

Newsletter

In Partnership with the Community



Message from the Mayor

Councillor Ben Randles

The winter grip is here, but our spirits are alive and well. I hope that you all have had a wonderful festive period and a positive start to the New Year. I personally have always enjoyed Christmas here in Bradley Stoke, and have always taken keen enjoyment from members of our community that decorate their houses for Christmas; I myself am no stranger to this activity. It has been wonderful to see the positive action a community can have at this time of year, and a prime example of this to us all has been the charity fundraising focused around Christmas; notably the Charity Christmas Lights in Watch Elm Close.

The conclusion of the calendar year is often the time for reflection, to look back on our accomplishments and remember those who are no longer here to share their time with us. However good or bad you deem your own 2018 to have been, I sincerely wish you well for the New Year and hope you have a positive year.

As we have now moved into the New Year, we are finally past the shortest day and our days will get longer. I personally always look forward to this, when it is pleasurable to enjoy the outdoor spaces our town has on offer.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who continue to support my chosen charities this year; The Stoke Association and MS Therapy Centre that is based here in Bradley Stoke. Thank you for your support, it is appreciated and I wish you all well for 2019.

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



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!

There But Not There Statues

Last October, Bradley Stoke Town Council purchased a 6-foot aluminum There But Not There statue for the Town Council and eight smaller Perspex statues in commemorative boxes for all the local schools in the town.

The statues remember the 888,246 British and Commonwealth troops who died in the First World War, as well as those who have died in subsequent conflicts. The statues are made by veterans at Royal British Legion Industries, profits from the commemorative figures go to six military charities, ensuring that the purchase helps to support veterans today.

The 6-foot statue has a permanent home in the foyer of the Jubilee Centre but is able to be used for local Remembrance Day events.



Bradley Stoke Youth Work

Girls Project December trip to Winter Wonderland

Our Girls & Young Women's Project organised an extremely popular pre-Christmas ice skating trip to Winter Wonderland at the Mall. 16 young people, plus youth workers, made the short journey on what had been a windy and rainy day. However, the weather dramatically changed for the better, just prior to our 8pm session, and everyone had a brilliant time, even first-time skaters, who bravely persisted until they acquired the necessary basic skills.



Fireworks Night – young volunteers

The Town Council held its spectacular free annual Firework display on Sunday November 4th. Eleven young people, from our BSTC youth projects, contributed to the many volunteer marshals & charity collectors. This included seven young women from our Girls Project as well as four young men from our Skatepark detached sessions along with one of our official young volunteers. They all took the responsibility of their roles very seriously & did an excellent job as well as expressing a desire to do more volunteering. They also took some spectacular photos of the display.



Part-time Youth Support Worker jobs with Bradley Stoke Town Council

We will shortly be recruiting some additional Youth Support Workers to help in the delivering of our local youth projects & programmes. The roles will be managed & supported by our Youth Development & Participation Worker & will include opportunities for building based, detached & project based youth work. So please look out for the Job Ads in the next few weeks.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about the Jobs, Volunteering or would like more information on our current or planned projects & programmes, please contact Graham Baker (Youth Development & Participation Worker) by email, mobile or drop into the Council Office at the Jubilee Centre.

Contact:

graham.baker@bradleystoke.gov.uk

07900 253826

Bradley Stoke in Bloom update

The Common East Meadow

The Common East Meadow has been awarded a Bees' Needs Award! It was one of only 19 awarded this year. Cllr Paul Hughes, SGC's Cabinet Member for Communities and Tourism attended the ceremony at Kew Gardens and collected the award on our behalf.



The Common East

Despite a set back (Sara not knowing how to use an aerosol can!) we have finally got around to painting the risers of the Primrose Bridge steps which has proved very popular!

To date on Facebook this picture has had 5903 views and 1962 engagements, and only positive comments.

Before...



After...



Container

We are interested in getting a container which we could share with the Three Brooks Nature Conservation Group & would store our tools & all the petrol equipment, it would be sited next to the Conservation Group container behind Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre.



Dr's Garden, Brook Way

We've had more bark delivered for The Dr's garden





The volunteer centre for Patchway, Filton and the Stokes, holds a drop in session at Bradley Stoke library once a month on a Thursday afternoon 12-2pm.

We help individuals looking to volunteer to find volunteering positions. We work with a vast number of charities and not for profit organisations ranging from small local organisations to large national charities that operate in our area.

We have roles from working with animals to admin to conservation work and befriending, the list goes on and on.

People volunteer for a number of reasons such as, to improve a CV, give back to the community, share skills or learn new ones, getting out of the house or to make new friends. Whatever the reason volunteering is one of the most rewarding things you can do.

