

Bradley Stoke Town Council

Newsletter

In Partnership with the Community



Britain in Bloom

Are you interested in becoming involved in brightening up Bradley Stoke?

Bradley Stoke Town Council is holding an open meeting for residents interested in assisting in this project.

Tuesday 19th February 2013

7.30pm

Oak Hall
The Jubilee Centre
Savages Wood Road
Bradley Stoke
BS32 8HL

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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

The Town Council has been made aware that areas of Bradley Stoke are regularly targeted by uninvited traders/cold callers. For your convenience, the council has designed a notice which can be cut out and placed by your front door.

Please be advised that this notice has no legal standing, but may prove useful in deterring uninvited traders/cold callers from knocking at your door.



NO UNINVITED TRADERS/COLD CALLERS



PLEASE DO NOT KNOCK

Notice provided by Bradley Stoke Town Council



BRADLEY STOKE YOUTH PROVISION - VISION 2012 - 2014

Background

After investing in a centre based provision then a move to a more engaging Detached Provision, youth provision has again become an area where many changes have been taking place for strategic and funding reasons led by South Gloucestershire Council (SGC).

Bradley Stoke Town Council (BSTC) committed to the employment of a Youth Participation Worker, specific to the development of a Youth Council. This was initially going to form part of the councils detached provision approach but, due to the removal of funding from SGC, the Youth Participation Worker and the Youth Council are all that remains of Bradley Stoke Youth Provision apart from BSTC's grants.

The process of creating the role had initially been lost in the confusion that exists within SGC's, Children & Young People Department as staff left and were re-assigned to different projects and positions. After BSTC Officers highlighted the failing, I supported them by pushing SGC and then following direction from BSTC.

I am now pleased to report that following a successful interview process in partnership with SGC, we now have an extemporary worker ready to take post.

This post has been funded by the original ring fenced amount by BSTC and around £13,000.00 from SGC. The post is funded for one year.

The Youth Council

The worker will be based predominately at Bradley Stoke Community School (BSCS) and at times within BSTC. The worker will be an employee of SGC and able to remote work with the use of an SGC laptop and mobile phone.

At present, it is anticipated that the worker will source the majority of the new Youth Council from BSCS pupils but will also work with all existing youth and community groups based or operating in Bradley Stoke. Appointments to the Youth Council will be by election.

The new Youth Council will have an annual £5,000.00 budget which has been agreed by BSTC to spend on projects/items deemed fit by the Youth Council. BSTC Leisure Youth & Amenities Committee will be best placed to approve the Youth Councils spending and it will be supported by the youth worker at all times.

Not only will the Youth Council help to gauge the feeling of young people in the town for BSTC, it will also act as a conduit to BSTC and promote the new grant structure that BSTC already has in place.

The Vision moving forward

As stated, funding is secured for a period of one year.

In this first year BSTC expects the following:

- Youth Council is set-up and is operational following elections.
- To improve Young Persons engagement.
- To develop partnerships with local groups, schools & business.
- To identify new projects & support existing projects.
- To apply & secure funding from all potential funding streams.
- Youth Council to report to BSTC on a quarterly basis.
- To offer training to the Youth Council Members.
- To identify cost effective methods to ensure the Youth Council can continue.
- To utilise & promote existing BSTC/BSCS Community Transport.
- The Youth Worker to report to BSTC LYA by-monthly and quarterly to BSTC Full Council.

This Youth Council will be one of the first in the UK and the project has the potential of gaining opportunities for the elected Youth Council Members and positives for BSTC, BSCS and the town as a whole.

It's imperative that the new worker works in partnership with all groups with a view to sustaining funding once the SGC element finishes.

The project also has the potential of becoming a wider project with BSTC at the forefront of any such development. Not only will this increase its engagement it will offer the potential of new partners, new opportunities and new funding streams.

This project will form the foundation of BSTC's commitment to young people and our provision.

Cllr Ben Walker



**To report litter or fly tipping
please ring Jason our
Mobile Cleansing Operative
on 0787 0879212**



CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING YOUTH PROVISION

Christ the King Church plays an active role in the community and through our youth groups we are currently in regular contact with around 100 children. All of our groups are open for anyone from the community to attend and they aim to work with children from age 6 to 18 supporting their development from children to adults.

Daring 2B Different: This group is aimed at 6 to 11 year olds and has had a great year, celebrating its ten year anniversary; culminating in a fantastic Christmas party.

