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Welcome

Summer 2018

Summer is a great time to get out and about across the region. We know that it's great for both physical and mental health to be outside and active, and the green spaces we manage across BANES are wonderful places to visit. Head to page 8 to get inspired and pack that picnic today. Also in this issue, on page 4 you can find out more about Breathe, our clean air initiative, and how you can get involved.

In the coming months we will be introducing new parking charges, and the great news is that BANES residents can save 10% on those charges. However, you'll have to use the MiPermit app, so turn to page 15 to learn all about how it works.

Also this issue you can find out how brilliantly well the new library and One Stop Shop is performing in Midsomer Norton – just head to page 20.

Finally, on page 12 you'll find our calendar which is packed with some great events to attend right across the region. If you have an events you'd like including, then email us on communications_marketing@bathnes.gov.uk.

Councillor Tim Warren
Leader of Bath & North East Somerset Council



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Air, your views

Residents are being asked to get involved in the work the Council is doing to tackle air pollution across BANES.

By going to bathnes.gov.uk/bath-breathes-2021/get-involved you can find one of the many workshops and drop-in events that are being held across the region this summer and autumn.

In Bath, a number of 'hotspots' have been identified where vehicle emissions exceed the acceptable standard, so a Clean Air Zone (CAZ) is being introduced with the intention of charging higher emission vehicles travelling in the city. This will affect not just the hotspot but also have an impact across the wider city.

A timeline for the new programme has been set for 2021 and the things to have your say on include the three different CAZ options and the proposed CAZ boundary. Again, if you go to the website above you'll find more information on these events.

Clean air is important for all of us, from infants to the elderly and everyone in between, so it's important we all have our say.

Gull campaign spreads wings

New funding to tackle the "gull menace"

Bath and North East Somerset Council has extended its successful campaign to tackle the gull menace in the area.

New wards added to scheme

The Council has allocated £55k from the 2018/19 budget, along with additional support from the Bath Business Improvement District, to tackle the gull problem in Bath and North East Somerset.

In addition to Abbey, Kingsmead, Newbridge, Twerton, Westmoreland and Widcombe, the wards of Bathwick, Combe Down, Lyncombe, Oldfield, Odd Down, Southdown and the Welton Bibby sites at Midsomer Norton will now be included in the scheme. These areas have been included due to concerns that gulls may move into these areas after successful treatments in the central Bath wards.

Gulls can be a real issue and during the breeding season, which runs from April to August, they can become noisy and aggressive. Reducing their numbers is a key priority for residents, which is why the free roof treatment scheme is being extended. If there are nests on your roof and you are in one of the areas covered by the scheme, call and ask for a free roof treatment and make sure you use your food waste bins.

It's important for us all to keep an eye out and to check if there are any nesting activities on our roofs. ●

i If you think there is a nest on your roof, contact NBC Environment on **0800 169 9646** (Please select the option for the Customer Service team) or complete a web form on the Council website: bathnes.gov.uk/gulls

Volunteer of the year



Margi scoops Chairman's Award

Margi Isacc has won the 2018 Volunteer of the Year award at the recent Chairman's Awards. Margi is also a founding member of SEEDS Bath (a domestic violence survivors group) which led to the foundation of the VOICES domestic abuse charity. VOICES provides support, counselling and safe spaces to survivors as well as bespoke training to organisations. The people nominating Margi said of her: "Margi has given other victims of domestic violence a sense of hope and confidence that they are not alone in facing the challenges that domestic abuse has brought into their lives."

Bath & North East Somerset Council is committed to addressing the issues of domestic violence by working in partnership with different organisations to raise awareness and support vulnerable people. For more information on VOICES go to voicescharity.org ●

Sustainable successes

We've been making great progress in sustainability – here are just a few examples

300⁺

homes in BANES Energy at Home scheme have helped improve comfort and energy efficiency

154%

increase in Community-owned renewable energy in B&NES between 2011 and 2015

62%

cut in carbon emissions from LED street lighting introduced since 2013

£145k

of grants awarded to low carbon community projects by Bath and West Community Energy Fund over the last four years



Improving job prospects

New service offers careers support to BANES

Future Bright is a new free scheme that's been set up to help residents, who receive in-work benefits, improve their work and pay.

Our new team of Career Progression Coaches are working with residents, helping them to pick up new skills and make positive changes to progress their careers. The coaches work with participants to create tailor-made and completely confidential action plans. There's funding available for training courses too.

Get in touch and make a change

If you want to improve your work and pay get in touch and take that first step.

Future Bright is also working with local employers who want to help their staff unlock their potential and grow their business. The team are on hand to provide support and guidance to identify ways to motivate staff, increase productivity and reduce absenteeism

To find out more and to see if you or your business is eligible, go to futurebright.org.uk. You can email the team on Futurebright@bathnes.gov.uk or call them on 01225 395555.

Future Bright supports a range of other employment opportunities for local families, which B&NES Council is committed to delivering. Future Bright is managed by the West of England Combined Authority and is delivered locally by Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol and South Gloucestershire Councils. ●

• What's on – go to bathnes.gov.uk/events for a list of upcoming events.

BATHNES Online

There are lots of different Twitter accounts that will keep you in the loop with what's happening across BANES. Here are just a few of our favourites.



