



# Local Bus Success

Your Liberal democrat Focus Team has been successful in getting evening buses to the village (see Focus October 2001). Service 702 (funded by the council) now runs from Dorchester Street to the MoD (next to the Fish and Chip Shop), Monday to Saturday, at 7pm, 8pm, 9pm, 10pm and 11pm. The bus leaves Combe Down for the city centre at 7.15pm, 8.15pm, 9.15pm, 10.15pm and 11.15pm.

When weight limits were imposed on North Road almost a year ago, the service number 13, which came through the village in the evening was no longer able to follow this route. On 1<sup>st</sup> July this new 702 service started running.

**Mike Senior said:**

*"This is very good news for village residents, especially for older people and the young. The journey from Dorchester Street only takes a few minutes. When we had to use the 13 bus, it took at least 35 minutes to get to the village."*

**This is a council funded bus service, so it is essential that it is used well, before the next review in April 2003. If the bus does not turn up the council can reclaim the money from Badgerline. If this happens to you ring James Willcock on 01225 477604.**

**If any Badgerline bus does not turn up ring :**

**The Traffic Commissioner**

**Telephone: 0117 955065 or write to him/her at:**

**The Gaunt's House**

**Denmark Street**

**Bristol BS1 5DR**

Cllr Roger Symonds and Mike Senior the at new 702 evening service to Combe Down

## No answers from the Tories

Tory councillors on B&NES have still not explained why their budget proposals did not include the extra money needed this year, to move the Combe Down Stone Mines project forward. We are still waiting for an explanation.

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## ...STONE MINES UPDATE...

The Welsh miners, working in the Combe Down Stone Mine have now reached the junction of Combe Road and North Road. They have found two levels of mine workings and Parsons Brinkerhoff and the Mines Manager are assessing what work needs to be done and how long it will take. On behalf of residents the Focus team would like to thank the Welsh miners, for their efforts, often working in unpleasant and sometimes dangerous conditions.

### Consultation

The long programme of consultation on the favoured option has just closed. The favoured option is to infill with foamed concrete and stow Bath Stone granules, in areas where access is difficult. The walkways being constructed to give access will remain and will be extended, in order that the stabilisation works can be carried out.

Your Focus team is pleased with progress so far, but like many residents will not support any stabilisation, which includes PFA. The Team would also like to see much more structural support, than the 10 to 15% proposed. Make sure that you have your say even if you have missed the consultation process. Any comments made on our Feedback Sheet will be fed into the process.

Cllr Roger Symonds at the Combe Down  
Allotments

### Allotments Threat Removed

The Monkton Combe Junior School planning application no longer threatens to move the footpath into the allotments. This was a proposal opposed by the Focus team.

Some of the other changes in this application are:

- Pupils from the Senior School will be able to access from Mount Pleasant
- The Church Road gate will be retained
- The school will submit a 'Green' Transport plan

**Cllr Roger Symonds said:**

***"These changes are just some that I asked for at the first meeting about this application and are to be welcomed.***

***However, I still have some questions, such as whether the turning circle for coaches at the school is necessary".***

### SWAP IT

There's no such thing as junk – only stuff that hasn't found the right person! Log on to the new B&NES website - [WWW.swapitbathnes.org](http://WWW.swapitbathnes.org)

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### Feedback Sheet – my idea/request/grumble is:-

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☐ I enclose a cheque (payable to Combe Down Lib Dems) towards the cost of this Focus

☐ I would like to join the Liberal Democrats

Name ..... Tel Number .....

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