4mation: In its fourth year, this group provides a fun and informative experience for 11 to 14 year olds on Friday evenings. 4mation was formed with a vision to give local children an opportunity to share and develop their faith in a fun, no-pressure environment. In the past year it has explored basic aspects of faith; trying to answer questions such as "Faith: what is it anyway?" and "Faith: why bother?" as well as undertaking ice skating and archery trips. 4mation supports young people at a critical age, when they start forming their own opinions on spiritual matters.

Big Why: This group is for 14 to 18 year olds and looks at the challenges of being a young adult in the context of life skills and the Christian faith mixed in with lots of fun games, drama and a residential weekend away!

By supporting their development and understanding of Christian faith, we believe we are making a difference in forming healthy, balanced adults that can better cope with the challenges of their future and indeed the challenges of wider society in their neighbourhood.



If you are interested in coming along please look at the Church website for details at: www.ctkchurch.org.uk/church-youth/

VGM-A-THON 2012, FRIDAY 14TH-16TH DEC 2012, WILLOW BROOK CENTRE, BRADLEY STOKE (BS), BRISTOL

It came, it went - it conquered! 'Demon Trophy' was born of the VGM-a-thon 2012 community video game making marathon.

The first production team meeting took place at 18:00 on Fri 14th Dec, discussing available content - submitted by the BS Community. The task at hand was tough, working around the clock & through the night to get the gaming assets and mechanics in place; over 20 idea submissions & further 'sub-submissions' - a real challenge was in place: more than the development team could have anticipated.

Hosted by the Sonic Show (SS), a 24hr live feed was available to all that watched as our team began production on the community game; with live plays of last year's VGM-a-thon game: HAMSTER! There was also live commentary, competitions & art-work! The live feed ran right through the event, capturing all drama as it unfolded!

FFTB film makers & VGMA team members Ross 'Boomstick' Wilson & co-pres JonoD documented the entire event. The VGM-a-thon 2012 feature documentary is available to purchase with money raised being donated to BSR's full-time FM license granted by Ofcom.

The documentary will be released on January 31st 2013.

To everyone's surprise, the team were visited by a VGMA & SS listener: 13yr old Louis LeBlanc. The drive from Shepton

Mallet was worthwhile as Louis saw his design become the main character of the game: arriving right as his character was being pixelated into format. Being visited by someone whom shares passion for video games was a huge boost to the team: arriving specifically to visit the Willow Brook to be part of the event! With an influx of interest from the younger generation, stopping by to talk to our development team about the project & how to get involved, the team received fan-art & explained the importance of Maths & Science, garnering a positive response. Video game development is challenging but knowing that you've engaged & inspired the imagination of a younger generation is more rewarding than anything else: the visceral beginnings of the video game development process require core understanding of schoolings most vital subjects.

The reaction from the community was a marvel! From the new breed of gamer to the wondering parent who appreciates the skill, hard-work & dexterity that breaths through the making of a video game - every interaction with the 2012 VGM-a-thon was welcomed and made the project a massive success. An older gentleman explained his appreciation of seeing how the VGM-a-thon & VG industry offers opportunity to be creative and learn.

A creative hub of opportunity to collaborate and make friends - knowing the impact would prove this beneficial to the community, was something the team will hold dear.

The VGM-a-thon 2012 team would like to thank all the contributors & supporters of Bradley Stoke's community 'Game-Jam' - the first of its kind.

To play 'Demon Trophy', head over to www.infiniteplayground.co.uk



BRADLEY STOKE CRICKET CLUB - YOUTH CRICKET

Bradley Stoke Cricket Club will have a Youth set-up for the 7th successive year in 2013. We re-started our Youth provision back in 2007 with a small group of U13s and now we have a thriving squad with players ranging from 5-17 years old playing in our U9s, U13s, U15s and U17s.

We gave 81 different juniors a taste of cricket in 2012 and over two-thirds of our Youth membership has a Bradley Stoke postcode so we truly are a local club. Also this year we have more coaches taking their ECB Coaching Badge and therefore we will have qualified coaches at all our age group levels.

The quality of our youth players and the opportunities for them at the club has been increasing as well. Over recent years we have set-up a 3rdXI and 4thXI specifically to blood young players into the adult game. This has worked so well that 3 of our Youth section gained their first 1stXI cap in 2012! With the help of Bradley Stoke Town Council we have combined this with significant investment in



the facilities at the club as well. Extra grass pitches, new outdoor net facilities and an electronic scoreboard have all been put in place in the last 2 years.

