



Newsletter

In Partnership with the Community



Message from the Mayor

Councillor Ben Randles

Welcome to Summer

The last few weeks have got my Mayoral activities for the year off to a flying start, where the weather has been brilliant. We've had the Community Festival in June that showcased the strength of our community. I also recently went to the launch of a 999 Control Hub run by the South Western Ambulance Service in Bradley Stoke, back in May; which was officially opened by HRH the Duchess of Cornwall. The hub is an invaluable asset to the Ambulance Service and the wider reaches of the West of England generally. Additionally, I attended a dinner hosted by the Ghanaian Community of Bristol at the end of June.

I announced my Mayor's Charities, shortly after taking office. The charities the Council will support this year are the Stroke Association and the West of England MS Therapy Centre. The latter of which being based here in Bradley Stoke. I was very fortunate to be offered a tour of the Therapy Centre, where I was able to see first-hand how an organisation like this is positively helping people with neurological conditions.

My calendar is becoming busy in the coming weeks. I've been invited to cut the ribbon, on one of the two Gromit's the Town is hosting for Gromit Unleashed 2; the Dunkley's Gromit in the north of the Town. I'll also be attending community events, run by community members, like the Proms in the Park being held at the Jubilee Centre in July.

I hope that you all have a safe and happy summer here in Bradley Stoke over the coming months. I'm sure most will take the opportunity to enjoy our town for all it has to offer.

Councillor Ben Randles

Mayor/Chair of Bradley Stoke Town Council

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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

Mayor's Charities

Stroke Association

We are the UK's leading charity dedicated to conquering stroke. We provide vital services, campaign for better stroke care and invest in research to find better treatments, sooner.



There are 1.2 million stroke survivors in the UK with 100,000 strokes happening in the UK each year. That's one stroke every five minutes. Even though you are now twice as likely to survive a stroke compared to 20 years ago, stroke is still the fourth single largest cause of death in the UK. We know we need to change how people think about stroke and challenge the myths surrounding it. We push for greater awareness of stroke and its warning signs and campaign for better stroke care. We believe strokes can and should be prevented. We believe everyone has the right to make the best recovery they can after stroke. We believe research has the power to save lives and ensure people make the best recovery they can. Our research has helped to improve treatments and care which has saved thousands of lives, including ground breaking progress in providing mechanical thrombectomies to reverse the effects of a stroke. Our support services have helped hundreds of thousands of people get through one of the most frightening experiences of their lives and build a life after stroke.

Our Helpline is available to all stroke survivors and their families to answer questions, provide advice and sometimes just a listening ear. Our Life After Stroke grants help make simple but life-changing adjustments, from installing a chair lift or providing gym membership they really do make all the difference. Our stroke clubs and groups across the country provide face to face peer support in the most challenging and darkest times for a stroke survivor. Our campaigning has touched the lives of even more people through initiatives like the FAST campaign, making more people aware of the signs of a stroke and the importance of taking emergency action.

Together we can conquer stroke.



The West of England MS Therapy Centre
Soon to be



the brightwell
a centre for neurological wellbeing and physical recovery

The Centre was established as a registered charity in 1985. Initially set up by Jackie Brightwell in a small industrial unit in Nailsea it grew over time so that in January 2012 the Centre moved into a larger bespoke building in Bradley Stoke, South Gloucestershire, less than 5 minutes from the M5/M4 interchange.

We provide **treatments, therapies and support** to people living with **neurological conditions**, including Multiple Sclerosis, in a caring, friendly and professional environment. We are the only Therapy Centre open to people on a self-referral basis and cover South Gloucestershire, North Somerset, North East Somerset, Bristol, BANES, and South Wales.

Our aim is to **support** people with neurological conditions so that they can **remain independent and active** for as long as possible. Whilst there is **no cure** for many of the conditions we treat the therapies and social support we offer helps individuals to **cope better** with the day-to-day challenges they face.

We are bolstered by a huge team of **Volunteers**. Our Oxygen Treatment department has 20 regular volunteers who operate to keep the oxygen chamber running full-time. Volunteers help across the board from administration to running the Carer's Support Group. We've estimated that the Charity and members benefit from **751 volunteer hours every month!**

Our Therapies

The Centre's main therapies are **physiotherapy, exercise classes and oxygen treatment**. In recent years there have been increases in **group physiotherapy and individuals using the gym**. This has been a strategy implemented by the Centre to enable larger numbers of people to benefit from the Centre's **physiotherapy expertise** and equipment.



