

Newsletter

In Partnership with the Community



Message from the Mayor Councillor Roger Avenin

The last 4 or 5 weeks have been quite eventful. At the end of August we had the Bradley Stoke Carnival. This was a superb event including a Parade led by the Bristol Pipes and Drums band, fairground attractions, lots of booths, competitions, and continuous entertainment throughout. There appeared to be something for everyone and the event was well attended. Luckily it decided not to rain on that day, although on the day before and the day after it teemed down.

In early September, I attended the 10th anniversary of the Three Brooks Nature Conservation Group who held a celebratory picnic at the tump, adjacent to the Lake. This was a good way to pass a very pleasant afternoon in good company. The Chair of South Gloucestershire Council, Erica Williams, opened the proceedings.

Last week I had the pleasure of opening the new Junior Section of Bradley Stoke Community School. This will ensure continuity for those juniors who will eventually progress to the senior school. The building itself is superb with open views from all the classrooms and unrivalled facilities. I cannot think of a better example of a Junior School had I designed this myself!!

All proof that Bradley Stoke is indeed a vibrant, thriving community.



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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

Fireworks Display & Remembrance Parade

1st BRADLEY STOKE SCOUT GROUP &
THE WILLOW BROOK CENTRE
INVITE YOU TO THE
REMEMBRANCE DAY
PARADE



ON
SUNDAY 8th
NOVEMBER
PARADE WILL
MARCH FROM THE
JUBILEE CENTRE
at 1030

CEREMONY IN THE TOWN SQUARE
At 1040 to 1115
EVERYONE WELCOME



WillowBrookCentre

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Please park in Willow Brook Car Park and walk to the fireworks

Fire Works Display
2015 By Kimbolton Fireworks

Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre
Sunday 1 November 2015

- Gates open at 4.30pm
- Hot food will be served from 4.45pm
- Fire works display starts at 6.00pm

NO ENTRY FEE, there will be various collection points in aid of the Mayor's Charities – Age UK South Gloucestershire and RSPCA Bristol & District Branch



No Alcohol
No Sparklers



Bradley Stoke New Skate Park Design

Here are some of the latest design visualisations for the proposed new skate park. Following further consultation with young people and discussion with the contractors, some additional changes have been made to the proposed design.

Young people involved in the design process have posted on their Facebook page the following, 'a...few changes to the park, we've taken on board the feedback and added some features such as the spine, the back corner of the park has now become a lot more usable and hopefully there's no wasted space here'. In addition, consultation has also taken place at the existing skate park and through detached youth work sessions and the design changes have been positively welcomed.

However, the planning application process is taking a little longer than anticipated so the build start date has slipped a bit; so when approval is finally granted, we are now hoping to have the new park open early next year. Hopefully you will agree it will be worth the wait. You can see additional visualisations on our website or on the young people's Facebook page 'Bradley Stoke Skate Park Facebook'.



Bradley Stoke Carnival 2015



The Third Bradley Stoke Carnival took place on Saturday the 29th August and was a great event, aimed squarely at our local community.

The day started with a very well supported walking parade consisting of community groups and organisations as well as individuals, supported by Indian drummers and the amazing sound of the City of Bristol Pipes and Drums. Bradley Stoke's Mayor, Councillor Roger Avenin led the main body of the parade alongside Councillor Erica Williams the Chair of South Gloucestershire Council. The parade formed up and then left the Brook Way Activity Centre, processing along Brook Way, turning in to Savages Wood Road to arrive in front of the stage area at midday.

Trophies were presented to the best group and single parade entries in both the under 14 and over 14 age groups. This year the Wise Owls retained their unbeaten record and took home another trophy as did the South Glos Chinese Association, the South West Winterguard Academy also took a trophy home, with the final trophy going to the Bradley Stoke Rainbows.

On the Jubilee Green this year we had a great line up of classic and kit cars once again and trophies were awarded for first, second and third places to the proud car owners who's vehicles had been scrutinised by our expert judging panel consisting of a Mayor, a Chair and a somewhat grumpy Grandad (from BSR).

A wide range of Community and Charity stalls were available on the field and were very well supported by those attending the Carnival. Appearances from both a Minion and Peppa Pig Mascots enthralled the younger ones, as did the Punch and Judy Show. The Family Fun Fair was very well attended and the Vintage open top bus seemed to be full all afternoon.

