

# Newsletter

In Partnership with the Community



## Message from the Mayor

*Cllr Elaine Hardwick*

It was a great pleasure to be invited to Bradley Stoke Community School Celebration evening back in December, to join in the presentation of awards to students for all their hard work.

Well done to the students and school staff for the excellent achievements. Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre has now been refurbished with an updated gym and new XHeight adventure climb, this is a wonderful addition to our town. Preliminary plans for the redevelopment of Brook Way Activity Centre grounds have been prepared (see page 6) and will see the removal of the redundant hard court area.

This will be replaced with a new green area which can be used for outdoor activities and picnics. Additional car parking will also be included.

I was also invited to the Christmas Fayre at the MS Therapy Centre, where I met Santa in his grotto and had a fun time looking at all of the stalls and listening to the carols. It was good to meet the staff and the many users of the centre and to see the impressive facilities they have there.

**Cllr Elaine Hardwick**



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## 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

## Mayor's Charities

### Transplant Sport **TRANSPLANT SPOR↑**

Transplant Sport (TS) are the largest transplant charity promoting active recovery for transplant patients and increasing awareness of the benefits of organ donation and transplantation.

Transplant Sport have been organising events over the last 38 years for transplant recipients and the wider transplant family – this can include donor families and live donors.

All sports from the less energetic events of darts and bowls, to swimming, racquets, track and field, allow participants of every ability to join in with others in the spirit of sport, support and friendship.

All TS events give the opportunity for transplant recipients and their families, to take part in activity, whilst at the same time give an invaluable opportunity to meet others, who have had similar experiences.

Our flagship event is the British Transplant Games where our members come together for 4 days of events – sporting and social.

For those who achieve a good enough standard there is the opportunity to compete as part of the British Team at the World Transplant Games. transplantation. The most important aspect though, is the camaraderie and friendship that develops between all participants through having a “shared experience” of transplantation.

Our sporting events and activities demonstrate that sporting activities are safe, and also that there is quality of life after organ transplantation. The participants celebrate life and the events are also an opportunity to thank donors and donor families. Most importantly, the marketing and PR that surrounds all of our events, promotes the importance of organ donation, signing on to the NHS Organ Donor Register and discussing your wishes with your families now. 3 people die every day in the UK waiting for a transplant. Donation in the UK continues to rely on the potential donor families giving consent.

Only 58% of these families agree to donation and say yes. TS aims to increase the consent rate to 80% by 2020. Please help us to achieve this and play your part in saving more lives!

Act now and register onto the Organ Donor Register  
[www.organdonation.nhs.uk](http://www.organdonation.nhs.uk) and [www.transplantsport.org.uk](http://www.transplantsport.org.uk)

### Heartful Dodgers



The Heartful Dodgers fundraising group started in 2009 when three of our ex-patients were chatting in the gym. Having completed the Cardiac Rehabilitation Programme at North Bristol NHS Trust - three years previously they felt they wanted to give something back.

They approached the Cardiac Rehabilitation team with the idea of walking the Bristol half marathon in September 2009, ever grateful for the opportunity to raise funds the 'Heartful Dodgers' fund raising group were created.

The 'Heartful Dodgers' has grown to include patients, family members and Cardiac Rehab staff. We fundraise for the Cardiac Rehabilitation team through the Southmead Hospital  
**Charity registered number - 1055900**

We have regular fundraising projects - past events include: a Cotswold way walking challenge, runners in the Bristol 10k and Half Marathon, Dragon boat racing, a music festival and a skittles evening. We also hold regular walks, garden parties and a Christmas Fayre each year.

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We have also been able to fund courses for the staff which has enabled us to set up new Tai Chi programmes for patients that are unable to take part in our traditional cardiovascular exercise programmes.

We are hoping that with further fundraising we can expand our services and ultimately open up additional exercise and Tai Chi programmes to further benefit our patients across the area.

For any further information please contact;

**Louise Hill**  
Cardiac Rehab service manager  
on 01174140040

Many thanks for your support.

