problem or a concern, I am able to point you in the right direction and support you through the process. I'm always happy to have a cup of tea and a chat and see what I can do to help.

Caring about Carers

Village Agents understand how hard it can be if you find yourself caring for a loved one or friend. All sorts of emotions are involved and it can often feel like you're on your own. Perhaps it's time to bring in some extra hands to help take the strain? Or I can put you in touch with specialist services that can support you as a Carer, perhaps by accessing peer support or taking time out to improve your own wellbeing.

Community Wellbeing Hub

WERN Village Agents are one of the partners in the B&NES Community Wellbeing Hub which allows us to provide a stronger response to any issues that may arise in your life or to

improve your general health and wellbeing. Some difficult situations can only be resolved by professionals working together to tackle all the different elements. It might be that a person's anxiety is due to their housing situation, which is dependent on their financial status, which in turn is being affected by their health issues. In complex cases like this, we turn to specialist partners via the Hub to try and make improvements or plan a route to better wellbeing. In turn, our partners at the Hub refer people to the Village Agents if there is something we can help with at a local level. For more information on what support the Community Wellbeing Hub can provide and which agencies are involved, visit their website:

www.communitywellbeinghub.co.uk

Batheaston Community Lunch

We unfortunately had to cancel the May community lunch at the last minute due to unforeseen circumstances. However the June lunch scheduled for Friday 16th June will be a special Coronation/King's Birthday Royal celebration and we are hoping as many people as possible will be able to attend. Children from the school will be singing for us and will sit down and eat with everyone, creating a multi-generational feel to the event. Everyone in the community is welcome, we just request a voluntary donation of £5 to help cover costs.

If you would like to attend please call me on 07876 035600 and leave a message or call Sarah Sheppard on 01225 684649. Or if you would prefer to help cook and serve we are always looking for volunteers and any help is very welcome!

Our service is for anyone over 18 living in B&NES and is **free and confidential**. Call 01275 333700 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We also take referrals from professionals. Visit wern.org.uk/banes-villageagents for a referral form.



National Trust

The National Trust is delighted to announce the creation of a 'green corridor' at Bathampton Meadows, linking the historic city centre to surrounding countryside.

As spring turns to summer Bathampton Meadows are looking lovely. Even if we ourselves haven't enjoyed the wet weather, the grass and flowers certainly have. It's been a busy few months with new volunteers getting stuck in, helping with numerous tasks including cleaning up following the unexpected floods of early spring!

We have planted over 1,500 trees across the meadows, many in the hedgerows to help establish new wildlife habitats. And if you've seen some brown mud patches appearing in the fields, that's because we are testing wildflower seed mixes. We're sowing each site with a different mix, to check which best suit the various areas and offer the best diversity for pollinators. This research will be used to inform planting in future years.

Our new web pages www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/bath-bristol/bathampton-meadows are now available. These will help visitors plan their walking routes, find out about seasonal highlights and access information about our whole Meadows project.

Have you spotted our new noticeboards? There's one at the Batheaston entrance and one at the entrance closest to Kensington Meadows. We'll use these to display information on seasonal work we are doing and to promote any activities that may be taking place. Dates haven't been confirmed yet, but do look out for the 'Creative Feedback' workshop sessions over the summer. These will be your chance to explain to us how the meadows are currently used and will help us as we draw up proposals for improvements. Which brings me nicely to my final topic...

We're in the process of appointing a landscape architect who will help us draw up some potential options for what we could change in the Meadows; we'll be looking at what can be done to improve the habitat for nature and for local people's access. This landscape architect will be working with us and helping us share all these ideas with you for feedback.

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Friends of Batheaston School

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Our Coronation Colour Run was a Rainbow-Filled Success! The air was filled with excitement as the runners took off in Rhymes Field. All ages joined in, drenched in vibrant colours. Meanwhile families, friends and neighbours all came to support our school's fundraising. The sight of runners returning home glowing in a kaleidoscope of hues almost seemed to reflect the Coronation crown. Our event raised close to £1000 for Batheaston Church School. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the enthusiastic participants who came out, ran with gusto and embraced the joyous chaos of getting rainbow filthy!

Paving the Way for Our School's Greener Future:

Funds from the Run will enable our pupils to embrace greener modes of transportation. We aim to reduce carbon emissions, promote eco-consciousness, and improve air quality in the local community by encouraging cycling and scooting to school. For all this to happen we have set an ambitious fundraising target for the refurbishment of part of the playground. The plan includes constructing a new scooter and bicycle park, which will encourage eco-

friendly commuting options for pupils.

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In line with our commitment to fundraising, FoBS has announced the return of the much-loved Meadowfest. This event promises to be an unforgettable experience for all attendees. We will be offering a wide array of attractions, including a lively bar, sizzling barbeque, engaging kids' activities, thrilling inflatables, captivating games, a vibrant Samba band, and a dynamic DJ.

As we eagerly await Meadowfest, we invite the entire community to come and join in, celebrate the achievements of the school, and contribute to shaping a greener and more prosperous future for our school and village.

We would love to hear from any event sponsors for Meadowfest, and from any local companies who might be able to donate towards our outdoor refurb and scooter/bike park. Please do email friendsofbatheastonschool@gmail.com. See you in July!