

Maiden Bradley Parish News

384 June 2021



Angus Neish is presented with a bag of rose plants
on his departure from the Parish Council

June Diary

6	Sun	Communion – Rev Harold Stevens 10am
7	Mon	Household waste collection
8	Tue	Parish Council Meeting in the Hall 7pm
13	Sun	Morning Service-Jane Hurd 10am
14	Mon	Green bin collection
16	Wed	Blue bin and Black box collections
20	Sun	Morning Service-David Morse 10am
21	Mon	Household waste collection
26	Sat	Middlewick House Garden Open Day 11-4.30
27	Sun	Middlewick House Garden Open Day 11-4.30 Parish Communion-Rev Liz Smith 10am Plant, Cake and nearly new sale 2pm
28	Mon	Green bin collection
30	Wed	Blue bin and Black box collections

Useful Telephone Numbers

Speed Watch Co-ordinator	Simon Wager	simon.m.wager@gmail.com
Nadder Oil Buying Club	Email: richard.willan@me.com	www.oilbuyingclub.com
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator	Derek Stevens	01985 844428
Community Garden	Kate Moore	katemore@silkmillstudios.co.uk 01985 844305
Book Club	Jessica Johnson	01985 844174
Pilates		01985 511693
Cookery Demonstrations	Rosie Brown	01985 844236
Luncheon Club		01985 844779
Welcome Club Outings		01985 844779
Scrabble Club		01985 844919
Memorial Hall bookings		01985 845303
Dr Andrew Murrison MP		01225 358584
Mere Link Scheme	murrisona@parliament.uk	
Rev. Carol Wilson-Barker		01747 860096
		01747 861859



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The post office is open in the Village Hall on Tuesdays 1-3pm

Bell Ringing Tuesday 7 pm in the Bell Tower at the Church, beginners welcome 844475

Coffee Mornings every Friday in the Hall 10 am till 12 noon

Maiden Bradley Parish News – contributions are preferred in editable text format.

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www.maidenbradleyvillage.org.uk

June Editorial

We would like to welcome the new Parish Councillors to their roles on the Council and to give a heartfelt thanks to Angus Neish for his length of service as Chairman of the Council. Much work is undergone unnoticed by the parish in order to keep the maintenance of our surroundings up to standard and it is only by long service dedication that this is achieved.

Thank you to all those involved in doing this community work.

Pat Kennedy 845397 pat@visa-office.com

Church News

It's 'all change' at All Saints now that the vicar is taking up a new post. We said goodbye to her on May 16th and sent her on her way with our blessings, a lovely wooden fruit bowl from Pete Dean and a garden voucher to help with her new garden.

Without a vicar of our own we will be having visiting priests and speakers take some of the services. Please come along and make them welcome. I have added the names of those taking the services to the diary. We are still not allowed to sing in church but if the weather is fine, we might meet outside where singing is allowed. I have recently heard that up to six people can now sit together in church even if they are not in the same 'bubble.'

Celia Blay

We are having a Plant and Cake Sale in the Memorial Hall on Sunday 27th June at 2pm.

Please may we have lots of donations for cakes and plants.

The plants need to be in pots and labelled, the cakes covered on paper plates and labelled. Please state the cake ingredients on the label, in particular any nuts and whether they are gluten/egg/fat free.

Please bring your plants and cakes to the Hall on Sunday 27th June, between 11 am and 12.30pm.

Let's hope we have a warm, sunny day and we can have the sale outside. If you would like to help with the stalls during the afternoon or help to set up in the morning, or have any questions, please contact

Rosie Brown (rslbrown@hotmail.com)

or Sue Priestner (priestnersusan@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing you all!

NEWS FROM THE HALL

GOOD NEWS

Following a thorough deep clean the Hall is now open for functions, events and bookings (COVID regulations will still be adhered to of course).

Don't forget the shop & library in the hall. We are proud to say that we remained open throughout lockdown.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 30th June at 7pm in the Hall. Come along to support your village hall – everyone is invited.

Watch this space for details of coming events.

Priestner Perpetual Cup for Parish Garden Produce

We would like to introduce a new cup to this year's show. It will be awarded to the gardeners who earn the most points for flowers, vegetables and fruit that have been grown within the Parish. Points will be gathered from flower classes 24 to 35 and vegetable classes 41 to 59 to qualify for this new Trophy.



