

Bradley Stoke Town Council

Newsletter



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Monies Raised at the Bradley Stoke 2011 Fireworks Display

Mayor's Charity £4,894

Bristol Aztec Rotary £1,175

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Bradley Stoke Town Council Annual Town Assembly: Wednesday 9th May 2012

Bradley Stoke Community Festival: 1st - 3rd June 2012

For more news on your community visit www.bradleystoke.gov.uk

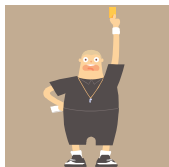
Children's Parties at Brook Way Activity Centre



The ideal location for the birthday party of the year!
Prices start from only £38.00 for 2 hours with a garden area

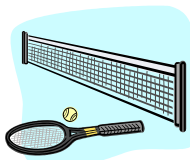
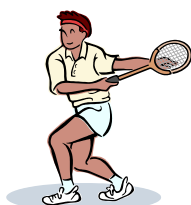


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TENNIS/ 6-ASIDE FOOTBALL COURTS AVAILABLE FOR HIRE NOW!

Call in to The Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre for more
information
or contact us on 01454 864646
email bookings@bradleystoke.gov.uk



Customer Service Charter

Who We Are?

Bradley Stoke Town Council

Mission Statement

Bradley Stoke Town Council will work to promote
and develop the interest and diversity of this
vibrant community

Aims

- To consider and respect the views of our service users and residents of Bradley Stoke
- To be efficient, effective and accessible
- To provide a quality service to the service users and the wider community as a whole
- To be flexible and forward thinking, where possible
- To communicate with service users and members of the public, whilst respecting confidentiality
- To respond to service users needs
- To have a robust complaints procedure

Post Office Questionnaire Public Consultation Results

The Public Consultation exercise was carried out by Bradley Stoke Town Council to gauge public opinion on the post office facilities within the town. The consultation ran from the beginning of August until 31st October 2011.

The public were consulted in a variety of ways:

- Bradley Stoke Town Council website – Questionnaire available with access to an online response form
- Bradley Stoke Town Council newsletter published September 2011 – Questionnaire which could be completed and returned to the office
- Bradley Stoke Town Council noticeboards

RESULTS

The office received 273 responses to the consultation, 216 via the online response form set up on the Town Council website and 57 written responses.

Question 1. Have you used a post office in past 12 months? If yes, what for?

- ✓ Yes – 266 responses
- ✗ No – 7 responses

Question 2. Are you aware that there is a post office in Bradley Stoke (Pear Tree Road)?

- ✓ Yes – 260 responses
- ✗ No – 13 responses

Question 3. Do you think there is a need for a larger post office in Bradley Stoke that would offer more services? If yes, where should it be located?

- ✓ Yes – 253 responses
- ✗ No – 19 responses
- ? Possibly – 1 response

Question 4. Any Other Comments?

- ✓ 149 Comments received

Full results of the public consultation are available on the 'Public Consultation' section of the Bradley Stoke Town Council website (www.bradleystoke.gov.uk).

New Bradley Stoke Town Council Office

TIMELINE (GUIDE ONLY)

JANUARY 18TH 2012

Car park extension to be laid

FEBRUARY 6TH 2012

Building contractors on site

New build overall duration from start to finish 26 weeks

FEBRUARY 7TH 2012

Ground works to commence on the extension

New build start date

JULY 16TH 2012

Building contractors complete works and leave site

Council's long term financial aim and current provisional position

Council's main aim has always been to provide the community with a more centrally based main office to offer greater accessibility to its residents as the current office is situated on the outskirts of Bradley Stoke within rented office space. In addition, council also wanted to secure a cost effective alternative to the existing office and implemented an extensive costing exercise comparing the financial viability of renting an office at The Willow Brook Centre, maintaining the existing office rental or building a new office.

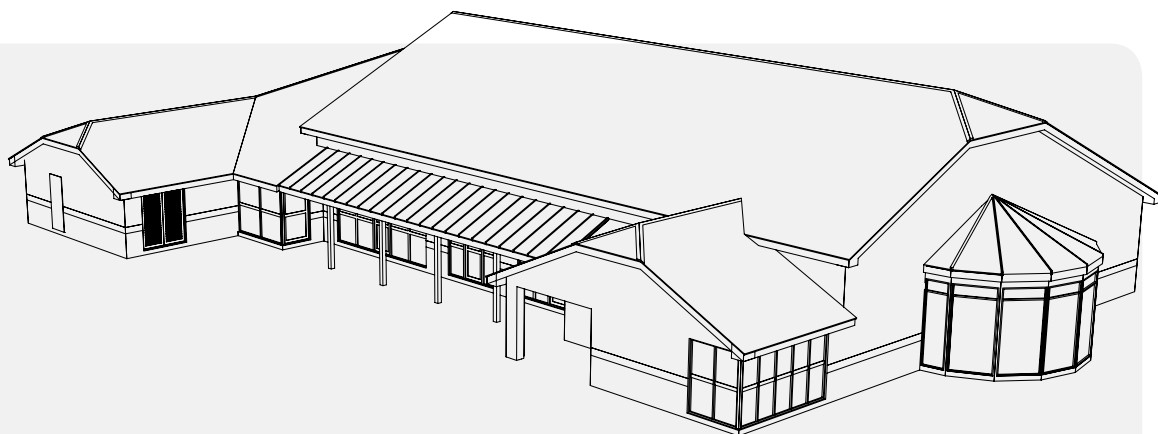
Following a major public consultation which was implemented in 2010 which gave residents the choice of continued office rental somewhere within the community or the building of a new office within the site of The Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre, both the public and council decided to build the new office.