Follow [@bathnes](https://twitter.com/bathnes) the main B&NES Council Twitter account to keep up to date.



[@VisitBath](https://twitter.com/VisitBath) on Twitter is full of information about what's on in Bath.



[@KeynshamWombles](https://twitter.com/KeynshamWombles) is the account of a much-loved group fighting littering.



Funding hopes for lido

Cleveland Pools plans are gathering pace – the listed lido plans to open by 2021

The UK's only surviving Georgian lido is planning to open to BANES residents in just three years. The restoration scheme is being organised by the Cleveland Pools Trust, who will hear the result of their major funding bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund by December this year.

The lottery funding provides a rare opportunity to re-open the pools in their original use with updated modern facilities. The Council are helping with the project alongside support from leading heritage bodies, such as the Bath Preservation Trust.

The lido was originally built by public subscription in 1815 and is a hidden gem of Bath's heritage, in need of a new lease of life – it is still cherished by many residents who learned to swim here when the pool was a thriving swimming centre.

Currently, both Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent have been obtained and it is hoped that if the lottery funding bid is successful the lido can once again serve the whole community. For more information head to clevelandpools.org.uk ●



B&NES top for Connecting Families support

In a recent report, Bath and North East Somerset Council placed top of the Local Authorities in the South West and as one of the best in the UK for its work on the Connecting Families Programme. The programme supports disadvantaged and vulnerable families and aims to have helped 400,000 by 2020. More than 185,000 families across the UK have been helped by the initiative so far, which helps to find work for parents and encourage school attendance for their children.



Have your say: to keep up to date with the latest news and find out how to get involved, go to bathnes.gov.uk/latestnews



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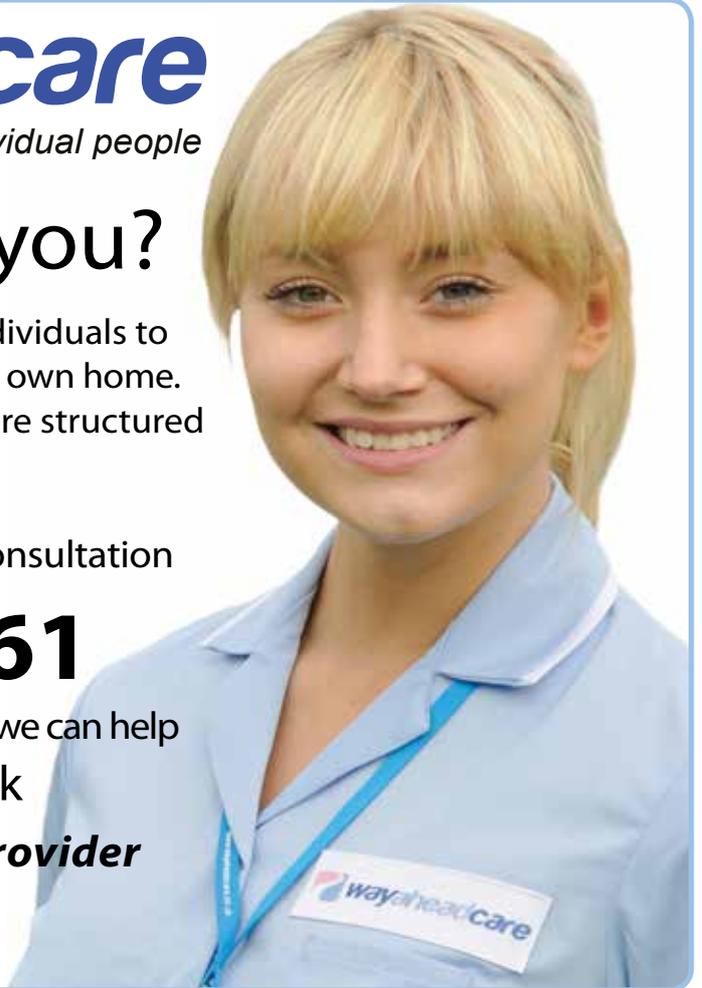
Call us now for more details and a **FREE** consultation

01225 789161

Or visit our website to learn more about how we can help
www.wayaheadcare.co.uk

Care by your local family run provider

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Parklife

Summer is here and it's time to get out and about across the region exploring our wonderful parks

Right now the weather is amazing (well, it is at the time of writing), so when better to celebrate the amazing selection of parks we have across Bath and North East Somerset? In Bath, at the Royal Victoria Park alone we have an array of activities from a BBQ area to the Botanical Gardens, the skate park and the playground. There's so much to do, or if you like you can just take along a book and have a lie down on the grass.

Another great thing about the parks in BANES is that getting out

and about in the sunshine will help keep you and your family healthy (though don't forget to pack and slap on the sun lotion) – so have a read of our feature and hopefully you'll be inspired to pack a picnic blanket, some bats, balls or frisbees (or the whole lot) and run off to your local park for a day out.

