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# Newsletter

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## SHOULD BROADLANDS AND WELLSWAY MERGE?

**Parent & teacher tension mounts as consultation begins on the Council Schools Review and the plans for two to become one**

**Parents, teachers and pupils now have a chance to have their say on proposals outlined in the B&NES Council Secondary Schools Review as consultation well under way.**

The proposed changes affect schools in Bath and Keynsham with B&NES currently proposing Broadlands and Wellsway merge on to the one Keynsham East campus to form one secondary school for Keynsham.

The proposal lays out plans for an admission number of 270 pupils per year equating to 1,350 places in years 7 to 11 and a sixth form of about 350 places.

KECSAG and its supporting residents have very real concerns about this proposal since it will impact on the surrounding area, obviously echoing as far as South Keynsham.

According to reports, the main reason for the changes is to further raise standards and to make sure that all our young people get the best possible secondary education and address the current admission criteria in B&NES.

Whilst we support the need to make sure money is spent more effectively and not on unnecessary repairs to old school buildings or surplus school spaces, we are yet to fully understand the need to have two schools merged in to one - and certainly yet to discuss the impact on our community.

Consultation booklets which give details of the proposals have been distributed to schools in Bath and Keynsham already and most parents should have received one by now.

The catchment or 'Prime Responsibility' for the school would be Keynsham, Chelwood, Compton Dando, Corston, Marksbury, Newton St Loe, Priston and Saltford.

It is important to note that this is still at a proposal stage, the first stage of the process, and other options may emerge as a result of the consultation.

The consultation began on 31st March and will end 28th May. The decision on proposals will be on 21st July 2010.

Public meetings are taking place throughout May. (see below)

Consultation documents are available online. Everyone with an interest in the education of our young people can comment on the proposals by email, letter or online.

Got to [www.kecsag.org](http://www.kecsag.org) for more.



**NEW SPORTS HAUL**

### WELLSWAY SCHOOL GETS £2.7m FOR NEW SPORTS HALL

**Wellsway School, which achieved specialist sports and science status in 2007, wants to build a new sports facility near its all weather pitch, in order to provide a link between the school and the outdoor pitches.**

A school spokesman said the new sports hall, with an activity studio and fitness suite, would meet the aspirations of all our pupils and continue to develop our aim of being 'An Outstanding School at the Heart of the Community'.

They go on to say, "This new facility will be available for use by the community outside of school hours."

The school hopes to submit a planning application in May, but before then it is asking for comments and talking to planning officials and its immediate neighbours about the proposals.

All the current plans for the facility can be seen on the school website at [www.wellsway.bathnes.sch.uk](http://www.wellsway.bathnes.sch.uk)

**Date for your Diary**

- Public meetings on the proposals:
- Tuesday 11th May | 7pm**  
Wellsway School
  - Tuesday 18th May | 7pm**  
Broadlands School
  - Wednesday 26th May | 7pm**  
St Kenya Primary School

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# When is enough...enough?

**We hear the word 'enough' mentioned a lot at KECSAG. Have we done enough? Have we heard enough? Have we seen enough? Or in some cases, have we had enough?**

A lot of Keynsham East residents have had **enough** of building developments happening on their doorstep against their wishes. Through KECSAG we hope to help you voice your opinion and make **enough** noise to shape the impact of those developments and ensure **enough** is done so it integrates with the community around it.

Have you lived long **enough** in Keynsham to pass proper comment on what the town should become? We believe that if you have recently moved here or have been here long **enough** to remember the first bandstand, everyone in the area has a say in the future of the town.

**Enough** people objected to the first proposal for the skateboard park and, in turn, **enough** people ensured the vision was given a proper place. Now the new 'multi-wheeled' facility is in the park, the kids seem very happy with it and it will be hailed a success as long as **enough** kids pick up the litter that naturally collects, I'm sure.

Do we have **enough** comprehensive schools for the needs of our town or do we have **enough** pupils to support the two schools? Whatever your view, we want to know. We want to hear **enough** voices on the matter.

With the area caught in election fever, some would say they've had **enough**. And some would say they've not had **enough** time to make things better but for Keynsham East, we'll be voting for a local representative that will have **enough** gumption to support our community and realise our needs.

