



MEADOWS NEWSLETTER

May 2016

*Dates for
your diary:*

**18th May
Special
meeting at
BANES –
cancelled**

**22nd May
Meadows
Alliance
Meeting –
222 High
Street,
Batheaston**

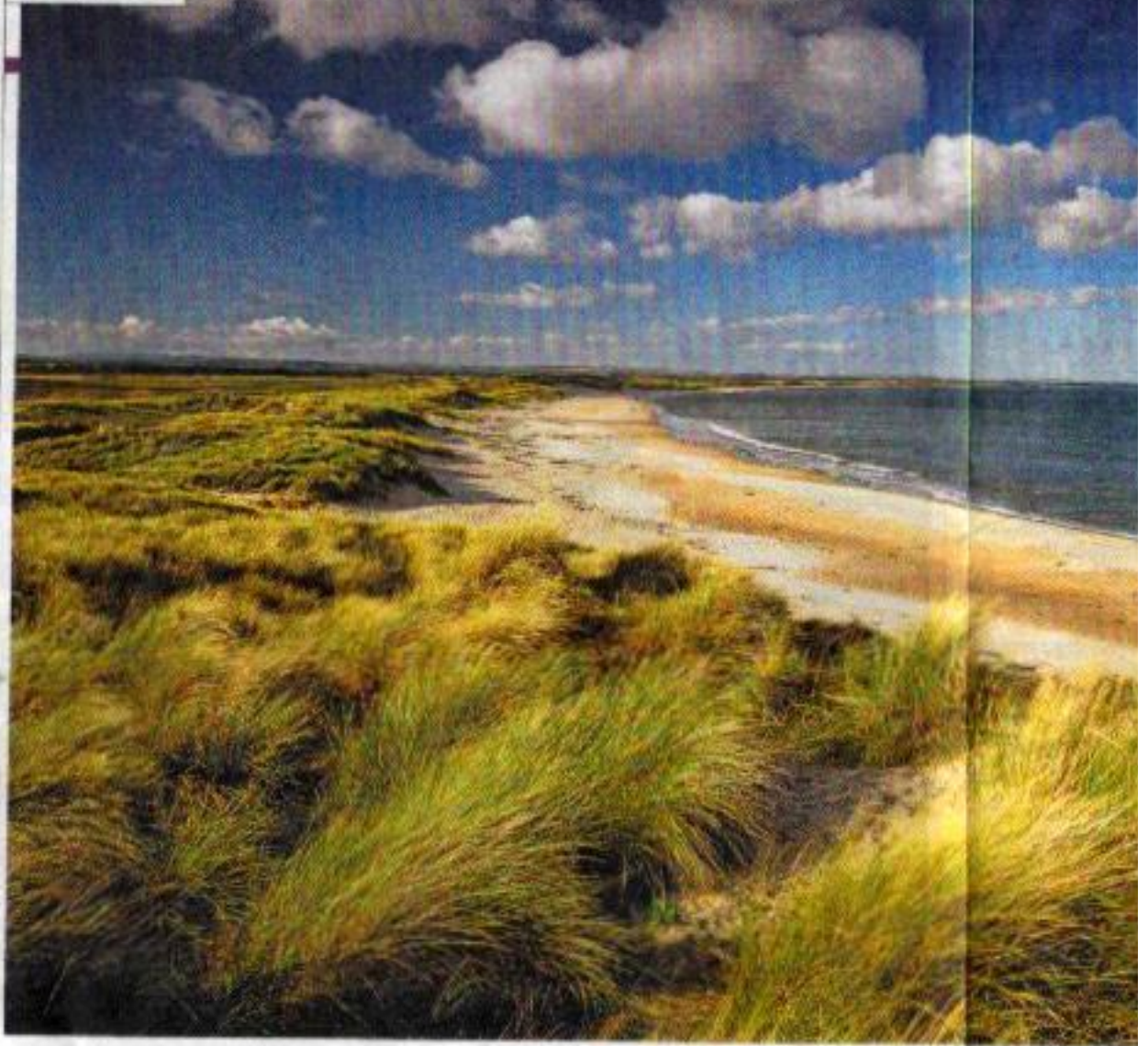
**10th June
next Green
gathering
7pm at
Rising Sun,
Bath**

**June –
P&R
decision
TBC**

Hello All,

Hope you are all enjoying the sunshine and as the meadows look glorious at the moment, please take the opportunity to take a quick snap and share with BBC weather watch.