The B&NES parks team look after nine formal parks which, when all added up together, come to 49 hectares of green space. Which is a lot, especially when you consider that an international rugby pitch usually weighs in at a single hectare in size. Then you can add in the 200 hectares of open spaces and grounds dotted



Be a good neighbour

When visiting parks do be a good neighbour and allow others to enjoy the parks. So if you do have a picnic please ensure you take all your rubbish away with you – and if you see a full bin do report it. You can do this by informing **@CCBathnes** on Twitter, or by calling them on **01225 394041** – all details are on **bathnes.gov.uk/reportit**.

BBQs are not permitted in B&NES managed parks and open spaces, with the exception of the BBQ area at Bath's Royal Victoria Park where BBQ tables are provided.

If you take your dog to the park, ensure it's under control and always clear up

its mess. Children want to play safely in parks and as such dogs are banned from children's play areas, and certain other land. Elsewhere, dogs may have to be kept on leads, or the area may be a scoop area. Look out for the signs.

This summer, get out and enjoy the greenery, fresh air, history and attractions that our parks afford all of our residents.

 For more information about Parks and Events follow us on Twitter, **@BathnesParks**



across B&NES and varying in size from a few hundred square metres to areas in excess of 10 acres.

Keynsham Memorial Park is a real gem among our outdoor spaces and well worth a visit, not least thanks to its Green Flag status. It first won the award in 2009 and has been awarded it every year since. Here

you'll find the Abbey Ruins, Keynsham Bowls Club, the Outdoor Gym and running routes and you can even catch a concert on the bandstand. Search Keynsham Memorial Park on bathnes.gov.uk for more details and go to bathnes.gov.uk/bandstands for more information on the bandstand program.



Photography by Anna Barclay

Green spaces across the region

From Iford Manor on the edge of east BANES to Chew Valley Lake at the far west, the area is packed with green spaces. For example the National Cycle Network Route 24 runs from Bath all the way to Radstock and beyond – a full 75 miles in total. Go to sustrans.org.uk for details. We also have acres of woodland to entertain ourselves in, such as Culvery Wood in Pensford. Find woods near you at woodlandtrust.org.uk.

→ As well as traditional green spaces, the parks team also maintain routes such as Linear Park. This was part of the Somerset and Dorset Railway Line and is now a great place to walk dogs, go running and head out cycling. It leads, in a meandering, gentle slope, from Twerton up to Bear Flat and the entrance to the Sustrans Two Tunnels project.

One activity you might not have considered in our parks is getting married, but a number of green spaces are available for weddings, including Royal Victoria Park's Botanical Gardens. Here you can host your wedding in the Temple of Minerva, a hidden gem in the middle of this tranquil setting. ●

i For more details of hiring a park space for your wedding go to heritageparkweddings.co.uk



What's on in the park?

We have a whole host of events taking place for everyone to enjoy across the region in our parks and green spaces

The Cherry Orchard 19th July

Wellow Recreation Ground
Gather your friends, grab a picnic and head to Wellow Recreation Ground for a great adaptation of this classic play.
bathboxoffice.org.uk

Bath Carnival 21st July

Sydney Gardens
A carnival through the city centre followed by a party in the park featuring fun for all the family.
bathcarnival.co.uk

Stamp Around 26th July

Keynsham Memorial Park
Temporary stamp trails will be set up for families to try with a prize at the end for all those collecting all the stamp marks on one, two or all three of the trails.
bathnes.gov.uk
Search 'Stamp Around'

Bath Christian Festival 28th July

Parade Gardens
Head to Bath's Parade Gardens for a day of gospel music, testimonies and displays from local groups.
bathchristianfestival.co.uk

BAPP - National Play Day

1st August
Queen Square
Each year more than 1,700 children and families come together to enjoy a fantastic celebration of the child's right to play, making Bath's Queen Square a playful place for all!
bapp.org.uk

Carters Steam Fair

4th - 19th August
Royal Victoria Park
A unique attraction, this authentic travelling funfair consists entirely of rare vintage equipment.
carterssteamfair.co.uk

Three Inch Fools 14th August

Parade Gardens
An inventive take on Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream – a comic tale of runaway lovers, beguiling potions and a rather unfortunate individual who gets turned into a donkey...
threeinchfools.com



Service Directory

Do you need some information about a Council-run service? Help is at hand with this useful guide. To be put through to someone who can help, call the Council switchboard on **01225 477000** or visit **bathnes.gov.uk** for further information.



WEDDING SERVICES

“Bath is one of the most romantic cities in the world and a perfect place to get married.”

B&NES Registrar Cindy Aze. There are now more venues at which to get married around the district, including some of Bath's parks.

i Search 'Weddings in the Park' on **bathnes.gov.uk** or call **07977 228235**

WELLBEING OPTIONS

Wellbeing Options is a free resource providing local information to support you to live a full and independent life. If you go to their website you will find information about local care providers, services and activities, along with links to other useful websites and resources.

See the sites below for information on care homes, leisure and social, your health, support for carers and more...

