

Surprise Move Desimates Bradley & Church Eaton Bus Services

Bus services to Bradley and Church Eaton have been decimated after Arriva decided to scrap it's 482 route. The move means Bradley has now been left with only two buses a week. One to Penkridge and back, on a Saturday and one to Wolverhampton and back, on a Wednesday. There are no buses running to Stafford at all! Church Eaton fares little better as residents now have to rely on the Rural Link minibus to take them to and from Gnosall to catch an Arriva service into town!

To make matters worse very little warning was given that Arriva were no longer going to run their service.

When Barry Stamp found out about the change he immediately contacted the County Council Passenger Transport Section, who are responsible for funding the service, to find out what was happening. He was told that the Council were not particularly worried as Rural Link were operating in the area and would take over when Arriva finished. However as Rural Link only has one vehicle it difficult to understand how they can cope as they already run an extensive timetable.

Barry is appalled that this situation has been allowed to develop. He is already pressing the County Council to re-tender for another bus operator to take over the 482 route. He is also working with both Bradley and Church Eaton Parish Councils to get Rural Link to agree to run some buses into Bradley and re-think their timetable so Church Eaton gets buses at more convenient times.

"It does appear both Bradley and Church Eaton have been abandoned by the County Council who are more concerned with saving money than providing a good service to local residents. I will be fighting hard to get a bus service, which meets the needs of local residents, reinstated. The County Council cannot be allowed to get away with this", said Barry.

Haughton Post Office Praised

A few weeks ago **Barry** attended the Liberal Democrat National Spring Conference in Harrogate. At the event the future of the Post Office network was discussed. **Barry** was pleased to take part in the debate and told fellow delegates about the way Haughton Post Office was being successfully ran and the important role it played in the life of the local area.



Barry is appalled the County Council has allowed the 482 bus service to be scrapped

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Good News on Village Footpaths

As we reported in the last edition of Focus on Church Eaton Ward **Barry Stamp** was fighting hard to get the County Council to keep their promise to resurface the footpaths in Church Eaton. **Barry** is now pleased to report that they have agreed to do the work. If everything goes to plan contractors should move into Church Eaton in the next few weeks!



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Council Finally Installs Royds Close New Lights



At long last the County Council have finally installed the new streetlights in Royds Close, Haughton. Twelve months ago they agreed with Barry Stamp that an extra light was needed as after they modernised the existing light have the road was left in darkness. At that time they said they would carry out the work as a matter of urgency!

Since then the Council has made excuse after excuse why the work was nor done. Finally, Barry wrote directly to Cllr. Terry Dix - the Leader of the Council, Cllr John Wakefield - the Cabinet Member responsible for highway matters, and Nigel Pursey - the County Clerk and Chief Executive, telling them just what he thought about the delay and asked them for their help in getting some action. This obviously worked as within five days workmen were on site!



It has taken twelve months of campaigning by Barry Stamp and the residents of Royds Close to get the new street lights installed

"It is appalling that the County Council should show such little regard for the safety of the residents of Royds Close. It should not take twelve months to get an "urgent job" carried out," said Barry.

Did You Know

If all the aluminium cans sold in the UK each year were recycled there would be 12 Million fewer full wheelie bins!



Change of Mind Over Speed "Guns"

A few weeks ago it looked as if the future of the Haughton and Gnosall Community Speed Watch scheme was in the balance as Staffordshire Police decided to follow Ofcom guidance and to ban the use of Bushnell speed detection device, used by the group. Ofcom said the devices should no longer be used, not because they were inaccurate, but because they used a radio frequency reserved for the police!

Barry Stamp actively mounted, along with members of the Community Speed Watch Group a campaign to get the ban lifted. After some pressure the Chief Constable relented. However the police still plan to



Barry Stamp actively fought to get the Police to keep the Bushnell speed detection device

replace, over the next few years, the £125 Busnell device with one approved by Ofcom but costing well over £900. "I am pleased the Police finally agreed that stopping the Community Speed Watch from using the Bushnell device was crazy. They do such a good job of work in helping make Haughton a safer place to live," said Barry.

Bradley Planning

Over the past few days there have been various rumours circulating about the planning application to build two new houses next to the "Old Cottage" in Bradley. **Barry Stamp** would like to confirm that the Borough Council have put this application on hold while they seek clarification from the developer about some highway matters. Barry can also confirm he has "called-in" this application so it will be decided by the Planning Committee and not by the Planning Officers. If you would like any further information please give Barry a ring on 822723.

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