This year, Community acts as well as a great live music line-up featured on and in front of the stage, starting with an awesome performance from the City of Bristol Pipes and Drums and followed by tribute acts featuring Elsa, Cher, the Twerzels, Tom Jones plus the talented Ria TimKin, performances from Julia Barella the recent winner of Bradley Stoke Has Music and BSR's Mad Mark fresh from his recent appearance on BGT went down incredibly well. A new feature that proved to be incredibly popular was a pretty spectacular fire show which really captivated the audience both young and old. Headlining the event and bringing the day to a close was the fantastic Angel Heart, who had everyone up and dancing.

All in all Bradley Stoke Carnival 2015 was a fantastic community focused event put on by the community for the community, a great day was had by all.



Friends of Jubilee Green Even Saturday 12th September



Bradley Stoke in Bloom Best Front Garden Competition 2015

This year we had a record 8 entries! Everyone that entered received a card on the judging day, a certificate and an engraved medal. 1st Place also received £25 vouchers from Almondsbury Garden Centre, meal for 4 from the Harvester and the main trophy. 2nd & 3rd place also had a £10 voucher and an engraved glass trophy. Thank you to Mayor Roger Avenin for giving out the prizes at this year's carnival. We had very few enter on their own accord, most did so only when personally asked to but the competition is growing & we have had queries about next years competition. Charlton Hayes have expressed interest in running their own competition & have asked for our help.



Installation of LED Street Lights in Bradley Stoke

LED Lighting

South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) needs to make significant financial savings and reductions in CO2 emissions over the coming years. This is to meet national spending targets, as well as our commitment to reduce the Council's carbon footprint under European legislation. The Council currently has approximately 29,500 street lights and 3,500 lit road traffic signs, which currently cost £1.5 million in energy and create in the region of 8000 tonnes of CO2. Like many local authorities, we are introducing LED (Light Emitting Diode) street light technology to help reduce our energy costs and cut carbon emissions. Over the next decade, we will be gradually replacing all 29,500 street lights with LED units.

The following sets out answers to commonly asked questions about LED lights:

How much will this cost and how much will it save? This is an 'Invest to Save' project, which is designed to pay for itself over time and then deliver ongoing savings for the council. The total cost of replacing all units with LEDs is approximately £14m. On average, the lights will pay for themselves within approximately eight years of installation. After this, we expect that the total yearly energy savings for the council will be about £800,000 (at 2013 prices).

What are the big differences between LED lights and my current lights?

- **The lights are dimmer** - We are aware that areas will be dimmer; however, on balance, the council considers the lighting level to be appropriate.
- **There are darker areas between lights** - The focusing technology of LEDs makes sure that more of the light's output is most usefully directed at the ground, reducing the amount that 'spills' out to the sides. This will make it appear darker outside lit areas.
- **Light pollution is considerably less** - less light spills into the sky and into gardens, meaning driveways and doors don't get illuminated.
- **LED lights use 60% less energy** - When fully implemented will reduce our total street lighting-related carbon emissions by about 60% - equal to around 4,800 tonnes per year.
- **LED units last four times as long** - This results in lower maintenance costs
- **LED lights can be controlled** - This means we will be able to dim lights down in quieter times, to help save more money.

When will my street lights be replaced with LEDs?

LEDs will be introduced gradually over the next 10 years, so your street lights may not change for a number of years. We will generally prioritise main roads and some urban areas first, as these use more energy and will deliver the bulk of energy savings.

Will you be replacing the lighting columns to do this?

No, we will be reusing all columns and their existing positions unless they need to be replaced as part of our routine maintenance programme.

Will you be dimming the LEDs when they are installed?

Yes. A useful feature of the new technology is that it allows us to adjust the output of the lights, to help reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions. We plan to dim all of our street lights by between 25% and 50%. Evidence from other local authorities suggests that dimming LED street lights by this level is barely noticeable to the human eye.

Will you be getting rid of part-night lighting now that we have LEDs?

The part-night lighting strategy will continue with the LED lights, as this is part of our programme to conserve energy and reduce carbon emissions.

Is the Council legally required to provide street lighting?