The main criteria for building the new office was based upon the following:

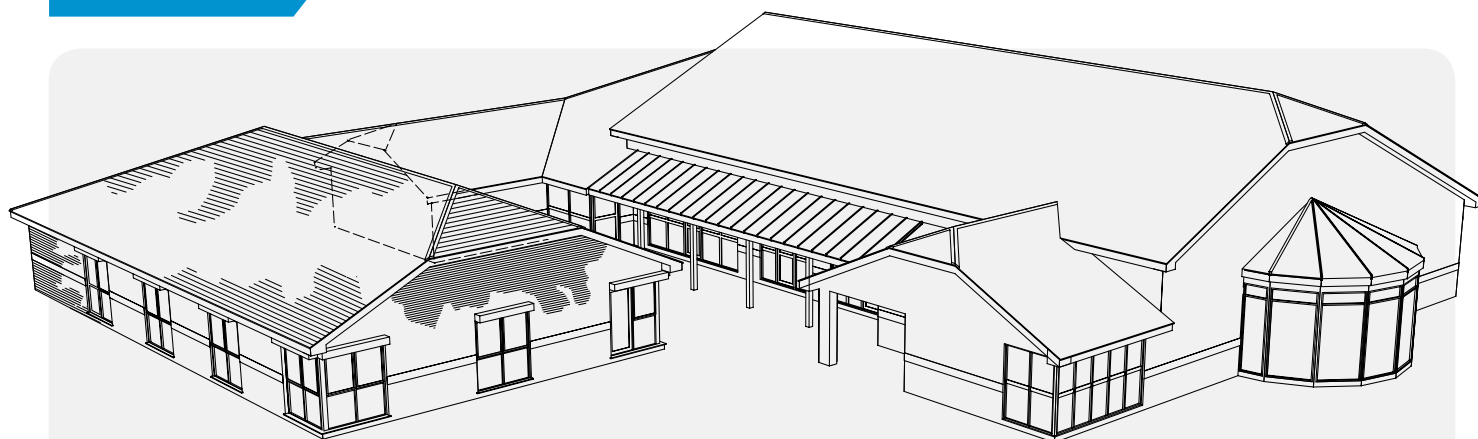
1. The Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre is centrally situated and well known to the community.
2. The new office build will be funded using a loan from The Public Works Loan Board which offers a fixed interest rate for the whole of the term of the loan. Such a fixed rate loan is hugely beneficial whilst interest rates are at their lowest point for years.
3. The current office rental and service charge is in the region of £29,000 per annum and future rental costs cannot be predicted but will almost certainly increase in future years, especially as the economy recovers, whilst a fixed rate loan provides long term stability.
4. Rentals are ongoing year after year whilst a loan is for a fixed term which will allow council to fund other items within the community after the loan has been repaid.
5. The loan, which has been approved in principle, will be finalised as soon as the full build costs etc are known and the term will be for the shortest period possible whilst also ensuring that the repayments do not exceed the current annual rental level.
6. The site already has utility services which can be extended or diverted for a new office which saves additional costs.
7. The new office build will also incorporate an outdoor toilet facility which has been requested by the users of The Beacon Play area which is situated on The Jubilee Green.



Before



After



THE CURRENT ESTIMATED FINANCIAL POSITION PENDING FINAL COSTS

The tender was awarded to Jones Building Contractors in November 2011	£252,800
External security shutters <i>(estimated)</i>	£14,000
Installation of internals including phone, broadband, computer systems, flooring etc <i>(estimated)</i>	£10,000
Bike shelter <i>(estimated)</i>	£1,200
5% contingency	£14,000
Subtotal <i>(estimated)</i>	£292,000
Less	
Funding from reserves (Council has reserved £100K if required)	£52,000
Balance for the loan <i>(estimated)</i>	£240,000

FIXED RATE PUBLIC WORKS LOAN FOR £240,000 <i>(estimated)*</i>	ANNUAL COST (CAP + INTEREST)	TOTAL COST OF LOAN
10 year loan - 2.11%	£26,746.90	£267,469.00
15 year loan - 2.74%	£19,620.44	£294,306.60
20 year loan - 3.23%	£16,383.82	£327,676.40

*(as at 9/1/12 – rates may vary upon implementation of the loan)



How does a Town Council work?

