

Clevedon Town Council Newsletter

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To be a Clevedon
Tree Volunteer
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Rubbish

AS PART of the drive towards efficiency and cost-effectiveness Clevedon residents have probably already realised that they must leave their refuse bags, garden waste bag and recycling boxes on the pavement nearest to their road.

Those with long drives will no longer have what has amounted to a private refuse collection and everyone will receive the same service. It should inevitably speed up the refuse collection. For anyone who is disabled or frail there is an assisted collection service. Ring 01934 888 802 (that magic number again!).

Garden waste can now be collected fortnightly using the special green re-usable bag. If you are unsure about any of these new arrangements just ring: 01934 888 802.

Information can also be obtained on these web-sites:

www.n-somerset.gov.uk/greenwaste
www.n-somerset.gov.uk/composting
www.recyclenow.com
www.wastewatch.org.uk or e-mail
rethinkrubbish@n-somerset.gov.uk

or write to North Somerset Council, Streets and Open Spaces, Weston Court, Oldmixon Crescent, Weston-super-Mare BS24 9AU or phone 01934 888 802. North Somerset is truly a GREEN and pleasant land.

SIMPLE AND EFFICIENT: One telephone number for all calls about problems in streets and open spaces. What a good idea!

So if you have a query about a wide range of environmental issues from refuse collection, recycling, abandoned vehicles to pot-holes then you just have to call one dedicated telephone helpline: 01934 888 802.

The Council's Streets and Open Spaces group now has all its teams under one roof to provide a more efficient system for improving services.

The helpline is available Mondays to Thursdays from 8.45am-5pm and from 8.45am-4.30pm on Fridays. They can also be contacted by fax on 01934 888 810 or e-mail on: streetsandopenspaces@n-somerset.gov.uk

Now where did I see that pot-hole?

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL HOUSE, 44 OLD STREET,
CLEVEDON, BS21 6BU

33rd CLEVEDON TOWN MEETING

ON WEDNESDAY - 24 May 2006
at 7.30pm
Council House, 44 Old Street, Clevedon

Persons registered as local government electors for the Town of Clevedon are invited to attend and are entitled to speak and vote.

AGENDA

- To approve the minutes of the 2005 - 32nd Clevedon Town Meeting. (Copies available at the Council House, 44 Old Street, Clevedon, 9am-2pm)
- To receive the Annual Report of the Town Council
 - Report of the Chairman of Council
 - Report of the Chairmen of Committees; Allotments, Amenities, Environment & Planning, Finance & General Policy, Liaison, Property, Transport & Highways.
- To receive the Financial Report of the Town Council
- To invite local government electors to make comment or ask questions of: CLEVEDON TOWN & NORTH SOMERSET COUNCILLORS representing the Town of Clevedon.

Cllr D Shopland
Chairman of Clevedon Town Council
24 April 2006

Town trees

CLEVEDON is very lucky to have a Tree Warden and a group of volunteers (Woodcutters for Wildlife) dedicated to looking after the town's heritage of trees by monitoring any works carried out.

They also plan and plant for the future and the Warden's report covers this aspect;

The Environment Agency sponsored this year's Action Earth Scheme. As their part in the scheme the Woodcutters decided to offer to plant trees in the Millennium Orchard. This offer was accepted with a grant of £50 on successful completion.

The plan was to replace last year's vandalised cider apple trees with Crab Apple trees on February 8. Although volunteers were requested only six of the regular members put in an appearance. However, 20 small crab trees and four plum trees were planted in the orchard. Plus a Scots pine in the hedge; this was grown from seed by the Clevedon Cricket Club - who asked for a suitable place for it to grow and mature to be found.

The four plums are an old English variety called 'Magnum-Bonum' and they bear golden juicy fruit after seven years. Timing is critical when harvesting and this is probably why they are not commercially grown. I first remember these in my Grandfather's garden and I have planted a least one wherever I have lived. These four make a total of 12 planted in different locations over the years.

It is noticeable the trees in the Blind Yeo Wood all have different rates of growth dependant on their variety and where located. In another five years it will really start looking like a young woodland.

The Hornbeam trees planted along the Ring Road have established themselves and now require minimal attention.



▲ Trees at the Millennium Orchard finally come into blossom.

Night blight

IN APRIL this year the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act came into force. This enabled light pollution to become a statutory nuisance.

The principle that bad, wasteful lighting damages health and quality of life is now established and we can begin to do something about it. Dark, star-filled night skies are among the defining characteristics of the countryside.

Our view of the stars and planets is steadily being eroded; in the closing few years of the twentieth century, light pollution increased by almost a quarter, leaving truly dark skies covering little more than a tenth of England.

However, there is still a long way to go, with many exclusions, some understandable, for instance where national security might be at risk.

Street lights are a good example where the Government expect local authorities to do their best to ensure that their street lights do not cause problems to the local community.

As nearly a third of Britain's street lights are over 30 years old replacing them would be a golden opportunity to tackle light pollution issues to reduce "sky glow", blotting out our view of the stars.

If you are concerned about inefficient or poorly designed lighting, first discuss it with the owner and if that doesn't resolve things, the Environmental Health Officer at North Somerset Council should be able to help.

Civic Service

Sunday 7th May, 2006
Copse Road Chapel,
Copse Road, Clevedon
at 11am
Everybody is very welcome

May meetings

All meetings are at 7.30pm in the Council House, 44 Old Street, Clevedon
Wednesday May 3 - Amenity Committee
Monday May 8 - Environment & Planning Committee
Wednesday May 10 - Property Committee
Wednesday May 17 - Council
Monday May 22 - Environment & Planning Committee
Wednesday May 24 - Town Meeting
Wednesday May 24 - Statutory Annual Council (8pm)
Wednesday May 31 - Allotments Committee

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CALLING CLEVEDON PHOTOGRAPHERS: The next edition of the Clevedon Town Guide is due to be published soon. This publication is given free to visitors, people wishing to move here, new businesses, etc. We are looking for some interesting bright new quality colour photographs to show the town in a good light. Contact the Town Council Office - 877815 if you wish to submit some for consideration.