The Village Garden Competition

We now have a date for the garden judging. Please put July the 9th in your diaries for all villagers that would like to enter. Judging will take place from 2pm onwards and it would be lovely to have quite a lot of gardens for our judge to roam around. Please phone 844244 to place your garden on the list or there will also be a list in the village hall from June 1st. Happy gardening!

Sue Priestner.

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 26-27 June 2021

 Middlewick House, Corsham

 11am - 4.30pm

 Entry - £7
Children under 12 free

The gardens at Middlewick House in Corsham, formerly the home of HRH The Duchess of Cornwall and now home to ambassadors of Wiltshire Air Ambulance, Nick Mason of Pink Floyd and his wife, actress Annette Lynton Mason, are to be opened in aid of The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust and Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Visitors will be able to wander around their beautiful gardens, menagerie of animals and stalls from numerous artisans and traders.

Visitors can also expect to see a selection of Nick's classic and high performance cars.

Refreshments will be available with a delicious selection of cakes on offer as well as a barbeque.



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I read recently “in a single day in summer, one acre of wildflower meadow can contain 3 million flowers, producing 1 kg of nectar sugar. That’s enough to support nearly 96,000 honey bees per day.”

What a thought! So I want to congratulate all those who have valiantly resisted mowing their grass until now, and it is great to see the areas around the magnificent daffodils being carefully mown around.

Here are some of the flowers that I photographed in Shirley Dean’s garden on the High Street in the second week of May. Just by leaving it un-mown regularly until later in the year she has at least 9 species of wildflower thriving there. I make no apology for another flower quiz, the only worry is that they are too easy!

Good news! The Plant, Cakes & Nearly New Sale is going ahead at the Village Hall on 27th of June at 2pm! I hope some of you have some plants coming along ready for the sale.

So now we need to collect all those useful items to recycle into their new homes.

What we are looking for is **GOOD QUALITY** nearly new clothes and household items. We can only take items that are well presented (ironed!) and ready for sale (sorry we can’t take any electrical items). For clothing it would be a great help if you could put a luggage label with the type of garment & size clearly written to minimize the need to touch things. There will be no trying on for obvious reasons!

Contributions to the Sale can be dropped off at the shop (in the Village Hall) on Monday 21st June, Wednesday 23rd, and Friday 25th (the week before the sale - usual opening hours 9 - 11.30).

For those who can’t make that someone will be at the Hall from 4 - 6 pm on Wednesday 23rd June.

(For details about cakes & plants see the Hall section)

Please put your **NAME** and **PHONE NUMBER** on your bag of items just in case there are things that we cannot accept.

The following week any unsold items will be taken to the charity shop. See you there, hopefully outside in the sunshine!

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Please bring your own seating/rug & warm clothes. Refreshments available, picnics welcome. All profits to local food banks.



Maiden Bradley in the Early 19th c.

Extracts from 'Outlines of a plan for educating ten thousand poor children' by Joseph Lancaster.

Maiden Bradley is a village belonging, as well as the lands contiguous, to the Duke of Somerset.

The bulk of the inhabitants are very poor and extremely ignorant; and few have constant employment. There is an officiating but no resident clergyman.

The allowance from the parish to persons in distress or out of employ is scanty. In no case is it more than two shillings a week, for each person in family, including their own earnings. If they can earn two shillings they have no allowance. The situation of solitary individuals is, indeed, deplorable: the slender pittance often tempts the well meaning affectionate parent, to steal; and the question is soon decided when it is steal or starve. Thus, what is at first a violation of principle from the iron hand of necessity becomes a pernicious habit.

The author is assured of one fact: - a poor pious woman (for there are a pious few even in Bradley) when, in the last stages of an afflictive illness, looked around the room, for something to eat, and seeing nothing but some rotten wood thought she could eat that. She is now gone to her eternal home.

The poor are not only miserable for food, living like the Irish, much on potatoes but stealing almost as many as they grow.

There is a silk house in which some of the girls are employed they work all day and many of them walk the streets in the evening; they were once much worse than at present, a stranger could scarce enter the town without molestation from them.

Many persons of mature age in Bradley appear dreadfully corrupt; and the rising generation is nursed in the lap of contamination.

A Place in History

The history of the training teachers in England is considered to start with the Lancaster and Bell monitorial method and that method was pioneered by Joseph Lancaster here in Maiden Bradley. Joseph Lancaster had earlier established a school in Southwark that used older pupils to pass on their knowledge to the younger ones and the plan for Bradley was to draw on this experience.

