



Newsletter

In Partnership with the Community



Meet the New Mayor

Councillor Michael Hill

Michael John Hill was born and educated in North London. He initiated his career in a weekly newspaper, moving on to become a press officer at London Transport. Michael spent most of his career on media duties with the Ministry of Defence. At different times, he was head of public relations at the Royal Air Force Headquarters at High Wycombe and latterly at the Royal Navy's Fleet Headquarters at Northwood. His travels took him from Hong Kong to the Falkland Islands and from the West Indies to the Persian Gulf.

Cllr Michael started his political innings at the London Borough of Barnet in 1974 and served as a Borough Councillor at Barnet for 12 years. Afterwards, he moved to Northampton and served on Northampton Borough Council for 18 years, where he was Mayor in 2009-10. He served four years as a Northamptonshire County Councillor from 2005 to 2009 as well.

Michael and his wife Margaret moved to Bradley Stoke in 2017 and live near Baileys Court. He can often be seen walking his cockapoo 'Poppy' in the area. He was very fond of exploring the natural landscapes of Switzerland. His other hobbies include railways, photography, and football.

In 2019, Cllr Michael Hill was elected to the Bradley Stoke Town Council, representing the South Ward.

His Mayoral charities for 2021/22 are 'Dogs for Good', which is a life-transforming national charity, creating partnerships between people living with disability and specially trained assistance dogs and 'St Peter's Hospice', which is a local charity that provides care and support to adults who are living with a progressive life-limiting illness in the West of England region.

Councillor Michael Hill

Mayor 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

St Peter's Hospice is the only adult hospice providing care for patients with life-limiting illnesses across Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire and parts of Bath and North East Somerset, an area covering almost 1 million people.



We have been established for over 40 years and have expanded from a starting point of just two nurses working in the community to our current position caring for thousands of patients a year.

Our key services include:

- An Inpatient Unit with 15 spacious rooms, all with large sliding doors opening out onto the tranquil gardens.
- A Day Services programme supporting out-patients and family members to feel more confident and empowered.
- Community Nurse Specialists who visit and care for patients in their own homes.
- Hospice at Home, providing expert care for patients in their own homes in the last days of life.

- Patient and Family Support which provides social work, spiritual, bereavement and therapy support to patients, families and carers.
- A 24/7 Advice Line open to all callers, which has been a great comfort and support to patients and family members throughout the pandemic.

All our services are completely free of charge to patients, but only 21% of our funding comes from the NHS. For the rest we rely on fundraising events, charity shops and our supporters.

St Peter's Hospice aims to provide people nearing the end of their life with the very best end of life care, delivered to the highest professional standards within an environment of support, comfort, compassion and respect.



LIFE CHANGING
DEVOTION

For over thirty years, Dogs for Good has been using its knowledge and experience to bring people with disabilities and dogs together, enabling life-changing differences. Through the power of expertly trained dogs, we support people with autism, physical disabilities, learning disabilities and dementia, empowering them to live more independent lives.

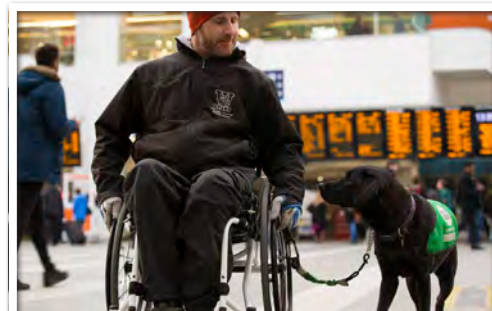
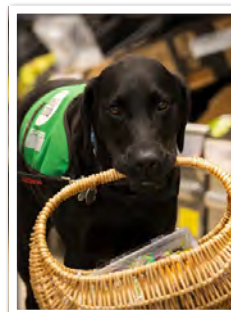
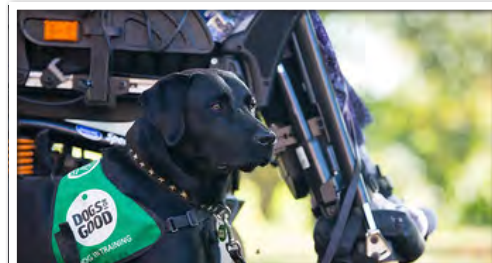
We match the needs and lifestyle of an individual or a family with the skills, temperament and abilities of the right dog.

Our range of services provides:

- Expertly trained assistance dogs
- Dogs and handlers working alongside health and educational professionals to support individuals and families develop independence and improved wellbeing.
- Advice to help people develop a relationship and strong bond with a pet dog, to ease specific challenges.
- Good advice to enable dog lovers to better understand their dog and enjoy the benefits of a special bond.

Whichever service we provide our philosophy remains the same; a better understanding of dogs leads to the development of a strong bond and relationship.