We have a dedicated team of **professional therapists** providing **Acupuncture, Reflexology, Aromatherapy, Foot Health, Beauty Treatments, Counselling, Hypnotherapy and Talking Therapies**.

We hold **specialised clinics** for **Bladder and Bowel Wellness, Spasticity Management, MS Nurse Advice Clinic and Employment and Benefits Advice**.

Our Members

We support on average in excess of **300 people** every year. Our largest group of people by far are those with Multiple Sclerosis (70%). Many **symptoms of MS**, particularly fatigue, brain fog and issues with balance **overlap with other neurological conditions** such as fibromyalgia, CFS/ME, and Stroke and our therapies benefit people with all these conditions.

In the absence of alternative affordable services that include **physiotherapy and oxygen treatment** for people with many similar symptoms to MS, the Centre opened its doors to anyone with a long term neurological condition that would benefit.

We want to continue to offer services and treatments to a growing number of people who need long term specialist support. It costs IRO £380,000 each year to keep the Centre open and we can only do this with the help of our generous supporters.

What Becky says about the Centre



"The MS Centre is invaluable. I attend the exercise class in the gym. I enjoy exercising with others without feeling judged. With the physio's expertise, encouragement and support my mobility has improved a little and I feel more confident in what I am able to do.

The best therapy for me at the moment is Oxygen Treatment. This significantly lightens my fatigue and has amazing, positive effects on all my other MS symptoms.

I can no longer play my once adored violin but the boost I get from the Centre and the camaraderie from other Members is so beneficial to me.

This, combination is what keeps me positive! I find all the staff really welcoming, upbeat and caring and I always leave the Centre with a smile."

Bradley Stoke Community Festival 2018

Friday 08 June

The first day of the Festival involved the Parents & Pre-school children enjoying the Picnic in the Park on the Jubilee Green. Professor Panic providing magic and circus skills shows for school parties, as they had done the previous day as well as for the pre-schoolers during the morning and early afternoon. Face painting, a bouncy castle, music and commentary from Bradley Stoke Radio provided additional entertainment for the children with cakes, snacks and refreshments provided by the Heartful Dodgers charity.

Saturday 09 June

The main day was a beautiful sunny and windless day and kicked off with the annual Bradley Stoke Football Tournament for Year 1 Boys and Girls which was again well attended with over 140, enthusiastic children taking part.

The music and dance programme on the football pitch side started with a lovely solo performance by Rose Bruford of Bradley Stoke Community School, followed by the excellent Marc Hopkins tribute to Robbie Williams and local bands; Limited Edition and Angel Heart with an enjoyable tribute to the Gypsy Kings by the Andaluze Quartet and concluded with the very different and unique sound of the Rock Pipes band.

In between the bands local talented children, some as young as 3, provided really enthusiastic dance displays, the dance groups included; Baby Ballet, Danceworks, Street Envy, Stoke Gifford and Kirsty Husher Schools of Dance and an enthusiastic paint throwing dance by SGAP with the audience invited to join in – a fun and very colourful display.

The area had a small range of stalls as well as the impressive backdrop of the very popular Noah's Ark and Helter-skelter inflatables. The Churches again did a roaring trade with their teas and cakes alongside the Bradley Stoke Scouts Group who provided a range of activities, including longbow archery and the popular Vertical Extreme climbing wall.

On the Jubilee Green, Bradley Stoke Town Council youth workers & young volunteers organised the returning popular combination of the Skate half-pipe, (provided by King Ramps) and Street Art, courtesy of Paintsmiths. The half-pipe accommodated displays by the pro's, coupled with the chance for festival goers to "have a go" on their skate boards, bikes and scooters. Alongside, some amazing Art works were created and over 70 boards being completed and proudly taken home for display as well as young people contributing to a large Art wall. Individual displays by St Mary's Rugby Club and Dragon Sang Doo provided activities alongside the very popular Community zone rides involving a Rodeo Bull, Wipe out and Bungee Run which was sponsored by the Bradley Stoke Town Council and although free to participants raised over £380 in donations. New for 2018 a children's go-karts ride and football skills stall added to the participation activities which included bungee trampolines, giant slides and inflatables.