The scheme was funded by donations from the gentry and the Duke of Somerset let some waste land near where the chapel now stands for the building of a school. The boys were to cultivate the land during the day and spend three hours every evening in school. The stone cleared from the land was sold for road building the boys themselves receiving half the money raised. Rye was grown and the girls of the village made hats with the straw. It was anticipated that later the children would learn other trades such as shoe making, basket making and tailoring.

Lancaster's proud boast was that by using his methods children might be educated for as little as 'four shillings per annum per head. Education began with 'religion as of the first importance' but the teaching was not sectarian and the children were expected to attend their own place of worship on a Sunday. The rest of the curriculum was limited to 'reading, writing and the first four rules of arithmetic.'

Any child who could read was considered capable of teaching others and small gifts of medals and toys were used as an incentive. Although Lancaster was opposed to corporal punishment the discipline in the school was harsh.

The school at Bradley lasted for little more than two years; its failure was mainly due to Lancaster's financial mismanagement.

Behind the Hedge

The Secrets of Corsley House now revealed



Corsley House, near Longleat, started life as a picturesque farmhouse in the early 18th century, resembling a fairy tale castle with its leaded windows and stone turrets. In 1812 the prosperous Barton family hired the renowned Bath Architect John Pinch the elder to add a substantial Greek revival addition lending the house a unique character with one entrance feeling much older than the other.

Most of the outbuildings at Corsley House have been unaltered

including a lovely apple store with its original interior and a listed grain store built on saddle stones. The real gem of the garden is the Walled Garden with its spectacular view of Cley Hill. The garden, which has been returned to its former glory, would have kept the family and staff substantially self-sufficient all year long. A new addition to the grounds is the wave lawn which undulates along the Georgian side of the house.

For the first time in decades Corsley House is opening its gardens to the public. Come and step back in Time on Sunday 18th July, a chance to see the vernacular Kitchen Garden outbuildings and to imagine how it once was. Guided tours of the gardens, Frome's Rye Bakery's Woodfired Pizzas, a Pimm's Bar, Tea and Coffee, Children's entertainment and much more.

For further details: 01373 832 074 or Email: chogtickets2021@gmail.com

All proceeds to go the Churches of Corsley and Chapmanslade.

Parish Council 18th May 2021

Covid-19 Co-ordinator- The Parish Council wishes to say a huge thank you to Sarah Neish for all the work she has done in the community and continues to do during this very turbulent time. They also wish to thank all the volunteers who have stepped up to assist Sarah in supporting the community response to COVID-19, as well as the many dedicated volunteers who have contributed many hours to local charities and organisations like the Link Scheme.

Councillor Angus Neish saw the new Chairman Councillor Simon Wager voted in; Councillors gifted him some roses for his garden in thanks for all the work he has done in the Community. Councillor Esther Swan, Councillor Diana Green and Councillor Martin Gopsill Brown joined the Parish Council Team. Councillor Susanna Brigden was voted in as Vice Chairman.

Appointment of Committee Members LGA 1972 sections 101-106 and schedule 12 – the following were appointment the of members to the below.

Staffing Committee – Vice Chairman and two other Councillors

Vice Chairman Susanna Brigden, Councillor Sebastian Seymour, and Councillor Diana Green

Planning Committee – If required

Full Council to comment on planning applications.

Parish Representatives

Asset and Health & Safety Maintenance Checks

To monitor and assess the assets on a regular basis and report back to Council. Bus Stop, Benches, Play area etc. - Councillor Martin Gopsill Brown

Defibrillator Checks

To check the unit and report online- Councillor Susanna Brigden (Memorial Hall Committee and Defibrillator position to be amalgamated in future)

Community Emergency Volunteer

To be the designated contact should an incident take place in the Community. They will be required to update the Community Emergency Plan as and when necessary - Councillor Simon Wager

Highways Representative

To liaise with the Highways Community Co-ordinator (Parish Steward Contact) -Councillor Sebastian Seymour

Community Action Tasking Group, Community Speed Watch and Highways Coordinator - Councillor Simon Wager