We are hoping for a long hot summer this season and a chance to make up for all the lost play due to the weather last year. So it's a perfect opportunity to get involved no matter what age, ability or gender. The club is always looking for new willing cricketers in both its youth and adult sides so if this interests you then please get in contact for details of when and where pre-season training will begin.

Yours in Cricket!
Barry Radford
Youth Development Manager
at Bradley Stoke CC

barryradford@hotmail.com



Bradley Stoke Bowls Club was opened in April 2010. The Club is situated next to the Baileys Court Activity Centre and has been established by agreement with the Bradley Stoke Town Council who maintain the green.

On Saturday 1st May 2010 David Bryant CBE officially opened the new Bradley Stoke Bowls Club.

Rooms are available to the club in the activity centre which are shared with the Bradley Stoke Cricket Club who manage the bar facilities. This is open for the majority of club matches. Club members are welcome to use the bowls rinks which are not being used for matches from about 9am until dusk during the bowls season.

The Clubs objective is to foster and promote the sport of flat green bowls at all levels, providing the opportunity for recreation and competition. New member are always welcome whether experienced or as beginners.

On Monday 13th August 2012, Bradley Stoke BC hosted a Men's City & County Of Bristol Bowling Association Match VS Monmouthshire Bowling Association, the first County match to be played at Bradley Stoke BC since we were established.



The Bradley Stoke BC rink for the City & County of Bristol BA, Lead: Mr Glen Wintle / Skip: Mr John Knapp/ Three: Mr Dave Beedell / Second: Mr Brian Newman and Mr Dennis Overton was Skip for the City & County of Bristol BA on a separate rink with the highest scoring rink 24-13. Monmouthshire won the match by 124 - 113.

2013 Season

At the 2012 AGM it was decided that the Membership Fee for 2013 would be £55.00 and £6 for non-playing social membership for the new bowls season. The outdoor lawn bowls season runs from April to September and we are looking for new players to join the club.

We currently have a membership of approximately 80 members, male and female, playing an average of 5 matches a week. If we can encourage any new potential bowlers they will receive training early in the season.



VOLUNTEER CENTRE SERVICES IN FOR BRADLEY STOKE

We offer a service which is available to all Bradley Stoke residents and to volunteer involving organisations which operated within Bradley Stoke.

The Volunteer Centre believes that volunteering plays a key role in the lives of many; individuals take part in volunteer work though many different motivations, although the experiences of those who are active often exceed their initial expectations as they make friends, learn new skills, and find a sense of satisfaction and achievement.

Volunteering reaches further than personal improvement, it also helps valuable services continue their work as well as strengthening communities.

The Volunteer Centre offers organisations the tools and support to prepare well for hosting volunteers through training and one-to-one 'Health Check' tool kit. This is a service available to all volunteer involving organisations in Bradley Stoke.

The Volunteer Centre has a high number of enquiries from individuals who are unemployed. As part of the national drive to get people in to work, volunteering is seen beneficial activity which can give people the skills and experience needed to find employment. We see ourselves playing a key role locally by promoting volunteering as a positive actively and supplying information about volunteer work that is available in the area.

The last year has been a busy year for the Volunteer Centre. Since moving to the new offices in Sept 2011 and employing the new Centre Development Worker, the Volunteer Centre has become a more visible service to members of the public.

The Volunteer Centre continues to work within the Bradley Stoke Community. The Centre offers supports to members of the public seeking volunteer work. Our service is available through regular drop ins at The Bradley Stoke Library and Online service though, www.do-it.org.uk

We also support volunteer-involving organisations in the local area to assist them in recruiting of volunteers and to develop the volunteer centred practices.

The Centre employs one part time member of staff with the support of 6 volunteers and is part of the Volunteer Centre Partnership South Glos. Through this Partnership, we work together with the Volunteer Centres from Yate, Kingswood, and Thornbury with the CVS South Glos to strengthen volunteer practices and be the voice of volunteering locally.



