



Newsletter

In Partnership with the Community



Message from the Mayor

Councillor Ben Randles

Summer may be over, shorter days are almost upon us and winter will start to take grip, but the life and sense of community in our town does not stop. Shortly, we will gather together for our annual firework display commemorating the failed Gunpowder Plot of 1605, then take pause to commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and later conflicts; a time of year for reflection.

Since May, when Council appointed me Chair of Council/Mayor for the Year, there have been many events and engagements over the summer where I have been very privileged to attend representing our Town. I have seen first-hand the commitment of organisations, groups and charities demonstrating that Bradley Stoke is thriving as a local community. I've clearly seen, the fusion of different cultures and a sense of togetherness amongst all. National and global events over recent years, only cement the importance of an ethos of togetherness here to us at home.

I've had the pleasure of meeting many people personally over the summer months, they have all been passionate advocates of their causes; committing their time to the community.

I would like to take this opportunity, to wish you all well as the year draws to a conclusion. Additionally, I would like to thank council officers/staff for the work they have done for the council over the last year and fellow councillors.

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



The West of
England MS
Therapy Centre



New youth building installed at skatepark.

As part of the build of the new skatepark in March 2016, we installed a small converted shipping container that proved extremely successful as a base for regular youth work sessions and events. We soon recognised the potential for increasing the size of the resource and creating a youth building that could accommodate various projects and activities, as well as providing storage for equipment loan. Following consultation with young people and going through the appropriate planning process, we have now installed (July 2018) two additional converted containers and joined them to the existing.

We have created a space that basically has three main sections; one to be used as a focus for healthy lifestyles with a kitchen and food preparation area; the second will have a focus around Scooter and BMX maintenance, as well as Arts, Landscaping and Environmental projects; the third space will be an informal space to meet friends, play/ create music, etc. In addition, we now have externally accessible storage for skatepark equipment and modified the original plans to include a Unisex, accessible toilet, additional seating, as part of a retaining wall and the ability to occasionally install a sunshade/ canopy.

The containers are already fully converted with heating, lighting, insulation and flooring, however, we now need to equip them, as well as some additional external landscaping, to make them wheelchair accessible. We also hope to recruit some additional Youth Work staff soon and will then be able to open the new building on a more regular basis for youth work sessions and we also hope to start coaching and mentoring sessions for young or less experienced skatepark users.

Please contact Graham Baker, BSTC Youth Development & Participation Worker, if you are interested in finding out more.



Litter and general waste update

Litter/general waste and clearing graffiti forms a large part of the MCO role day to day.

By Jason Holcombe Maintenance/Mobile Cleansing Operative (MCO)

Whilst many changes and efforts have been made within Bradley Stoke Town Council (BSTC) to help combat and reduce these issues such as:

- An increase in street bins throughout the town owned and emptied weekly by BSTC, whilst some are owned and emptied by South Gloucestershire Council, the Town Council carry out approximately 100 litter bin empties per week
- Regular litter picking in all areas
- Extra checks in areas within the town renown for continuous littering and fly tipping
- A new graffiti dry pressure steam washer which enables graffiti to be removed in a timely efficient manner
- Resident's engaging with the MCO to report littering and fly tipping
- Support from residents being proactive with clearing small littering around their residential areas

Whilst all of the above helps with the improvement and long term focus of reducing littering etc. there is still some way to go.

Unfortunately since the decrease in size of wheelie bins, we have seen a very sudden large increase in rubbish being dumped by street bins. This of course then means more time being spent collecting, as well as these bags causing unnecessary litter when the bags are opened and litter dispersed all around. It appears household rubbish is being put into street bins meaning again general litter just being dropped around the town.

Graffiti around the town is on the rise and whilst the new steam washer helps, it does mean more valuable time taken up.

Shopping trolleys continue to be dumped around the town. 99% of these have Tesco or likewise tokens in them rather than money, so whilst these are great schemes they are not so good to help reduce the unnecessary dumping and then removal of them.

