

Newsletter

In Partnership with the Community



Message from the Mayor Councillor Roger Avenin

Ground Broken on New Skatepark Site

Construction work has finally begun on a new Skatepark for Bradley Stoke. Councillors, Officers and Local Young People met on-site to mark the occasion.

The Mayor Councillor Roger Avenin commented.

'I am pleased to have officially started the construction of the New Skatepark Development for Bradley Stoke. The former park has proven itself to be a significant asset to the Town over the years. However, the current park has now met the end of its useable life and needs to be replaced.'

'Building on the success of the existing park, we have taken the opportunity to reach out to the community to understand how best to replace and rejuvenate the park. The New Skatepark will be a modern state of the art amenity which will serve the community for many years to come.'

Mayor Councillor Roger Avenin, breaks the ground of the New Skate Park Development with fellow Councillors, active young residents and Council Officers.



Some of the young local residents key to developing the new Skatepark mark the occasion with the Mayor, Councillor Roger Avenin and the BSTC Youth Development & Participation Worker, Graham Baker.



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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

Bradley Stoke in Bloom

Palmers Corner

We were very disappointed to discover that workmen had dug up Palmers Corner, but we cannot fault Western Electric, they held their hands up to their mistake and sent a team down the next day, they took out a tree root for us, put down top soil, reseeded the grass and replaced an apple tree and a raspberry bush.

The Willow Brook Centre

Have given us a large cheque for £500.00 and hopefully soon they will give us a smaller one that we can take to the bank!

Halloween & Poppies

We again decorated our welcome planters for Halloween and we pleased to see our 'Enter if you dare' sign was taken in good sport and this year none of the decorations were taken or damaged. Our Remembrance Day poppies proved to be very popular, with all the comments made being positive.

The Common East

We have continued with our work here, the pond is vastly improved, (overflow repaired, bramble, dead tree & duckweed have been removed) the orchard gate has been installed, the trees will be pruned, the hedge is being repaired, the orchard path has again been cleared, the old common gate has been dug out and will be moved and the bench has been repaired and both benches have been painted. We had quite a bit of unexpected work here as we found two trees uprooted and 5/6 more leaning over at an unsafe angle. We took these down and one was made into a rustic bench. We have now been promised some hard hats from SGC. We also have two apiarists interested in keeping a hive or two in the orchard.

Brushcutter Training Course

Ceri, Sara & Andrew all passed their training and now hold Brushcutter & Strimmer Licences and SGC have promised the Conservation Group two Brushcutters with PPE, which we will be allowed to use.

The Bradley Stoke Lions Club

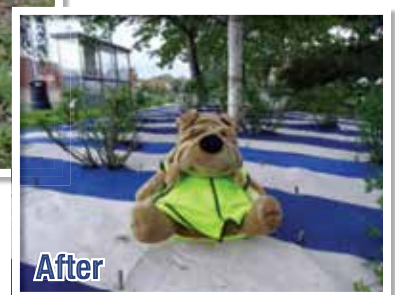
We were contacted by Lion President Ailsa for help with their project to plant a million bulbs by 2017. BSIB, Ailsa and VP Robin met up at Almondsbury Garden Centre who gave the Lions a BOGOF offer resulting in a trolley with 730 bulbs!

Break-In

On Friday the 13th we suffered another break-in to our tool store, some of our tools were 'borrowed' and were damaged but we are hoping that Colin, a Green Gym member, will be able to repair them for us.

Dr's Rose Garden

This has been called the best dressed bed in Bradley Stoke! Hopefully it will do the job and kill all the weeds while still looking rather neat.



New Skate Park Design



Bradley Stoke Park Skatepark
Bradley Stoke, South Gloucestershire - As-Built Design - Visualisation 5



Planning Permission and Discharge of Planning Conditions have now been granted and work has finally commenced on building a new Skatepark for Bradley Stoke.

It is anticipated that the build will take between 12 and 16 weeks (dependant on weather conditions).



