



Newsletter

In Partnership with the Community



I am delighted that we were able to put on the Scarecrow Trail community event during this year of Covid, when we have had to cancel so many other events.

The event was the initiative of the Deputy Town Clerk, Odile McIntosh who deserves a good pat on the back for coming up with the idea and mostly single-handedly, putting the event on. Odile was equally delighted to see the children and adults arrive at the various centres really excited to find the Scarecrows scattered around the Town. A very successful event where the community could occupy the children at Half Term at a very affordable cost. Seeing families going round taking part in the Scarecrow Trail, I engaged with one parent who said her six-year-old was a little frightened, but was really enjoying finding the Scarecrows.

I would like to thank the sponsors of the Scarecrow Trail: Andy Wynn manager of the Willow Brook Centre for his continued support, Chris the Manager of the Hollow Tree Pub and also Specsavers for their generosity. I would also like to thank all who participated in making the Scarecrows and those who purchased the maps. The profit from this year's Scarecrow Trail will go to my two charities for this year.

Tony Griffiths

Mayor of Bradley Stoke Town Council

Message from the Mayor Tony Griffiths

Scarecrow Trail Results

Favourite scarecrow

Number 24 "Dobby the house Elf" - Wildhearts Childcare in Huckley Way - £100

Funniest scarecrow

Number 3 "Ron Weasley" - Wass family in Mallard Close - £100.

2nd Favourite scarecrow

Number 13 "Sirius Black" - Bradley Stoke Zero Carbon Community Group - £50

3rd Favourite scarecrow

Number 4 "Draco Malfoy" - Stubbs family in The Willows - £25.

Mayor's Favourite

Number 21 "Nearly Headless Nick" - Owen family in Lavender Way - £50 and £100 voucher off glasses at Specsavers.

Completed Map Prize winner

Charlene and Adam (aged 4) - £50



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Mayor's Charities



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.

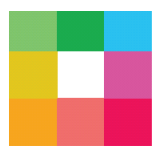
Within four minutes of a 999 call our aircraft takes off. We work to the Gold Standard Critical Care Model, which means we rush a Critical Care Paramedic and Critical Care Doctor straight to the scene. We arrive no more than 20 minutes later, anywhere in the region. Our average flight time is just 14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

Bradley Stoke in Bloom

Best Front Garden Competition 2020



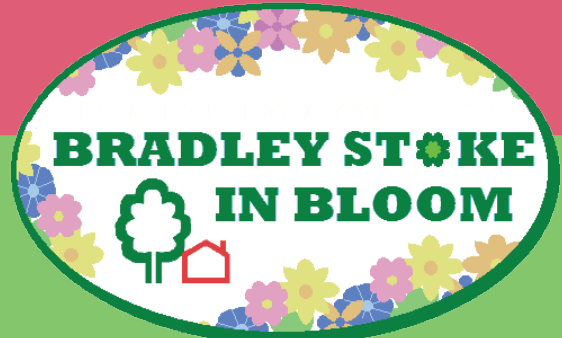
Both the local papers published the results and a report has been sent to South West in Bloom for their newsletter.

On the 19th August, for just a few winners, we had a small prize giving at Almondsbury Garden Centre, where Mayor Tony Griffiths 'handed' out the prizes and Catherine Ayers of BSR took the photographs and interviewed everyone for her show. Sadly for them, the runners up had to make do with Sara doing a doorstep presentation.

The large garden category had 3 joint 2nd places, as there was just 2% between their scores, and we added a 2nd Facebook Favourite as gardens E & F were both extremely popular.

The shield goes to the garden with the most points (2020 Richard & Gill Love) for the year, but all 1st and 2nd places received an engraved glass trophy to keep and a £25 or £10 voucher generously donated by Almondsbury Garden Centre. Everyone also received a framed certificate and an engraved medal.

Our thanks also must go to Timpson's for their generosity, to Bradley Stoke Town Council for their continued financial support and to Almondsbury Garden Centre's Richard Truscott for his ongoing support.



Large Gardens: (12)

1st Place Garden O Richard & Gill Love

2nd Place Garden J John Burton

2nd Place Garden H Helen & Graham Egarr

2nd Place Garden R Paul & Judith Johnson

Runners up (in alphabetical order)

Garden G Alisa & Richard Aquilina

Garden M Anne & Harry Hughes

Garden L David & Jenny Neale

Garden N Krishnan Rambadhran

Garden P Liz Mathew

Garden Q Malarvizhi Mookkandy & Ravishankar Yetrivel

Garden K Sue Callow

Garden I Sue Jones

Small Gardens: (6)

1st Place Garden C Maureen Hopkins & Evelyn Coates

2nd Place Garden B Fred J Hillberg

3rd Place Garden F Jon & Karen Lane

4th Place Garden E Anna Waliczek

Runners up (in alphabetical order)

Garden D Angela Morey

Garden A Lulu Milne

Facebooks favourites

1st Place Garden F Jon & Karen Lane

2nd Place Garden E Anna Waliczek

The Four Towns Summer Play Scheme



The Four Towns Summer Play Scheme has had another successful year! This year was very different due to Covid-19 restrictions. For the first time ever, we took bookings via Eventbrite for each day as our maximum daily attendance was 18 children. The children were split into 3 bubbles of 6. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we were unable to have 2 sessions per day, instead we provided 1 x 3-hour session per day which included a packed lunch being provided by ourselves for all of the children attending. This year we had a total of 91 different children attend the Bradley Stoke location and a total of 250 different children attend over 4 locations (Patchway, Bradley Stoke, Kingswood & Yate)

