

Bradley Stoke Town Council

# Newsletter

In Partnership with the Community



## A Message from the Mayor

Bradley Stoke Town Councillors and staff have been continuing to work hard to ensure the services provided to the community run successfully and provide benefit for residents. Councillors have been attending meetings to discuss current topics in the town and look ahead to the future of Bradley Stoke. If any residents require assistance, please remember to contact your ward councillor, pop along to a meeting or contact the Town Council staff, as your involvement is paramount.

Recently we have seen the completion of the new Bradley Stoke Town Council offices, located at the Jubilee Centre. The new facility is more easily accessible for residents, while saving money and providing the town with a valuable asset for the community.

Personally, I would like to thank all the Town Council staff who have worked endlessly to ensure an efficient move into the new premises. I am sure the new building will assist in the function and progression of the council's services, along with the town as a whole.

The Bradley Stoke Town Council firework display will be on Sunday 4th November this year and hopefully we shall be joined by Bradley Stoke resident and Paralympian Karen Butler to help us with the countdown.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Charlotte Walker

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**BRADLEY STOKE TOWN COUNCIL**

## Firework Display 2012

By Kimbolton Fireworks

Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre  
Sunday 4 November 2012

**GATES OPEN AT 4.30PM**  
**HOT FOOD SERVED FROM 4.45PM**  
**FIREWORK DISPLAY STARTS AT 6.00PM**

**NO ALCOHOL** allowed on site and **NO SPARKLERS AT ALL**  
Please only buy goods from the Traders approved to be on the site  
Instead of an entry fee there will be an entry point collection  
In aid of the Mayors Charities: The Alzheimer's Society - Bradley Stoke Sports and Social Club and Have a Heart  
Childline Appeal  
**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY**



PLEASE PARK IN WILLOW BROOK CAR PARK AND WALK TO FIREWORKS

## 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

# FINAL NEW OFFICE PROJECT COSTS

This is report is correct as at 4/9/12 and all amounts exclude VAT as this is reclaimed.

## Professional & Other Fees Paid in Previous Financial Years

South Gloucestershire Property Services - initial feasibility study & costings	£2,500.00
Architect Fees	£3,300.00
Planning application fees	£502.50
Public Works Loan application fee	£82.25
<b>Total Professional Fees To date</b>	<b>£6,384.75</b>

These items were budgeted for, settled & included within audited accounts for previous financial years (2010/11 & 2011/12)

## Build Costs

Tender contract £252,800 tender (£6320 held as a 2.5% retention within creditors)	£252,800.00
Supply & install external security shutters	£12,850.00
Install shutter security control and provide shutter fobs	£189.60
Relocate/expand carpark	£2,791.33
Flooring	£9,675.00
Install data points	£4,665.00
Install broadband and telephone network	£1,890.00
Configure telephone system	£227.50
Install shelving in printer and archive rooms	£639.27
Relocation and configuration of computer system	£929.00
Install & configure fire and intruder alarm systems & signage	£3,666.66
<b>Total Actual Expenditure To Date</b>	<b>£290,323.36</b>

## Plus Known Outstanding Orders

CDM - Health & Safety element	£500.00
Move entrance gate on hardcourt & side panel on compound	£2,663.58
Single opening entrance gate from compound to hard court	£710.00
Supply & install bike shelter	£1,500.00
Total Orders Outstanding to Date	£5,373.58
<b>Total Office Build Costs To date</b>	<b>£295,696.94</b>

**Based upon the above figures, the total office project cost as at 4/9/12 (including planning/architect and other professional fees)** **£302,081.69**

## Original Approved Budget For Build Part of Project

Estimated build cost established 2011/12 (exc professional fees already paid in previous years)	
at commencement of build	£304,341.00
10% contingency	£30,434
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>£334,775.00</b>

Provisional Surplus Funds which may be Returned to Earmarked Reserve	£39,078.06
<b>Actual Earmarked Reserve Used</b>	<b>£60,921.94</b>

This is equivalent to less than 2.1 years of the annual rental/service charge for the old office (£28,927p/a net as at 2011/12). This project cost is 9.02% below the budget held for the build element of the project alone. This budget did not include the architect, feasibility, planning and other fees as these had already been settled, accounted for & included within budgets from previous years. If these are excluded, the build part of the project is 11.67% below budget. This has been achieved by project managing the build within the office and sourcing best value suppliers rather than employing an external project manager.