What is a parish or town council?

Throughout England, parish and town councils work towards improving community well-being and providing better services at a local level.

There are over 8,700 parish and town councils representing around 16 million people across England. They form the most local level of government and cover many rural and urban areas.

What's the difference between a parish council and a town council?

Not a great deal. They both have the same powers and can provide the same services.

The only difference is that a town council has decided that it should be known as a town council instead of a parish council, and has a mayor.

How does the Unitary Authority (South Gloucestershire Council) work with parish and town councils?

South Gloucestershire Council has 46 parish and town councils. As the Unitary Authority they consult with parish and town councils on matters which affect the parish.

This includes planning applications and policies, education proposals, highways issues and any other proposals or plans which will affect, or be of interest to the parish. The views of the parish and town councils must be considered when making decisions.

What areas are South Gloucestershire Council responsible for?

South Gloucestershire Council has overall responsibility for a vast number of services including: Building Regulations, Bus Passes, Council Tax Collection, Drains, Electoral Registration, Education, Environmental Services and Grants,

Housing, Highways, Improvement Grants, Libraries, Litter, Noise Control, Pest Control, Planning, Public Health, Recycling and Refuse Collection, Road Safety, Road Signs, Road Sweepers, Social Services, Street Care, Street Lights, Street Nameplates, Tourism, Trading Standards, Traffic management, Transport Policy and Youth Services.

What services do parish and town councils provide?

Your parish or town council has an overall responsibility for the well-being of your local community.

Their work falls into three main categories:

- representing your local community
- delivering services to meet local needs
- striving to improve quality of life in the parish

Parish and town councils have powers relating to planning, provision of recreational facilities, halls, crime prevention, community transport, public toilets, tourism, allotments, street cleaning, local youth projects, litter bins, footpaths and commons, but they are not obliged to use these powers and carry out these functions.

How do they make decisions?

Your parish or town council is made up of a number of councillors who meet regularly to make decisions on the work and direction of the council. As elected bodies parish and town councils are responsible to the people they represent – that's your local community.

Attending a council meeting is the best way to find out what they do. All Bradley Stoke Town Council meetings are advertised on their website, in their quarterly newsletter and on noticeboards around the town.

Where do they get their money from?

Parish and town councils are not funded by central or local government. A charge is made against all households in the parish and collected through council tax. The level of the charge is set by the parish/town council and reflects the funding it will need for the coming year.

Each year a sum of money called a 'precept' is collected through your council tax. This money is used by your parish/town council to improve facilities and services for local people. Parish or town councils can also apply for grants and loans and, if they own property, can receive money from rents or leases.

How are parish or town councillors elected?

Parish or town councillors are elected to represent a geographical area known as a ward or – mainly in smaller parishes – the parish or town council area as a whole. They are elected by people who live in the area. If the parish is divided into wards an election is held in each ward, the same way elections are held in district wards and in county electoral divisions. If the parish doesn't have wards there is just a single parish election. Most parish elections are on the same cycle, with elections in 2007, 2011, 2015, and so on. However, parish elections may instead be held together with associated principal council elections.

Who can vote in parish or town council elections?

To vote in any election you need to be registered to vote. To get on the electoral register contact the electoral services at your local district council or visit www.aboutmyvote.co.uk to download a registration form. You can register to vote when you are aged 16 years or over but you need to be 18 or over to vote.



What do parish or town councillors do?

Councillors have three main areas of work:

1. Decision-making: through attending meetings and committees with other elected members, councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented.
2. Monitoring: councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working.
3. Getting involved locally: as local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards their constituents and local organisations. This often depends on what the councillor wants to achieve and how much time is available.

The day-to-day work of a councillor may include:

- going to meetings of local organisations such as tenants' associations
- going to meetings of bodies that affect the wider community, such as the police, the Highways Authority, schools and colleges
- taking up issues on behalf of members of the public, such as making representations to the district or borough council
- running a surgery for residents to bring up issues
- meeting with individual residents in their own homes

Could I be a parish or town councillor?

As a councillor you can become a voice for your community and affect real change. Councillors are community leaders and represent the aspirations of the public that they serve. Parish and town councils are the most local part of our democratic system and are closest to the public.

How much time does it take up?

Quite often councillors say that their duties occupy them for about three hours a week. Obviously there are some councillors who spend more time than this – and some less, but in the main, being a parish or town councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community and helping to make it a better place to live and work.

Am I qualified?

