



Newsletter

In Partnership with the Community



Message from the Mayor Tony Griffiths

"A week in politics is a long time" well its been 48 days since I was elected the new Mayor for Bradley Stoke Town Council where we have also elected a new Vice-Chair, Councillor Michael Hill, new chairs to our various Committees namely Councillor Ben Randles as Chair of Finance, Councillor Terri Cullen Chair of Planning & Environment Committee and Councillor Roger Avenin who has been re-elected Chair of the Leisure, Youth and Amenities Committee, each I know will do a great job in the various roles.

We have a new Council Press Spokesperson, Councillor Tom Aditya, who will be working with me in his new important role, during this difficult year I have as Mayor, with the effects of the Pandemic likely to be felt for some considerable time, not least in social distancing, as this virus is still with us as the lockdown is easing.

Mayor's Charity

This year, I have chosen the following organisations/groups as my Mayor's Charities for 2020/21, Great Western Air Ambulance Charity and Next Link Domestic Abuse Charity. All money raised during Town Council community events that take place in the town during the year are donated to the Mayor's Charity.

Unfortunately, the first of the Mayor's Charity fundraising events, the Community Festival which is an important social event on our Town's calendar as you will know, had to be cancelled. However we are hoping to commence an interest of staging for the first time this year, a 'Scarecrow Trail' to raise money for the Mayor's Charity which has been a success in other nearby villages. This is on a similar idea as a Wallace and Gromit trails you have seen in Bristol and other larger Cities.

The format for the Scarecrow Trail is each year we choose a theme and scarecrow makers build a scarecrow/character based on that theme. Scarecrows are booked on a first come first served basis. Themes can include Harry Potter (would be a perfect start) Children's Books, Thank You for the Music, One of a Pair, Heroes and Villains, Walt's Wonders, TV and Film, Science Fiction and Nursery Rhymes.

At least two months before the trail, we will advertise for scarecrow makers targeting families, businesses, organisations and the schools within the Town. The aim to get at least 20 scarecrows, although I would say that 30 makes for a perfect trail. Scarecrow makers pay an entry fee of £10 (money to be donated to the Mayor's Charity). Families/individuals participating in the scarecrow trail purchase the trail map to take part in the event (money donated to the Mayor's Charity)

Closing date for entries would be at least 4 weeks prior to the start of the trail as we need enough time to produce the map.

Prizes, Trail Competition and "Just for Fun Quiz"

Scarecrow makers can win a prize. Trail followers vote for winners in the following categories: Adult's Favourite, Children's Favourite and Funniest.

A trail competition and trail followers with the correct answer have the chance to win a prize.

In addition, there will be a "Just for Fun Quiz". Each trail maker provides a question about their scarecrow which people can answer as they visit each scarecrow.

I am looking for a small committee to help with this event where any volunteers may contact myself or the office to assist.

Fireworks Display

This year's Free Firework Display is still on at present (with a final decision being made on this in a couple of months time) where we have made it 'Pet Friendly' with the same dramatic display but without the loud bangs and I hope you will support it as you have in the past.

Financial Impact of COVID-19

On being appointed Mayor, I made a statement that this year, due to the Pandemic, is going to be very challenging year for our Council on having to make difficult decisions not knowing how exactly Covid 19 will affect our finances. This includes a number of refurbishment/new projects that have had to be put on hold for this year. It is worth noting also that the proposed 'Multi-Use Games Area' at the Jubilee Centre by extending existing hardcourts and incorporating basketball playing facilities plus the installation of the Leisure Equipment on the Jubilee Green, will only be able to be achieved this year by external funding as they are not allocated within the Town Council budgets.

Finally, I wish you all well, be sensible, stay safe as the virus may flare up at any time, and enjoy the rest of our summer.

Tony Griffiths

Mayor of Bradley Stoke Town Council

Mayor's Charities



**Great Western
Air Ambulance Charity**

Great Western Air Ambulance Charity is the charity-funded air ambulance and critical care service for 2.1 million local people across Bristol, Bath and North East Somerset, Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire, North Somerset and the surrounding areas.