Our approach is unique. We are pioneering new ways of working to enable us to use our resources to help as many people as possible. The help our dogs provide goes beyond practical support; time spent with a dog helps reduce loneliness, improve confidence and enables the children and adults we support to fulfil their potential. All this is underpinned by a passion to promote high standards of wellbeing for every dog.



Baileys Court is getting a New Play Area



The Baileys Court Activity Centre Play Area has been very used for over 26 years, proving to be one of the most popular play areas in the town. However, some parts of the play area have now become weary and need a makeover. The good news is that Bradley Stoke Town Council have decided to completely redevelop the Play Area.

The Town Council aims to provide the community with an exciting and inclusive new play space for families and children. This project has the support of the local school, parents, visitors and Activity Centre hirers.

The invitation to tender was advertised and the Town Council was overwhelmed with designs and quotations from nine companies, who all have proven credentials across the UK.

The Activity Centre's Manager, Mrs Del McIntosh, who is acting as the Town Council's Project Co-ordinator, thanked all the companies for submitting impressive designs for consideration.

After the close of tenders, the Councillors and Council Officers met to open the tenders. Councillors Tom Aditya, Dr Ed He, Brian Hopkinson, Angela Morey and Andy Ward, along with Town Clerk, Sharon Petela and Del McIntosh assessed all tenders and designs and then awarded points using the criteria matrix previously agreed at the Finance Committee.

Two companies were remarkably close in the awarding process and after much discussion it was agreed to recommend that the contract for this work be awarded to Kompan. This recommendation was subsequently formally agreed at the Annual Town Council Meeting on 26th May 2021.

The estimated total cost will be £105K, funded by the Town Council and two external funding sources. The Town Council was able to secure £30,000 from Enover Community Trust and £14,195 from Ibstock Enover Trust, leaving the remaining balance of £66,805 to be covered by the Town Council Reserves, which has been possible following many years of careful financial planning.

The new play area works are anticipated to take place as soon as possible.



Bradley Stoke Mayoral Charity evening by Cllr Tom Aditya and Cllr Tony Griffiths

Pictures courtesy: Albert Sebastian.

Bradley Stoke Town Council hosted a Mayor's Charity evening on Friday, 16th July 2021 at the Jubilee Centre Oak Hall. This was an informal gathering of the Mayor's Charities over the past two years. The meeting however was an opportunity for Councillors and Council Staff to appreciate the work of charities, to comprehend how Bradley Stoke's support was helpful and to explore ideas for future collaboration. The ceremonial cheques were presented to the respective charities and a photo session also ensued.

Past Mayor, Councillor Tom Aditya had chosen Great Western Air Ambulance Charity (GWAAC), the National Autistic Society (NAS) – South Gloucestershire branch and the Bristol Multi-Faith Forum (BMFF)'s Blood & Organ Donation Campaign as his charities during 2019/2020 whereas GWAAC and Next Link Charity were chosen by Past Mayor, Councillor Tony Griffiths as his Mayoral Charities during 2020/2021.

NAS South Gloucestershire Treasurer Mr Jack Whittaker, BMFF Blood and Organ Donation Campaign Secretary Mrs Tripti Megeri, Great Western Air Ambulance Community Coordinator Mr Joe Hughes, and Next Link Support Charity Deputy CEO Mrs Jayne Whittlestone received the cheques on behalf of their corresponding charities and expressed thanks to Bradley Stoke Mayoral Charity.

Ms. Anna Perry, the Chief Executive of Great Western Air Ambulance in her thanks note sent earlier acknowledged the help from Bradley Stoke Mayoral Charity and commented: "It was a real pleasure to work with Bradley Stoke Council. The amount raised is genuinely wonderful and would fund potentially lifesaving missions and tactical vests for our critical care doctors and specialist paramedics. This is an amazing contribution towards our shared community and something Bradley Stoke should all feel rightly proud about. Almost 4 million pounds is needed annually to keep the GWAAC service moving. Many of our services are run by volunteers. Nevertheless, the helicopter, ambulances, its upkeep, fuel, and costs for hangarage, doctors, paramedics, drugs, blood, equipment, technical staff and officers are essential part of the service. GWAAC is here to help the community in the hours of an emergency. Your help is much appreciated. Thank you"

The funds to Mayoral Charities are generally raised from donations at Bradley Stoke Community Festival, Big Fireworks, Carnival, Fun Fair and Scarecrow Trail. Clubs, organisations, event hosts, individuals and businesses also tend to contribute towards the Mayoral Charity. Many events were cancelled due to the pandemic since last year. Yet, an amount of £8237.23 was raised in 2020 and an amount of £4404 was collected in 2021. Cllr Michael Hill, Cllr Tony Griffiths, Cllr Tom Aditya, Cllr Angela Morey and Town Clerk Sharon Petela hosted the gathering on behalf of the Bradley Stoke Town Council.