## Old Office Refurbishment Costs to Hand Over, Move Costs, Loan Funding and Other Associated Costs

Old Office (Unit 6 & 7) Refurbishment (required under full maintaining lease)		
Remove cabling	£50.00	
Re-instate wall between units 6 & 7	£550.00	
Paint	£133.09	
Replace & install water heater	£125.00	
Remedial electrical work	£80.00	
Electrical report and certification	£405.00	
Survey Fee from old landlord in respect of old office refurbishment	£1,200.00	
New flooring	£2,954.60	£5,497.69
<b>Removal &amp; other costs etc</b>		
Removal cost	£625.80	
Post office redirection of mail	£110.00	
Franking machine licence change due to relocation	£20.00	
Transport sanitary bins (H&S requirement)	£40.00	
Blinds for new office	£591.78	
New office keys for staff	£25.00	£1,412.58
<b>Total Expenditure To Date</b>		<b>£6,910.27</b>

Plus Known Outstanding Orders		
Centrex phone system - 3 month cease number announcement via Virgin	£240.00	
<b>Total Orders Outstanding to Date</b>		<b>£240.00</b>

Total Provisional Move & Refurbishment Costs (excluding loan element) To Date	<b>£7,150.27</b>
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Public Works Loan funding to 29/6/12 (period of dual rent and loan funding)

Interest 20/2 - 31/3/12 (confirmed in 2011/12 audit)	£539.67
Interest 1/4/12 - 29/6/12 (estimated)	£774.00

Capital element on £10,646.65 (1/2 yrly instalment for 2012/13). The 1st repayment fell on 1/5/12 and apportionment therefore applies from this date for a period of joint renting and loan funding - estimated per day for period 1/5 - 29/6/12

£3,500.00	<b>£4,813.67</b>
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<b>Total Provisional Move &amp; Refurbishment Costs (including loan element)</b>	<b>£11,963.94</b>
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## Original Approved Budget For Office Move, Refurbishment, etc

Provisional surplus funds to be returned to earmarked reserve	£21,036.06
<b>Actual Earmarked Reserve Used</b>	<b>£11,963.94</b>

This expenditure is 63.74% below budget as the original budget was established in previous financial years to cover the cost of joint funding of a loan and rental which was based upon a longer estimated build period, higher loan amount and a higher interest rate level. In addition, all refurbishment costs of the old office were substantially reduced to £4.8K compared to an initial quote of £15K from the landlord's surveyor. This again was achieved by managing all contracts within the office in order to drive down costs which included the use of suitably qualified community pay back personnel for some of the old office refurbishment work.



**Adjustment To The Project Funding From Earmarked Reserves**

Based upon the above figures, the original £133K reserve allocated to fund the office project (£100K for the build and £33K for the office move, refurbishment etc), can be reduced by: **£60,114.12**

The balance can be returned to the unallocated reserve for future reallocation once all expenditures have been settled.

Based upon the above figures, the reserve used to fund the build project will be: **£72,885.88**

## FOR SALE

### Performance Stage

Excellent condition performance stage will go to the highest bidder. The stage is ideal for shows, performing, or a dancing class.

If you would like to view the stage, then contact the town council office on 01454 205020, alternatively please send in your bid (by 31st October 2012) to:

Bradley Stoke Town Council  
Council Office  
Jubilee Centre  
Savages Wood Road  
Bradley Stoke  
South Glos  
BS32 8HL

**The new office project was funded from earmarked reserves (as detailed above) and the balance was funded using a public works loan which ensured that the annual expenditure would be less than the annual rental charge for the old office.**

# PUBLIC WORKS LOAN & LONG TERM SAVINGS TO COUNCIL

**TERMS OF LOAN**

Amount: £235,000  
Term: 10 years (maturing 1st November 2021)  
Rate: 2.05% fixed for the term  
Annual amount payable: £26,110.80  
Payable by half yearly payments: £13,055.40 payable 1st May & 1st November to coincide with the receipt of the precept

**Total cost of Loan for whole term: £261,108 (total interest element = £26,108)**



On Friday 14th September 2012, Jack Lopresti MP and Town Council Mayor, Charlotte Walker officially opened the new town council office.