So whether you want to volunteer as a one off, or on a regular basis, we have something for everyone.



Drop in dates for the next 3 months are:

14th February

14th March

11th April

Email:

info@volunteercentre-pfs.org.uk

Telephone:

01454 868571



Four Towns Play Association



Running in 6 areas of South Gloucestershire, we provided 192 free 2 hour play sessions during the 2018 Summer holidays, 40 of these sessions were in Bradley Stoke.

We ran out of the Elm Room at Bailys Court Activity Centre and benefitted from their great outside spaces including a small play park and a large grass cricket field. 113 children attended sessions in Bradley Stoke. We had a range of activity providers visit us including Nurse Charlotte's Fun First Aid, local Author Oli Daws, and the Fire Brigade to name a few.

We are currently planning themes, activities and locations for this Summer coming, so keep your eyes peeled for our leaflets which will have all the locations, themes, and dates, which will be out later in the year.



Christ the King Church Youth Groups

Trailblazers Childrens' Group

This is Christ the King's children's group for those aged 5 to 12 (school years 1 to 8). We've had an average attendance of around 25 children each week. Over the year we've had over 1000 children visiting the group. The evening is very engaging and, most importantly, fun with lots of games and activities for children to take part in. There are also video clips and times of discussion to help children learn encouraging life lessons.

There are also parties and social evenings at the end of terms, which parents are often invited to be involved in. We hosted a Halloween party in October for the group and children in the local area, and also a Christmas party where children received gifts and greetings from Santa Claus himself!



4Mation Youth Group

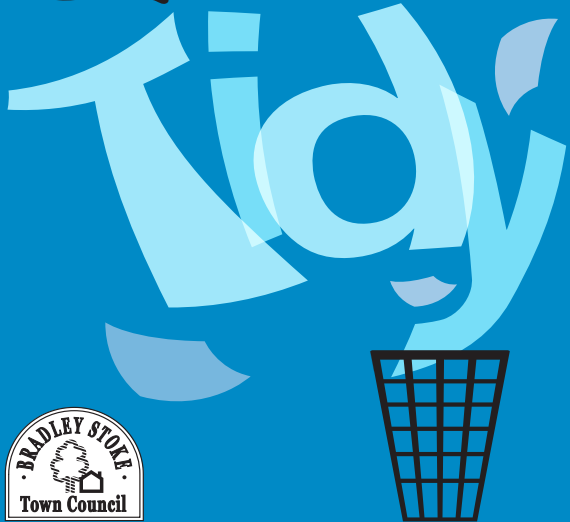
The 4Mation youth group is for young people aged 10-16 (students in school years six to eleven). The group has covered a variety of activities across the year including an ice skating trip, movie nights, pizza nights, a youth alpha course, football matches and games & activities. Some of the young people took part in the church's Bake-Off event, baking cakes to raise money for the Macmillan charity.

During the summer months we had a series of outdoor activities and games, including wide games and a water fight. There are also meaningful and positive lessons from the Bible which encourages the young people to be a beneficial influence in their school, family and community. Young people also have opportunities to showcase their musical abilities, performing to their peers. The group is headed up by Jacob Wain our Youth Minister along with a team of great volunteers.



The Only Cure for Litter is YOU

KEEP
Bradley Stoke



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



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

Leave only pawprints.....

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.



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 16 January 2019
Wednesday 13 March 2019

Finance Committee

Wednesday 6 February 2019
Wednesday 17 April 2019

Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee

Monday 18 February 2019
Monday 15 April 2019

Planning & Environment Committee

Wednesday 23 January 2019
Wednesday 27 February 2019
Wednesday 27 March 2019
Wednesday 24 April 2019

Publication of Monthly

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

Blood Donation Sessions - Future Dates 2019

The Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre - Session Dates

22 February, 8 March,
22 March, 5 April, 26 May
and 28 June 2019

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

South Gloucestershire Council School Term Dates

Academic year 2018/19:

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 Centre: 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

Terri Cullen

Via Bradley Stoke Town Council website
Woodlands

Anthony Griffiths

Vice Chair of Council
Home & office: Tel: 07771 615 953
Primrose Bridge

Gurmit Gupta

Via Bradley Stoke Town Council website
Manor Farm

Elaine Hardwick

Tel: 07468 525 775
Woodlands Ward

Paul Hardwick

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

Brian Hopkinson

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Primrose Bridge
SGC - BS Central and Stoke Lodge

Arthur Lau

Mobile: 07799 146 138
Lakeside

Franklin Owusu-Antwi

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

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

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). (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

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