Most people are. However there are a few rules. You have to be:

- a British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union, and
- 18 years or older on the day you become nominated for election

You cannot stand for election if you:

- are the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order
- have, within five years before the day of the election, been convicted in the United Kingdom of any offence and have had a prison sentence (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine
- work for the council you want to become a councillor for

How do I contact my local councillor?

To find out who your parish or town councillors are, you can contact your local town council. They will provide you with the contact information you need to locate your town councillors. If you have access to the internet, you can contact the town council through their website.

But I'm too young...

Some parish or town councils also run youth councils, which are often made up of young people representing their local

schools and colleges. This provides young people with a time and place to meet and discuss matters that affect them. These youth councils are in direct communication with their parish or town council so they can also be involved in decision-making. Contact your parish or town council, or speak to your school or local youth service to find out more. If there isn't a local youth council you could get together with friends and put forward a proposal to set one up.

Membership

A parish or town council is made up of on average nine councillors and a parish clerk. In smaller councils, the clerk is usually the only paid member of staff, however in larger councils there are often several members of staff.

Town Council Officer Roles

The Town Clerk is effectively the Chief Executive of the Council. The Clerk is responsible for legal and administrative advice and procedures for the Council, and for ensuring that the Council acts properly and within the law.

The role of the Town Clerk is pivotal to everything and anything the Town Council does. The Clerk's job is a legal position and their work is encased in a very rigid set of legal procedures.

The Clerk is responsible for arranging all council meetings and committee meetings, setting the agendas and producing detailed minutes. The Town Clerk is also responsible for all the other staff employed by the Council.

The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) manages the accounts for the Council. Under the policy guidance of the Finance Committee of Councillors, the RFO maintains the income and expenditure records, prepares monthly financial statements for the Council and monitors progress of the annual budget.

Three Brooks Nature Conservation Group



WORKDAYS IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS

The main conservation group carries out practical workdays on the first Saturday of every month. In the last year (2010-11) we have undertaken the following:

- 6 November** Coppicing in Savage's Wood.
- 4 December** Planted oak, hazel and elder in Savage's Wood and helped the Rainbows plant crab apples opposite the orchard. Continued coppicing in Savage's Wood.
- 2-3 January** Hedgelaying next to Bradley Stoke Way, near Primrose Bridge.
- 5 February** Original felling task cancelled due to high winds. Groups did various tasks; collecting logs from plantation, planting elm, trimming back suckers/vegetation from hedge lines.
- 5 March** Tree felling in plantation north of Savage's Wood.
- 2 April** Planting red clover in the orchard and alongside the path; removing Himalayan balsam; some stream clearing; gathering logs.
- 7 May** Invertebrate survey - over 100 species found.
- 4 June** Stream clearing.
- 2 July** Haycut in community orchard including the new part on the opposite bank.
- 6 August** Haycut in grassland next to Webb's Wood.
- 3 September** Removing trees and scrub from the marsh to prevent succession and maintain marsh habitat.
- 1 October** Removing scrub from the Tump to prevent succession and maintain grassland habitat.

We are maintaining a healthy membership with an average of 15 volunteers attending each workday, and several new people have joined this year, most as a result of seeing our posters around the reserve. However attracting (and keeping) new volunteers remains a priority for the group.

GREEN GYM

The Bradley Stoke Green Gym, which is affiliated to the main group, is run by local residents who have received training in Green Gym leadership. The Green Gym meets every Thursday from 10 until 1 and carries out practical tasks on the reserve. These are often planned to prepare for or continue from the main group's tasks and including the maintenance of Davies and Dewfalls ponds in the town (next due in November). BSGG is also providing support to other groups including the local Alzheimer's group, South Gloucestershire Walk to Health, young carers working towards a John Muir Award (a conservation award scheme) and 'away days' for various commercial enterprises. BSGG also holds its own occasional 'away days' to support Ram Hill Colliery, an archaeological site at Coalpit Heath.

COMMUNITY WALKS

We have continued with our series of walks, led by experts. The costs for this are met by our service level agreement (SLA) with the Town Council and are an important way of engaging with the wider community. We held a walk round the reserve on 11 June (tying in with the Fair), three bat walks in the early autumn and a Fungi Foray in October. All of these were well attended, in particular the last bat walk which attracted about 90 people.

FUNDRAISING

Our day to day costs are met by the SLA with BSTC and we are grateful for this continued support. We were successful in getting some small grants for tools and flowers during the year. We applied to two Big Lottery Fund grants for extending the surfaced paths in Savage's Wood but unfortunately neither of these was successful. However we were delighted to be chosen as one of the Mayor's charities and welcome the visible support thus given to the group.

FUTURE PLANS

A new 5 year management plan for the reserve has now been provided by South Gloucestershire Council. This identifies tasks to be carried out by the conservation group and the Green Gym, and these have been incorporated into our work schedules for the forthcoming year. In the main they represent a continuation of our existing tasks.