Corinna Buchanan -
Volunteer Centre Development Worker

BRADLEY STOKE TOWN COUNCIL - MEETINGS 2013

DAY	DATE	MONTH	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	M
Tuesday	1	January	BANK HOLIDAY			1
Saturday	5	January	Surgery	Willow Brook Centre	1000	1
Wednesday	16	January	Council	Jubilee Centre	1930	1
Wednesday	23	January	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1930	1
Saturday	2	February	Surgery	Willow Brook Centre	1000	2
Wednesday	13	February	Finance	Jubilee Centre	1930	2
Wednesday	13	February	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1930	2
Monday	18	February	Leisure, Youth & Amenities	Jubilee Centre	1930	2
Saturday	2	March	Surgery	Willow Brook Centre	1000	3
Wednesday	13	March	Council	Jubilee Centre	1930	3
Wednesday	27	March	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1930	3
Friday	29	March	GOOD FRIDAY			3
Monday	1	April	BANK HOLIDAY			4
Saturday	6	April	Surgery	Willow Brook Centre	1000	4
Monday	15	April	Leisure, Youth & Amenities	Jubilee Centre	1930	4
Wednesday	17	April	Finance	Jubilee Centre	1930	4
Wednesday	24	April	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1930	4
Saturday	4	May	Surgery	Willow Brook Centre	1000	5
Monday	6	May	BANK HOLIDAY			5
Wednesday	8	May	TOWN ASSEMBLY	Jubilee Centre	1930	5
Wednesday	15	May	Council AGM	Jubilee Centre	1930	5
Monday	27	May	BANK HOLIDAY			5
Wednesday	29	May	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1930	5
Saturday	1	June	Surgery	Willow Brook Centre	1000	6
Friday	7	June	COMMUNITY FESTIVAL	All Sites		6
Saturday	8	June	COMMUNITY FESTIVAL	All Sites		6
Sunday	9	June	COMMUNITY FESTIVAL	All Sites		6
Monday	17	June	Leisure, Youth & Amenities	Jubilee Centre	1930	6
Wednesday	19	June	Finance	Jubilee Centre	1930	6
Wednesday	26	June	Full Council	Jubilee Centre	1930	6
Wednesday	26	June	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1930	6
Saturday	6	July	Surgery	Willow Brook Centre	1000	7
Wednesday	10	July	Council	Jubilee Centre	1930	7
Wednesday	24	July	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1930	7
Saturday	3	August	Surgery	Willow Brook Centre	1000	8
Monday	19	August	Leisure, Youth & Amenities	Jubilee Centre	1930	8
Wednesday	21	August	Finance	Jubilee Centre	1930	8
Wednesday	28	August	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1930	8
Monday	26	August	BANK HOLIDAY			8
Saturday	7	September	Surgery	Willow Brook Centre	1000	9
Wednesday	18	September	Council	Jubilee Centre	1930	9
Wednesday	25	September	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1930	9
Saturday	5	October	Surgery	Willow Brook Centre	1000	10
Monday	14	October	Leisure, Youth & Amenities	Jubilee Centre	1930	10
Wednesday	16	October	Finance	Jubilee Centre	1930	10
Wednesday	23	October	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1930	10
Saturday	2	November	Surgery	Willow Brook Centre	1000	11
Sunday	3	November	FIREWORKS	Jubilee Centre		11
Wednesday	20	November	Council	Jubilee Centre	1930	11
Wednesday	27	November	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1930	11
Saturday	7	December	Surgery	Willow Brook Centre	1000	12
Monday	16	December	Leisure, Youth & Amenities	Jubilee Centre	1930	12
Wednesday	18	December	Finance	Jubilee Centre	1930	12
Wednesday	18	December	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1930	12
Wednesday	25	December	BANK HOLIDAY			12
Thursday	26	December	BANK HOLIDAY			12

DO YOU CARE ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY? DO YOU WANT TO BE HEARD AND GET THINGS DONE?

Then why not come along to the next Safer Stronger Community Group (SSCG) meeting your area? SSCGs influence how services are delivered locally, establish longer-term plans to improve areas, help prevent future problems, and deal with current local issues.

There are 20 Safer Stronger Community Groups across South Gloucestershire for residents to attend and raise local issues that concern them. They can give their views on possible improvements to further strengthen their communities and keep these safe places to live and work.

The meetings are also attended by partner agencies, including South Gloucestershire Council, Avon and Somerset Police, Avon Fire and Rescue Service, NHS South Gloucestershire, Town and Parish Councils and other local organisations. These organisations work together on the issues raised and often involve the community in implementing solutions.

Some of the issues raised and tackled have included creating positive activities for young people, anti-social behaviour, school crossing concerns, speeding and parking. Community grants through the Safer Stronger Communities Initiative Fund

have helped support initiatives raised at the meetings, such as Community Speedwatch groups, community garden work, youth engagement activities, park improvements, activities for older people, and equipment for walking buses to schools.