**TABLE COMPARING RENTAL AND LOAN COSTS ASSUMING PREVIOUS RENTAL RATES DO NOT CHANGE DURING THE SPECIFIED PERIODS**

	1 year during loan period	10 year period to loan maturity	1 year after loan maturity	10 year period after loan maturity
Annual Rental + Service Charge as at 31/3/12 - charged under a full maintaining lease with rental reviews every 5 years.	<b>£289,270.00</b>	<b>£28,927.00</b>	<b>£289,270.00</b>	<b>£28,927.00</b>
Annual loan repayment of £235K @ 2.05% for 10 years	<b>£26,110.80</b>	<b>£261,108.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Savings</b>	<b>£2,816.20</b>	<b>£28,162.00</b>	<b>£28,927.00</b>	<b>£289,270.00</b>

- Saving over the first 20 years assuming rental/service costs of £28,927 p/a continue during the whole period  
Rental: £578,540  
Total cost of 10 year loan to maturity: £261,108  
**Total saving: £317,432 (54%)**
- Saving over the next 20 years following the loan maturity assuming rental/service costs of £28,927 p/a continue during the whole period  
Rental: £578,540  
Total cost of 10 year loan to maturity: £0  
**Total saving: £578,540 (100%)**

The above figures clearly show the long term financial benefit of the office build when compared with current rental costs. In addition to the above figures, Council will also be well placed to forward plan as the loan rate is fixed for the 10 year term as opposed to rental costs which react to the market conditions and will almost certainly increase during the next 20 year period.

The old office rental was based upon a full maintaining lease and Council were therefore responsible for such costs in addition to the rental and service charges. These costs should be comparative for the new office and it is even hoped that these should be less for a new building.

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## REPORT BY ENCOUNTERS FESTIVAL ON SOLAR CINEMA EVENT JUBILEE GREEN, BRADLEY STOKE 7TH SEPTEMBER

The first Solar Cinema screening in Bradley Stoke's Jubilee Green was a great success with around 200 people attending through the evening. Local residents came for an evening of entertainment under the stars, bringing picnics and rugs to sit on.

Local musician TJ Clemmet (last minute change from the artist advertised) played until it was dark enough to start the films - a selection of family friendly short films and animations from this years Encounters programme. A group of young children enjoyed their own private screening (though it will have been back to front) using the hill behind the screen as tiered seating.

The Friends of Jubilee Green ran a refreshments stand that was so well used they sold out of chocolate, and the local PCSOs were in attendance.

The funding from Bradley Stoke Town Council and South Gloucestershire Council meant the screening could come to Jubilee Green and Encounters would like to offer their thanks for the opportunity to come to Bradley Stoke. We hope that the success of this year's event can be built on and the cinema can come back in future years.

## BRADLEY STOKE RADIO (BSR) GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH!

Based in studios at the Brook Way Activity centre since January, Bradley Stokes very own community radio station has been broadcasting since June 2011, 24 hours a day seven days a week via the Internet with live presented shows most evenings and weekends.

We have also completed two very successful fortnight long FM broadcasts in June and December last year.

The last twelve months at Bsr have certainly been a hectic roller coaster ride!

We have been involved in many community events large and small, you may have seen or heard us out and about in the community at the Bradley Stoke Festival, the annual town fireworks display, In the town square at the willow brook centre, even getting involved in switching on last years Christmas lights.

We are a totally voluntary community organisation and have a dedicated band of volunteers who work both behind the scenes and in front of a microphone presenting shows, we are always looking for new volunteers and offer an excellent training course to all new members.



Last year we were awarded a licence by Ofcom (broadcast regulator) to broadcast on FM for five years, covering Bradley Stoke and the surrounding areas and we are currently working hard behind the scenes with both the technical side and of course fundraising (sponsors most welcome!) to pay for the additional equipment needed to bring Bradley Stoke it's very own full time FM radio station early next year.

To listen to Bsr go to our website: [www.bradleystokeradio.com](http://www.bradleystokeradio.com) where you can also find lots of information on getting involved and becoming a member. You can also find us on iTunes and via the Tune In radio app.