I think I've waffled **enough**, or as the kids say... **nuff** said.

Keep supporting YOUR community!

*Jez*

KECSAG Editor

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## WHO GETS YOUR VOTE?

# ELECTIONS BEGIN!

As we went to press, the official dissolving of Parliament had not yet happened and the election nominations for the region close on April 20th so a full list of candidates is not yet known.

No vote, no voice. Make sure you vote.

If you are not on the electoral register and are eligible to vote, contact Electoral Services on B&NES Helpline **01225 477333**

**REMEMBER: The last date to ask for a postal vote and to register to vote is April 20th.**

**FIRST TIME VOTER?**

We've put together a simple guide on the KECSAG website for you to get the full facts on how to do it and a link to how to register to vote.



## PUTTING THE 'ROCK' IN TO THE ROCK HILL ESTATE... PERHAPS?

# NEW MUSIC CENTRE COMES TO KEYNSHAM EAST

**You'd be forgiven for thinking that you can hear sweet music coming from the Rock Hill Estate area as a new facility for musicians has recently opened there.**

The brainchild of local musician Nathan Sheppard, the Rock Hill Music Centre is comprised of a retail unit, rehearsal suite and a guitar workshop. The latter of these has been at Rock Hill for 8 years but now visitors will be able to watch master craftsmen creating specialist Guitars which are made to order for customers all around the world.

Next to this are the Rock Hill Studios, a pair of custom built rehearsal units, each is sound proofed and acoustically treated and comes kitted out with the latest PA systems and Ludwig drum kits.

Musical and singing tuition is available and the retail unit not only sells guitars but a range of other musical instruments as well.

It's good to hear that Keynsham East can support new enterprises, even during this time, and we wish them the best.

## HAVING YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF YOUR TOWN

# KEYNSHAM... HAVE YOUR SAY

**Having completed the first phase, the Keynsham Town Plan Steering Group is looking to roll out the second, crucial phase of the process aimed at refreshing the Town Plan which will then be presented to B&NES for them to integrate with their own planning policy for the area.**

This second phase aims to gather statistics, opinions and suggestions from as many households as possible in Keynsham using a questionnaire that has taken several months to develop in consultation with local authority representatives and a large group of residents from the area who have given up their time to help in the process.

The team of twenty or so hope to have the questions formulated and in to the community within the next few weeks to give everyone an opportunity to give their opinions on what matters most to the community and will form a refresh of the plan for the town over the next 5 to 10 years.

The more answers to the questionnaire, the more authoritative the Keynsham Town Plan will be and the greater our chances of preserving what is good about Keynsham and achieving changes and improvements you may want to happen over the next few years.

## What is the Town Plan?

Keynsham's Town Plan will be a document which:

- States the views of the residents and businesses on the things they like about Keynsham and what can be improved
- Sets out how these improvements could be achieved
- Provides input from the town in to the plans of local government and will be the basis for community action.

**Look out for your questionnaire coming soon!**

The PACT meetings continue to push forward **YOUR** priorities...

# PACT Partners And Communities Together

No.11

Update on priorities from the meeting on 8th February.

Paul Sims opened the meeting with a welcome and a brief outline of the PACT process to be a forum for discussion on issues such as community safety, antisocial behaviour and traffic/speeding issues in the area - as well as some general issues that may be a concern - but no longer planning issues.

There was a presentation of recent survey results by pupils of Wellsway School. A questionnaire had been conducted and the results from over 400 respondents contained a number of observations including:

- 73% felt safe in Keynsham but 9% didn't
- 36% felt young people are not trusted by adults
- 25% felt that alcohol/ASB was the biggest issue
- 63% felt that young people had no say in Keynsham town development
- 48% had been offered drugs for sale

## Crime Update from PC Harris

4 x Burglaries, 2 x attempts- 3 arrests made. (All of these burglaries took place in premises left carelessly insecure) 1 x Theft of Motor vehicle, 8 x Theft from Motor vehicle, 16 x Criminal Damage, 13 x Assaults.