Our crew attend the most serious incidents across the region by helicopter or by one of our two critical care cars.

When someone is seriously ill or injured time is of the essence, and they need expert help fast. This is where we come in.

Within four minutes of a 999 call our aircraft takes off. We work to the Gold Standard Critical Care Model, which means we rush a Critical Care Paramedic and Critical Care Doctor straight to the scene. We arrive no more than 20 minutes later, anywhere in the region. Our average flight time is just 14 minutes.

The service we provide is reliant on our brilliant team of pilots, critical care paramedics, and critical care doctors who specialise in Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine (PHEM) and trauma.

From emergency blood transfusions to treating cardiac arrests, or putting a patient under general anaesthetic, it's the skill and dedication of our team that means one patient in five – a patient otherwise expected to die – survives.

We need to raise over £3million a year to stay operational, but despite this we receive no day to day funding from the Government or National Lottery. We rely on people like you. Together we save lives.



NEXT LINK.
changing the face of
domestic abuse support services

Since 2017 we have provided the domestic abuse services across South Gloucestershire. The service has established a reputation for best practice and victim centred support.

This year we have supported **1,266 victims** to cope, recover and rebuild their and their children's lives.

All our services are accessed by one telephone number 0800 4700280 or fax and email 8.30-5.30pm Monday-Friday. We also have an out of hour's service. All victims asking for support are offered a relevant service that meets their needs and responds to their immediate safety risks. Callers wanting advice and guidance can access our accredited advice service.



Safe Houses for victims and Families

We have safe houses for victims that need to flee from the perpetrator. Victims can move in immediately and they are given practical and emotional

support including staying safe, parenting, lifeskills and finding new housing.

Community and Outreach IDVA Services

Community workers help victims to keep safe in their own home. The support we can offer includes someone to talk things over with, forming a safety plan, making the home safe, help to go to court and get legal protection, help with accessing benefits and budgeting

Identification and Referral to Improve Safety (IRIS)

For many victims of domestic abuse going to see the doctor is the only safe place they can go without their violent partner present. Our specialist workers train and support primary care clinicians to recognise domestic abuse and to refer their patients to our service.



Southmead Hospital IDSVA Service

Often victims who present at A&E disclose high levels of abuse and are still living with their violent partner. They also train health clinicians to recognise the signs and symptoms of domestic abuse to enable them to refer to the service. Support is offered for up to 4 weeks.

Group Programme

This programme is open to all victims aged 16 years and over regardless of if they are using any of our services. The groups focus on both emotional and practical support including; self-esteem, confidence, coping strategies, skills and competencies, building friendship network, independence, ambition.

Town Council Litter Picking Initiative

Recently, I have read various social media articles where several areas of the Town have been trashed with litter, cans, bottles, crisp packets etc where our residents have taken advantage of the fine weather and having picnics on various green areas of the Town. Sadly, this litter has not been put in the various bins which are placed around all our open areas.

Mrs Odile (Del) McIntosh our new Activity Centres Manager/Deputy Town Clerk's initiative took off and last weekend on Saturday, myself together with three other councillors, namely John, Roger and Michael (the new Deputy Mayor) plus Del and her daughter, Nikki from the office and her daughter, my daughter and granddaughter and a nice member of the public took the 'bull by the horns' and did a litter pick over the areas of Jubilee Green. We followed this up on the Sunday with myself, Del and her daughter plus two members of the public and their children. The younger members of the community found it fun and worthwhile taking part in an activity which had a purpose and was beneficial for the whole community.

Del and I have now discussed this initiative and, with the help of volunteers from the public, there may be areas near you which could do with a tidy up. Should this be the case, we have the various tools for the job neatly sanitised, ready to attack, then please contact the Town Council Office where we can help you organise a clean-up.



