Bradley Stoke Town Council

# Newsletter



In Partnership with the Community



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# **Meet the New Mayor**

The new Mayor/Chair of Council, Councillor Tony Griffiths was elected at the Annual Town Council Meeting on 11th May 2022.

Councillor Tony Griffith has been a sitting councillor in Bradley Stoke since 2011 (currently representing the Bradley Stoke, North ward). Tony was an architectural technician and he served with the Royal Observer Corp, taking active part in the Far East operations.

With his family, he ran two pubs and three restaurants. Tony worked as hospitality and facilitators manager for many years, and currently works as a Logistics Inspector, whilst fulfilling his council duties. For the Mayor's Charities for this year, Tony is continuing his support of the Great Western Air Ambulance Charity and St Peter's Hospice.

Cllr Tony Griffiths in his message said:

"Firstly, I would like to thank the people of Bradley Stoke for re-electing me as a councillor for the third term. I have lived in Bradley Stoke for 17 years and I am delighted that the members of the Council have chosen me to be the mayor for a second term. Due to the pandemic, all events were cancelled during my first term and council didn't think it was fair that I had a non-event year.

I come from an Architectural Technician background, and had a period in the military, followed by successful roles in business and hospitality. Five days before being appointed mayor, I was delighted to receive a civic honour of the Order of St George, for my 37 years of charity work, 11 years of military service and 11 years as an unpaid councillor.

I am looking forward and will continue to act for and help the people of Bradley Stoke in this role. I would particularly like to support any local initiatives and organisations and would welcome invitations to attend any functions or events you have planned.

Should you see me around the Town please stop and say 'hi', I will be pleased to offer my assistance wherever possible. I shall be listening to the wishes of the constituents and will apply their wishes wherever practical and economically possible.

We are so lucky to have such a lovely town of Bradley Stoke, however there are always room for improvement. The Conservative party administration of the council brought many good community projects and development programmes to the town, whilst keeping tax precepts low. And I am eager to continue that and progress further with the support of our councillor colleagues and staff."

# **Mayor's Charities**



Our Great Western Air Ambulance Charity (GWAAC) Critical Care Team stand ready to save the lives of local people.

We provide emergency care to people who are in a state so critical that they require the specialist skills of our team at the scene of the accident or medical incident. Though we are part of the regional 999 response service and work closely with NHS hospitals, we are a charity entirely funded by local people just like you.

GWAAC saves lives across Bristol, Bath and North East Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Gloucestershire, North Somerset and parts of Wiltshire.

Without you, we couldn't do it. It's your support that allow us to keep the air ambulance going, so our team can keep saving lives.

We don't simply fly people to the nearest hospital. Our priority is to get to the patient fast. We treat people at the scene, on the road and in the air, providing complex interventions to stabilise and treat the patient and give them the best chance of a positive outcome. The service we provide is reliant on our brilliant team of pilots, Advanced and Specialist Paramedics and Consultant Doctors who specialise in pre-hospital care.





To the residents of Bradley Stoke and surrounding communities: you can scan our website for fundraising ideas, set up a fundraising page (really easily!) for your bake sale/walking challenge through Enthuse here, and make a significant difference for people in our shared community.

Thank you all so much!



Everyone with a life limiting illness deserves access to the best possible care and to live their final days with dignity.

Every year St Peter's Hospice makes a difference in the lives of thousands of patients and their families when it matters most. Whether that is help managing pain, bereavement support

or providing relief from symptoms, the hospice team works 24/7 to support individuals and families as they navigate the challenges of living with a life limiting illness.

Our Inpatient Unit is a state-of-the-art centre of clinical excellence, that was built with the generous support of the people of Bristol. Beyond our Inpatient Unit, you'll find our team in homes and on the phone 24/7. More recently in response to the pandemic we have moved some services online to continue support for our patients.