Bradley Stoke Park Skatepark
Bradley Stoke, South Gloucestershire - As-Built Design - Visualisation 2



Bradley Stoke Park Skatepark
Bradley Stoke, South Gloucestershire - As-Built Design - Visualisation 4



Bradley Stoke Park Skatepark
Bradley Stoke, South Gloucestershire - As-Built Design - Visualisation 1



Bradley Stoke Park Skatepark
Bradley Stoke, South Gloucestershire - As-Built Design - Visualisation 3



Bouncing Babies - Helping to give babies the best start in life

For a first time parent the stresses and demands of a new baby can be overwhelming. Just getting out of the house can be an achievement in itself. Bouncing Babies is a group specifically for parents or carers and their babies who are under 1 year old. It is the only group of its kind in the Stokes area. Some of our parents were very isolated before coming to the group and they really value having someone to talk to who understands the huge change having a new baby brings to your life. We know just how important the first year of a baby's life is in setting the foundations for the future. It's a time for developing social skills, speech & language, bonding with parents and learning; we want every child to have the best start possible in life so making sure parents receive the right support at the right time is vital.

Bouncing Babies has been an active group in Bradley Stoke for the past 10 years. It is usually the first social group baby attends. Some parents are hesitant to take their baby to a Toddler group as they don't feel safe with the rough and tumble play of older toddlers. At Bouncing Babies parents can play with their baby in a comfortable safe environment, make new friends, learn from each other, talk to our experienced play worker and access ongoing support from our Family Support Team.

Our group is currently funded by Bradley Stoke Town Council and run by Southern Brooks. It is great to have the support of the Town Council as without it the group would not be able to run and provide such valuable support to many new parents. Each session follows the same format; Free time to play and socialise, drinks and snack time followed by a chance to catch up with the latest nursery rhymes. The singing element remains a firm favourite with all who attend and is a joy to observe.

Bouncing Babies provides an important service to local families in the prevention and identification of isolation and post natal depression. It is strengthened by being linked and supported by Southern Brooks Family Support Team, who can provide specialist one-to-one support and advice if appropriate. It is also an important stepping stone into other community activities and toddler groups and can support in a family feeling part of a wider community.

For more information please contact: Tendai Pawadyira,
Southern Brooks Community Partnerships 01454 868570.



South West Winterguard Academy

We are the South West Winterguard Academy a non profit making community youth group based in Bradley Stoke and in Dec 15 we gratefully received some financial assistance from Bradley Stoke Town Council. These valuable funds enable us to maintain this affordable dance based 'Colourguard' activity enabling any young person aged 7-17 the opportunity to take performing in the community and at competitions to inspire others.

We have 3 aims

- Provide a fun community youth group
- Develop confidence, life and social skills
- Support health, fitness and well-being

We have an Afterschool guard who practice at Meadowbrook Primary School 3.30-4.15pm each Friday in Term time and are always open to new members. Our competition groups are Cadets and Juniors who are currently in their competition season. On Sunday 10th Jan 16 they both competed in this seasons first UK Competition and we are proud to announce the Cadets with their Show "Into the woods", based on the story of Little Red Riding Hood obtained a great 5th spot. Our Juniors achieved a fantastic 1st place as they welcomed you to the Garden of Eden. A Utopian Paradise filled with beauty and happiness. A magical place where no evil or unhappiness exists. "Beware of the forbidden fruit." Giving in to temptation can only lead to 'Dystopia'.

Everyone will be able to see all these guards perform at this years 'South Gloucestershire Community Showcase' amongst an array of other local sports and Arts community groups. The Show is on Sat 9th April 16.

For more information and pictures see our Facebook Page and after the Showcase we will be openly recruiting for our Cadet and Junior Guards.

Best regards, Ken Burrows, Core Director
07752472314



Three Brooks Nature Conservation Group



The group defied the weather and continued their annual 2 day hedgelaying weekend, you can see their work along Bradley Stoke Way. We use traditional tools and methods and is an excellent way to work off that extra mince pie!

The Group runs workdays on the first Saturday of each month, from 10:00 to 16:00. Our associated Green Gym group meets every Thursday from 10:00 to 13:00. We have a strong core membership of local residents and about 14-18 people come to our workdays. In 2015, on site alone, Green Gym volunteered over 1860 hours & 3BNCG volunteered 1180 hours. Our Owl Prowl this year was run by Chris Sperring MBE - Conservation Officer with the Hawk and Owl Trust (H.O.T) The group escaped unscathed despite being stalked through the woods by one of our resident Tawny Owls. Many of our bird and owl boxes have been vandalised but we hope to be able to replace these in 2016.