There is no statutory requirement on local authorities in the UK to provide public lighting, the law states that:

- The Highways Act empowers local authorities to light roads but does not place a duty to do so
- The Council has a duty of care to road users and has an obligation to light some obstructions on the highway
- The Council has a statutory duty under the Highways Act to ensure the safety of the highway and this includes any lighting equipment placed on the highway
- The Electricity at Work Regulations impose a duty on owners and operators of electrical equipment to ensure its safety





To report litter, graffiti or fly tipping please ring Jason our Mobile Cleansing Operative on 07870 879212 or office on 01454 205020



Don't take the gamble with lottery fraud

South Gloucestershire Council Trading Standards would like to remind residents to stay vigilant when receiving letters indicating they have won a lottery, whether it is from the UK or abroad.

The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau is warning people about two new Lottery Fraud letters and emails using the 2016 Rio Olympics as a theme.

The scams try to trick people into believing they have won hundreds of thousands of pounds or a trip to Brazil to watch the Olympics or the Rio Carnival. The letters and emails go on to ask the recipient for a fee to process their winnings.

Another fake lottery recently reported to Trading Standards is one purporting to be the People's Postcode Lottery. Every letter says the recipient has won £825,000 and asks for an upfront fee of hundreds of pounds to process their winnings.

The advice being offered to protect yourself from lottery fraud is:

- Never respond to any such communication. If you have not entered a lottery then you cannot have won it.
- Official lotteries in other countries operate in much the same way as the UK's National Lotto.
- Official lotteries are unlikely to contact people to tell them of their win.
- Lottery operators who ask for fees to collect winnings are a good indication that it is not a genuine competition.
- Never disclose your bank details or pay fees in advance.
- Genuine lotteries thrive on publicity. If they ask you to keep your win a secret, it is likely to be a fraud.
- Many fraudulent lotteries have bad spelling and grammar – see this as a warning that fraudsters are at work.

If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud you can report it online http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud or by telephone 0300 123 2040.

For advice on this or any other consumer matter, please contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 03454 04 05 06 (Mon-Fri, 9am – 5pm).

www.southglos.gov.uk



There is no excuse



www.southglos.gov.uk/bagitbinit



Green Dog Walkers



A friendly way to tackle dog fouling issues

The idea is that responsible dog owners sign a pledge to say that they will clear up after their dogs & will carry spare bags with them which they will offer to anyone they see not clearing up. They will wear a very distinct arm band to identify them as a Green Dog Walker. This is a non-confrontational friendly way to approach those who haven't cleared up after their dog.

A friendly reminder.....

Green Dog Walkers is a non-confrontational, friendly way to change attitudes about dog fouling.

What's the Green Armband for?

If you see someone wearing the Green Dog Walkers armband, it means that they have "Taken the Pledge"

- to always clean up after their dog
- to carry extra doggie bags
- to gladly give you a bag for your dog-just ask

Would you like to take part in the project?

Just read the Pledge and return the signed Acceptance Form.

Green Dog Walkers is an original project initiated by Community Green Initiative of Dunipace in partnership with Falkirk Council

It is operated in South Gloucestershire under licence through the local groups



Leave only pawprints.....

For further information contact
Bradley Stoke Town Council
The Jubilee Centre
Savages Wood Road
BS32 8HL
01454 205020

Forthcoming Town Council Meetings

All meetings take place at 7.00pm at The Jubilee Centre, Savages Wood Road, Bradley Stoke, BS32 8HL

Full Council

Wednesday 18 November 2015

Finance Committee

Wednesday 21 October 2015
Wednesday 16 December 2015

Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee

Monday 19 October 2015
Monday 14 December 2015

Planning & Environment Committee

Wednesday 28 October 2015
Wednesday 25 November 2015
Wednesday 23 December 2015

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"

Racism/Hate Crime

If you would like to talk to someone for advice, Hate Crime Officers are trained, they can help.