When many people think of hospice care, they picture going somewhere to be looked after during the last days of their life. They're not wrong – we do offer inpatient care. But many St Peter's Hospice patients receive our care over several months in the comfort of their own homes, while others might join our virtual groups. We recognise that people's needs can change over time - that's why our range of services offer different types of support at different times.

No matter what form our support takes, people's individual needs are at the heart of that support.



The Hospice is also a centre of educational excellence, and we teach other healthcare professionals about how to care for people at the end of their lives, supporting the NHS and care homes provide end of life care. However, despite being a front-line service, only 22% of our funding comes from the NHS. The rest is raised in our community.

All this work would not be possible without the support of you, our wonderful community. Every time you shop with us, donate, take part in an event, sponsor a friend or volunteer with us, you make a difference in the lives of some of the most vulnerable in our community. We cannot thank you enough.

# **Town Council Events & Activities**

## **Jubilee Tree Planting**

The Town Council planted Jubilee trees at Brook Way Activity Centre as part of the Queen's Green Canopy programme in Bradley Stoke and to honour Her Majesty the Queen's, 70 years of services. The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a unique tree-planting initiative which invites people and organisations across the United Kingdom to 'plant a tree for the jubilee' as a special gift for the Queen.

On 6th May 2022, Councillor Tom Aditya as Mayor planted two Oak trees on the grassed area adjacent to the car park. Two oak tree saplings were donated to Bradley Stoke Council by the Honourable Company

of Gloucestershire, linked to the Queen's Green Canopy

In addition to this, the Council purchased seven field maple trees representing the seven decades of the Queen's reign. A workday was arranged on Friday 27th May to clear the land between Brook Way Activity Centre and Patchway Common. Cllr Tom Aditya was joined BSTC staff and local residents as well as the grounds team from Brandon Trust.

Brandon Trust is a charity that supports people with learning disabilities and autism in order to live life in their chosen way, and the Council is glad to support their social enterprise.







# **Bailey's Court Play Area**

The Baileys Court Activity Centre new Play Area was officially opened by the Town Council Mayor, Councillor Tony Griffiths on Saturday, the 2nd of July 2022. The Mayor was joined by councillors, council staff, Kompan employees and approximately 100 local residents.

The contractor, Kompan arranged the opening event and provided free ice creams, face-painting, balloons and goodie bags for everyone attending. Kompan have installed our new bench and litter bin free of charge and have also purchased another new bench and bin which they will be installing as a goodwill gesture. They also increased the wet-pour surfacing areas at no cost to the town council and the price of the equipment was held at the price from when the contract was awarded.

## **Quality Gold Award**

Bradley Stoke Town Council is delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Quality Gold Award, which is the ultimate achievement in a three-tier Local Council Award Scheme (LCAS) instituted by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), in collaboration with the UK Government's Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities; the Local Government Association; and the SLCC.

The Mayor at the time, Councillor Tom Aditya received the NALC Quality Gold Award Certificate from the Chairperson of the Avon Local Councils Association, Cllr Gail Boyle at a modest function held recently at the Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre, in the presence of councillors and officers.



Whilst bestowing the award certificate, Cllr Boyle said "The Gold Award is only awarded to those councils operating at the highest level of excellence and Bradley Stoke is the second council in the West of England region to be recognised with this crowning accomplishment. The NALC accreditation panel assessed that Bradley Stoke Town Council was able to provide leadership in

bringing people together, ensuring value for money as well as constantly seeking new innovations and opportunities to improve, based on a range of evidence-based criteria. In addition, the panel was particularly impressed with the council's website and newsletter. It is a pleasure for me to be invited to confer this Quality Gold Award certificate to Bradley Stoke Town Council".

# Platinum Jubilee/Community Festival 2022 Review

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was not possible to hold the Community Festival in either 2020 or 2021, so to have been able to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee alongside the return of our much-loved event was a wonderful opportunity for the community to gather to celebrate. The 2022 Festival took place on the Platinum Jubilee weekend to enable the festival to fully encompass the celebrations of this historic event, encompassing the Platinum Jubilee theme across the entire four days. Whilst, the main event day for the festival was Saturday 4th June 2022, there were various activities taking place throughout the town across the four days of celebrations.