All those FB and Twitter fans will know that Bathampton Meadows was named the 6th “most at risk beauty spot” in the Sunday Telegraph (8th May edition). Well spotted by Jan Attah’s mum and thank you to Louise for sending this information to the Chronicle – there is a very good piece on line. I have of course tweeted Howlett but I have to say he has gone very quiet on Twitter for some time now and seems more interested in the A36/A46 link road (our next battle??)



Join the battle for Britain and save our beauty spots

In a new book, the former head of the National Trust argues our countryside

So where are we now? Hopefully you will have all had the chance to view the outstanding speeches by Andrew, Annie, Tim and Christine at the BANES cabinet meeting on the 4th May (if not please watch the webcast) and the result from this meeting is unfortunately a further delay of 6 weeks taking us up to the wk 6th June to make a decision. They want more time to review all the evidence, although the cynic in me is concerned that this means “ways to get round the Meadows Alliance evidence”. I hope I am wrong. The same week the council also needs to make a decision on whether the “devolution” deal from George Osborne will benefit us. Having watched their council meeting last week the council do want to take advantage of this deal but they do not want a “metro mayor”. It will be interesting watching how Mr Warren gets on discussing this at Whitehall this week – the council want the

money, but don't want a metro mayor – rather him than me. It will be a hard sell to the people of Bath, having voted “No” only recently to a mayor – this one may have even more powers.

Anyway, in the next week or so we hope to make our long awaited online commercial – Amy Williams has been in Korea and so not been able to start filming with us. This advert for YouTube, Twitter and FB will be asking people to pledge money for the judicial review – we absolutely hope it will not be necessary but we need to plan. No money will actually be taken until needed and the lawyers start to sharpen their pencils.

So last time we met the numbers were much lower than previous times – this is the final push Meadows Alliance – we need support – the council must know we are very much working together. The action we took away from the Crown meeting was to write letters to the councillors and The Chronicle, picking up on any point you wish – Terry Wagstaff kindly sent all a list of topics. Not seen any – if you have done this please share with the group.

So the next meeting will be Thursday 26th May at 222, High Street, Batheaston kindly hosted by Lisa and Peter. Please come – this may be the last one before the decision and we need to discuss protests etc.

Finally watch FB – Sharon Collins is hoping to organise a picnic on New Leaf Farm – very informal, bring a blanket, a picnic and your children for a chance to enjoy the surroundings and catch up. This is yet to be organised so keep checking FB!

Emma

MEET BATH'S GREENS

A few of us went down to the Green gathering in the Rising Sun. This was a fun evening and there were loads of people there who were interested in finding out more about the plan to concrete over the meadows. The next one is 10th June so another date for the diary.



WHERE PEOPLE WHO LOVE THE ENVIRONMENT MEET
TO SOCIALIZE, NETWORK, AND EXCHANGE IDEAS.

2ND WEDNESDAY
OF EVERY MONTH
FROM 19:00

THE RISING SUN
3-4 GROVE ST.
BATH BA2 6PJ



NEXT EVENTS:

10 FEB | 09 MAR | 13 APR | 11 MAY | 08 JUN | 13 JUL

FIND US ON FACEBOOK AS BATH GREEN DRINKS OR VISIT WWW.GREENDRINKS.ORG/BATH

SOCIAL MEDIA

This has been widely shared on facebook:
Keep tweeting Howlett @ben4bath – its fun – honestly. Just don't get blocked!

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Great piece in The Local Look for April.