19 x ASB calls- Mainly relating to the throwing of snowballs in the Wellsway area, includes incidents at Chandag Shops, no reports from Manor Road

## Wellsway Traffic Management & H.G.V.'S

The new signage to reinforce weight restrictions on H.G.V.'s are awaiting delivery. 'Ladders' due to be painted on the Wellsway were delayed due to the poor weather.

## Glass- New Inn, Alley-way

The Licensee of the New Inn has been spoken to. No new evidence of broken glass has been seen or reported. An extra bin has been installed by B&NES in that area

## Anti-Social behaviour in Chandag Road and Manor Road

4 reported incidents of Anti Social behaviour In the Chandag Road shops area

## COMMUNITY ISSUES

Torrige Road- Lack of lighting on the turning circle/junction of Deveron Grove.

Speeding- Manor Road. Volume and speed of traffic on country lanes to Saltford.

Litter - It was felt that this was on the increase but that the recent weather conditions prevented proper collections.

Waveney Road Manor Road fields and Wellsway School were noted as worse areas.

Dog Fouling- Alleyways and Woodland, also Manor Road.

Gooseberry Lane- Glass and litter.

Cricket Club-Youths gathering and ASB

### NEW PRIORITIES...

- 1 Speeding - Manor Road & Courtenay Road
- 2 Dog Fouling
- 3 ASB Chandag Rd/ Manor Rd/Cricket Club

Date for your Diary

Next PACT meetings:  
(open to all residents)

**Monday 19th April** | 7pm  
Mendip Hall, Wellsway School

**Monday 19th June** | 7pm  
Mendip Hall, Wellsway School

TRÈS BIEN !

## BASTILLE DAY CELEBRATIONS IN KEYNSHAM

**Keynsham & District Twinning Association is planning a Bastille Dinner on Saturday 10th July.**

The event is to be held in a local village hall and there will be musical entertainment in keeping with the occasion.

If you want to attend, or simply want to find out more, then email Sue at [mcc-4sand@talktalk.net](mailto:mcc-4sand@talktalk.net)

BOARD MEETING

## SKATEBOARDS AND BIKES FLOCK TO NEW FACILITY

**Anyone enjoying the warmer weather in the memorial park can't help to notice the flurry of innocent youth activity around the top entrance to the park.**

Finally, after a long period of waiting, consultation and then construction, the new multi-wheeled facility has been completed and the kids are certainly getting stuck-in in large numbers.

There's an art to throwing yourself off the edge of a precipice on two wheels the size of a coaster, and just watching them for a few minutes can be very entertaining.

There are plans to hold events at the venue throughout the summer.

Although initially there was some concern over the amount of litter that was forming, the promise of proper bins coming soon will hopefully alleviate that.

ALL TOGETHER NOW

## WAKE UP TO SONG!

Make a relaxed, musical start to the weekend - come and sing unaccompanied songs in juicy harmony! No prior experience required, all teaching done by ear. All are welcome.

**WHEN?** First Saturday each month  
10 am - 12 noon

**VENUE?** Key Centre (Methodist Church), High St, Keynsham

**COST?** £4 per workshop

Email [cemowat@googlemail.com](mailto:cemowat@googlemail.com)  
or call Catherine on 0117 9862930



## MESSAGE FROM PC IAN HARRIS...

At the forthcoming PACT meeting at Wellsway School I will be able to update you on the progress of the latest priorities raised at the last meeting.

During the past few months I have also been working with B&NES traffic management with regards to the older matters raised in previous meetings.

The parking restriction plans around the Chandag Road area are currently with the B&NES legal department who are writing the orders to make the restrictions enforceable, the lines can then be placed and the enforcement phase can begin.

The signage for the weight limit is waiting for the contractors to complete the order but there will be a temporary lifting of this in the next few weeks, during the night, to enable work to be completed around the Globe Public House. Unfortunately this necessitates that re-routed traffic will be advised to use the Wellsway.

The speed reduction work on the Wellsway has started with the painting of the ladder system but unfortunately the weather had a hand in delaying this, but the results of this will be closely monitored.