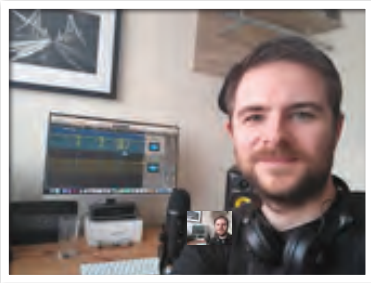
We had Bristolian Productions come to each location for their new play 'Mr Peculiar's Roadshow' which was science based and several fun experiments took place. We also had another visit from Same, Same but Different and they did pirate themed songs and activities on their first visit to each location, and circus themed activities on their second visit. Lots of fun was had by the children and staff! The children also took part in sports, arts and crafts, nature hunts and lots of games.

Overall, the play scheme was enjoyed by all of those involved.



A big thank you to all who have supported the project,
long may it continue.

Bradley Stoke Community Radio



Bradley Stoke Community Radio has had a 2020 that won't be forgotten in a long time!

We started the year training new members, booking events and broadcasting from the two studios at Brookway.

By the end of March, the studios were closed, events were postponed, then cancelled and the schedule looked a little shaky. However – as a community group of volunteers, the unlikely became the possible and the difficulties became a challenge and every one of our volunteers rose to the occasion and stepped up. Home studios started appearing, recordings on hand held mics were edited, the remote accessing became a system and the schedule began to fill again! We celebrated 'Local Radio Day,' 'the grand Iftar' and 'VE Day'. We heard from local businesses about the support they were offering the community, wildlife experts and a telephone box being adopted. We had guests on air from MP's to choirs, musicians and local schools, councillors, mayors and rock painters, charity fundraisers, town centre management, gardeners, local community groups and we continue to broadcast a local church service. And throughout, we have supported one another in practical and emotional ways. As a community group we have grown in number and have welcomed new 'remote' members to our volunteers and have said farewell to others who are off to Uni.

Throughout this difficult year, we have entertained the community with a full mix of music programmes, radio plays, current affairs, history, youth programme and news, helping to keep isolated and isolating people in touch with the local area and combatting loneliness. We have supported and broadcast the changing campaigns and health and wellbeing advice from the government, PHE and local groups, including Sirona Care and Health and Southern Brooks.

So if you haven't yet tuned into Bradley Stoke Radio, why not give it a go – 103.4fm, online and dab.

As the autumn rolls on and the covid landscape keeps changing, we are gently working on new projects and on making our studios safe and allowing covid secure access to the broadcast desks and studios. This specific work has been made possible by a grant from the National Lottery fund and we are grateful for that enabling support which compliments the ongoing support from Bradley Stoke Town Council.



The Only Cure for Litter is YOU

KEEP
Bradley Stoke

Tidy



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.



**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



**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.

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



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

Leave only pawprints.....

Autumn Promotion

From the 1st of October Four Towns and Vale Link Community Transport, will be offering **HALF PRICE** membership at only **£7.50**.

Recommend us to a friend who might be struggling for transport and needs help getting out and about. Try us for six months, up until the renewal in April 2021.

By helping them, you help us and our Community.

To join you will need to fill out a registration form.
Please call
01454 250500 / 01454 250510



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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our local Diverse Communities

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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

Forthcoming Town Council Meetings

All meetings take place at 7.00pm unless otherwise stated.

Full Council

Wednesday 18 November 2020

Finance Committee

Wednesday 16 December 2020

Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee

Monday 14 December 2020

Planning & Environment Committee

Wednesday 25 November 2020

Wednesday 23 December 2020

Blood Donation Sessions - Future Dates 2020

The Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre - Session Dates

30 October, 6 November,

13 November, 4 December,

11 December 2020,

15 January, 12 February,

26 February, 6 March,

19 March 2021

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 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.

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

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 & Discrimination Services
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
Tel: 0785 2456253
Bradley Stoke, South

John Ashe
Via Bradley Stoke Town Council website
Bradley Stoke, Stoke Brook
SGC - Bradley Stoke South

Roger Avenin
Tel: 0117 9099471
Bradley Stoke, South
SGC - Bradley Stoke South

Keith Cranney
Via Bradley Stoke Town Council website
Bradley Stoke, Stoke Brook
SGC - Stoke Gifford

Terri Cullen
Tel: 07720 426960
Bradley Stoke, South

Fabrizio Fazzino
Tel: 0775 8882434
Bradley Stoke, North

Anthony Griffiths
Chair of Council/Mayor
Tel: 07771 615953
Bradley Stoke, North

Elaine Hardwick
Tel: 07468 525775
Bradley Stoke, North

Michael Hill
Vice-chair of Council
Tel: 01179 695331
Bradley Stoke, South

Brian Hopkinson
Tel: 07860 181200
Bradley Stoke, North
SGC – Charlton & Cribbs

Franklin Owusu-Antwi
Via Bradley Stoke Town Council website
Bradley Stoke, North
SGC - Bradley Stoke North

Benjamin Randles
Tel: 07714 594260
Bradley Stoke, South

Ed Rose
Tel: 07807 891330
Bradley Stoke, South

Andy Ward
Tel: 07850 364400
Bradley Stoke, North

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