# Thursday 2nd June 2022 evening – Platinum Beacon lighting event

A local bugler and singer were found and were welcome additions to the event with commemorative song sheets being were handed out to those attending. We were amazed at the numbers attending this historical milestone event and many people lingered after the Beacon was lit, taking photos and selfies in front of the beacon. We anticipated around 50 people attending, but there were between 550-600 people present. Unfortunately, this did lead to some sound problems on the night and, in hindsight, in future, we will ensure that we provide a small sound system for such events.

# Friday 3rd June 2022 – Picnic in the Park

The Picnic in the Park was a free to attend event on the Jubilee Green for families with the Van Buren magic/theatre show being a focal point. The free to use bouncy castle and face-painting proved very popular with optional donations to the Mayor's Charities (Great Western Air Ambulance Charity and St Peter's Hospice). Refreshments and music were provided by a local community group (Heartful Dodgers) and they were well supported, selling out of cakes and biscuits. This was the largest attendance by families at the Jubilee Green since the event has been staged.





# Platinum Jubilee/Community Festival 2022 Review

# Saturday 4th June 2022 – Main Festival day at the Jubilee Centre.

The weather was drizzly first thing in the morning, but an early decision being made to go with the "dry" programme proved correct, with the sun coming out in the afternoon, although the wind was a little gusty at times, but within safety limits for the inflatables.

The Town Council Mayor, Councillor Tony Griffiths welcomed everyone and officially opened the Festival. The music acts were Bradley Stoke Community School Choir, Our Way, Limited Edition, Beacon Rise, Mosaic and Longshots. The dance groups taking part were Arabella Belly Dancers, Baby Ballet, Burlesque Chair Dance Group, South Gloucestershire Chinese Association, Danceworks and Ghana Community Dance Bristol.





The large Climbing Wall operated by qualified staff with volunteer support from the local 1st Bradley Stoke Scout group proved very popular as usual.

On the top football pitch Bradley Stoke Youth Football Club ran three youth football festivals.

On the Jubilee Green side of the Festival was the Community Zone where there were 3 large inflatable rides which were free-to-use for local residents and children. Parents had the opportunity to donate to the Bradley Stoke Mayor's chosen charities when using the Community Zone rides, but there was no obligation to do so.

The Arts and Craft marquee hosted the Sew and So's group, a tarot card

reader and cake stall, plus other arts and crafts. Bradley Stoke Radio played an active role in hosting the events on the Jubilee Green side. Van Buren provided two more free-to-attend shows which were very well attended.

Bradley Stoke Town Council's Youth Work team once again provided the very popular combination of free 'have a go' graffiti workshops (with professional artists) and a large portable skatepark half-pipe; provided by King Ramps. There were regular pro rider demos interspersed with 'have a go' sessions and music and a display of Town Council Youth Work project information. As always, the supervised graffiti workshops proved very popular with many families queueing for the opportunity to spray paint their names on a take-home graffiti board. Those involved in this were provided with allencompassing PPE to protect themselves and their clothes. The Mayor's Charities collection buckets in the youth work area generated almost half of the collection bucket total.



#### Sunday 5th June 2022 – 10K Run + Skatepark Competition + Bowls Club Roll-up Demonstration

The ever-popular Sole Sisters 10K run started and finished at the Jubilee Centre.

A skatepark competition, organised by the town council youth work team and young volunteers took place at the Bradley Stoke skatepark during the afternoon. The skate-park ramp set-up was relocated to the skatepark for the afternoon to enhance the competition and demonstrations were provided by pro-riders and gave an extra area for young people to have-a-go. The Bradley Stoke Skatepark competition was a race against the expected rain, but the event went well with all competitions completed and 30 competitors across all the categories taking part. A good crowd stayed throughout the afternoon and enjoyed the demonstrations by the pro-riders.

