

Widcombe

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WELLS RD JACKPOT

Over £2 million will be spent on Wells Road and Wellsway over the next year to enhance the planned No13 Showcase bus route.

Peter Metcalfe who has been campaigning long and hard for improvements to Wells Road said: "We successfully applied to the Government Office of the South West for money. This will allow us to do the road works all in one go. The faster it is done, the better it will be for residents of Wells Road".

Everybody will be fully informed of the timings and how it will affect them. Residents and businesses will be consulted during the year to ensure that measures to reduce speed, to increase safety for

cycling, pedestrian access and crossings are put in place the following year.

Nicole O'Flaherty commented: "I am delighted that at last the whole layout of Wells Road will be redesigned. At present, it is a nightmare for local residents and I would like to thank them for their involvement which has gone a long way in helping us raise the money."



SAFER COMMUNITIES A PRIORITY FOR LIB DEMS

The Liberal Democrats on Bath & North East Somerset Council are proposing several new measures to deliver on their key themes of **safer communities, cleaner and greener neighbourhoods, helping older people and transport.**

In our budget, we have included community wardens to tackle anti-social behaviour; an extra youth worker; improvement in street lighting, and an array of other measures to deliver community safety and reduce crime. As we are in a minority in Council, the other two political parties might decide that the safety of residents is not where they want to direct funding and vote out our budget.

Peter Metcalfe has ensured that there are funds directed to support subsidised buses and security improvements to car parks. Street cleaning has been targeted, pavement repairs and recycling of plastic via doorstep collections. "People have been telling us that these four areas are their priorities and we have responded by putting the money to improve services which can deliver on these key themes" said Nicole O'Flaherty.

We have also protected Education and Social Services, two key services, with enhanced funding.

Liberal Democrat Action for Residents

BLITZ ON GRAFFITI

There has been an outbreak of graffiti on walls, signs, bollards and buildings in Widcombe in the last six months. The Police is actively investigating but the distress this causes is unacceptable. The Council offers a service to local residents to remove the graffiti at a reduced rate of £25. There is a three months guarantee. Specialised staff will come back and keep cleaning it if it re-occurs within that time. Following a Widcombe resident's complaint about a long delay he had experienced in getting a response from the Council ACTION LINE, we investigated the matter and we are now assured that action will be taken swiftly. We have told officers that graffiti removal must be a priority, so feel free to use this service if your property is vandalised. You can also report graffiti you see on public property.

TO HAVE A BLITZ ON GRAFFITI RING THE ACTION LINE 394041

UPDATE

Pedestrian access to the City Centre:

A report has been produced to identify options on how to clean up and improve the area around the pedestrian routes at the bottom of Wells Road. These include the slope, the stairs and the underpass. We will now discuss plans with officers and establish a time table for improvements.

Change in Parking regime:

The Council is now responsible for enforcing parking restrictions. The Police will no longer be involved. All wardens will be employed by the Council and they will wear airforce blue and grey uniforms. They are also trained to report dumped rubbish, abandoned cars, broken street lights, etc.

Churchill Bridge: Peter Metcalfe has won his campaign to have a pedestrian crossing on the bridge. The scheme will be advertised in March and, subject to public comments, installed by June. At the same time other repairs to the bridge will be done.

LOCAL POLICE SURGERY

PC Honeychurch will be at Hillside Hall in Hillside Road, Oldfield, on **Sunday 9th March between 2 and 4pm**. You can go and speak to him on issues of community safety, crime reduction and prevention and Neighbourhood Watch. Wherever you live in Widcombe ward, he'll be there to help.



ROSSITER RD

In partnership with the Widcombe Association, we have asked the Council to carry out further changes to a preferred scheme to remove heavy lorries from the High St. If the Tories do not remove this scheme from our budget, we will be making a request to government for extra funding in July.

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