BSTC plan to replace the Astra van with an open back small pick-up van which will be an asset. This will help with the maintenance side of my role as well as dumped rubbish being easily thrown in helping with time constraints.

Bradley Stoke is a large town and the issue of litter has to be a community effort.

Whilst having an MCO available to oversee a large proportion, unless areas identified as a problem are tackled, unfortunately getting to a point where we are seeing generally the town litter free is very unlikely. This needs to be taken into account from a realistic expectation point of view from the whole town, around what can be achieved, with the resources the council currently has.

More work could be done to raise the awareness of litter and the problems it causes, not just within the town, but nationally.

Why is it important?

- When an area is covered in litter, people won't want to buy property there.
- These places tend to have crime problems
- Viruses, bacteria, and germs come from littering
- It's expensive...very expensive. Every year millions upon millions of pounds are spent cleaning up litter. This money should be going to more productive things, but instead, people don't realise that something as small as littering done on a mass scale does indeed affect them. Taxpayers' money is being spent on littering as we speak. If you want that to stop, then set an example. Quit littering and encourage others to do the same. It's the people like you who can make a difference.
- Litter on the ground degrades natural areas and kills plants and animals.

What to do

It's not hard to control littering. One of the most important solutions is to: reduce the rubbish/refuse. This can be done in 3 ways.

- Stop disposing of waste in inappropriate places.
- Pick up rubbish
- In case you see someone littering in an illegal way, report them.

If you have children, educate them on the dangers of littering. Owners of pets should always use scoopers or bags to clean up after them. Motorists need to carry ashtrays with them at all time. Car litter bags are also important. Refrain from throwing waste out of your vehicle's window.

Take pride in the town you live in and don't think it's a one-person job, it's a community effort.



To report litter, graffiti or fly tipping please ring Jason our Mobile Cleansing Operative on 07870879212 or Town Council office on 01454 205020



Bradley Stoke Youth Cricket Club

2018 was an encouraging year for the youth section at Bradley Stoke CC. 146 different players were seen, thanks in part to All Stars Cricket being launched at the club, a national initiative aimed at 5-8 year olds. 62 signed up to this.

Squads were also run at Under 9s, 11s, 13s, 15s and 17s age groups, all overseen by a coaching team including 3 ECB level 2 and 4 level 1 equivalent qualified coaches.

There was success on the field, notably the Under 11s reaching the semi-finals of their Bristol Youth Cricket League (BYCL) cup, and the Under 17s finishing runners up in their BYCL league play-offs.

The new net facility built at the ground during the previous winter has enhanced training sessions and thus match performances.

3 players played representative age group cricket during the summer, 2 for Stroud and South Gloucestershire district boys, with the club proud to have nurtured the captain of Gloucestershire Under 11 girls.

The club are grateful for the financial support provided by the town council over a number of years, which allow cricket to be offered to the youth of the town and beyond at an affordable price (membership this year was £40 which covered all outdoor training sessions and youth matches), whilst improving and adding to facilities and equipment.

Further information can be found at www.bradleystokecc.play-cricket.com



Under 13's Team



Under 17's Team

South Gloucestershire Chinese Association doing significant work for inclusion during last 5 years

If we accept diversity and promote equality it is necessary to enforce inclusion for fulfilling them. South Gloucestershire Chinese Association (SGCA) has been doing so since its establishment. During the last 5 years, the Management Committee of SGCA has paid more attention to, and taken feasible measures for enforcing inclusion. For example:

- 1) Equal opportunity to all Chinese people for attending their services / activities. In 2013, the SGCA committee announced that all Chinese people shall be included in the services / activities, with equal opportunity, despite of whatever their dialects are, where they came from and whenever they came to the UK.
- 2) Membership opens to more people. In 2014, in order to include more people in the organisation, SGCA amended the Constitution to allow those family members of Chinese people who are not of Chinese race themselves, to become members of SGCA. Additionally people who are not related to any Chinese can apply for Associate membership.