**So why not tune in and have a listen, go on you may be surprised! and don't forget to keep looking at our website for news on our FM launch next year.**



**Friends of Jubilee Green are a charity that is ran entirely by volunteers. In April we successfully applied to BSTC for a community development grant to run a series of free community events. We are delighted to have provided the following free community events so far this year:**

- First Aid training event for community groups
- June, Community Festival - 130 children enjoyed the treasure hunt, making bunting and helping unveil the Fields in Trust Plaque.
- July, Community Sports Day - together with Stokes Cycling Club we ran a Sports Day with a difference! 150 people enjoyed the egg and spoon race on bikes, the 'slug' bike race where the winner was the slowest, the cyclo cross track and more traditional activities included a sack race, tug of war and obstacle course. The event ended in a bike parade where young people showed off their decorating efforts from the 'bling your bike' tent.

- September; Family Fun Day - an impressive 300 people turned out to enjoy a comedy magic show, quad bikes, bouncy castles, mega bubble fun, loads of out door toys and craft activities. We were joined by the Woodcraft Folk and Stokes Cycling Club were on hand with bike advice and a cyclo cross track. At 4pm protests were heard as we began packing up with everyone wanting the fun to continue!

In addition to the funding from BSTC we would not be able to deliver these events without the tireless dedication of volunteers from Friends of Jubilee Green, Bradley Stoke Radio, Stokes Cycling Club, The Woodcraft Folk and Holy Trinity Church tuck shop team who all match the councils funding for these events with their donation of time, dedication and enthusiasm.





# THREE BROOKS NATURE CONSERVATION GROUP

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. Since our last report to the Council we have carried out the following tasks in 2011-12:

<b>5 November</b>	Coppicing/felling in Sherbourne's Brake, and putting up bird boxes
<b>3 December</b>	Felling in Northern plantation
<b>7-8 January</b>	Hedgelaying weekend
<b>4 February</b>	Tree felling in northern plantation
<b>11 February</b>	Operation Swan Nest - cutting reeds down from old nesting site and carrying them to the island*
<b>March</b>	Felling in Bowsland Wood
<b>7 April</b>	Clearing encroaching scrub in Bowsland Meadow
<b>2 June</b>	Stream clearing, plus some blockages moved
<b>7 July</b>	Haycut in orchard
<b>4 August</b>	Haycut on banks by Webb's Wood
<b>1 September</b>	Marsh clearing - irrigation, scrub removal, balsam bashing

\*The 'swan nest' workday was an attempt to encourage the swans to nest on the island rather than in their previous situation on the edge of the lake close to the path, where they had suffered dog worrying, attempts at egg collecting and being shot at with an air rifle - the latter both prevented by members of the public. We built nesting piles on the island and were delighted when the swans nested there and laid eggs. Sadly, on 26th April the female swan was found weak on the bank at the side of the lake. Members of the Green Gym, who were out on the reserve at the time, assisted an RSPCA inspector who took the swan away for treatment, but sadly she was put down. We are not sure what was wrong, however we hope for another nesting attempt next year. The event was reported in the Bradley Stoke Journal and attracted a lot of comment from local residents.

Our membership remains healthy with about 12-15 adults coming out on our monthly workdays. While we continue to look for new volunteers to maintain a healthy membership - 18 new people attended in the last 12 months - we cannot manage very large groups and are content that this is a comfortable group size.

## Green Gym

The Bradley Stoke Green Gym meets every Thursday from 10 until 1 and carries out practical tasks on the reserve with around 10 volunteers. Activity this year has included pond clearance, coppicing, nest box maintenance and surveying, litter picking and removal of Himalayan Balsam. The Green Gym is a vital support to the main group through preparation for the main work days and tool maintenance.

The Green Gym has also continued its occasional 'away days' to support Ram Hill Colliery, an archaeological site at Coalpit Heath.

## Working with the community

Our SLA with the Town Council includes provision for community walks to introduce a wider range of people to their local nature reserve. We held the following walks this year:

<b>28 April</b>	Dawn Chorus walk with Rupert Higgins
<b>5 May</b>	Mammals walk led by Gill Brown, local mammals expert. We found evidence of bank voles, badgers, fox, stoat and (inevitably) rat.
<b>3 June</b>	Community Nature Walk with Rupert Higgins
<b>17 August</b>	Bat walk
<b>14 September</b>	Bat walk - soundings of pipistrelles and Daubenton's, and 6 Daubs seen over lake

The bat walks in particular have been very popular, attracting 50 to 60 people. We have also set up a display in the library during September.