Tony Griffiths

Mayor of Bradley Stoke Town Council



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



The Town Council also offers a free graffiti removal service for Bradley Stoke residents.

Groups Financially Supported by the Town Council

Bradley Stoke in Bloom update – July 2020

For SGC we've been tending and recording the wildflower beds on Brook Way.



Our Welcome Planters received Easter & VE Day makeovers



On Manor Farm roundabout, Debbie made a welcome return (although she has currently gone walkabout)

Sponsored by SGC we have sent off samples of our apple trees to have their provenance determined.

We were very limited as to what we could do as a group, but no one said you couldn't go for a walk with a pair of secateurs!

The Common East orchard was scythed, bee hotels installed (made by a local craftsman). Bee waterers & wild flower squares are doing well.

Bradley Stoke Carnival Committee update



Before Covid 19 swept aside our and the nations plans our project had included : School /Youth Group poster competition. Memories board where people could share photos and stories of their families involvement in the 1945 VE day /World War II

On the Day: - Parade with all the groups dressed in theme and the youth groups displaying their posters. All children in parade would get a token, either chocolate penny or coin penny. Trophy for best costume. Poster to be displayed afterwards either in library or activity centre.

- Themed tea (provided by local café at £4 per head) tea for table of 6? Would be given free to groups in the parade via a 'ration book.' Maybe best decorated table prizes.
- Vintage sweet shop (buy an old penny for 50p which you could exchange for a paper bag of sweets) .
- Ice cream cones with red white & blue.
- Old fashioned games i.e. Tug of War, stretcher race, coconut shy, quoits, three legged race, egg and spoon, croquet, beacon relay, splat the rat? Shove penny. Prizes for competitive games = Tin of Spam.
- Vintage fitness session .
- Bar available (hopefully run by cricket club) Punch and judy show. Vintage Bus rides.
- Lindy Hop dancing & war time songs sung by Stokes singing group.
- from 10.30 episodes of Dad's Army series to be screened. At 1pm the film Dad's Army to be screened.
- Prize winners to raise the Union flag with the Mayor.
- Stalls decorated to stay in theme. Community Group / Charity stalls are free.
- VE day themed Cos Players.



What we managed this year

Our Facebook page proved very popular, over 400 shared our 'childrens resources' page. We also joined in with the national VE Day at home groups and the Vera Lynn 9pm sing-along. And we provided a place for everyone to share their VE home decorations. In Bloom decorated their planters and BSR had a 5 hour VE day show.

Three Brooks Nature Conservation Group



Three Brooks Nature Conservation Group report covers the year to 31 March 2020.

Workdays

The Conservation Group runs monthly workdays on the first Saturday of the month from 10:00 to 16:00. Some of our volunteers attend a whole workday and others the morning or afternoon. We have an associated Green Gym group which meets weekly on a Thursday from 10:00 to 13:00 and coordinates their tasks with the main group. We have a strong core membership of local Bradley Stoke residents and in 2019 have had an average attendance of 15 people at our monthly workdays and 9 at Green Gym. We have 31 members in the Three Brooks Nature Conservation Group, around 14 of these are regular attendees and others are occasional participants, Green Gym has 18 members. Sometimes we have to change the focus of our workday due to weather, for instance we avoid the woods in high winds.

Our workday tasks include amongst other tasks; laying hedges, stream clearing (removing litter and trolleys and pruning vegetation to allow more light to reach the brooks), pond maintenance, hay cutting, coppicing, orchard maintenance, clearing bramble, removing ivy from trees where appropriate, clearing Himalayan Balsam and litter picking including taking part in the Big Spring Clean.

Community events

We arrange many events each year which are free and open to all. The SLA fund is used to compensate event leaders. Although there is no charge to join in, we ask people to book in advance and limit the number of places for safety reasons. We use Eventbrite for people to book places at our community events. Over the last year, we have held the following events with an average of 27 members of the public attending each one.