Our main aim for a 'large project' remains the completion of surfaced paths in Savage's Wood which will cost at least £10,000. Depending on what is available from the Mayor's Fund we may be able to use this to secure match funding from elsewhere.



Friends of Jubilee Green - Summer of fun.

We were delighted that Bradley Stoke Town Council provided us with £1,095 to fund three age targeted events over the school summer holidays this year.

As a charity one of our aims is to actively work to build a strong community and our community events are a big part of this work. We aim to be inclusive to the whole community and promote;

- healthy lifestyles through physical entertainment,
- creative and cognitive development through craft activities,
- community cohesion by facilitating group play and removing cost barriers to families on low incomes or families who are struggling in the current economic climate.

We also strive to build a strong community by inviting other community groups to collaborate with us and volunteer their time and provide services or entertainment. This collaborative approach builds new contacts across new and existing groups and strengthens the community.

We used the funding from Bradley Stoke Town Council together with sourcing craft material from our membership to the Children's Scrap Store and borrowing outdoor equipment through our membership of the Children's Playlink to organise three age targeted events:

Saturday 23rd June - Pre School event.

The weather was spectacular and we had 300 people of all ages enjoying this event. This event provided;

- 2 professional story telling sessions
- Bouncy Castle
- Animal Hoppers and bubble machine
- Extra giant outdoor toys
- 2 craft activities; Making funny fish and funky flowers
- Musical parade through the park using various instruments

This event was also supported by Holy Trinity Church who provided an incredibly low cost tuck shop and The Woodcraft Folk who organised parachute games on the green with their super sized parachute.

We were delighted with the number of people that attended this event and we received lots of positive feedback from the community.

Saturday 20th August - 5-12 years event

It was an overcast day with the weather forecaster predicting heavy showers but despite the weather we estimated 150 people attended. This free event provided:

- 50ft Inflatable assault course
- Hula hooping workshop
- Skipping workshop and competition with prizes
- Shots on target and competition with prizes
- 3 craft activities; crazy collages and hair band and bracelet making.

This event was again supported by Holy Trinity Church and their popular tuck shop and The Woodcraft Folk also joined us on Jubilee Green and invited everyone to join in their parachute games.

The hula hooping workshop was facilitated by a volunteer in the community who provided the equipment and was on hand with hints and tips on keeping your hula hoop spinning.

We were also joined by Stokes Cycling Club who carried out their popular free bike checks and were able to carry out minor repairs and provide advice. The club also organised a family bike ride that left at the end of the event to visit Bakers Ground park in Stoke Gifford. Three new families joined existing members and braved the showers to join the ride and have a picnic at Bakers Ground.

Once again we utilised our Children's Playlink membership and borrowed large outdoor equipment and the shots on target game.

We were also supported at this event by PCSO Kirsty Flicker and PCSO Jason Green who attended and joined in the community fun.

Friday 2nd September - Youth Event

This was a pilot event as we have never organised an event for this age group. To help us plan the event we engaged the senior youth club at Brook Way to help, we attended 2 of their Friday night clubs and planned the event together.

The initial planning meeting at the youth club involved brainstorming ideas of what entertainment they would like. The second meeting involved planning how they were going to volunteer for the event and which activities were feasible within the budget. The young people also considered the impact on the local residents and requested that we wrote to the residents living opposite to advise them of possible noise and the large number of youths that could be gathering.

Luckily the sun shone on the event and with the support of Brook Way Youth team, Youth Worker from Church of Christ the King and volunteers from Friends of Jubilee Green everyone had a great time.

The event saw approx 100 young people enjoying inflatable human table football, pillow bash and disco. Brook Way youth club brought their disco equipment and an experienced member of the youth club volunteered to be the DJ for the event.

We provided a low cost BBQ and refreshments that helped to cover some of the food costs but was still affordable to young people. The BBQ was incredibly popular and we sold out of hot dogs and burgers.

This event gave us the opportunity to discuss freely and openly with the young people about voluntary work and make them more aware that everyone they come in contact with aren't necessarily paid to engage with them.

The young people who helped us to organise the event also invited the Mayor of Bradley Stoke Town Council and he was able to attend for a short time and the young people attending took the opportunity to discuss directly with Cllr Walker their views, ideas and frustrations with youth provision and youth facilities in Bradley Stoke.

It has been an amazing summer and if you attended the events we hoped you enjoyed them. Thank you to all the groups that helped support these events, Bradley Stoke Town Council for the funding and to the volunteers of Friends of Jubilee Green for giving up their time.



Your local Safer Stronger Community Group needs you!