Rights of Way Representative – Parish Action Plan

To work with the Wiltshire Rights of Way Officer to assess and improve rights of way and permissive paths in MB. Hold a wider meeting with the responsible landowners/farmers and interested parishioners to discuss how to improve footpaths including signage, maintenance, stiles/gates, and permissive paths. Support community efforts to establish a footpath maintenance group, with training from Wiltshire Rights of Way. Continue to monitor and address maintenance and access to footpaths and respect for the Countryside Way. Councillor Alexandra Channer and Councillor Martin Gopsill Brown

Tree Warden - Parishioner Peter Oliver

Village Hall Representative

To sit on the Village Hall Committee as the Councils Representative from the Community. This requirement is set in the Village Hall Constitution. - Councillor Susanna Brigden

Recreation Ground

Establish a volunteer group to consider how to improve use and facilities at the existing recreation ground e.g., investigate the cost of an outdoor gym, playpark maintenance, dog exercise area. Councillor Alexandra Channer and Councillor Esther Swan.

Neighbourhood Watch Representative

To work with the Rural Policing Team and attend Neighbourhood Tasking Group meetings. Parishioner Dereck Stevens

Grant Awarding Co-ordinator

To work with groups and clubs when applications are sought. Councillor Alexandra Channer

Parish Representative – to work with the plan and volunteers

Parish Action Plan - The PC will publish a list of the events and activities people have suggested. The PC will invite volunteers to organise the listed events, via a Volunteer Meeting in the hall, as well as putting a poster in the Newsletter and the Noticeboard and approaching people who have expressed an interest. The PC will establish a volunteer group, coordinated by a Councillor, but populated by volunteers. The PC will prioritise investigating the feasibility of restarting two annual village events in 2021 and maintaining them, if community support is available, over the next five years:

Bonfire Night (5 November); and Annual Summer Village Fete. Councillor Alexandra Channer

Rural Tourism Parish Plan

Parish Action Plan - Support efforts to include more visible/physical information in the village about monthly events and activities in the village, local footpaths, attractions, and local history (e.g., Noticeboard, Facebook, Newsletter online) Councillor Alexandra Channer and Councillor Martin Gopsill Brown

Conservation

Parish Action Plan- Invite the Wiltshire Council Conservation Officer and/or AONB expert to give a talk on planning in a conservation area/AONB. Support community efforts to provide public information (event, print, online) about the vernacular architectural style of the village

and local historical features. Investigate options to maintain and highlight local historical features. - Councillor Alexandra Channer and Councillor Esther Swan

Carbon Footprint Parish Action Plan

Support community efforts to invite a relevant expert to give a talk on climate change and the environment. Seek advice from relevant expert authorities in local government on what other similar communities are doing to reduce their carbon footprint. Investigate options regarding permissions for solar panels and wind turbines. Councillor Martin Gopsill Brown work with a working group.

Under 18s Parish Action Plan

Support efforts by young people in the village to liaise with the parish council and village hall regarding their ideas, activities, and events for the village (e.g., via a volunteer youth council, an organised group or ad-hoc form of communication as they suggest) Councillor Esther Swan.

Wiltshire Council Planning

Application Ref 20/10822/FUL - Full Planning Permission

Address: Former Sydenhams Yard, Bradley Lane, Maiden Bradley, BA12 7JR

Proposal: Demolition of certain existing buildings, conversion of former office building to form 2 dwellings, and construction of 8 new dwellings, with associated high-ways, drainage, utilities, public open space and green infrastructure

Applicant Name: Charleston Homes Case Officer: Richard Hughes

Decision Date: 13-05-2021 Decision: Withdrawn

Council noted that the Clerk sought an update from the Developer. Council noted the below reply from Roach Planning

We withdrew that application last Thursday. As you know, the red line site boundary for that planning application comprised only the part of the site currently owned by Sydenhams' holding company, Sherborne Holdings Limited, but for which Charleston Homes has an option. The balance of the site, outside the red line, is currently owned by another party, and under that planning application the assumption was that that other party's land would be retained for employment purposes. Charleston Homes has now been able to agree an option to acquire the balance of the site from the other party. Accordingly, Charleston Homes intends to submit a new planning application for development of the whole site, although still with just 10 new homes, which explains why we withdrew application 20/10822/FUL. The new proposals would continue to have the main access from Bradley Lane, would still include the pedestrian link to/from Church Street, and would still propose 8 new build homes and 2 homes in the converted former office building. This is essentially the draft alternative scheme you saw and commented on a few weeks ago. Our view is that development of the whole site for 10 new homes in such a manner would be preferable to development of 10 homes on part of the site alongside retained employment land as per the application 20/10822/FUL, although of course it will be for the LPA to determine the new application on its own merits, taking consultee comments into account.