WELLBEING
Options

i For more information go to **wellbeingoptions.co.uk** or these Facebook pages:
facebook.com/BathnesFIS
facebook.com/wellbeingoptions

LOCAL FAMILY INFORMATION



1 Big Database Bathnes

Discover Organisations and Events in Bath and North East Somerset for a range of family issues, childcare, parenting support, benefits, school and much, much more.

i Go to **bathnes1bd.org.uk** for more information

Rainbow Resource

The Local Offer from Bath & North East Somerset provides information on what services children, young people and their families can expect from a range of local agencies, including education, health and social care providers, and voluntary organisations.

i Go to **rainbowresource.org.uk** for more information

ROADWORKS

[View live updates on incidents, road closures and diversions as well as current roadworks.](#)

i For more please visit **bathnes.roadworks.org**



ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Council's Customer Services based at the One Stop Shops are able to assist with a range of enquiries about Council and partner services. Support and



advice for the Armed Forces Community is also available from a range of organisations both locally and nationally.

i Royal British Legion: **www.britishlegion.org.uk**

SSAFA: The Armed Forces Charity: **ssafa.org.uk**

Citizens Advice: **citizensadvice.org.uk**

Veterans' Gateway is a single point of contact offering help to veterans or call **0808 802 1212** **veteransgateway.org.uk**

Civvy Street is run by the Royal British Legion to help service personnel transition to civilian life **civvystreet.org**

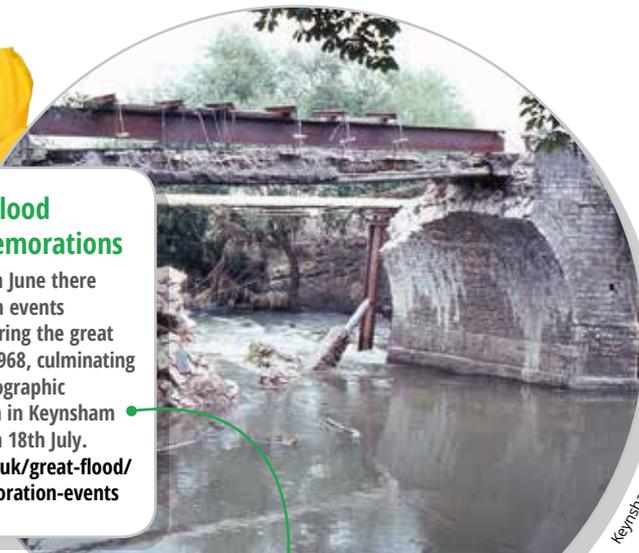
Summer Events

Your **pull-out-and-pin-up** guide to some of the great things to do in the region

July

Great Flood Commemorations

From 30th June there have been events remembering the great flood of 1968, culminating in a photographic exhibition in Keynsham Library on 18th July. wern.org.uk/great-flood/commemoration-events



Keynsham & Salford Local History Society

30th June – 18th

Avenue Q

Inspired by Sesame Street, this award-winning show has been wowing audiences around the world since 2003 and remains one of the longest-running shows on Broadway. Despite the puppets it is not a children's show – expect explicit language! rondotheatre.co.uk

25th – 28th

Paradis Palm Court Trio

Free summer concert at Midsomer Norton Town Hall – donations are welcome and amazing homemade cakes are on sale! The concerts take place every month. To find out more go to midsomernortoncommunitytrust.co.uk



Keynsham Fake Festival

See six fabulous fake bands rocking throughout the afternoon and evening, paying tribute to acts including Queen, The Killers and The Stone Roses. fakefestivals.co.uk/2018/Keynsham.html

August

3rd

4th

Midsomer Norton Farmers Market

Come here for a brilliant selection of local produce on the first Saturday of every month. You'll find the market in Hollies Gardens. somersefarmersmarkets.co.uk/markets/midsomer-norton



Wellow Flower Show

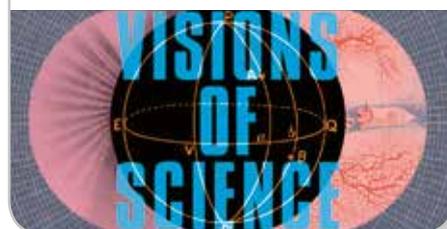
The 69th Wellow Flower Show and Country Fair is on Saturday 1st September 1pm – 4.30pm at Wellow Playing Fields BA2 8QA. £3 entry for adults, children under 16 free. Lots of fun for all the family, including a dog show, ferret racing, a comedy magician, beer tent, BBQ, ice creams, teas. Also dog herding, runner ducks, face painting, henna tattoos and a wide variety of stalls.

Somer Valley Walking Festival

Get active while learning about the Somer Valley. The walks will take place over three days from 15th – 17th September. tryactive.org/group_activity/somervalleywalkingfestival

Visions of Science

Art and science merge at this exhibition at the Andrew Brownsword Gallery until 13th October. edgearts.org/whats-on



September

1st

15th



Midsomer Norton Fayre

Come along to enjoy the Maypole festival, market stalls, exhibitions, dance displays, a helter-skelter and bouncy castle, a Punch and Judy show and much, much more. Permission for the fayre was granted to the town in 1248 and it's still going strong! To find out more details go to midsomernortoncommunitytrust.co.uk



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Corston Country Fair

Stalls and crafts, a raffle, tea tent, classic cars, Chuffy the Train rides, bouncy castle and slide, bar tent and a BBQ. All taking place in this pretty village just on the outskirts of Bath.
facebook.com/corstoncountryfair

Bath Carnival

Find your rhythm and your facepaints and take to the streets for this mass celebration of music and dance. Expect great bands and DJs, headdresses, street food and drink plus vibes aplenty. After the colourful street procession head to the park for fun late into the evening. bathcarnival.co.uk

14th

21st



Bath Folk Festival

Unlike other festivals held in big marquees and fields, the Bath Folk Festival takes over brilliant venues across the city with concerts, sessions, dances and workshops. bathfolkfestival.org



Scott Griessel / stock.adobe.com



Clutton Horticultural Society Flower Show

Ever-charming Clutton hosts this brilliant event year after year. For teas, a bar and entertainment head to: **Rudges Field, Bendalls Bridge, BS35 5SJ** at 1pm!