South Gloucestershire's 20 Safer Stronger Community Groups are all about working together to improve your local community. These groups have been set up as part of the Neighbourhood Policing Model and South Gloucestershire Council's Community Engagement initiative. Their members include people who live and work in the area and representatives from the local police, Avon Fire & Rescue, Primary Care Trust, South Gloucestershire Council, the Town & Parish Council and other local organisations. The aim is to:

- work together to ensure that local communities are safe and pleasant places to live, work and play
- give local people a greater voice and influence over local decisions and the priorities of the service providers
- fund and support initiatives that help overcome issues raised by SSCG attendees, for example, Community Speed Watch equipment and activities that promote community cohesion and integration.

Forthcoming Meeting Dates

Mon 13th February 2012 7pm
Brook Way Activity Centre, Brook Way, Bradley Stoke, BS32 9DA.

Tues 15th May 2012 7pm
Jubilee Centre, Savages Wood Road, Bradley Stoke, BS32 8HL.

If you would like to attend a SSCG meeting and require an interpreter to be present, please contact Sarah Milne 01454 864634 or sarah.milne@southglos.gov.uk to make arrangements. Safer Stronger Community Group minutes and publications can also be supplied in other community languages.



Walking to Health in South Gloucestershire – the perfect way to explore your local area, make new friends and get fit!

Walking to Health provides local led walks for people that want to get outdoors, whilst also enjoying the friendly, supportive environment of a group activity. Walks range from 3/4 mile to 4 miles and are suitable for people of all ages and walking abilities.

To find out where the next walk is taking place please get in touch with us: 01454 868006, email foodandhealth@southglos.gov.uk or visit www.southglos.gov.uk/walkingtohealth.

Four Towns & Vale Link Community Transport

Would you like transport in the evenings to Hospital, Social Events, Shopping?

Our evening Ring and Ride service now runs from 5pm to 10pm Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays).

Our new Saturday service is from 10am to 6pm and our new Sunday service from 10am to 6pm.

For these services you can book up to 2 days in advance (minimum 1 day) by calling our Ring and Ride line 01454 868 529 weekdays between 10am and 2pm.

Youth Survey Results

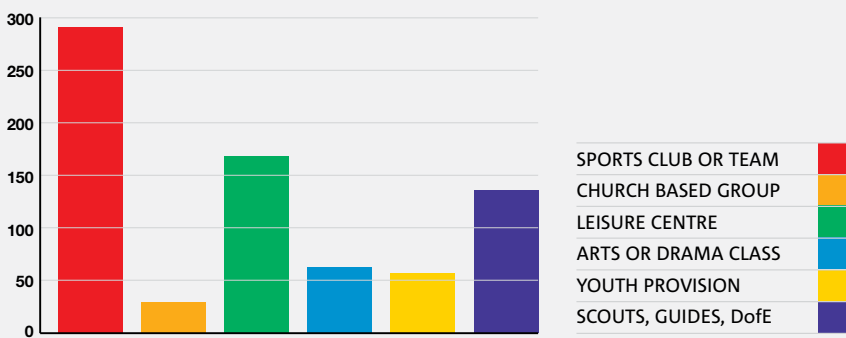
What activities do you want in Bradley Stoke?

Starting in November 2011, South Gloucestershire Council and Bradley Stoke Town Council undertook a consultation with young people to find out what activities young people in the area wanted.

Young people could express their views via a survey available online and in hard copy form from a wide variety of venues including schools, clubs, youth centres and other community venues.

A prize draw was used to encourage as many responses as possible. In total, 730 responses were received by 9th January 2012. For a full copy of the survey results contact 01454 868080.

WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR SPARE TIME?



41% of 13-14 year olds were interested in internet usage.

Ball games, swimming and trampoline were the three highest desired sport and fitness activities.

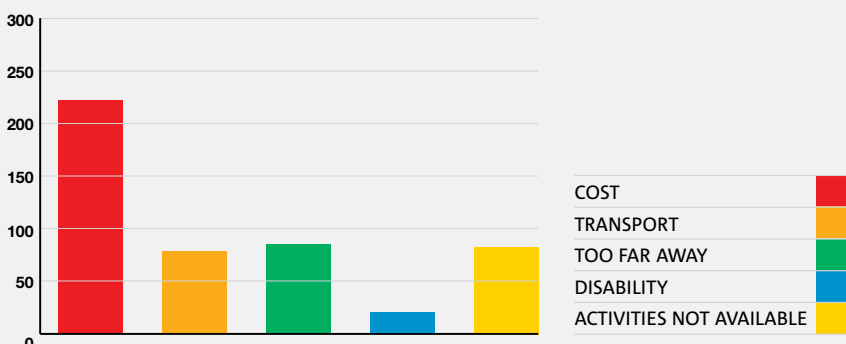
Horse riding, camping and BMX/scooting/skate boarding were the most demanded outdoor activities.

Cooking, Hair and Beauty, and animal care were the life skills most wanted.