## Looking for signs of otters on the Mammal walk

We were pleased to grant permission to a local school pupil to carry out a slow worm survey on the reserve which revealed a healthy population.

We have also now planted the oak presented to the group in 2005 by the former Town Clerk David Chandler. It is situated next to the main path through the reserve to the east of Savage's Wood. We hope in future years that it will become a focal point with seating.

## Funds

We continue to be immensely grateful to Bradley Stoke Town Council for the SLA which meets our day to day costs, including tool replacements and first aid training. We were delighted to be chosen as one of the Mayor's charities which resulted in our receiving £4,245. We are now hoping to use this as match funding to construct a surfaced path in Savage's Wood, led by the Conservation Volunteers, and we will be putting in an application for a Woodland Improvement Grant from the Forestry Commission in the next month.

# Bradley Stoke Summer Dreamscheme project

Dreamscheme is a project where young people volunteer to do useful work in their communities and in return earn points that can be exchanged for either a trip or activity. Previous Dreamscheme work had been carried out at the skate park and those young people and youth workers had suggested that we did some work to make the park more attractive and welcoming to the young people of the town. It was felt that doing some community art work would make the area look bright and well cared for.

With funding support from Knightstone Housing and Bradley Stoke Town council we were able to employ a community graffiti artist to work with 18 young people over 4 days to design and then paint the community art work.

The work was very hard and involved creating stencils, cutting these out and then painting the boards. The young people age ranged from 8 years to 14 years and they worked well together, there was laughter. Dreamscheme activities shows that young people can do wonderful things - all the young people who took part gained new skills and learnt through team games about working together and the benefits of volunteering - both for themselves and the wider community.

Do visit the skate park to see the wonderful community artwork that some of our young people have created for you to enjoy - see if you can spot the Olympic torch and the links with other areas of the town in the artwork!

We would like to express our thanks to all our funders, volunteers and especially to the young people who all worked to create a beautiful piece of community artwork.



Winsome Barrett-Muir  
SBCEP - Community Development  
Projects - Bradley Stoke



## MY JOURNEY TO LONDON 2012 PARALYMPICS

My shooting career started in the mid 1980's when it was suggested I tried small-bore rifle as a skill for my Gold Duke of Edinburgh. My international career started after attending a 'Come & Try' sports weekend at Stoke Mandeville with the Guide Association. We had a go at Air Rifle which I hadn't done before, while talking to the coach he told me I was 'no good to him!' - he hadn't realised - I am disabled. 18 months later I was competing at my 1st Paralympics in Barcelona, which was a phenomenal experience. I was selected for the next two Paralympics Atlanta and Sydney. Unfortunately I wasn't selected for Athens and due to injury didn't attend Beijing. Therefore it has been 12 years since I last attended a Paralympics.

The long awaited phone call came in May informing me that I had been selected for the London Paralympics. For that day forward it was non-stop - training, media, competitions.

On 20th August I entered the GB Holding Camp at Bath University, before going into the Paralympic Village on 22nd, it's a very surreal feeling we could have been anywhere in the World. Training started the following day at the Royal Artillery Barracks, Woolwich. I wasn't able to attend the Opening Ceremony as I was competing at 9am the following day. First shooting competition of the Games was R2 - Women's 10m Air Rifle, GB had three shooters in the event which was also the first medals of the Games. I came 12th,

the atmosphere was amazing we have never had so much home support and media attention before, it took a while to get use to that. My next event was on 4th September - R6 50m Mixed Prone Rifle again we had three shooters competing, the weather conditions were not kind to us and I finished middle of the field - very disappointed. But no time to dwell on that as my main event R8 - Women's 50m 3-Positional was two days later. My prone was good so off to good start, standing not so good but consistent, I needed a good kneeling to get myself into the final.

I put in a good performance getting myself into 7th position therefore into the final. The finals hall is a very daunting place!

The final didn't start well - nerves but I managed to pull myself together and finished in 6th place. I had achieved my goal - make a final and go up a place.

I could now relax after 7+ years of training and enjoy the whole Paralympic experience. I managed to visit several other sports. The Closing Ceremony was fantastic, it was great to be part of the second largest sporting event in the World.