Summer Company

Anyone aged 12-18 (acting places) or 14-18 (backstage places) can come to this hugely popular summer school. The aim is to create a stunning show over three weeks. theatreroyal.org.uk

10th

11th - 19th

6th - 26th

Jane Austen Festival

With a costumed promenade through the streets of Bath, all in 18th Century costume this is a difficult festival to miss across the city - or maybe you want to join in? janeaustenfestivalbath.co.uk



Bathscape Walking Festival

The popular festival features walks for all interests and experience levels and shows off the landscape as you go. Check on the website for more details as they are added over the summer. bathscapewalkingfestival.co.uk

Find out about even more local events - or list your own!

To see even more events happening this summer go to bathnes.gov.uk/events - you can even add your own events to the calendar.

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14th - 23rd

15th - 23rd

85%

of One Stop Shop customers were seen within 10 minutes.

Council Connect and Revenues & Benefits answered 73% of calls within 45 seconds, and answered 96% of all calls.



GET IN TOUCH

Council Connect help with enquiries about waste, recycling, roads and highways, and general library and planning enquiries.

i Go to bathnes.gov.uk/reportit
E-mail councilconnect@bathnes.gov.uk Twitter [@ccbathnes](https://twitter.com/ccbathnes)
call **01225 394041** text **07797 806545**



CHILDREN'S CENTRES

Find out about nurseries, family support and other services available for families with children.

i Go to bathnes.gov.uk and search 'children's centres'

BUY WITH CONFIDENCE



Find local companies that have been "Trading Standards approved" by your Council.

i Go to bathnes.gov.uk and search 'buy with confidence'

ALLOTMENTS

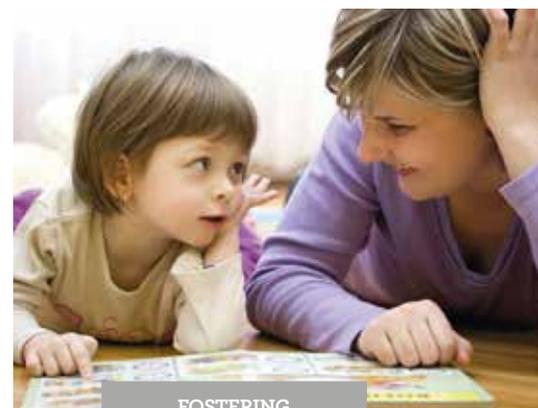
An allotment can provide fresh fruit and vegetables, a healthy outdoor life, and a place to relax. Go online to find an allotment near you.



CAR CLUB

A car club is a network of self-service cars and vans located across Bath and many other cities around the UK. They are a great way to have access to a car when you need one, but without the hassle and cost of ownership. They can reduce congestion, parking pressure and pollution.

i Join online by visiting Enterprise Car Club (enterprisecarclub.co.uk), call **0345 266 9290**, or E-Car Club (ecarclub.co.uk), call **0203 6032259**



FOSTERING

Anyone who feels they have something to offer children can apply to be a foster carer. It could be right for you!

i Go to bathnes.gov.uk and search 'fostering'





Residents' parking saver

By using the MiPermit app Bath and North East Somerset residents will receive a 10% discount on parking fees – here's how to use the app

Car park charges are set to rise in mid-August as part of plans to improve air quality by encouraging more use of walking, cycling, public transport and park & rides.

Bath and North East Somerset residents will get a 10% discount on the new parking charges with the Residents' Parking Saver by registering at wanttopark.com/bathnes and using the MiPermit app when booking parking. Residents can use the app for pay and stay cashless purchases in our car parks and on street.

The app is easy to manage, and you can also arrange your parking by telephone, SMS from your mobile or online using the MiPermit portal.

1 Find the MiPermit app on your smartphone by searching Google Play or the Apple App Store, then download the app for free.



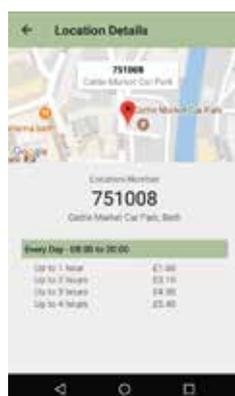
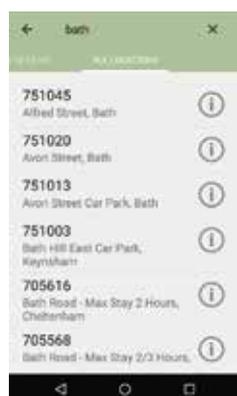
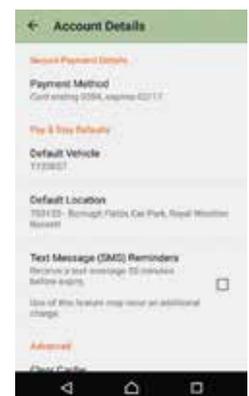
2 Register on the app. For this you'll need your car registration number, credit card details, email, phone number and a password.