- 3) From 2016, SGCA have been carrying out some projects that would involve more non-Chinese people joining some activities, such as Chinese exercise and culture presentations.

By enforcing the above measures for inclusion, SGCA has become a stronger and more popular community organisation.



Three Brooks Nature Conservation Group

The Conservation Group has this month turned 13 years old, we're not sure if becoming a teenager is something we ought to celebrate or not! But we are very proud of the group who along with Green Gym put in an average of 5,000 hours of volunteering each year.

Wildlife at the Lake

An egret, or maybe two, have been seen at our lake which is quite a feather in our ornithological cap! The lake is also home to swans, ducks, moorhens, herons, coots & kingfishers.

Bat Walks

Our bat walks continue to be fully booked and the 10 bat detecting kits we have at the library are very popular. Green Gym created a 4th 'insect corridor' to attract bats. We have found 4 different species of bat on the reserve.

Harvest Time

Despite the heat wave our orchards have mostly survived and from what we've seen we think that the majority of BS residents have had at least 2 apple & blackberry crumbles from the reserve.



Information Boards

We have 5 new Information boards on the reserve: Savages Wood, The Tump, Bowsland Meadow, The Lake & The Community Orchard.

Our two orienteering trails are often used by individuals and youth groups

Moth Survey

We undertook a Moth Survey with expert Peter Cranswick and in just one evening caught an amazing 120 different species on the small tump meadow. In our 2014 Bio blitz in the same area we found 126 species but surprisingly only 38 species were present in both years, so we've just added another 82 species to our moth records.

Himalayan Balsam

Himalayan Balsam may grow over 8ft but it's easily pulled out & despite it's best efforts we feel that this year we have won the 'Battle of the Balsam'! Our dog walkers have helped as they have been encouraged to pull up just 10 plants each time they go for a walk.



Photo by Bradley Stoke Journal

The Tump

We used to have Sky Larks nesting here but for several reasons they have left. We are hoping that the remedial work we are undertaking will encourage them to return.

Rowan Trees

We previously planted 60 Rowan trees provided by BSTC.

Bradley Stoke In Bloom

Best Front Garden Competition 2018

Just some of the winners from our Best Front garden competition. The prizes were awarded by our Mayor Ben Randles at Almondsbury Garden Centre.



Photo courtesy of Bradley Stoke Journal



The Common East

The Common East has been scythed and the arisings removed in accordance with the Wildflower Meadow plan agreed with Bugslife. And as a favour we removed the willow that kept growing over the road and removed all the bramble from the back-gate area of Wheatfield School.

The Aztec Triangle

The Aztec Triangle has been a lot of work but we really think it was worth it. We've also cleared around the bus stop and planted & seeded wild flowers.

From this...



...to this!



Wheatfield School

After a plea from their PTA, we returned to Wheatfield School and have rediscovered their pond for them! We have previously put in 2 willow walkways, planted a hedge and helped create their Wildlife Walk and we hope to go back soon to help with their planters.

Bluebell Gardens

The corner opposite to Bluebell House has had another tidy up, we choose not to remove the dead tree as it's a favourite to decorate so we have planted Jasmine and Clematis to grow through it instead.

Manor Farm Corner

We've now taken on the opposite corner too and have already planted some lilies and bamboo.



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.

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

Fireworks Display 2018

By Kinnerton Fireworks

Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre

Sunday 4 November 2018

• Gates open at 4.30pm

• Hot food will be served from 4.45pm

• Fireworks display starts at 6.00pm

NO ENTRY FEE, there will be various collection points in aid of the Mayor's Charities – West of England MS Therapy Centre and Stroke Association