The whole London experience has been amazing everything ran smoothly, the organisation, facilities were superb and the support is indescribable. The crowds that attended the Parade blow us all away. I'm still coming to terms with being out of the Paralympic 'bubble'.

**Karen Butler**

## BRADLEY STOKE TOWN COUNCIL / AVON AND SOMERSET PROBATION TRUST



**Avon and Somerset Probation Trust contacted the office in 2011, identifying Bradley Stoke as an area that would benefit from the community payback scheme.**

BSTC have engaged in this project for the past eleven months and has had extensive works carried out on the three community centres in the town. The skill base and manpower has meant that vast improvements have been made to the internal and external outlook of the sites.

During this period, BSTC has received 2,600 hours labour by 28 local men and women, all this work has been carried out at a saving to the council of approximately £16,120 based upon the current minimum wage.

The offenders have taken ownership of the projects set out in front of them, they have engaged with the town council Leisure Assistants and forged relationships with many of the hirers, general public and council staff.

The men and women past and present involved in this project will take away with them a sense of achievement, paying back in to their local community and have a more positive attitude to the future.



# BRADLEY STOKE COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM

**Bradley Stoke Community Policing team has recently changed personnel, and normally has a team of five officers dedicated to patrolling the town and dealing with ongoing neighbourhood issues, anti social behaviour and other community concerns.**

The team work out of two bases, at Filton Police Station and the police post at the Willow Brook Shopping Centre.

Constable Claire Fletcher is currently working part time hours, from the Willow Brook Centre, and normally has a Community Support Officer working with her, but she is currently waiting for a replacement after Paul Baxter's recent resignation from the force in July.

Constable Steven Palmer is based at Filton Police Station along with two Community Support Officers. One being Kirsty McKillop, who has been on the beat for four years, and a new recruit Lucy Sparks who will be joining the team from 10th September, following Jason Green's move to a neighbouring beat in Stoke Gifford.

Claire continues to hold a weekly Police beat surgery, every Wednesday between 1pm-3pm at the Police post where, anyone can drop in without an appointment to get crime reduction or general advice, or report concerns.

Steven introduced a Pubwatch scheme to the town in September 2009 and this is still being run successfully in the area, and includes all four public houses in the town, along with other pubs and clubs in Stoke Gifford, Little Stoke and Patchway. This has dramatically reduced disorder around the local hostelrys by over 45% and making the area safer for consumers.

The main events in the town are supported by the policing team each year, namely the Bradley Stoke Community Festival in June and the Fireworks display in November. The Festival includes the fair type event and football tournament on the fields around the Jubilee Centre, skateboard competition at the skate park, and the 10K Run which goes around the town and its local Nature Reserve, organised by the Sole Sisters running club. This has been allowed to increase to 500 runners in 2012 as the local Policing team have offered to help in closing the roads during the event. The Fireworks display which is getting bigger and better each year is also held on the Jubilee Green.

The effort that the team has put into working on issues raised by the community has resulted in less serious issues being raised at the quarterly Bradley Stoke Safer Stronger Community Group meetings. Some concerns over recent months relate to speeding traffic in the area. There has been a reduction of complaints around this issue due to the increasing presence of volunteers who operate a Community Speedwatch Scheme. The Community Support Officers continue to visit schools giving input from pre-school through to secondary schools. They also continue to security mark bicycles for students following the Christmas period. Additionally they have also been patrolling on bicycles and marking bicycles for anyone they meet. They are a visible presence around the town and work on reduction of Anti Social Behaviour, by issuing Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC's) with the town's nuisance youths.

Anyone wishing to contact the team can reach them by calling 101, or via an e-mail to the community policing page of the Avon and Somerset Constabulary webpage.

For urgent calls to the Police please call 999, all other calls should go to 101.

**Steven Palmer**

Beat Manager - Bradley Stoke

## YOUR LOCAL SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITY GROUP NEEDS YOU!

South Gloucestershire's 20 Safer Stronger Community Groups (SSCG) are all about working together to improve your local community. The groups also enable you to have your say about the services that your community receives.

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

Thursday 22nd November 2012 - 7pm.  
Baileys Court Activity Centre, Baileys Court Road, Bradley Stoke, BS32 8BH

If you would like to attend a SSCG meeting and require a 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.