3 Once registered you can find car parks near to you using GPS, or search for them by name. An information box will show where they are on Google Maps.

4 Then simply confirm the details of the car you wish to park and where you are parking.

5 In your account settings you can check the box to receive SMS reminders of when your parking time expires.



 For more information go to: wanttopark.com/bathnes

Record recycling

Year end figures show great results from the new rubbish collection service

Compared to last year, the amount of recycling we're collecting from your homes increased by 2,000 tonnes, while the amount being thrown away in the rubbish went down by an impressive 4,500 tonnes.

As well as being cleaner and greener, and improving our streets, this is also saving the Council money on the cost of getting rid of waste – passing funds from recycling to invest in vital frontline services.

This shows how much effort many of you have made to recycle more and throw away less and we really appreciate your help and support – it

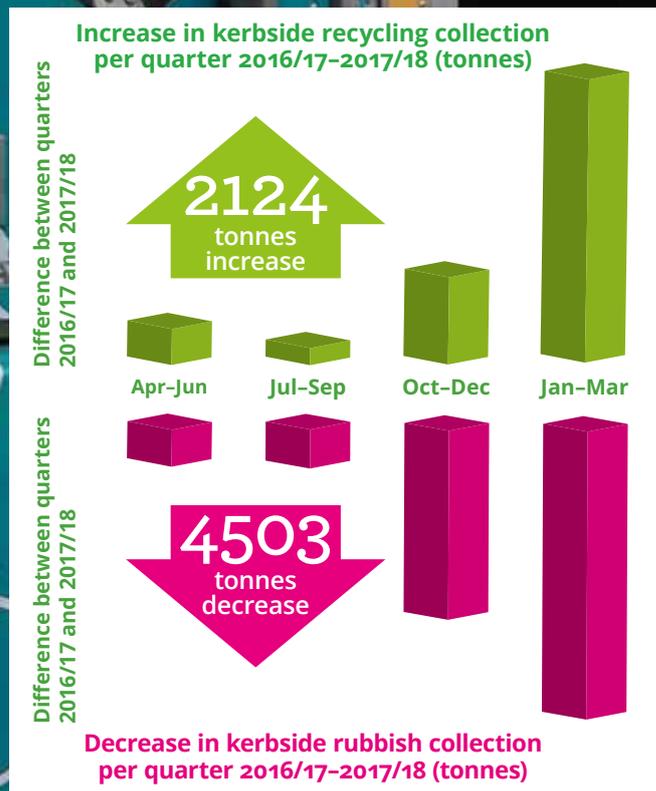
makes such a difference!

There are however some things that we're collecting less of. The amount of paper we collect has continued to go down, continuing a steady trend that we have seen over the past 10 years.

So if you're looking to recycle more, remember that our paper recycling is about much more than just newspaper. We also recycle catalogues, magazines and greetings cards, to name some of the lesser known paper items. Check that you're recycling all your cardboard

and brown paper as well, especially the packaging that comes with online deliveries, and remember to recycle all your foil (eg take away trays, kitchen foil and lids). ●

i For a full list of what we recycle please go to bathnes.gov.uk/recyclemore Visit our Facebook page for tips on how to recycle more [facebook.com/recycleforbathnes](https://www.facebook.com/recycleforbathnes)



Student Community Partnership encourages students to look out for their waste



As we head into summer and the students head home, the Student Community Partnership (SCP) has been working hard to encourage students to leave their homes clean and tidy.

In conjunction with the British Heart Foundation, the SCP have helped put up 10 temporary recycling banks for students to bring clothes, shoes, sheets and pillowcases, books, bric-a-brac, stationery, CDs and DVDs.

The campaign has raised over £60,000 for the British Heart Foundation this year.

To reduce the amount of waste waiting to be collected at this busy time of year, our Universities agreed to provide additional funding so that the Council could provide twice-weekly rubbish and recycling collections during June.

While most students look after where they live, some don't and the SCP is working with the Council to tackle this.

Your rubbish is your responsibility



Year end figures show recycling collections increased by 2,000 tonnes in just six months.

During the warm weather it's been shocking to see how many people have gone out to enjoy their local environment, parks and open spaces, but then spoil it by not taking their rubbish home.

Our Cleansing team have been working really hard (sometimes into the night) to help clear the litter from our verges, picking up more than 1,000 bags (over 5 tonnes) of litter. This wouldn't be needed if we all disposed of our rubbish more carefully, took it home and didn't leave litter.

If you are keen to help keep your community litter free, why not join a local litter picking group? *No Place For Litter* are seeking individuals and groups in B&NES to set up local litter picking groups and become contact points for other groups, and we're helping provide equipment. Contact Erica **0771 3417974** or E-mail **womble@transitionkeynsham.org**

Finally, remember your rubbish is your responsibility. If you're employing someone to work on your house, make sure they're properly licensed to take away your waste –



you could be prosecuted if the waste is later found to be fly tipped.