## WANTED

### VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

**CAN YOU SPARE A LITTLE OF YOUR TIME? FOUR TOWNS AND VALE LINK COMMUNITY TRANSPORT ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER DRIVERS TO COME AND JOIN OUR FRIENDLY ORGANISATION.**

By Volunteering with us you might:

- Take someone to a GP or hospital appointment
- Drive a group to the shops
- Assist someone on a bus or car journey
- Take a group out for a leisure trip



If you're over 21 years of age and have held a full driving licence for at least 2 years, we'll offer you MIDAS training to drive one of our minibuses. Our volunteer 's drive small MPV'S to accessible minibuses for the less able to get out and about in the community. Even a few hours a month really does make a difference!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**CALL 01454 419372**



**Volunteer Centre**  
Patchway Filton & The Stokes

**INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?**  
**We can help you find your ideal role!**

Come and meet your local Volunteer Advisor for an informal chat on any of the following dates below:

**Next drop-in sessions**

**Bradley Stoke Library**  
**Thursdays 12-2pm**

**19th Jan**

**23rd Feb**

**16th March**

**6th April**

To arrange an alternative appointment please contact:  
01454 868 986 / [info@volunteercentre-pfs.org.uk](mailto:info@volunteercentre-pfs.org.uk)



# Bradley Stoke in Bloom

## Bluebell House Corner

Responding to residents requests we've cleared all of the bramble from this corner by the pedestrian crossing. We were amazed to find a tree under it all although it doesn't look too healthy so we've put in a flowering cherry and have put in a lot of daffodil bulbs. Well I say we, but we did encourage any passing child to help us.



**Before**



**After**

## The Common East

The bee hive is doing well and we have received our first 4 jars of honey!!



**Flowering Cherry**

## The Town Square

The Town Square has had another make over, for Remembrance Sunday we and 1st Bradley Stoke Rainbows put in poppies that they had made and they have now been replanted with winter heather and decorated with some Christmas cheer! We even have carrots in the kitchen garden for Rudolf to enjoy. And we have several new regular volunteers!





## Groups Financially Supported by Town Council

### Bouncing Babies

#### Setting the Foundations for a Bright Future

Bouncing Babies has been an active group in Bradley Stoke for the past 12 years.

Supported by Southern Brooks it provides play opportunities to under 1's and a chance for their parents or carers to make new friends.

It is usually the first social group the 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.

Bonding between parent and baby is crucial and sets the foundations for future relationships, behaviour and the emotional well-being of the child. This is not always as easy as it sounds, new parents can often become overwhelmed with the demands of a new baby, and for some a change of lifestyle can also take its toll.

On top of this, we know that parents can often feel isolated and lonely. We know that this stress can sometimes 'spill out' and become a barrier to the bonding process.

We feel Bouncing Babies provides the ideal opportunity for parents to connect to their baby, and spend some time in a supportive and nurturing environment.

Parents can also share the ups and downs of having a new baby, seek advice and get additional support if they need it.

Our group is currently funded by Bradley Stoke Town Council, it is great to have this backing as without it the group would not be able to run. We welcome anyone with a child under one year of age. This age limit is a rough guide and depends more on the baby's stage of development.

Some babies are walking at 10 months whilst others are not crawling at 14 months.

This usually becomes apparent when the toys no longer hold the baby's interest. It is up to individual families to decide when it is time to move on to another group.

The group provides an important service to local families ensuring the foundations are in place for a bright future. 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. The group is a stepping stone into other community activities and toddler groups and can support in a family feeling part of a wider community.

**Cheryl Godsell**

**Southern Brooks Community Partnership**



### Victim Support



Victim Support is the independent charity for people affected by crime and anti social behaviour.

Our support services are free, confidential and available to anyone in Avon and Somerset, regardless of whether the crime has been reported or how long ago it happened.

We help people feel safer and find the strength to move beyond the impact of crime.

Everyone reacts to crime differently, which is why our services are tailored to individual needs. As well as providing emotional support, we can give practical help after crime, such as providing personal or home alarms, dealing with other agencies on your behalf, and helping you understand the criminal justice system and your rights. We offer support in a variety of ways, from face to face meetings in your home or the local community to support over the phone or even email.

We receive our funding locally. We are currently commissioned by the Police and Crime Commissioner in Avon and Somerset, but we also hugely value the support of our community, which is why the generosity of Bradley Stoke Town Council makes such a difference. Donations like theirs ensure we can provide a high quality service to victims of crime and can be there for them when they need us the most.

If you've been affected by crime or anti social behaviour and would like support, visit our website at [www.victimsupport.org.uk](http://www.victimsupport.org.uk), call our local office on 0300 303 1972 or call our national Supportline for free on 0808 168 9111.



# Three Brooks Nature Conservation Group

We are replacing all our old wooden bird boxes, with two types, bought woodcrete and wood boxes made by Colin (when he's not making us boot brushes for all the reserve exits) and we'll compare the two before replacing them all. Giant Bristol has generously donated to us cycle inner tubes for waterproof hinges.

We have done a tremendous amount of work over the year.