1st May	Bat Walk for Scouts only (TBNCG)	44
5th May	Dawn Chorus Walk @ 6am (TBNCG)	11
14th July	Foraging Walk (Steve England)	34
4th August	Nature Ramble (Rupert Higgins)	22
15th August	Bat Walk (Laura Plenty / Avon Bat Group)	30
28th August	Bat Walk (Laura Plenty / Avon Bat Group)	17
7th Sept	Bat Walk (Laura Plenty / Avon Bat Group)	39
26th Oct	Foraging Walk (Steve England)	19

For 2020/21 we had planned another full programme of events, including an Earth Hour party in the dark, dawn chorus walk, a nature ramble, foraging walks, moth trapping, an owl prowl and bat walks. With the current movement restrictions limiting activities, three events have so far been cancelled and events won't happen for the first few months. We will endeavour to provide a full programme once we are able to.

Volunteers' hours

During the year April 2019 to March 2020 over 2,560 hours were given by volunteers. Hours are valued at £13.90, making a total value to the community of over £35,278. This is the direct labour cost only and to do the same work with council employees or contractors would cost significantly more. Many hours are also given for group administration, planning activities, escorting walks and attending training courses. During the year, 8 members of the group attended working near water training courses and 3 undertook brush cutter accreditation training. 3 members attended first aid training.

Our committee members attend ad-hoc meetings with South Gloucestershire Council officers, members of the public and other organisations to discuss activities or works on the reserve. For example, last year there were meetings regarding fallen or dangerous trees, remedial works by Wessex Water and the Savages Wood Paths Project amongst others.

Survey Work

The group continues to run, or support, wildlife surveying in many areas. This often involves our own volunteers but also supports outside groups that survey on the reserve.

Birds - The group undertakes annual monitoring of the bird boxes installed around the reserve, recording use and damage and replacing boxes as required. Our members support national survey efforts run by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), submitting monthly reports and other notable sightings. We are also supporting the local BTO Bird Ringing Group with ongoing bird ringing sessions, some of which are open to the public.

Our Dawn Chorus Walk in 2019 recorded 31 species on the reserve in the two hours between dawn and breakfast. Notable species for the reserve are kingfishers, pied flycatcher on passage, the occasional barn owl and a possible sighting of a goshawk.

Bats - We do not monitor our bat boxes internally, as we do not have the required licence, but they are replaced as required. We have recorded at least six species during our bat walks. The group owns several bat detectors which are used for surveying and on public walks.

Newts - Five members of the group hold Great Crested Newt licences and we continue to survey our thriving population in the Bradley Stoke ponds, submitting survey results to Natural England. Pond maintenance on the reserve, and in the town ponds, is timed to minimise disturbance to our healthy populations of protected great crested newts as well as the smooth and palmate newts.

Water Voles - Several group members joined Wessex Water on a water vole survey/training session. Although on the day the area was flooded and we were unable to find any, previous surveys have found signs of water vole activity.

Otters - Surveying of otters is always difficult, as they are so unpredictable. Members of the Greater Bristol Otter Group, including some of our members, regularly survey the reserve for signs of otters (spraint markings are the most common sign). We also get regular reports from dog walkers of encounters with otters.

Water Blitz - We took part in the Water Blitz, run each year by the Bristol Avon Rivers Trust (BART). Our four samples from the reserve showed that our waterways fare better than some, the main pollutant being from road run-off.

Slow Worms - The group has installed over 25 slow worm survey mats, originally to monitor the relocated slow worms but have now expanded the survey to all of the reserve. The mats have shown that the relocated slow worms have thrived and that we have slow worms in areas we were previously unaware of their presence and has also revealed a thriving population of field voles and shrews.

Butterflies - Following advice, we have enhanced an area on the Tump for the Grizzled Skipper butterfly, we are hopeful that our next survey will prove that this has been successful.