## GUEST SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

**Marie Curie Cancer Care** in Bristol has speakers available who are eager to come and talk about the work of the charity and local Marie Curie Nurses.

If you are a member of a club, group or society please mention at your next meeting that we would be delighted to come and visit.

We understand that spaces at meetings for speakers are booked up quickly but do please contact us if you have a cancellation or for the following year's agenda.

**Please contact Natalie Taylor on 01179 247 275 or [natalie.taylor@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:natalie.taylor@mariecurie.org.uk) for further details or to book a speaker.**

**Thank you**



### 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 21 November 2012

**Finance Committee**  
Wednesday 10 October 2012  
Wednesday 19 December 2012

**Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee**  
Monday 15 October 2012  
Monday 17 December 2012

**Planning & Environment Committee**  
Wednesday 24 October 2012  
Wednesday 28 November 2012  
Wednesday 19 December 2012

### Farmers & Artisan Market

Fourth Friday of every month  
The Willow Brook Centre, 9.00am until 2.00pm

### Publication of Monthly Expenses

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, and then scroll down to "Monthly Expenditures"

### South Gloucestershire Council School Term Dates

#### 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)

**Term 3:**  
Monday 7 January 2013  
- Friday 8 February 2013  
(25 teaching days)

**Term 4:**  
Monday 18 February 2013  
- Friday 22 March 2013  
(25 teaching days)

**Term 5:**  
Monday 8 April 2013  
- Friday 24 May 2013  
(34 teaching days)

**Term 6:**  
Monday 3 June 2013  
- Wednesday 24 July 2013  
(38 teaching days)

## Further Information

#### Member 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](mailto:jack.lopresti.mp@parliament.uk) or calling 01454 617783.

Website: [www.jacklopresti.com](http://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. Six Town Councillors are also members of South Glos Council.

#### Councillors

Tom Aditya, John Ashe, Roger Avenin (Chair of Finance Committee), Keith Cranney, Keir Gravit (Chair of Leisure, Youth and Amenities Committee), Tony Griffiths, Elaine Hardwick, Paul Hardwick, Kim Harris, Brian Hopkinson

(Vice-chair of council), Robert Jones (Chair Planning & Environment Committee), Sarah Pomfret, Ed Rose, Ben Walker, Charlotte Walker (Chair/Mayor of council)

#### 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. There is also a Community Development Grant Funding budget available for bigger projects (maximum grant £4,000).

#### 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. This is an opportunity 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 and noticeboards around the town.

### 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.

### 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.

### Blood Donation Sessions – Future Dates 2012/13

The Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre - Session Dates  
2012: All Fridays - 2 November, 23 November, 21 December.  
2013: All Fridays - 18 January, 15 February, 15 March.

## Useful Telephone Numbers



South Glos Council Main Switchboard  
Number: **01454 868009**

South Glos Council Tax Enquiries  
**01454 868003**

Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre  
**0300 333 0300**

Bradley Stoke Library **01454 868006**

South Glos Council Dog Warden  
**01454 868000**

South Glos Council Education -  
General Enquiries **01454 868008**

South Glos Council Travellers  
**01454 863876**

South Glos Council Trading Standards  
**01454 868001**

South Glos Council Street Care Helpdesk  
**01454 868000**

Willow Brook Centre **01454 205040**

Bradley Stoke Surgery **01454 616262**

NHS Direct **0845 4647**

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 Line  
(for complaints about aircraft noise)  
**0117 9366253**

#### Avon & Somerset Constabulary (Bradley Stoke Beat Team)

PC Claire Fletcher  
PC Steve Palmer  
PCSO Kirsty McKillop

General Enquiries **101**  
Email: [SSNFilton@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:SSNFilton@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

If a crime is in progress please ring **999**

#### Bradley Stoke

##### Police Beat Team surgeries

These are held every Wednesday between 1pm and 3pm at the Police Post at the Willow Brook Centre, Bradley Stoke.

## Feedback

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, Council Office, The Jubilee Centre, Savages Wood Road, Bradley Stoke, South Glos, BS32 4NQ Telephone: 01454 205020 Fax: 01454 205029 E-mail: [town.clerk@bradleystoke.gov.uk](mailto:town.clerk@bradleystoke.gov.uk)