Green Gym volunteers have put in more than 1,840 hours of work on site and the Saturday group added another 1,014 hours. In addition to the manual work on site the committee also put in many additional hours on administration and organizing everything from bat walks to training courses.

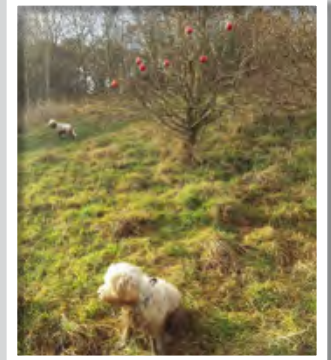
Although both groups have a steady membership, they are always very welcoming to new members.

We have managed to send another group member on the Brush Cutter course which means we now have 6 members who are licensed to use them.

Some of the reserve trees got into the Christmas spirit!



The Green Gym team making a 'Dead hedge'



## Hedge laying:

The first weekend of the year was our annual weekend hedge laying party! Using traditional tools and methods we are continuing to create a dog proof live hedge along the length of Bradley Stoke Way! Although on Sunday we stopped for a hot lunch, hot bacon butties or vegetarian sausages cooked on site, we managed to lay 33 paces of hedge-line compared to only 13 last year.

This was because this year the Green Gym had prepared the site in advance.



**Toasting the new hedge with Sloe Gin made from our very Sloes.**





# There is no excuse



[www.southglos.gov.uk/bagitbinit](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/bagitbinit)

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## 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

South Gloucestershire Council



Leave only pawprints.....

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



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



Bradley Stoke, Stoke Lodge,  
The Common (east of A38)



## Everyone is welcome

all local residents and organisations

- Raise any concerns you have about your community
- Hear about what is happening in your area
- Meet with representatives from South Gloucestershire Council, Councillors, Avon & Somerset Police, Avon Fire & Rescue, Voluntary & Community Groups and your Town & Parish Councils

### Next Meeting

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017, 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Baileys Court Activity Centre  
Baileys Court Road, Bradley Stoke  
BS32 8BH

Your voice counts in shaping your community



[www.southglos.gov.uk/CEF](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/CEF)  
01454 868113  
[communityengagement@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:communityengagement@southglos.gov.uk)

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## 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 18th January 2017  
Wednesday 8th March 2017  
Wednesday 10th May 2017 (8.00pm) - AGM

### Finance Committee

Wednesday 8th February 2017  
Wednesday 19th April 2017

### Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee

Monday 13th February 2017  
Monday 10th April 2017

### Planning & Environment Committee

Wednesday 25th January 2017  
Wednesday 1st March 2017  
Wednesday 22nd March 2017  
Wednesday 26th April 2017

### Town Assembly

Wednesday 10th May 2017

### Community Festival

Friday 9th - Sunday 11th June 2017

## Blood Donation Sessions - Future Dates 2017

### The Bradley Stoke Jubilee

Centre - Session Dates  
All Fridays

27th January, 24th February,  
17th March, 31st March, 5th May,  
26th May and 23rd June

## 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 2017:

**Term 3:** Tuesday 3rd January 2017 - Friday 10th February 2017  
**Term 4:** Monday 20th February 2017 - Friday 7th April 2017  
**Term 5:** Monday 24th April 2017 - Friday 26th May 2017  
**Term 6:** Monday 5th June 2017 - Friday 21st July 2017

## 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 Tom Allen  
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.

## 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 17,048 people on the December 2016 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

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

Chair of Planning & Environment Committee  
Via Bradley Stoke Town Council website  
Manor Farm

#### Daniel Hardwick

Via Bradley Stoke Town Council website  
Woodlands

#### Elaine Hardwick

Chair of Council/Mayor  
Tel: 07753 230 462  
Woodlands

#### Paul Hardwick

Tel: 07860 181 198 / Mobile: 07718 964 444  
Meadowbank  
SGC - BS North

#### Brian Hopkinson

Office: 01454 864074  
Mob: 0777 156 1725  
Primrose Bridge  
SGC - BS Central and Stoke Lodge

#### Arthur Lau

Mobile: 07799 146 138  
Lakeside

## 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](http://www.jacklopresti.com)

## 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.

### Franklin Owusu-Antwi

Chair of Finance Committee  
Tel: 01173 700 822 / Mobile: 07865 448 352  
Primrose Bridge

### Benjamin Randles

Press Spokesperson  
Tel: 07714 594 260  
Lakeside

### Andy Ward

Vice-chair of Council  
Tel: 07850 364 400  
Primrose Bridge

### Marion Ward

Chair of Leisure, Youth & Amenities committee  
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 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](mailto: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](mailto:town.clerk@bradleystoke.gov.uk)