Check the Environment Agency's register of all licensed waste carriers **www.gov.uk**



Waste not want not re-use sale

21st July
10am – 12 noon
The Old MOD Building
(next to the Recycling Centre), Pixash Lane, Keynsham, BS31 1TP

Good quality pre-loved furniture, bric-a-brac, bicycles, building materials and other items on sale (some for free), all saved for re-use at our Recycling Centres. Come and grab a bargain.
bathnes.gov.uk/reusesale

Bath Repair Café celebrates its 1st anniversary

Do you have any broken items that you don't want to throw away but don't know how to repair? The Bath Repair Café can help repair computers, clothes, furniture and electrical items; one of the most delighted customers was one who had their singing teddy mended!

Bring your things along on the day and their volunteer experts will help to repair them for free, with more than 70% being successfully repaired. Their aim is to help make our resources last longer so we don't have so much to throw away or recycle.

The Bath Repair Café has just celebrated its first anniversary and now has repair cafés in three different locations in Bath, where they meet every month 10am – 12.30pm

- **Southdown Methodist Church** – 1st Sat of the month
- **Weston Hub** (next to Bowling Green and St Mary's School), Penn Hill Road – 2nd Sat of the month
- **New Oriel Hall**, Larkhall – 2nd Sat of the month



Cook your way to a healthier lifestyle

Virgin Care's Health Improvement Service is helping families create healthy and low cost meals together with the 'Cook It' programme



Stuart, Holly and Ethan Read with Cook It team members Kimberley and Megan.

Stuart, a stay-at-home dad who took part in a recent course at Foxhill Community Centre with his children Holly and Ethan, says it's made a real difference to his family's life, helping to cure summer holiday boredom and create healthy, low cost meals.

Stuart said: "We've made cakes before, but we haven't prepared our own meals as a family. My kids get bored so this has been great as it gives us something we can enjoy doing together. It's so much better when you have prepared your own food rather than buying it; it's much healthier and tasty."

Learn new skills in the kitchen

The Cook It course aims to give families the opportunity to learn new cooking skills, get involved in informal discussions focused around healthy eating and spend valuable time with their families. Recipes include stir fry, chicken tikka curry and handmade flatbreads, pasta sauce from scratch and savoury rice. Kimberley Tyler, Health Improvement Practitioner and course leader says:

"Cook It encourages a healthy balanced diet, and gives people the tools to develop confidence in their cooking ability. We hope that encouraging the development of healthy food habits will result in long term benefits such as maintaining a healthy weight and reduction in the likelihood of developing health conditions in the future like type 2 diabetes."

Get involved and get your family cooking together

Cook It courses run throughout the year at community centres in the Bath, Keynsham and Somer Valley areas. If you are interested in improving you and your family's lifestyle get in touch with the Virgin Care Health Improvement Service. They offer a wide range of free services including healthy parenting for families, weight management programmes including support with type 2 diabetes, support to stop smoking and help to get more physically active.

Call 01225 831852 or E-mail BATHNES.thehub@virgincare.co.uk ●

Transforming healthcare services

Virgin Care has been delivering health and care community services in BANES for over a year. These are some of the initiatives that they're working on now:

- The advice hub – bringing together advice teams across BANES into one hub to make it easier to get the health and wellbeing support you need.
- Integrated care records – joining up information securely across the health and social care system so that you only have to tell your story once.
- Three conversations – changing the way social care works by introducing a model that removes handovers, referrals and the assumption that traditional support packages are the solution.

B&NES Business People

Local Superstars

Joined Forces

The owners of Framptons are giving people a helping hand

When people flocked to the opening party for Framptons last June, little did they know they were celebrating a new charitable hub for the city. But its owners have plans beyond serving food and drink.

Partners Ed McAdam, Tom Walker and Sam Westlake are a trio who have successfully transitioned from the British Army and are always keen to assist people leaving the forces to transition into civilian life by offering them training opportunities in their business.

All three served together as Officers in The Parachute Regiment, and have maintained their links to help ex-military people during their transition into civilian employment. As Ed says, "This is simply a method of us and the business helping people who might benefit from our own journey and lessons learned. We hope that in time we are able to further



"We hope that in time we are able to further develop our ability to help others in and out of the military."

Ed McAdam
Owner of Framptons Café
Bar & Kitchen

develop our ability to help others in and out of the military."

So far the team have worked with Bath College, B&NES Social Services, Bath Carnival, various charities and numerous ex-military people, offering work experience, talks and advice.

Bath & North East Somerset Council has also recently signed the Armed Forces Covenant that encourages support for the armed forces community.

i Former service personnel looking for help, go to B&NES bathnes.gov.uk/contact-us or call **01225 477777**. Let staff know you are a member of the Armed Forces Community. There's also support available from national and local charities, such as the British Legion www.britishlegion.org.uk/veterans-and-families Helpline: **0808 802 8080**

MY HIGH STREET OLDFIELD PARK



Jo Branston lives in Oldfield Park, Bath and cooks healthy lunches for the children and staff at Greenshoots Pre-School.