Everyone who attended felt that it was highly motivating and inspiring gathering.



L-R Cllr Michael Hill,
Cllr Tom Aditya,
Cllr Angela Morey,
Joe Hughes,
Sharon Petela

L-R Tripti Megeri,
Jack Whittaker,
Jayne Whittlestone,
Cllr Tony Griffiths,
Cllr Michael Hill



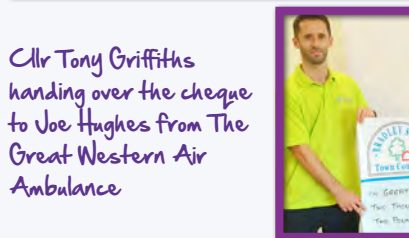
Cllr Tom Aditya
handing over the cheque
to Tripti Megeri from
the BMFF Blood
and Organ Donation
Campaign



Cllr Tom Aditya
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to Jack Whittaker from
the National Autistic
Society



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to Joe Hughes from The
Great Western Air
Ambulance



Cllr Tony Griffiths
handing over the cheque
to Joe Hughes from The
Great Western Air
Ambulance



Cllr Tony Griffiths
handing over the
cheque to Mrs Jayne
Whittlestone from Next
Link

Meet Your New Town Councillors

following the By-election in May 2021

Bradley Stoke South



Dr Edward Yi He lives in Bradley Stoke South Ward and works as a local chartered engineer, with experience in research and development, higher education, steel engineering, aerospace and, oil and gas sectors. He has been a passionate community champion and volunteers himself as a university career mentor, STEM subjects ambassador, a professional advisor for the Institution of Engineering and Technology, and as a trustee for a cancer support charity.

Ed believes that Bradley Stoke attained one of the lowest council tax precepts in South Gloucestershire, due to the prudent policies followed by the Conservative party led Town Council. He assures that he will support to keep the council tax low, whilst being a strong voice for the community and to help Bradley Stoke to thrive and blossom in its next phase of development.

Bradley Stoke North



Angela Morey, who is a mother of five children and a registered carer for a family member, has lived in Bradley Stoke for the last seven years. She appreciates Bradley Stoke for its great schools and amenities, beautiful nature reserve and friendly people. She has been a school governor and chaired a local primary school PTA, and has been part of various local community projects.

As a town councillor, Angela hopes to see a rejuvenation of local play-parks and a community hub. Her passions are supporting the community and encouraging empowerment. She pledges to be an open councillor who always put the residents' wishes first.

Once Upon A Time in Bradley Stoke...



...some magical scarecrows
arrived for all to enjoy!

Scarecrows will be characters from
children's books or nursery rhymes

Trail Maps £2

Maps will be available to buy from August 7th at The Council Office, The Jubilee Centre, Baileys Court Activity Centre, The Hollow Tree Pub and The Willowbrook Centre.

Affordable family fun!

**Saturday
14th August**

**Saturday
28th August
2021**

**win
£50**

**Complete the trail, fill in your favourite
and hand back your sheet to enter a
prize draw to win £50!**

If you would like to be a scarecrow creator and be part of the trail please email angela.morey@bradleystoke.gov.uk for entry forms and more information.
All entries must be received by July 14th.

Entry for the prize draw must be returned by Monday 30th August.
Winners will be announced by Monday 6th September.

**Be a scarecrow creator and you could
win £100!**

Brought to you by Bradley Stoke Town Council
For more information please email angela.morey@bradleystoke.gov.uk
All proceeds from this event will go towards the Mayors' Charities



Town Councillor Surgeries

are held on the
last Saturday
of every month between
10.00—12 noon at the
Willow Brook Centre,
where you can meet your
Councillors and discuss
any matters affecting the town.

Saturday 31st July 2021
Saturday 28th August 2021
Saturday 25th September 2021
Saturday 30th October 2021
Saturday 27th November 2021



Bradley Stoke in Bloom update

July 2021

Our 9th Best Front Garden Competition closed with a record 24 entries, an almost equal mix of competition veterans and first timers and on Saturday 17th July (one of the hottest days of the year) we split into 3 groups and armed with water bottles, cards, cameras & clipboards spent the day judging. Usually we have just 4 categories: 'Well kept frontage' 'Quantity / quality of plants' 'Out-standing character' 'Well kept lawn, paths, driveway' but this year we added an 'Environmental' category, although each judge decided for them selves how to award points in this extra section, items such as butterfly café's, homemade seats, wildlife food & water, recycled materials and sustainable planting were well received by us all.