Avon and Somerset Police

If it is an emergency please call 999
For Non emergency reports please contact: 101

Bristol Hate Crime Service

Freephone: 0800 171 2271

EACH (Educational Action Challenging Homophobia)

Actionline: 0808 1000 143
(Mon-Fri 9.00am – 5.00pm)

SARI (Stand Against Racism & Inequality)

Tel: 0117 9420060

SGC Anti-Social Behaviour Team

Tel: 01454 868582

Victim Support Avonvale (covering South Gloucestershire)

Tel: 0300 303 1972: Mon-Fri 9.30am-6.00pm, Sat 9.00am-12.00 noon (excluding Bank Holidays)

Further Information

Bradley Stoke Town Council

BSTC started life on 1 April 1992. There are currently 20,599 residents (2011 Census figures) with 16,745 people on the February 2015 electoral roll. The town has 15 elected Councillors in seven wards. Five Town Councillors are also members of South Glos Council.

Councillors

Tom Aditya

Tel: 07852 456 253
Meadowbank

John Ashe

SGC Centrex: 01454 864 036
Baileys Court
SGC - BS South

Roger Avenin

Chair of Council/Mayor
Tel: 01179 099 471
Baileys Court / SGC - BS South

Keith Cranney

Home/Office Tel: 01454 864 080 (inc fax)
Stoke Brook
SGC - Stoke Gifford

Anthony Griffiths

Home & office: Tel: 07771 615 953
Primrose Bridge

Gurmit Gupta

Via Bradley Stoke Town Council website
Manor Farm

Daniel Hardwick

Via Bradley Stoke Town Council website
Woodlands

Elaine Hardwick

Vice-chair of Council
Tel: 07753 230 462
Woodlands Ward

Paul Hardwick

Chair of Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee
Tel: 07860 181 198 / Mobile: 07718 964 444
Meadowbank
SGC - BS North

Brian Hopkinson

Office: 01454 864074
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Primrose Bridge
SGC - BS Central, Stoke Lodge & The Common

Arthur Lau

Mobile: 07799 146 138
Lakeside

Franklin Owusu-Antwi

Tel: 01173 700 822 / Mobile: 07865 448 352
Primrose Bridge

Blood Donation Sessions - Future Dates 2015 / 16

The Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre - Session Dates

All Fridays

13th November & 4th December 2015,
8th January & 5th February 2016

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.

South Gloucestershire Council School Term Dates

Academic Year 2015/16:

Term 2:

Mon 2nd Nov 2015 – Fri 18th Dec 2015

Term 3:

Mon 4 Jan 2016 – Fri 5th Feb 2016

Term 4:

Mon 15th Feb 2016 - Thurs 24th Mar 2016

Term 5:

Mon 11th Apr 2016 – Fri 27th May 2016

Term 6:

Mon 6 Jun 2016 – Fri 22nd Jul 2016

Member of Parliament

Mr Jack Lopresti is the MP for Bradley Stoke. He can be contacted at 29 The Courtyard Bradley Stoke, The Willow Brook Ltd, Bradley Stoke, South Glos, BS32 4NQ or by emailing:

jack.lopresti.mp@parliament.uk

or calling **01454 617783**

Website: www.jacklopresti.com

ChildLine

Benjamin Randles

Chair of Finance committee
Tel: 07714 594 260
Lakeside

Andy Ward

Chair of Planning & Environment Committee
Tel: 07850 364 400
Primrose Bridge

Marion Ward

Via Bradley Stoke Town Council website
Woodlands

As well as contacting councillors en masse at Council Meetings, please remember that any issues you have in your area that you would like to discuss with your councillor in a personal face-to-face meeting, these can either be arranged in your home, at the site of a query e.g. untidy area etc. or by pre-booked appointment with your councillor at our new Council Office at the Jubilee Centre. All councillors can be contacted by e-mail through the Bradley Stoke Town Council website.

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.

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

Environmental Health

01454 868001

South Glos Council Trading Standards

03454 040506

South Glos Council Street

Care Helpdesk

01454 868000

Willow Brook Centre

01454 205040

Bradley Stoke GP Surgery

01454 616262

NHS Direct 111

Avon & Somerset Constabulary (Bradley Stoke Beat Team)

PC Claire Fletcher

PC Jamie Shiels

PCSO Chris Baker

PCSO Alicia Harvey

General Enquiries 101

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 and the 9th of every month at Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre, Savages Wood Road between 6pm and 8pm. No appointment necessary.

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 Town Council 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).

Bradley Stoke Youth Participation Worker

Bradley Stoke has its own Youth Participation Worker. Graham Baker is contactable on: mobile 07900 253 826 or e-mail graham.baker@bradleystoke.gov.uk

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