In addition to these two events, Bradley Stoke Bowls Club roll-up sessions took place in the afternoon at Baileys Court Activity Centre which gave the opportunity for residents and potential new members to have-a-go at Bowls.





#### **Overall**

The extended four-day Community Festival was truly an event to celebrate all that is good about our town and was doubly so this year, combining it with the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and the Beacon Lighting event. The weather remained fine throughout the four days and much positive feedback was received both in person and through local social media. Over £4,000 was raised for the Mayor's Charities over the weekend.

# The return of the Bradley Stoke Youth FC (BSYFC) Football Festival

After 2 long years of covid restrictions the annual BSYFC Football Festival returned to the Jubilee Centre as part of the annual Bradley Stoke Festival on Saturday June 4th 2022. The football festival had a different structure this year due to the club not able to go into all the schools to provide coaching to the Year 1 children and then invite all the schools to the festival.

So this year's event had 3 football festivals. We had the Year 1 children festival with 6 teams, followed by the U10 Girls festival with 3 teams and then finally the Reception children festival with 3 teams. All the football matches were played on 5v5 pitches with referees on each match to ensure fair play which included doing up shoe laces, explaining how to do a throw in and which way the teams should be playing. A big thank you to all the young referee's for their patience and guidance to the children. Also a big thank you to Bradley Stoke Town Council for getting all the pitches in such beautiful condition.

The Reception children also had a penalty shootout with the Minion in goals. This was great fun with the Minion doing very well to keep many of the shots from going into the goal net. Well done to anyone that did manage to score.

We had 3 presentation events with all the children receiving a trophy and a goody bag for their participation in the festivals. For the Year 1 children presentation we had the pleasure of Matt Wheaton who handed out the new Luke Wheaton Memorial Trophy to the children in remembrance of Luke who played many years for BSYFC and will always be sadly missed. Hopefully the trophy will keep Luke in our memories for years to come. Also the club would like to thank the Luke Wheaton Legacy Trust for all their support.

For the U10 Girls presentation we had the pleasure of The Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Bradley Stoke who handed out the trophies to the girls. The club would like to thank Bradley Stoke Town Council for all of their support over the many years.

For the Reception children presentation we had the pleasure of Mark Pickering from McDonalds who handed out the trophies and goody bags to all the children. The club would like to thank McDonalds for all of their support over our 18 year partnership together.

All together we had a total of 117 children playing on the day which is a great result for the football festival.

The club would like to thank all the coaches and helpers who set up all the goals, Respect barriers, gazebos, banners, and helped throughout the day ..... and then took it all back down again at the end of the event.







Please remember without you this event would never happen.

The weather was very kind to us again this year and we look forward to running the event next year and hopefully have all the schools back involved.

If anyone is interested in Bradley Stoke Youth FC and would like to join as a player or helper then visit our web site at www.bsyfc.co.uk or email mlee1@btopenworld.com

## Sole Sisters 10K Run – Sunday 5th June 2022

Sole Sisters have been organising this 10k event, in conjunction with the Bradley Stoke festival, since 2009. This event was delayed for two years but still 500 runners successfully crossed the finish line without incident. Regrettably 150 runners did not show up for the event, only a handful notified us in the week prior to 5th June. The race is UK affiliated and takes 8 months to organise – its no mean feat, as soon as we are advised of the date we start planning.

A local male resident completed the course in just 34 minutes! He walked away with three trophies for 1st male, 1st in age category and 1st Bradley Stoke resident.

The 10k committee worked incredibly hard to host the event with fewer volunteers, we had to reach out to friends, families, neighbours and local residents to support the run. Sole Sisters would like to thank everyone who volunteered to marshal or who cheered the runners along the route. There are too many names to thank personally but if you were involved you deserve a big round of applause.





From feedback already received the runners really enjoyed the event, the jubilee tee shirts, medals and chocolate brownies. And most especially the runners appreciated the new flat path around the duck pond!