Issues on the Reserve

Flooding - Over 7600 Acres (3000ha) of land drain through the reserve and, although it isn't a major problem for our wildlife during the winter, flooding does pose problems later in the year once nesting has started around the lake. Water voles would be affected by prolonged flooding any time of the year. The main concern raised to the group is one of access to the reserve by the public. Although flooding doesn't normally restrict access for longer than 24hrs, our Facebook page comments reflect the disruption it causes. The upcoming lake de-silting project will go some way to alleviating the issue by storing more water in the lake. However, heavy rain fall may well

continue to cause flooding where more water falls than can flow under the motorway.

Bad paths by lake - Due to normal rainfall and its proximity to the lake, but not helped by the flooding, the path from the lake to Fiddler's Bridge is one of the worst on the reserve for being muddy. This is being addressed as part of the de-silting project.

Ash Die-back - Towards the end of summer 2017, we discovered that ash die-back had reached the reserve. This could significantly alter our landscape in years to come. South Gloucestershire Council are surveying all SGC land, starting with that near roads and paths, and reacting to issues. We continue to monitor the situation.

Dogs - Although most dog owners are responsible, we continue to have problems with the lack of removal of dog waste bags by a few owners that find it acceptable to leave full bags hanging in trees or at the side of a path. We remove all we can reach with our regular litter picking activities. The number of dog owners using the Nature Reserve to exercise their dogs has an impact on the ability of the group to manage the reserve in line with the agreed Management Plan. This causes a conflict where areas designated as being managed for wildlife are used extensively by dog owners, primarily because there is no other large area suitable for exercising dogs in Bradley Stoke.

Vandalism in the reserve - Much of the vandalism, litter and fires has abated although we continue to log all incidences and report to the appropriate authorities where we can.

Benefit to the community

The new paths around Savages Wood have provided a continuous surfaced access route around the woodland. This means that all of the community can enjoy the woods without additional specialist equipment or support. Phase 2 of this project is now being considered. As part of the paths project, a Radar Key controlled gate was installed behind the leisure centre, providing level access to the woods from the car park.

We offer the opportunity for anyone who is interested to take part in our workdays, we always find something appropriate to a volunteer's age and ability. All volunteers are given training in how to use tools correctly and safely. Our workdays aim to maintain wildlife habitats and to ensure that people can enjoy the reserve.

Anyone not able to get to workdays can remain connected to the reserve through our open meetings, Facebook page, Website and regular articles in the Bradley Stoke Journal. We offer a variety of guided walks free of charge.

The 10 bat detector kits that we supplied for Bradley Stoke library are maintained by the group. They are available for library members to borrow for free. We continue to give away free children's I spy sheets and nature trails.

We run a Green Gym every Thursday. The aims of Green Gyms are to improve health and the environment at the same time. Objectives are to improve health and wellbeing – by increasing or maintaining fitness, reducing isolation and supporting better mental wellbeing, and to increase employability by increasing knowledge, skills and confidence.

Our maintaining of the site is contributing to the biodiversity of the reserve, which in turn hugely contributes to making the reserve a popular and important site. The wildfowl are a popular draw at the lake and we also have otters visiting alongside our resident mammals.

The reserve is enjoyed by many people: walkers, runners, horse riders, cyclists, photographers, bird watchers, dog walkers, families and school groups. There are measured running routes and an orienteering trail. The reserve is open to all the community, our work potentially benefits all of those people who live or work in Bradley Stoke as well as visitors. Each workday we are stopped by users of the reserve who thank us for all our hard work.

The Three Brooks Nature Conservation Group continues to be grateful for the invaluable support of Bradley Stoke Town Council.



Green Dog Walkers



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.



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

Leave only pawprints.....



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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To help people whose income or employment have been affected by the Coronavirus crisis, the eligibility criteria for Future Bright have been temporarily expanded.

Visit: <http://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/future-bright/>

Future Bright offers FREE career coaching, training and support to help you develop the skills and confidence you need to take your next step in your career.

When you join Future Bright, you'll be matched with a dedicated career coach who will support you to create a personalised action plan. Your Future Bright journey is tailored to your individual needs and will fit around your existing commitments.

