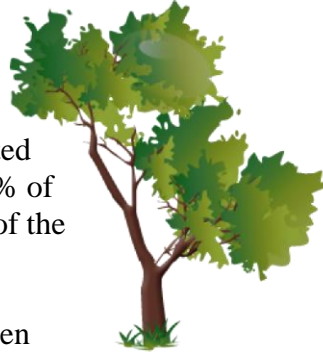




Claverham's Neighbourhood Plan

A referendum on Claverham's Neighbourhood Plan resulted in an overwhelming 99.65% of residents voting in favour of the plan.



North Somerset Council then voted to "make" the Plan, so that it becomes part of NSC's formal planning policies.

Backwell residents benefitted from the recognition of their Neighbourhood Plan recently. A Planning Inspector rejected the appeal of the developers who want to build on Farleigh fields.

Backwell's Neighbourhood Plan was adopted in March 2015 by a 95% vote in favour

Developers' Contributions

When building plans are agreed the developers have to contribute to local communities. Currently this is through S106 contributions and will soon be through a new charge called the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

The hope is that the CIL will benefit the community more directly. For example the proposed improvements at Hangstones playing fields and Yatton Village are just two areas that will benefit.

Residents living near the Bloor Homes developments are encouraged to consider facilities that would benefit the north end of the village.

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Plastics!!

The damage caused to wildlife by plastics in the oceans has horrified most people watching the BBC's Blue Planet.

Theresa May's vow to eliminate all "avoidable" plastic waste by 2042 is too vague and too far distant to tackle the problem - by the year 2042 plastic will almost outweigh the fish in our oceans.

**We need
action
now!**



Liberal Democrats are asking the Government to:

- Eradicate unnecessary plastic waste from Government Departments and set an example to businesses and consumers
- Provide incentives for reuse and recycling, including a plastic bottle return scheme and a 5p charge on disposable coffee cups
- Encourage businesses to reduce plastic packaging
- Work closely with other countries to find global solutions to tackle the crisis of ocean pollution
- Invest in research and development into non-plastic alternative materials

If you agree then please sign up to a letter to Environment Secretary Michael Gove online at <https://www.libdems.org.uk/save-our-seas>

Council Tax Increase

North Somerset Council has increased Council tax by 5.99%, the maximum increase allowed without holding a referendum. Over the last 8 years NSC has been forced to cut £90 million from its budget due to cuts in Government funding.

As a result, NSC has already cut many services, and this year sees more cuts, to childrens centres, adult social care, libraries, housing support and highways.

At February's NSC budget meeting, the Liberal Democrats and other opposition councillors proposed amendments to stop the cuts to children's centres and stop car parking increases in Weston. These would be paid for by reduced spending on areas such as senior staff, consultants and Executive cllrs. The amendments were defeated by the large Tory majority.

DID YOU KNOW...

A recent survey by YouGov and Queen Mary College, University of London, of the membership of the 4 main political parties (Liberal Democrats, Labour, Conservatives and Scottish Nationalists) found some interesting results:

- The Liberal Democrats are the youngest party, 20% of members are under 35 with only 14% of Conservatives under 35
- Liberal Democrats are more likely to be members of the National Trust.
- 91% of Liberal Democrats want a referendum on the final Brexit deal.

Wera Hobhouse MP visits Long Ashton



Wera Hobhouse, Lib Dem MP for Bath was the guest speaker at North Somerset Lib Dem's Annual Dinner recently.

Wera is the Party's spokesperson for Communities & Local Government, and spoke about the lack of local accountability for large Academy school chains, and the need for affordable housing.

As a member of the House of Commons Brexit committee she pointed out that the rest of the world, eg Canada & Norway, want closer trade links with the EU, at the same time that the UK is walking in the opposite direction.

Wera said "Now that the economic issues are clearer, as well as the difficulties for the Irish border, we should definitely hold a referendum on the terms of the Brexit deal.

"The People should finish what the People started."

GET IN TOUCH

Why not join the Liberal Democrats? A Party whose values reflect an open, fair and liberal approach to society.

Liberal Democrats work for local people and keep in touch all the year round, not just at elections. If you would like further information, would like to join or help please get in touch with the editor of Yeo Views, Wendy Griggs, contact details below.

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