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Application Ref PL/2021/03840 -

Address: 48 CHURCH STREET, MAIDEN BRADLEY, WARMINSTER, BA12 7HW

Proposal: T1 - Rowan tree - reduce height by approx 1.5m and spread by 1m & thin crown by 10%. T2 - Cherry tree - reduce branches over garden by 2m & crown lift to 5m. T3 – Golden

Decision: Approve with Conditions

Application Ref: 21/01382/LBC

Application for Listed Building Consent

Proposal: - Proposed internal works

At: 28-29 Church Street, Maiden Bradley, BA12 7HW

Decision: Approve with conditions.

Application Ref: 21/01643/FUL

Application for Full Planning

Proposal: - Replace existing garage with new garage with office above.

At: 95 Frome Road, Maiden Bradley, BA12 7JA

Decisions: Approve with conditions.

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Appeal by Trustees of Lord Seymour's 1971A Fund

Site Address: Manor Farm, Maiden Bradley, WARMINSTER, Wiltshire, BA12 7HY

Appeal Ref: APP/Y3940/W/20/3257578

Manor Farm, Maiden Bradley, Warminster, Wiltshire BA12 7HY

- The appeal is made under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 against a refusal to grant approval required under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class R of the Town, and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended.
- The appeal is made by Trustees of Lord Seymour's 1971A Fund against the decision of Wiltshire Council.
- The application Ref 20/04435/PNCOU, dated 22 May 2020, was refused by notice dated 16 July 2020.
- The development proposed is notification under Class R to determine if prior approval required for a proposed conversion of agricultural buildings to a flexible commercial use for a furniture showroom specialising in the sale (A1 retail) of bespoke and antique furniture with ancillary office (B1).

Decision

1.The appeal is dismissed. (The Chairman stated it was disappointing as the employment would have benefited the community).

Highways and Community Action Traffic Group update

Speed Indicator Device Thermotor in Liquidation

Noted the final communication had been received from The Liquidator. Council has been paid a dividend of £19.39 in respect of its claim for £2,754.00. No further dividends will be received the matter is now closed.

Community Speed Watch Volunteers

Councillor Simon Wager reported that the device is now shared between the Upper Deverills Parish Council in rotation, one week on, one week off. They have a speeding problem of a different sort they have much higher speeds presented. There is to be a revamp of the areas speed watch are operated in. Frome road maybe targeted more in future.

The Rank

Noted that the metro count has been approved and will placed on the cycle post of The Rank. This will give an answer to what actually are the traffic movements on the Rank. (Metro Count- A robust counter that monitor vehicles, cyclists or pedestrians with 99% accuracy) Council also approved the draft Consultation letter to be sent out to residents.

Parish Steward - Councillor Sebastian's report that the Parish Steward been on site over the last couple of months, he has actioned several jobs, the potholes from the Rank to Gare Hill have been addressed. The Parish Steward had arranged for the road sweeper to clear all along Church Street. In June, weed spraying will take place on all the pavements, High Street and Church Street signposts will be repaired and it is hoped that down by the vicarage the leaves in the traffic calming will be dealt with as the Sparkle Team had left the traffic calming area.

It was agreed that a note of thanks be sent to Wiltshire Council for the work actioned and that a request in future for the loan of traffic lights to be able to action the painting of the Church Street railings. The Clerk was instructed to research the cost of hiring traffic and any insurance implications.

Action Plan Reviewed/Parish Plan

Action Plan Reviewed/Parish Plan - Councillor Alexandra De Renzy Channer addressed Council on the actions already taken ready for the Best Kept Village competition. It was noted that judging can happen any day from Monday 17th May to the 23rd of May. It was noted that they may have already been as strangers were seen walking around the parish with a clipboard.

Parish Plan Interpretation Board - Approved retrospectively the deposit paid of £624.00 in respect to the wooden frame. Councillor Alexandra Channer updated Council on the village interpretation board project to date. Council viewed the first draft of design and provided the following feedback, Yarnfield should be included, along with the Medieval village, the trig point on long knoll and the World War lookout station. Illustrate and re shade parts of the draft village map and that the top right hand corner would have text. The Font type was discussed but not agreed. Councillor Alexandra Channer will bring the second draft to the next meeting. It was agreed that delegated powers would be given to the Clerk in conjunction with the Chairman and Vice Chairman to assist in moving the project forward should it be required between meetings.