During the Coronavirus outbreak, our coaches continue to support residents by using telephone and online tools to stay in touch safely.

Our team of experienced career coaches can help you with:

- **Advice and support:** your dedicated coach will work with you to help you create an action plan showing where you want to be and how you can get there.
- **Developing skills:** we'll help you identify and access support and training as well as looking at ways you can get more from your current experience.
- **Personal budgets:** we can help you pay for the training and equipment you need to reach your goals.

All conversations are confidential, and focus on what you want to achieve – your coach will help you take your next step. Participation is always free, and fits around your current commitments. To learn more, read our [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Who is it for?

To help people whose income or employment have been affected by the Coronavirus crisis, the eligibility criteria for Future Bright have been temporarily expanded.

The expanded Future Bright service can support people who are:

**FROM 1 JULY 2019
YOU MUST HAVE THE
MEANS TO CLEAN UP
AFTER YOUR DOG.
FAILURE TO DO SO
CARRIES A MAXIMUM
FINE OF £1,000 OR A
£100 FIXED PENALTY
NOTICE.**



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www.southglos.gov.uk/bagitbinit



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



Forthcoming Town Council Meetings

All meetings take place at 7.00pm unless otherwise stated.

Full Council

Wednesday 22 July 2020
Wednesday 16 September 2020
Wednesday 18 November 2020

Finance Committee

Wednesday 19 August 2020
Wednesday 21 October 2020

Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee

Monday 17 August 2020
Monday 19 October 2020

Planning & Environment Committee

Wednesday 22 July 2020 (8pm or on completion of extra Full Council meeting)
Wednesday 26 August 2020
Wednesday 23 September 2020
Wednesday 28 October 2020

Blood Donation Sessions - Future Dates 2020

The Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre - Session Dates

31 July
7 August
21 August
11 September
8 October
30 October

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 Justyna Domalewska
PCSO Amelia Lipiec

General Enquiries 101

If a crime is in progress please ring 999

Bradley Stoke Police Beat Team surgeries

These are held regularly at different locations around the town. To find out when the next surgery is due to be held, please contact the beat team at <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area/bradley-stoke/>

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"

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 2020/21

Term 1: Tuesday 01 September 2020 - Friday 23 October 2020

Term 2: Monday 02 November 2020 – Friday 18 December 2020

Term 3: Monday 04 January 2021 - Friday 12 February 2021

Term 4: Monday 22 February 2021 – Thursday 01 April 2021

Term 5: Monday 19 April 2021 - Friday 28 May 2021

Term 6: Monday 07 June 2021 - Wednesday 21 July 2021

Member of Parliament

Mr Jack Lopresti is the MP for Bradley Stoke.

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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

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
www.bhcds.org.uk

EACH (Educational Action Challenging Homophobia)
Actionline: 0808 1000 143

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

Further Information

Bradley Stoke Town Council

BSTC started life on 1 April 1992. There are currently 20,599 residents (2011 Census figures) with 15,292 people on the January 2020 electoral roll. The town has 15 elected Councillors in seven wards. Five Town Councillors are also members of South Glos Council.

Councillors

Tom Aditya
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Bradley Stoke, South

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SGC - Bradley Stoke South

Roger Avenin
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SGC - Bradley Stoke South

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Via Bradley Stoke Town Council website
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SGC - Stoke Gifford

Terri Cullen
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Bradley Stoke, North

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Chair of Council/Mayor
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Bradley Stoke, North

Elaine Hardwick
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Bradley Stoke, North

Michael Hill
Vice-chair of Council
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Bradley Stoke, South

Brian Hopkinson
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Bradley Stoke, North
SGC – Charlton & Cribbs

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.

Meetings

As well as Full Council, there are three Standing Committees for Finance, Planning & Environment and Leisure, Youth & 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. All meetings are currently taking place via the Zoom video-conferencing platform – meeting joining details are available on our website and noticeboards.

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