THE FISH SHOP
Third Avenue
The new 'squid' on the block selling fresh, frozen and preserved seafood. Alan the fishmonger is very happy to advise you on how to prepare and cook your fish.

NEWLEAF HEALTH FOODS
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Selling eco-friendly household refills and bulk store-cupboard items, which you can take home in your own containers.

OLDFIELD PARK BOOKSHOP
Moorland Road
One of our high street gems. Harry and Phillip share a passion for books and give customer service that no online shop could rival.



Read all about it

The new Library and Information Service in Midsomer Norton is heralding some great new changes for the town

Midsomer Norton's library and former One Stop Shop reopened in June following a £350,000 investment, and is set to benefit the entire community with a wide range of improvements.

In what was previously known as the One Stop Shop at the Hollies, visitors will now find a new and welcoming children's section, free Wi-Fi and better printing facilities as well as a quiet study area. Signage has been designed to be simple and clear and we have added a number of features, including an autism-friendly map, to make the space more welcoming to people with autism. There's also a public space that welcomes community groups for events and workshops.

New and improved

The new-look library's redesigned children's area has soft and comfy seating as well as fun educational features. It promises to encourage more involvement from younger children, giving them a great setup for lifelong learning and literacy skills. It is autism-friendly and helping to bring all members of the community together in this brilliant new space.

The venue will also attract job seekers, students and remote workers with its free Wi-Fi, touchscreens and improved internet technology. There's also better access to printing, including wireless technology, as well as more comfortable seating and a quiet study area. By making study, work and job searching easier the centre is all set to benefit the local economy.

Local community groups are also encouraged to use the public space for events and creative workshops, so if you want to host an event do go to the main council website for all the contact details:

**[bathnes.gov.uk/contact-us/
midsomer-norton-library-
information-service](http://bathnes.gov.uk/contact-us/midsomer-norton-library-information-service)**

The library has a wide selection of books and even more easy access shelving in a friendly and welcoming space, plus new touchscreen technology which gives better access to the vast catalogue of more than three million items.

The integration of Midsomer Norton Library and Information Service is part of the council's Modern Libraries Programme, putting people first.

It follows the combined library and One Stop Shop in Keynsham which has been a huge success, with a significantly increased footfall and rise in popularity, following similar improvements several years ago.

Turning over a new leaf with Community Libraries

A number of communities have already come forward to express an interest in providing community libraries in their local area, and we're working with them to help them develop their plans.

This includes the potential for local community volunteer groups or parish councils to take over the existing





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Summer Reading Challenge

Across the whole of BANES, a new initiative has been launched to encourage children aged 4-11 to keep reading during the summer months. In the Summer Reading Challenge, children have to read six books and will be given incentives along the way with a medal and certificate upon completion. This year's theme is 'Mischief Makers' to coincide with the 80th anniversary of The Beano and there will be free activities to support the 'challenge' over the holidays. To get involved go to summerreadingchallenge.org.uk where you'll find books to read, see celebrity book recommendations and readings, and you can even watch interviews with your favourite children's authors.

branch libraries in Saltford, Weston, Radstock, Moorland Road and Paulton, as well as setting up brand new community libraries in Chew Valley, Peasedown, Stowey Sutton, Mulberry Park and Timsbury.

The first community library set to open its doors will be Saltford, which anticipates welcoming visitors from mid-July. They also hope to open the new Saltford Community Post Office on the premises in September.

Drawing up designs for Bath Library

As part of our Modern Libraries programme, we're also working with the community on designs for the new Bath Library and Information Service - incorporating the public feedback we've received to help meet your needs. We'll be sharing more details in late July. ●

i For more information and updates, please visit bathnes.gov.uk/modernlibrary



My Community: Shared Lives

Shared Lives is a scheme that is delivered by Virgin Care and commissioned by B&NES Council and the CCG. It looks at adult care differently, taking into account the needs of both the carer and the cared for. Focused on community, family, kinship and choice, they are always looking for new recruits.

Suzannah Cook is the Bath and North East Somerset Shared Lives Manager.



VARIETY

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“People from all different backgrounds join the scheme, such as ex-nurses, or parents who have a child moving into adulthood. Or simply people retiring but who want to share their skills.”

INDEPENDENCE

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“We welcome anyone as long as they have values based in acceptance, choice and inclusion, no two carers are the same. Plus there's a lot of independence, carers are self-employed and don't have to do anything they wouldn't want to. You can sign up for someone to live in with you or simply give respite.”

SUPPORT

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“Carers get regular supervision and support from the team. And it's a very nurturing service, we want to encourage because the carers really are the service and they make a massive difference.”

KINSHIP

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“Often an end goal for people in care is living alone... but this ignores the fact that we're social beings. So we're really happy to see that often carers and the cared for match so well that they stay together for a really long time. It's this kinship that is really at the heart of what we do.”

ASSESSMENT

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“The assessment takes about six months, we'll meet and talk about people's history, belief and values. It's non-judgemental though, we simply want to find what would suit you best.”

 If you are interested and would like further information, please contact the Shared Lives Scheme for a chat. By telephone: **0300 2470077** or by E-mail: **BATHNES.sharedlives@virginicare.co.uk**
Post: Shared Lives Connections Day Service, Frome Road, Radstock BA3 3LL



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