Looking ahead, with the increase in daylight and the brightening of the weather then the youths are starting to emerge, like flowers, and I have been working closely with Wellsway School and, as a result, anticipate that there will be fewer numbers than last year. However, it is important that all residents are vigilant and report any issues as they happen and as this is one of the PACT priorities for the area, officers are sent as a priority.

With the weather warming, residents will be tempted to leave windows and doors open. This is an ideal opportunity for a thief to enter your house and steal any valuables on display, so please exercise caution and ensure that you lock the front of your house while you are in the back garden enjoying your leisure time.

*PC Ian Harris*

Beat Manager for Keynsham East

More info can be found on the police website at [www.avonandsomerset.police.uk](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk) or via the KECSAG website at [www.kecsag.org](http://www.kecsag.org)

## Contact

The Keynsham Police and the KECSAG are keen to build a true picture of all incidents affecting Residents' quality of life and try to address these issues.

Incidents can be reported (anonymously if desired) directly to the Police by telephone or by email or to the KECSAG, preferably by email.

**REMEMBER IF YOU DON'T REPORT IT, IT WON'T GET LOGGED AND WON'T GET DEALT WITH!**

Please be assured that your report will be logged and that the Police will take action as and when they feel appropriate and are able to do so.

Officers will respond to calls when on duty – details for the neighbourhood policing team based at Keynsham Police Station are:

	OFFICE	MOBILE	EMAIL
PC Ian Harris	01225 842 779	TBA	ian.harris@avonandsomerset.police.uk
PCSO Chris Purvey	01225 842 779	0791 752 9435	christopher.purvey@avonandsomerset.police.uk
PCSO Sarah Hewlett	01225 842 779	0782 528 0033	sarah.hewlett@avonandsomerset.police.uk
Clare Clements	01225 842 779	-	clare.clements@avonandsomerset.police.uk

For a permanently manned service for non-emergency calls at Avon and Somerset Police HQ

**Call 0845 456 7000**

To contact a member of the KECSAG committee:

Email: [contact@kecsag.org](mailto:contact@kecsag.org)

Or by telephone: 07794 132 720

## BE WEB AWARE!

# TOP 5 LATEST ONLINE SCAMS

Just as we get to grips with them, even more seem to be invented...

### 1 iPad tester scam

You see an application on Facebook which offers you and your friends the chance to get a free iPad as part of a research programme. You've learnt to be cautious, but there are plenty of positive comments from other Facebook users claiming these offers are genuine. These are easily faked.

When you 'Claim' your prize you enter your details, including your mobile phone number and it's here that the scam kicks in because as you do this, you'll be signed up to a premium rate service, which is likely to cost you around £5 every week, until you unsubscribe.

### 2 The "Is this you?" scam

You receive a message on Twitter from a friend, asking 'is this you?', followed by a link. However, when you follow the link, your computer is compromised and it directs you to a bogus website that will capture login and password details as you enter them.

Set yourself the rule to NOT click on any links in unsolicited messages.

### 3 Ticket scams

Let's say you want tickets for a popular show, but you haven't had any luck getting hold of them. Then you discover a website that's offering tickets for the show at a higher price. Despite the additional cost, you decide to go for it but the tickets never show up. Or if they do, they're fake.

Make sure you only buy tickets from official ticket agents such as Ticketmaster or direct from the venue itself.

### 4 Fake websites

You also need to keep your eyes open for websites which sell fake goods. In some cases, these websites can even appear as Google-sponsored links, making you believe they are genuine goods.

Always check the domain name – if it looks strange, and contains a lot of numbers or hyphens, be wary and just because it ends in .co.uk, this doesn't necessarily mean the seller is in the UK.

Whenever you make any online purchase, the web address should start with 'https://' as opposed to the usual 'http://' - the 's' in this instance stands for secure.

### 5 Recruitment scams

These websites reel in customers by advertising what appears to be a great job, and all you need to do is send in your CV. You'll then be contacted and told you look like the perfect candidate, but your CV needs re-writing. 'Generously', the company offers to do this for you - providing you pay, of course. It might also offer you interview coaching, or career support – again, for a fee.

Be aware of any recruitment websites that ask for cash in return for their 'services' and what's more, they will also have gained your personal details from your CV.