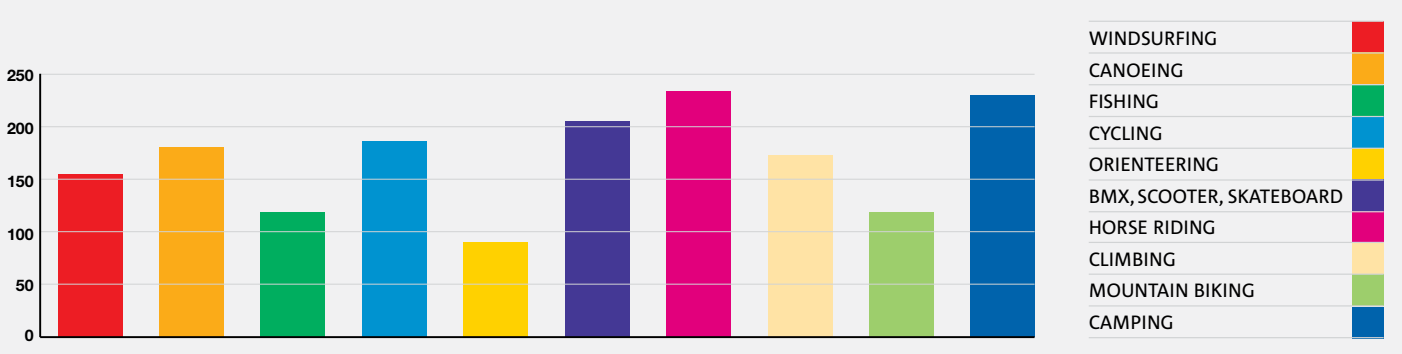
56% of young people in Bradley Stoke play sports in clubs or teams in their spare time and is popular across all age groups.

Of all the activities on young people's wish lists sport and outdoor activities were the most favoured.

DO YOU HAVE ANY DIFFICULTIES IN ACCESSING OR USING ACTIVITIES?



PLEASE TELL US WHICH OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES YOU MAY WISH TO BECOME INVOLVED?



The prize draw winners have been informed and will receive their prizes at the Youth Leisure meeting at Jubilee Centre on Monday 13th February. Top of young people's wish list is drama, photography, dance, music and IT.

For more information about current youth activities in Bradley Stoke please see www.youthunltd.com or call Cath on 01454 865730.

Forthcoming Town Council Meetings

All meetings take place at 7.30pm at The Jubilee Centre, Savages Wood Road, Bradley Stoke, BS32 8HL

Full Council

Wednesday 14 March 2012

Finance Committee

Wednesday 15 February 2012

Wednesday 18 April 2012

Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee

Monday 13 February 2012

Monday 16 April 2012

Planning & Environment Committee

Wednesday 25 January 2012

Wednesday 29 February 2012

Wednesday 28 March 2012

Wednesday 25 April 2012

Farmers & Artisan Market

Fourth Friday of every month

The Willow Brook Centre, 9.00am until 2.00pm.

Publication of Monthly Expenditure

In light of the Government's recommendation for local government transparency, Bradley Stoke Town Council now publishes their monthly expenditure on the Bradley Stoke Town Council website.

The town council is keen to be as transparent as possible in how it is spending the residents of Bradley Stoke's money and feel that the publication of all expenditure is an important step towards getting day-to-day council business out in the open.

The information published shows the name of the council's supplier, the amount they were paid and a brief description of the service or goods provided.

To find details of the monthly expenditure, click on "The Town Council" section on the left-hand side of the Bradley Stoke Town Council homepage, then scroll down to "Monthly Expenditures".

School Term Dates

Academic Year 2011/12

Term 3:
Tuesday 3 January 2012 -
Friday 10 February 2012
(29 teaching days)

Term 4:
Monday 20 February 2012 -
Friday 30 March 2012
(30 teaching days)

Term 5:
Monday 16 April 2012 -
Friday 1 June 2012
(34 teaching days)

Term 6:
Monday 11 June 2012 -
Thursday 19 July 2012
(29 teaching days)

Academic Year 2012/13

Term 1:
Monday 3 September 2012 -
Wednesday 24 October 2012
(38 teaching days)

Term 2:
Monday 5 November 2012 -
Friday 21 December 2012
(35 teaching days)

ChildLine

ChildLine is the free 24-hour helpline for children and young people in the UK. Children and young people can call the helpline on 0800 1111 about any problem, at any time day or night.

Blood Donation Sessions – Future Dates 2012/13

The Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre - Session Dates 2012

All Fridays –
13 January, 17 February,
16 March, 27 April,
18 May, 22 June,
13 July, 10 August,
21 September,
2 November,
23 November,
21 December.

The Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre - Session Dates 2012

All Fridays – 13 January,
17 February, 16 March,
27 April, 18 May,
22 June, 13 July,
10 August,
21 September,
2 November,
23 November,
21 December.