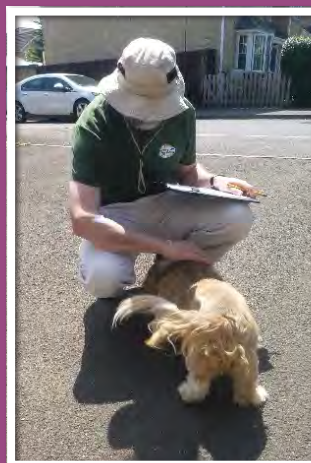
Although we don't wish to give away any spoilers we will say that the large garden category has ended in a draw! We will engrave both names onto the trophy, which neatly finishes it off & next year we will start again with two trophies.



facebook



We are also running our usual 'Facebook Favourite' competition so everyone can vote for their personal favourite.



The judging was not without incident and there were several blatant attempts to curry favour from the judges!

Thank you!

A big Thank you to everyone who entered or who gave up their day to be a judge or who have donated prizes, the competition would be nothing without you!

Our Mayor Michael Hill has agreed to hand out the prizes and our expectation is that will take place at the Picnic on the Green, although he is going to be very busy as everyone receives a certificate & medal & the big winners will also receive a voucher from Almondsbury Garden Centre, a meal for 2 & wine voucher from The Hollow Tree pub and an engraved glass trophy! The Aztec Hotel & Spa have also donated 2 prizes & the BS Zero Carbon Group a prize & a trophy!

We have a new date!

PICNIC ON THE GREEN

Traditional games, Entertainment, Ice Cream and Coffee Vans

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Saturday August 14th 12-3pm

Jubilee Green, Bradley Stoke BS32 8HL

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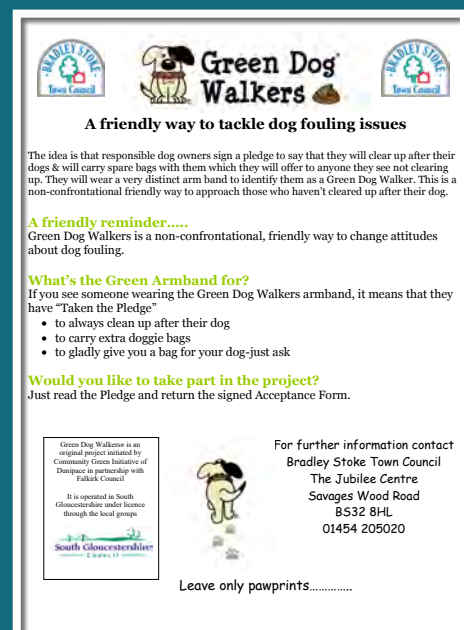


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The Only Cure for Litter is YOU

KEEP
Bradley Stoke





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 Dursley in partnership with Falkirk Council.
It is operated in South Gloucestershire under licence through the local group
South Gloucestershire Council

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

Leave only pawprints.....

Forthcoming Town Council Meetings

All meetings take place at 7.00pm unless otherwise stated

Full Council

Wednesday 15 September 2021

Finance Committee

Wednesday 18 August 2021

Wednesday 20 October 2021

Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee

Monday 16 August 2021

Monday 18 October 2021

Planning & Environment Committee

Wednesday 25 August 2021

Wednesday 22 September 2021

Wednesday 27 October 2021

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 "Finance" section at the top 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 & Discrimination Services
Tel: www.bhcds.org.uk

EACH (Educational Action Challenging Homophobia)
Actionline: 0800 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

Blood Donation Sessions - Future Dates 2021

The Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre - Session Dates

13 August, 10 September, 24 September, 8 October, 22 October, 5 November, 26 November, 3 December and 17 December 2021

Community News

Bradley Stoke Journal
Bradley Stoke Matters Magazine

South Gloucestershire Council School Term Dates

Academic year 2021/22

Term 1: Thursday 2nd September 2021 - Friday 22nd October 2021

Term 2: Monday 1st November 2021 - Friday 17th December 2021

Term 3: Tuesday 4th January 2022 - Friday 18th February 2022

Term 4: Monday 28th February 2022 - Friday 8th April 2022

Term 5: Monday 25th April 2022 - Friday 27th May 2022

Term 6: Monday 6th June 2022 - Friday 22nd July 2022

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 Adam Ali
PCSO Oliver Kirk
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/>

Further Information

Bradley Stoke Town Council

BSTC started life on 1 April 1992. There are currently 20,599 residents (2011 Census figures) with 15,517 people on the January 2021 electoral roll. The town has 15 elected Councillors in three wards. Five Town Councillors are also members of South Gloucestershire 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 Vice-Chair of Council/ Deputy Mayor

Tel: 07771 615953
Bradley Stoke, North

Dr Ed He

Via Bradley Stoke Town Council website
Bradley Stoke, South

Angela Morey

Tel: 07807234018
Bradley Stoke, North

Michael Hill

Chair of Council/Mayor
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.

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