No Alcohol

No Sparklers



BRADLEY STOKES TOWN COUNCIL - MEETINGS 2019						
day	date	month	event	location	time	m
Tuesday	1	January	BANK HOLIDAY			1
Wednesday	16	January	Council	Jubilee Centre	1900	1
Wednesday	23	January	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1900	1
Wednesday	6	February	Finance	Jubilee Centre	1900	2
Monday	18	February	Leisure, Youth & Amenities	Jubilee Centre	1900	2
Wednesday	27	February	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1900	2
Wednesday	13	March	Council	Jubilee Centre	1900	3
Wednesday	27	March	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1900	3
Monday	15	April	Leisure, Youth & Amenities	Jubilee Centre	1900	4
Wednesday	17	April	Finance	Jubilee Centre	1900	4
Friday	19	April	GOOD FRIDAY			4
Monday	22	April	BANK HOLIDAY			4
Wednesday	24	April	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1900	4
Monday	6	May	BANK HOLIDAY			5
Wednesday	8	May	TOWN ASSEMBLY	Jubilee Centre	1900	5
Wednesday	15	May	Council AGM	Jubilee Centre	1900	5
Monday	27	May	BANK HOLIDAY			5
Wednesday	29	May	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1900	5
Friday	7	June	COMMUNITY FESTIVAL	All Sites		6
Saturday	8	June	COMMUNITY FESTIVAL	All Sites		6
Sunday	9	June	COMMUNITY FESTIVAL	All Sites		6
Monday	17	June	Leisure, Youth & Amenities	Jubilee Centre	1900	6
Wednesday	19	June	Finance	Jubilee Centre	1900	6
Wednesday	26	June	Council	Jubilee Centre	1900	6
Wednesday	26	June	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	2000	6
Wednesday	10	July	Leisure, Youth & Amenities	Jubilee Centre	1900	7
Wednesday	24	July	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1900	7
Monday	19	August	Leisure, Youth & Amenities	Jubilee Centre	1900	8
Wednesday	21	August	Finance	Jubilee Centre	1900	8
Monday	26	August	BANK HOLIDAY			8
Wednesday	28	August	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1900	8
Wednesday	18	September	Council	Jubilee Centre	1900	9
Wednesday	25	September	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1900	9
Monday	14	October	Leisure, Youth & Amenities	Jubilee Centre	1900	10
Wednesday	16	October	Finance	Jubilee Centre	1900	10
Wednesday	23	October	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1900	10
Sunday	3	November	FIREWORKS	Jubilee Centre		11
Wednesday	20	November	Council	Jubilee Centre	1900	11
Wednesday	27	November	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1900	11
Monday	16	December	Leisure, Youth & Amenities	Jubilee Centre	1900	12
Wednesday	18	December	Finance	Jubilee Centre	2000	12
Wednesday	18	December	Planning & Environment	Jubilee Centre	1900	12
Wednesday	26	December	BANK HOLIDAY			12
Thursday	26	December	BANK HOLIDAY			12



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

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 21 November 2018

Finance Committee

Wednesday 19 December 2018

Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee

Monday 17 December 2018

Planning & Environment Committee

Wednesday 24 October 2018
Wednesday 28 November 2018
Wednesday 19 December 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)

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)

Blood Donation Sessions - Future Dates 2018

The Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre - Session Dates

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 2: Monday 5 November 2018 - Friday 21 December 2018

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

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

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

Term 6: Monday 3 June 2019 - Tuesday 23 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: jack.lopresti.mp@parliament.uk

or calling **01454 617783**.

Website: www.jacklopresti.com

Useful Telephone Numbers

Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre

0300 333 0300

Bradley Stoke Library

01454 868006

South Glos Council:

Main Switchboard Number: 01454 868009
Council Tax Enquiries 01454 868003

Dog Warden

01454 868000

Education

01454 868008

Environmental Health

01454 868001

Street Care Helpdesk

01454 868000

Trading Standards

03454 040506

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 Tom Allen
PCSO Chris Baker

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

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: 07468 525 775
Woodlands Ward

Paul Hardwick

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SGC - BS North

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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 253826 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 8HL Telephone: 01454 205020, Fax: 01454 205026, E-mail: town.clerk@bradleystoke.gov.uk