Six members of the group hold Newt Surveying licences and all the ponds are surveyed each year.

Our free walks continue to be very popular with many turning out for Reptile Rambles, Dawn Chorus, Nature and Bat walks. We also have at the library 10 Bat detecting kits available for anyone to borrow.



Nature Walk

In September we marked the first ten years of the group with a picnic. We were pleased to be able to welcome Bradley Stoke town mayor, Roger Avenin and the Chair of South Gloucestershire Council, Erica Williams. And to mark the occasion we appeared on a calendar, the Inter Parish Walking Calendar. Sunlight through the trees - Savages Wood photographer Ed Soldat

We are especially pleased that our resident swans, Bradley and Brooke, successfully reared 2 cygnets this year. Pupils from Bradley Stoke Secondary School designed some 'Healthy Duck Food posters' for us

We donated to Bradley Stoke Primary School a bird box with a camera.



Bat Walk



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



BRADLEY STOKES TOWN COUNCIL - MEETINGS 2016					
day	date	month	event	location	time
Wednesday	20	January	Council	Jubilee Centre	1900
Wednesday	27	January	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1900
Wednesday	10	February	Finance	Jubilee Centre	2000
Wednesday	10	February	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1900
Monday	15	February	Leisure, Youth & Amenities	Jubilee Centre	1900
Wednesday	9	March	Council	Jubilee Centre	1900
Wednesday	23	March	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1900
Monday	18	April	Leisure, Youth & Amenities	Jubilee Centre	1900
Wednesday	20	April	Finance	Jubilee Centre	1900
Wednesday	27	April	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1900
Wednesday	11	May	TOWN ASSEMBLY	Jubilee Centre	1900
Wednesday	11	May	Council AGM	Jubilee Centre	2000
Wednesday	25	May	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1900
Friday	3	June	COMMUNITY FESTIVAL	All Sites	
Saturday	4	June	COMMUNITY FESTIVAL	All Sites	
Sunday	5	June	COMMUNITY FESTIVAL	All Sites	
Monday	13	June	Leisure, Youth & Amenities	Jubilee Centre	1900
Wednesday	15	June	Finance	Jubilee Centre	1900
Wednesday	22	June	Full Council	Jubilee Centre	2000
Wednesday	22	June	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1900
Wednesday	20	July	Council	Jubilee Centre	1900
Wednesday	27	July	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1900
Monday	15	August	Leisure, Youth & Amenities	Jubilee Centre	1900
Wednesday	17	August	Finance	Jubilee Centre	1900
Wednesday	24	August	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1900
Wednesday	21	September	Council	Jubilee Centre	1900
Wednesday	28	September	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1900
Monday	17	October	Leisure, Youth & Amenities	Jubilee Centre	1900
Wednesday	19	October	Finance	Jubilee Centre	1900
Wednesday	26	October	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1900
Sunday	6	November	FIREWORKS DISPLAY	Jubilee Centre	1900
Wednesday	16	November	Council	Jubilee Centre	1900
Wednesday	23	November	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1900
Monday	19	December	Leisure, Youth & Amenities	Jubilee Centre	1900
Wednesday	21	December	Finance	Jubilee Centre	2000
Wednesday	21	December	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1900

There is no excuse



BAG IT BIN IT

www.southglos.gov.uk/bagitbinit



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.



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 20th January 2016
Wednesday 9th March 2016

Finance Committee

Wednesday 10th February 2016
Wednesday 20th April 2016

Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee

Monday 15th February 2016
Monday 18th April 2016

Planning & Environment Committee

Wednesday 27th January 2016
Wednesday 10th February 2016
Wednesday 23 March 2016
Wednesday 27th April 2016

Town Assembly

Wednesday 11th May 2016 (7pm)

Town Council AGM

Wednesday 11th May 2016 (8pm)

Community Festival

Friday 3rd June - Sunday 5th June 2016

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

Guurmit 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

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Primrose Bridge
SGC - BS Central, Stoke Lodge

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 2016

The Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre - Session Dates

All Fridays

8th January, 5th February,
26th February, 18th March, 8th April,
13th May and 27th May 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 2016:

Term 3:

Mon 4th 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 6th June 2016 - Fri 22nd July 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**

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.

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.

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.

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