Items for the next Agenda:

General & Financial Risk Assessment
Certify the Accounting Statements- Annual Year End Accounts
Consider the Annual Internal Audit Report
Approve Annual Governance Statement
Approve Accounting Statement
Publish the Audit on the Website
Approve the dates for the Public to exercise their rights
Approve sending the AGAR to the External Auditor
Parish Interpretation Board
Weight Watchers

As the law has now changed for Town and Parish Councils on virtual meetings, the Parish Council will in future meet in person at the Memorial Hall, but Parishioners will still be able to join virtually as there are regulation limitations on social distancing within the hall.

Date of the next meeting. The Council agreed that the 8th of June 2021 would be the date of the next Parish Council meeting. The Agenda will be published on the 2nd of June 2021. As always, the Parish Council meeting will be open at the start with an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions or make comments on any matter. The website www.maidenbradley.org can be accessed to read a copy of the Agenda and Minutes electronically or copies are displayed on the Millennium Notice Board at the Bus Stop.

The Zoom link to join the virtual meetings is displayed on the Agendas, all are welcome.

Mrs Sarah Jeffries the Parish Clerk can be contacted by email on maidenbradley@virginmedia.com, by phone on 01985 213436, or post to Parish Clerk, 9 Beech Grove, Warminster, BA12 0AB

HERE HARE HERE
WHATSAPP GROUP

Named in homage to the cult film *WITHNAIL AND I* there is a new village WhatsApp Group – *Here Hare Here* - which has one simple objective....to get local people together in our new pub, the Bradley Hare!

If you're planning a visit, or just popping in on the off chance, why not let the group know so we can join you? A cyber pied piper if you will ...

All are welcome to join. Just download WhatsApp and message me from it on 07557 919192.

SARAH WARD

Rosebush Cottage

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH NEWS

Police Community Volunteers working on behalf of
the Wiltshire Police and Maiden Bradley



Welcome to Community Speed Watch News, May Issue, compiled and produced by the Maiden Bradley Community Speed Watch Volunteers to keep the village aware of our activities.

Our teams have been very active as usual this month with 12 sessions to date with 1676 vehicles counted and 48 vehicles logged for speeding. This 3% of vehicles logged overall. However within the problem area Frome Road (B3092) it's a different picture with 498 vehicles counted 36 vehicles logged for speeding at an average of 37mph. So from the 7th June CSW activity will be doubled in this area. Weather permitting!!!!

From Monday the 18th May our operations will change as up until now we have had the luxury of having the recording device to ourselves. That has now changed and we now have to share with the Deverills CSW team on a week on week off basis. They are a new team very willing to get going and work with us to reduce speeding in our area as a common cause. We very much look forward to working together.

It is interesting to note that the knowledge that CSW teams are active in the village has had a calming effect in most areas, although as said, not on one particular position. Church Street in particular, we have had several sessions without a vehicle to record. So all the effort put in by Maiden Bradley CSW is well worthwhile.

The Speed Indicator Device also has a very calming effect on approaching vehicles. Although oddly enough we came in for abuse the other day when taking SID down to recharge it. No pleasing some folk I guess. I am not convinced it's our good looks that had that effect.

As always looking for volunteers, so if you wish to join the Maiden Bradley CSW teams, please do contact me.

If you see an incident that should be reported. Make sure you get the registration number. Call 999 if the driver is still on scene, or if the incident has passed call 101. Do not engage with said driver, ensure you take the registration No.

Thank you for all your support in the CSW activities and for your support in the future.

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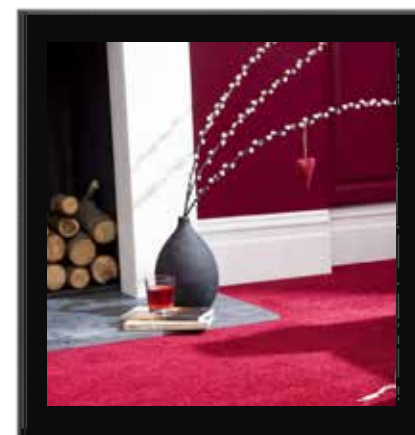
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