Next Meeting Dates for Bradley Stoke

- Thursday 7th February 2013 - 7pm.
Baileys Court Activity Centre, Baileys Court Road, Bradley Stoke, BS32 8BH
- Monday 13th May 2013 - 7pm.
The Jubilee Centre, Savages Wood Road, Bradley Stoke, BS32 8HL

If you are unable to attend a meeting, or would like to read more about the work of your local group, each group has its own e-group page at <http://groups.southglos.gov.uk>. Here, you will be able to view your group's annual report, minutes and agendas from past meetings, and find other useful information for your area. You can also become a member of the e-group which will ensure you receive the minutes and agendas directly via email. Alternatively, you can speak to a member of the Community Engagement Team (formerly Safer Stronger Team) on 01454 864634, or email directly to communityengagement@southglos.gov.uk.

ARSON ATTACK AT THE BEACON PLAYScheme, JUBILEE GREEN

Jubilee Green play area Savages Wood Road, should be an area where young people and parents can relax and play.

Unfortunately around 7:50pm on Tuesday 4th December 2012, an Arson attack occurred at the Beacon Playscheme, whereby someone set alight to a flower bed in the play area as well as using an aerosol can in this act. The Jubilee Centre Manager was forced to use an extinguisher from the centre to tackle the fire whilst waiting for the Fire Service to turn out.

This is not the first Arson at the location, as previously, petrol was used to set alight a large carved bench here. Resources were clearly wasted on this anti-social behaviour, which to someone seemed fun. The fire starter or passers by, could have been seriously harmed by an exploding can. Other damage is also caused to equipment provided at the park.

The Council staff will continue to work with the local Police to prevent this behaviour from causing further damage and identify any perpetrators. Police Officers will use their powers to stop and search any persons suspected of having items to cause criminal damage, and arrest where appropriate.

Council money has supported the Friends of Jubilee Green in creating this area for the Community, and it is disappointing that it is abused and damaged by a few individuals.

Could any users be vigilant about any such behaviour occurring in this area, and report events to the Police on 999 or 101.

PC. 1631. Steven Palmer,
Beat Manager - Bradley Stoke.



FAILING THE 11+

All enquiries to foster children who are in South Gloucestershire Council's care are very gratefully appreciated, but the age group that is always in need of the most carers is young people who are aged 11+.

There is a national shortage of people coming forward to care for older children and young people. Often when people enquire about fostering they will only be looking to care for children at the younger end of the age spectrum. This can be for a variety of reasons but they may just not have considered the idea of offering their home to someone a little bit older.

Most young people in this age group will have gone past the age where they can be adopted. Our young people really need stability in their home lives to enable them to concentrate on their schooling to gain qualifications to stand them in good stead in the outside world. So, we are particularly looking for people who have the time, energy (and room) to devote to a young person who needs to feel at home for as long as their individual plan recommends.

“Foster carers are really important at this stage of life”

We know that people do not get involved with fostering for financial reasons but we are fully appreciative of the fact that it is a very challenging thing to do and that those who do should be well compensated. Approved foster carers taking on a young person would get a basic weekly fee, added to which would be a weekly Age Related Allowance (ARA) depending on the age of young person placed. Additional payments are also made for birthdays, Christmas and holidays.

In addition to getting these payments, foster carers also receive ongoing support from the foster care team and training to help develop their knowledge and understanding of children and young people.

If you think you are ready for the challenge of making a difference to a young person's life - and helping them get through a very important time in their lives - please contact me, Tony Bray, on 01454 866423 for a general chat and/or to receive an Information Booklet.

Tony Bray
Recruitment & Marketing Officer
Family Placement Team
South Gloucestershire Council
www.southglos.gov.uk/fostering

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 13 March 2013

Finance Committee

Wednesday 13 February 2013
Wednesday 17 April 2013

Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee

Monday 18 February 2013
Monday 15 April 2013

Planning & Environment Committee

Wednesday 13 February 2013
Wednesday 27 March 2013
Wednesday 24 April 2013

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 7 January 2013
- Friday 8 February 2013

Term 4:

Monday 18 February 2013
- Friday 22 March 2013

Term 5:

Monday 8 April 2013
- Friday 24 May 2013

Term 6:

Monday 3 June 2013
- Wednesday 24 July 2013

Academic Year 2013/14

Term 1:

Monday 2 September 2013
- Friday 25 October 2013

Term 2:

Monday 4 November 2013
- Friday 20 December 2013

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 or calling 01454 617783.

Website: www.jacklopresti.com

Bradley Stoke Town Council

BSTC started life on 1 April 1992. There are currently 16,800+ 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 2013

The Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre - Session Dates
All Fridays - 18 January, 15 February, 15 March, 19 April, 10 May and 21 June.

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
PCSO Lucy Sparks

General Enquiries **101**
Email: 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

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