The Bazaar Marquee, although a popular facility for stall holders without a gazebo, didn't prove popular with the inside being very warm for both visitors and the stall holders themselves. Over 80 stalls were outside in the Jubilee Green area though and most mentioned they had had a very good day with the ice cream and drinks vendors doing particularly well.

Sunday 10 June

The good weather continued into the Sunday and the popular 10k Run, organised by Sole Sisters, was another resounding success with over 600 runners taking part from the Jubilee Centre. A very well organised race enjoyed by the runners and those watching!

The church service followed the race this year at 11.45 and proved very popular and a very enjoyable service was provided by the 3 churches with people coming from all over the area to join in.

At Baileys Court Activity Centre, the afternoon cricket was an Under 11's match with 4 local teams taking part and all players being awarded commemorative medals sponsored by the Town Council. Bradley Stoke Cricket Club provided further entertainment throughout the afternoon with the local Bradley Stoke Bowls Club providing roll ups for people throughout the afternoon.

Meanwhile over 250 people attended the annual festival Skate Competition, organised by the Town Councils youth work staff and young volunteers and with competitions in Scooter, BMX and Skateboard categories. The half-pipe was relocated from Jubilee Green, to offer extra capacity, and a Circus Skills workshop provided an added attraction. Occasional pro rider demos were spaced throughout the afternoon, including displays from Jack Clark from the British BMX Olympic Team.

This year's festival was again a very well attended exceeding the 2017 attendance boosted by the lovely warm and sunny weather and raised over £3,800 in donations from suppliers and stall holders to the Mayor's chosen charities.



Bradley Stoke Youth Club - Football Festival



On Saturday 9th June 2018, Bradley Stoke Youth FC continued the success of their Football Festival at the Jubilee Centre which attracted 130 School children (Year 1) representing 13 different local schools. The Festival is the culmination of the School Link Program where BSYFC FA Qualified coaches go into the 13 schools and provide football coaching to all Year 1 children over a 3 week period. The program starts in February and finishes in May ready for the Festival in June. The Football Festival has been running since 2006 and over the years has developed into a major part of the Bradley Stoke Town Community Festival. To date, over 1,750 children have now taken part. The School Link Program started in 2007 and has grown over the years to a major community activity with over 7,500 children having received football skills coaching in their school. The Festival and the School Link Program is free of charge to all schools, and the Festival provides an opportunity for children to play games of non-competitive football in a safe environment. Each school receives a cup which can be kept for a year, and is awarded on a points-scoring system based on things such as; attitude and approach of players and teachers, preparation and organisation, adhering to the guidelines and ensuring both boys and girls of all abilities are selected. The whole day is about participation and enjoyment to allow each child the opportunity to play football in a friendly environment. Every child receives a medal and gift bag full of football related essentials like shin pads, football socks, water bottle, baseball cap, activity play pack and sweets. As well as the cup, each school receives a bag of size 3 footballs to continue the football coaching at their school. The winning school also receives a new kit for their team. The Teacher Awards this year went to Bowsland Green and St Michaels.

The school results were as follows:

BSYFC and McDonalds 10 year Anniversary Community Award St Michaels Team 1 & Team 2

BSYFC and McDonalds 10 year Anniversary Community Award	St Michaels Team 1 & Team 2
BSYFC and McDonalds 10 year Anniversary Partnership Award	Wheatfield
BS Town Council School Link Community Award	Almondsbury
BS Town Council School Link Coaches Award	Baileys Court
Bradley Stoke Community Festival Respect Award	Bowsland Green
BSYFC Festival of Football Achievement Award	St Marys(Th)
BSYFC Festival of Football Club School Link Winners	Bradley Stoke CS
BSYFC Festival of Football Performance Award	St Peters
BSYFC Festival of Football Achievement Award	Holy Trinity
BSYFC Festival of Football Club School Link Runner Up	St Marys(BS)
McDonalds Festival of Football Winners	Meadowbrook
McDonalds Festival of Football Winners	Iron Acton

