

## Pylon Progress?

Maybe the National Grid actually listened to the voices of local people in Yatton and the villages around here! Brian Mathew the Lib Dem General Election candidate was very vocal in questioning National Grid's insistence on overhead cables.

Residents should have received a leaflet from the National Grid entitled "Community Update" This is a national public consultation on undergrounding the cables and the result of intense lobbying by the public.

Who can forget the picture of a proposed pylon towering above St Mary's Church Tower or the residents of Yatton Ward marching in protest to the precinct. Congratulations must go to "Yatton Against Pylon" and all the other pressure groups along the route who galvanised us all into action.



*Editor Wendy Griggs in conversation with Tessa Munt MP, about the route for the pylons through Somerset and North Somerset.*

Please take time to read the leaflet and have your say. The details for how to respond are on the pamphlet.

## Money, Money, Money

Money is hitting the headlines again in North Somerset. The Conservatives plan severe cuts to Adult and Children's Social Services and the Youth Service as well as grants to voluntary organisations and environmental groups.

Nearly £20 million of funding is going to be pulled from services provided by North Somerset Council (NS Times 16/2/11).

Meanwhile information received shows that the Conservative Council has spent £17 million on Castlewood and £10 million on refurbishing the Town Hall. In this time of economic restraint surely this outrageous spending is unacceptable? Lib Dems on North Somerset opposed this at the council budget meeting.

**This spending should be cut or delayed instead of slashing front line services. The Council is supposed to protect vulnerable children and adults as much as possible.**

N.B. Money seems to be a problem for the Conservative Association here in North Somerset. The infighting amongst the Tories locally further destroys confidence in their handling of money. If the Tories can't manage their own money why are we giving them responsibility for £100 million of ours?

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# Rubbish!!



In the last Yeo Views in October we wrote that the Rubbish collection was ... rubbish! We said, "Five months into the new system and the results are good and bad. Recycling is up to 41% but the number of phone calls, missed collections and near despair for some residents has been enormous."

But then we had Christmas and to no-one's great surprise we had wintry weather! Bins not emptied, dates changed, poor information, confusion ... for weeks!

Finally we were assured by 17th January that all was back to normal . Using extra staff the contractor May Gurney cleared missed collections including those on the "red" list of persistent problem areas. They had 9 crews dedicated to completing those missed collections and a number of additional vehicles and crews available.

"The councillors in charge blamed the contractor but it was the Tory council who agreed the contract and their response was simply not good enough.," says **Wendy Griggs.**



# Missing Person?

For the last 4 years Yatton, Claverham, Cleeve, Kenn and Kingston Seymour have been totally neglected by one of their district councillors. This Conservative lady, who lives in Clevedon, has rarely attended Parish Council meetings (has never attended Yatton Parish Council) and has hardly ever been seen at any local events. Nor is there evidence of her ever doing work for residents in our communities. For this total lack of responsibility she has received over £30,000.

This is scandalous. And another example of a Tory putting money before responsibility and concern for others. When an individual puts themselves forward for any post, including that of district councillor, they should do so with the full intent of carrying out that role with responsibility and care for the people they represent. Choose wisely in May!

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