Community News

See Bradley Stoke Matters for an online Events Diary and Community News. Read the online Bradley Stoke Journal to keep ahead of local issues and residents chat.

Racism

If you would like to talk to someone for advice: ring 01454 865733 or 868570 or 868530. The dedicated police hate crime office for South Glos area is on 0117 945 4195. Hate Crime Officers are trained, they can help!

Useful Telephone Numbers



South Gloucestershire Council Services
Main Switchboard Number:
01454 868009

South Glos Council Tax Enquiries
01454 868003

Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre
0300 333 0300

Bradley Stoke Library
01454 868006

Dog Warden
01454 868000

Education - General Enquiries
01454 868008

Travellers
01454 863876

Trading Standards
01454 868001

Willow Brook Centre
01454 205040

Bradley Stoke Surgery
01454 616262

NHS Direct
0845 4647

Bradley Stoke Dental Surgery
0117 911 4441

STREETCARE
01454 868000

Bradley Stoke Matters
Community Magazine
01454 201515

Southern Brooks Domestic
Abuse Self-Help Support Group
0781 203 2219

Sort It! Centre

The Stoke Gifford/Little Stoke Sort It! Centre is provided for the sole use of South Gloucestershire residents. You cannot dispose of commercial waste at any Sort It! centre.

**Opening hours from
1st August 2011**

Summer Opening 1st April to
30th September Monday to Sunday
(Closed on Wednesdays)
Gates Open 8.00am
Gates Closed 6.30pm

Winter Opening 1st October to
31st March Monday to Sunday
(Closed on Wednesdays)
Gates Open 9.00am
Gates Closed 4.30pm

NB: The site is closed on Wednesdays,
Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New
Year's Day.

Directions. Address: Station Road,
Little Stoke, BS34 6HP. From the Aztec
West roundabout travel south towards
Bristol on the A38. When approaching
the flyover filter left and then turn left
at the traffic lights into Gipsy Patch
Lane. Shortly you pass under a narrow
railway bridge - turn left immediately
afterwards into Station Road. The site
is half a mile ahead, on your right.

Others

Filton Airfield Complaints Lines
0117 969 3831/0117 936 4595
(For any problems arising from the
airfield)

BSTC Beat Team

PC Steve Palmer 07919 628 620
PC Claire Fletcher 07825 175 304
PCSO Jason Green 07795 390 262
PCSO Kirsty Flicker 07825 388 925
PCSO Paul Baxter 07825 256 303
General Enquiries 0845 456 7000

Email:

SSNFilton@avonandsomerset.police.uk
If a crime is in progress please ring 999

Further Information

Members Of Parliament

Mr Jack Lopresti is the MP for Bradley Stoke. He can be contacted at 27 The Courtyard, Woodlands, Bradley Stoke, South Glos. BS32 4NH or by emailing: jack.lopresti.mp@parliament.uk or calling 01454 617783. Website: www.jacklopresti.com

Bradley Stoke Town Council

BSTC started life on 1 April 1992. There are currently 16,700+ on the current Electoral Register and 15 elected Councillors in seven wards. Five Town Councillors are also members of South Glos Council.

Councillors

Benjamin Walker (Chair/Mayor), Tom Aditya, John Ashe (Chair Planning &

Environment Cttee), Roger Avenin (Chair of Finance Committee), Keith Cranney, Keir Grivil (Chair of Leisure, Youth and Amenities Committee), Tony Griffiths, Elaine Hardwick, Kim Harris, Brian Hopkinson, Robert Jones, Barry Mitchell, Sarah Pomfret, Ed Rose, Charlotte Walker (Vice-chair).

Meetings

As well as Full Council, there are three Standing Committees for Planning & Environment, Finance, Leisure, Youth and Amenities. All Council and Standing Committee meetings are open to the public and the press. At any of the meetings there is time for electors to ask questions during public question time. Times and dates of meetings are published on the Town Council Noticeboards and on the Web Site.

Grant Aid

Bradley Stoke Town Council has allocated a sum of money each year for grant aid to be awarded for small projects that benefit the local community (maximum grant is £500.00). All applications are considered on their merits. Application forms may be obtained from the BSTC Office. Grant Aid is only available to organisations and not individuals.

Councillor Surgeries

Councillor Surgeries are generally held on the first Saturday of each month, between 10.00am and 12 noon at the Willow Brook Centre for Bradley Stoke Residents to speak to their Councillors on any matter concerning the Town. "Forthcoming councillor surgery dates can be found on the town council website.



The Town Council welcomes your comments and opinions. Please make your views known via the Clerk. Correspondence for Council and Councillors may be sent to: Sharon Petela, Town Clerk, Bradley Stoke Town Council, 7 The Courtyard, Woodlands, Bradley Stoke, South Glos, BS32 4NQ Telephone: (01454) 868080 Fax: (01454) 868084 E-mail: town.clerk@bradleystoke.gov.uk



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