The club would like to recognise all the club coaches, managers and helpers who assisted on the day ensuring the success of this community event. Also a big thanks to our key long term sponsors McDonalds, Bradley Stoke Town Council and the Gloucestershire FA. Bradley Stoke Youth FC is an award winning FA Charter Standard Community Club. They have teams starting at Reception Class upwards, they have dedicated girl teams and run football sessions for children with disabilities aged 5 to 11 years old. If anyone is interested in joining the club or wants more information please visit our website at www.bsyfc.co.uk or contact Martin Lee at mlee1@btopenworld.com

Community Festival - Youth Activities

BSTC Youth Work Festival weekend update:

On the Saturday BSTC youth workers & young volunteers organised the return to Jubilee Green of the popular combination of a large portable Skate half-pipe (provided by King Ramps) and Street Art workshops (courtesy of Paintsmiths). The half-pipe accommodated displays by the pro's, coupled with the chance for festival goers to "have a go" on their skate boards, bikes and scooters. Alongside the half-pipe, queues of young festival goers started to build, waiting to create some amazing Art works. Over 70 individual works of art were completed on 4ft x 2ft boards and then proudly taken home for display; in addition, children and young people contributing to a large Art wall. Throughout the day youth workers were on hand to discuss and promote other current and planned youth work activities.

On Sunday at the Skatepark, over 250 people attended the annual festival Skate Jam with competitions in Scooter, BMX and Skateboard categories. The half-pipe was relocated from Jubilee Green, to offer extra capacity, and a Circus Skills workshop provided an added attraction. As on Saturday, there were several pro rider demos spaced throughout the afternoon, including spectacular displays from Jack Clark from the British BMX Freestyle Team (now an Olympic sport). Young people were not only instrumental in helping to plan and deliver the two days of activities but were also heavily involved in documenting both days and promoting them through social media.

Lots of young people and parents were appreciative of the two days, saying the skate comp "was a great day"; "thanks for a well organised event" and "the displays were amazing". The Saturday Art workshops were also highly regarded with parents saying, "we'd love to see more opportunities like this" and "this is something a bit different".

If you are a young person living in the Bradley Stoke area and aged 11 to 19 who would like to find out about our other Youth Work activities or would like to get involved as a young person or volunteer,

Please contact the Youth Development & Participation Worker on 07900 253826 or email graham.baker@bradleystoke.gov.uk



Bradley Stoke Cricket Club

Youth Kwik Cricket Tournament

On Sunday 10th June, 44 children from local under 11 cricket teams took part in a Kwik Cricket tournament at Bradley Stoke Cricket Club. The tournament comprised of four teams from Bradley Stoke, Hambrook, Old Down and Stapleton Cricket clubs. All the children arrived smiling and looking forward to the day. Each team played each other once with a final two play-off matches to decide finishing positions. The first matches got on the way as the sun came out. Each player bowled one over and batted one over with 8 overs in total for each innings. The scoring of Kwik Cricket differs to that of the conventional game, in that each team starts on 200 runs and loses 5 runs for each wicket conceded, so it can all change very quickly. After the first match everyone enjoyed the BBQ and refreshments, kindly cooked by Sam, Jason, Shabaz and Andy. The rest of the afternoon saw everyone get more confident with the bat and lots of 4's and 6s were being hit. The final game finished at around 5pm after which every child was presented with a medal to remember the day. The winning team was Stapleton Cricket Club who were presented with a Trophy. A big thank you to everyone who took part.



Bradley Stoke 10k Run 2018

Sole Sisters hosted the Bradley Stoke 10k for the twelfth consecutive year. In record time all 650 entries sold out within three weeks of opening so much so that the race did not need to be advertised locally as in previous years. The extremely well led committee, chaired by Sam Carpenter, ran the event with military precision. The six months of planning, regular meetings and nominated tasks all came together on the day. The 10k committee consists entirely of volunteer Sole Sisters members who all arrived at 6am to start setting up the HQ and erecting the 'on the day' signs. Six lead marshals gathered their own group of mile marshals all equipped with goodie bags to keep them going throughout the event - 90 marshal points including two water stations are manned around the course. 566 runners completed the course this year, thankfully no injuries were reported and no paramedic attention was required. The race started at 9:30am by the new mayor with the first competitor completing the course in 32 minutes. The last competitor completed in a time of 1:29. After the prize giving, Sole Sisters club members dismantled the event and were fully cleared away and leaving the venue by 11:30am which is quite phenomenal. Sole Sisters will be donating £1 per runner to Charity in memory of one of our Sisters Dr Becky Mitchell who very sadly passed away in April seven months after a horrific traffic accident. Dr Becky Mitchell used to raise funds for Children's Hospice South West charity and her mum has asked that we donate the money to this charity in her honour.