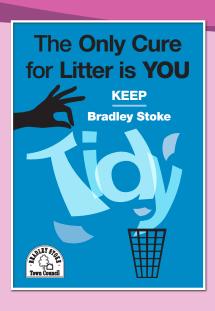
# **Bradley Stoke Ladies Football Club Champions**

Bradley Stoke Town Council congratulated Bradley Stoke Ladies Football Club who won the Champions Trophy of the Gloucestershire County Women's Football League Division 3. In May, one of the final engagements for Mayor Tom Aditya was to hand over the Champions Trophy to Ladies Captain N Lewis and team players in the presence of Manager Martin Lee and Coach J Reid.

Back Row (L-R): J Olpin, M Spill, M Hilbert, A Barley, A Pickett, M Lee (Manager), T Aditya (Mayor), N Lewis, A Thomson, C Brown, K Wood, C loele, L Edwards, L Baker, J Reid (coach).

Front Row (L-R): H Gibbs, K Matthews, H Razey, H Shone, C Powell, E Cooper.















#### **Forthcoming Town Council Meetings**

Wednesday 21 September 2022

#### **Finance Committee**

Wednesday 17 August 2022 Wednesday 19 October 2022

#### Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee

Monday 15 August 2022 Monday 17 October 2022

#### Planning & Environment Committee

Wednesday 24 August 2022 Wednesday 21 September 2022 Wednesday 26 October 2022

### **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 Actionline: 0808 1000 143

Bristol Hate Crime & Discrimination Services SGC Anti-Social Behaviour Team www.bhcds.org.uk

SARI (Stand Against Racism & Inequality) Tel: 01179 420060

#### **EACH (Educational Action** Challenging Homophobia)

Victim Support (Avonvale covering South Gloucestershire)

#### **Blood Donation Sessions -Future Dates 2022**

#### The Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre -**Session Dates**

5 August, 12 August, 2 September, 16 September, 7 October, 14 October, 28 October, 4 November, 9 December and 16 December 2022

#### **Community News**

Bradley Stoke Journal Bradley Stoke Matters Magazine

#### South Gloucestershire **Council School Term Dates**

#### Academic year 2022/23

**Term 1:** Thursday 1st September 2022 - Friday 21st October 2022

Term 2: Monday 31st October 2022 -Friday 16th December 2022

Term 3: Tuesday 3rd January 2023 -Friday 10th February 2023

Term 4: Monday 20th February 2023 -Friday 31st March 2023 Term 5: Monday 17th April 2023 -

Friday 26th May 2023 **Term 6:** Monday 5th June 2023 – Friday 21st July 2023

#### **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** 

Avon & Somerset Constabulary (Bradley Stoke Beat Team)

PC Claire Fletcher PCSO Adam Ali PCSO Oliver Kirk

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/

## Further Information

#### **Bradley Stoke Town Council**

BSTC started life on 1 April 1992. There are currently 20,599 residents (2011 Census figures) with 15,580 people on the January 2022 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

Tel: 07720 426960 Bradley Stoke, South

#### Fabrizio Fazzino

Tel: 0775 8882434 Bradley Stoke, North

#### **Anthony Griffiths** Chair of Council

Tel: 07771 615953 Bradlev Stoke, North

#### Dr Ed He

Via Bradley Stoke Town Council website Bradley Stoke, South

#### **Brian Hopkinson**

Tel: 07860 181200 Bradley Stoke, North SGC - Charlton & Cribbs

#### **Dayley Lawrence**

Via Bradley Stoke Town Council website Bradley Stoke, South

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

#### **Angela Morey**

Tel: 07807234018 Bradley Stoke, North

**ChildLine** 

#### Franklin Owusu-Antwi Vice-chair of Council

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

#### 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.

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

# Jubilee Centre. All councillors can be contacted by e-mail through the Bradley Stoke Town Council website. Feedback