Older Person's Afternoon Tea Party

On Friday 22nd June 2018, Bradley Stoke Town Council hosted an afternoon tea party for older members of the community with background music provided by Bradley Stoke Radio. Nearly 60 people attended, and everyone agreed it was a good event with masses of food and tea/coffee served in vintage tea cups.

Local organisations represented were Winterbourne Mediaeval Barn, Patchway, Filton & The Stokes Volunteer Centre and Age UK.



Assistplus

ASSISTPLUS 

Enhancing the implementation of Armed Forces Community Covenant in Bradley Stoke and South Gloucestershire Area

ASSISTPLUS is our local Veterans Community Support initiative, which seeks to enhance the support that our ex-Armed Servicemen and women living and working in Bradley Stoke and South Gloucestershire area receive in our local communities. Stakeholders who had voluntarily signed the Armed Forces Community Covenant give these supports in various forms and number of areas including, but not limit to: childcare, housing, education, healthcare, family life and employment.

Working in partnership with local councils, businesses and service charities, we aim to enhance the implementation of the community covenant in our local area. Specifically

- Perform reviews with stakeholders to ensure on-going support requirements are sustainably fulfilled and plans are in place for necessary improvement to delivery if required
- Help develop and maintain support relationships among stakeholders, which facilitate the achievement of short and long terms veterans support goals locally.

The Community Covenant is not just about the Government delivering commitments on a national level. More than 200 local communities have signed a Community Covenant - a voluntary statement of mutual support between civilians and the Armed Forces in their area. We bring together the various support organisations to understand the kind of core community issues veterans face locally, deciding which are most important and what actions can be taken collectively adding value to the day-to-day work undertaken by individual stakeholder. Assistplus is our local "one-stop-shop" for Ex-Armed Servicemen and women living and working in Bradley Stoke and South Gloucestershire area. We are here to make your voices heard and your needs met as enshrine in the Community Covenant. "We will achieve greater visibility in the veteran support chain in Bradley Stoke and South Glos area..."

By Councillor Franklin Owusu-Antwi
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For more news on your community visit www.bradleystoke.gov.uk

BSiB Progress Report 28 - June 2018

Rabbit Roundabout

You may have noticed a few giant carrots have appeared!



We hope one day they will be joined by a giant wicker rabbit, made by artist Tom Hare, although this may have to wait until the proposed works are finished. We had several offers of smaller wicker rabbits but we felt that they could be easily removed.

Rang Barse

Nothing to do with flowers but we were delighted that we were asked to help SGAP with their Rang Barse event at the festival!



Future projects include :
the MS Therapy Centre Garden
& the Armistice Day Centenary Poppy Gardens



The Common East - More good news

We felt all our hard work on the Common East pond paid off when we received several messages telling us that the ducks Millicent & Maurice had managed to hatch 10 tiny ducklings. This is the first time to anyone's knowledge they have managed to breed here. They lost one within a day but at the moment they still have 9. We've put up a 'healthy duck food' poster too.



The wild flowers & yellow rattle are growing well



Best Front Garden Competition 2018

We have launched the new and improved two category competition and already have some entries!



We replanted some of the Manor farm corner, weeded the wildflower patch and the corner opposite ahead of the festival.



Two of us went on a Butterfly management workshop

We've replanted some of the Willow Brook planters but are still having issues with them not being watered.

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.

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



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



GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



The Town Council has a range of grant funding streams available:

Community Development Grant Aid

The upper limit of Community Development grant aid available for any applicant seeking funding for project-based activities is a **maximum of £4,000.00 per project per Financial Year in one application**. Project means the programme of activities, equipment or running costs.

Grant Aid

Bradley Stoke Town Council awards grants to projects falling within a range of areas including:

- cultural activities
- environmental improvements
- recreational activities
- work with/for/about the elderly
- work with/for/about young people

The upper limit of grant aid available for any applicant seeking funding for project-based activities is a **maximum of £500.00 per Organisation per Financial Year in one application**. Project means the programme of activities, equipment or running costs.

Youth Grant Aid

Bradley Stoke Town Council awards youth grants to projects falling within a range of areas including:

- cultural activities
- environmental improvements
- international links
- play schemes
- recreational activities
- community activities

The upper limit of youth grant aid available for any applicant seeking funding for a group or organisation or project-based activities is a **maximum of £500.00 per Group/Organisation per Financial Year per application**. Project means the programme of activities, equipment or running costs.

Contact the Town Council for more information.



STAND AGAINST RACISM & INEQUALITY

Hate Crime

Are you experiencing abuse or harassment because of your **Race, Disability, Sexuality or Gender Identity?**

S.A.R.I. is there to offer you support and free confidential advice

Ring Freephone

0800 171 2272

OR

Visit: www.sariweb.org.uk Email: sari@sariweb.org.uk

In an Emergency ring: 999

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Member Awarded Funding

**Are you looking for
funding for your local
community project?**

Our new Member Awarded Funding Scheme may be able to help your voluntary/community group, social enterprise organisation, town or parish council.

- Under this scheme each South Gloucestershire Councillor may award funding towards local community projects.
- The first step is to contact your South Gloucestershire Councillor to discuss your project proposal.

Supporting your community projects

To find your local Councillor and for further details visit:
www.southglos.gov.uk/MAF
01454 865865

South Gloucestershire
Council

Every Voice Counts

Healthwatch South Gloucestershire give children, young people and adults a powerful voice locally. Healthwatch works to help local people get the best out of their health and social care services, whether that is improving services today, or helping to shape services for tomorrow. Healthwatch will tell services about your experiences of care and hold them to account. You can rate your services at the Healthwatch website: www.healthwatchsouthglos.co.uk or tell us your story on 01454 543402

Healthwatch have volunteer opportunities:

Be a Healthwatch champion for your parish council, or a local group within the community telling Healthwatch what local people think about their health and care services, so that Healthwatch can take action to improve service quality. Healthwatch has a statutory right to enter services and observe services happening. Healthwatch 'Enter and View' volunteers visit care services to see how care is delivered and report what has been observed so that changes can be made. A Healthwatch volunteer representative will go to meetings to tell members what Healthwatch is hearing from people. A Healthwatch Community Outreach volunteer will visit health and care groups in the community to find out what people think about local hospitals, GP surgeries and care homes so that Healthwatch can take action to improve care based on what people say they want and need. For more information contact:

Pat Foster - Healthwatch Volunteer Support Officer

Tel: 0117 9589344 or Email: patfoster@thecareforum.org.uk

healthwatch
South Gloucestershire

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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 11th July 2018
Wednesday 19th September 2018

Finance Committee

Wednesday 15th August 2018
Wednesday 10th October 2018

Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee

Monday 13th August 2018
Monday 15th October 2018

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 2272

EACH (Educational Action Challenging Homophobia)

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

Planning & Environment Committee

Wednesday 22th August 2018
Wednesday 26th September 2018
Wednesday 24th October 2018

Blood Donation Sessions - Future Dates 2018

The Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre - Session Dates

All Fridays

3rd August, 6th September,
19th October, 2nd November,
16th November & 7th December 2018

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 2018/19:

Term 1: Monday 3rd September 2018 - Friday 26th October 2018

Term 2: Monday 5th November 2018 - Friday 21st December 2018

Term 3: Monday 7th January 2019 - Friday 15th February 2019

Term 4: Monday 25th February 2019 - Friday 5th April 2019

Term 5: Tuesday 23rd April 2019 - Friday 24th May 2019

Term 6: Monday 3rd June 2019 - Tuesday 23rd July 2019

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:

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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 Tom Allen

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.

Further Information

Bradley Stoke Town Council

BSTC started life on 1 April 1992. There are currently 20,599 residents (2011 Census figures) with 15,784 people on the December 2017 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

Chair of Planning & Environment Committee
Home/Office Tel: 01454 864 080 (inc fax)
Stoke Brook
SGC - Stoke Gifford

Anthony Griffiths

Vice Chair of Council
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

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

Franklin Owusu-Antwi

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

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 Council/Mayor
Tel: 07714 594 260
Lakeside

Andy Ward

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 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 Development & Participation Worker

Bradley Stoke has its own Youth Development & 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