



# Newsletter

In Partnership with the Community



## Public Consultation on the loss of bus services and routes in Bradley Stoke

Bradley Stoke Town Council is keen to hear from residents who have been directly impacted by the loss of the various bus routes around the town over the past few months.

- What impact has the loss of the bus routes in Bradley Stoke had on you and/or your family
- What suggestions do you have for different routes/changes to existing services in the town

First Bus are interested in hearing from residents regarding the following specific questions:

- What would you like in a bus service?
- Where would be a suitable location for you to interchange onto the M4 service so you can carry on to Cribbs Causeway or possibly into town for a quicker service than the 73?
- How far into Bradley Stoke would you like the bus to go? (First Bus have said that, at this time there is no plan to send the bus back to Cribbs Causeway)

The consultation is available on our website ([www.bradleystoke.gov.uk](http://www.bradleystoke.gov.uk)) for an online submission (or scan QR code below)



Comments can also be emailed to [town.clerk@bradleystoke.gov.uk](mailto:town.clerk@bradleystoke.gov.uk) or submitted in writing to The Town Clerk, Bradley Stoke Town Council, The Jubilee Centre, Savages Wood Road, Bradley Stoke, South Glos, BS32 8HL

All comments submitted will be anonymised, collated and form part of a town council submission to the various stakeholders (West of England Combined Authority, South Gloucestershire Council and First Bus).

**Consultation will close on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Please note that any personal details submitted will not be retained on any database and will not be used in the future for any purposes other than this consultation. Bradley Stoke Town Council's privacy notice on how we handle your information is available on our website.

## Bradley Stoke Jobs Fair

**Friday 3rd March, 2023**



Willow Brook,  
Savages Wood Rd,  
Bradley Stoke,  
South Glos,  
BS32 8EF



**11:00am until 2:00pm**

A variety of employers with jobs in Bradley Stoke



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# Mayor's Charities



**Great Western  
Air Ambulance Charity**

**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!**



**St Peter's  
Hospice**

**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.



# Bradley Stoke Town Council

## Fireworks Display 6th November 2022

The 2022 Firework Display was, once again, another successful event, raising £2,834.64 for charity and thankfully the weather held, the strong winds which had been forecast earlier in the day did not materialise.

The numbers of people attending the event have not yet returned to the pre-COVID pandemic levels, plenty of positive feedback was received from those attending, especially regarding the return, this year, of traditional fireworks, which were not low-noise. It was lovely to see so many residents of the town gathering to enjoy this event, which we continue to make free to all.

The fireworks could not run without the outstanding support from the volunteer marshal and bucket collectors from a range of local groups including Little Stoke Social Club, volunteers from the two Mayor's Charity groups (Great Western Air Ambulance Charity and St Peter's Hospice), Bradley Stoke in Bloom, Three Brooks Nature Conservation Group, the young people of Bradley Stoke, and BSTC councillors and staff. Once again, Bradley Stoke Radio supported the event keeping the crowds on the Jubilee Green entertained. Once again, the Town Council would like to thank all those who assisted at this year's event.



Representatives from St Peter's Hospice



Representatives from Great Western Air Ambulance Charity

The bucket collection on the night has now been counted and the final bucket collection total was £2,324.64. We have been asked, by a number of people attending the display, about online donations to the Mayor's Charity. We will be looking into streamlining this going forward for future events.



Bradley Stoke Town Councillors

## Bradley Stoke Community Warm Spaces

Bradley Stoke Town Council has set up some warm spaces across our three sites (Baileys Court Activity Centre, Brook Way Activity Centre and the Jubilee Centre) which offer a friendly welcome and are free to use. Hot drinks and biscuits will be provided. Grant funded through South Gloucestershire Council Welcome Spaces scheme.



Generally, the warm spaces are open at all three sites (see our website and noticeboards for details). Brook Way – Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Baileys Court – Tuesday and Jubilee Centre – Thursday.

Note during the February half term (Monday 13th – Friday 17th February 2023), Brook Way Activity Centre will be closed however Baileys Court Activity Centre and Jubilee Centre will be open all week.

### Jubilee Centre (BS32 8HL) - Woodlands Suite

Monday	0930 to 1630
Tuesday	0930 to 1630
Wednesday	0930 to 1630
Thursday	0930 to 1630
Friday	0930 to 1630

### Baileys Court Activity Centre (BS32 8BH) - Apple Room

Monday	0930 to 1630
Tuesday	0930 to 1630
Wednesday	0930 to 1630
Thursday	0930 to 1630
Friday	0930 to 1630

## New Public Access Defibrillator for the Town

Following on from research undertaken by Councillor Terri Cullen, the locations of public access defibrillators have been reviewed in Bradley Stoke and the surrounding area. The review identified that there are public defibrillators in the middle and south of the town but nothing in the north. The Town Council have therefore agreed to fund the purchase and installation of a new public access defibrillator for the outside of the Brook Way Activity Centre

The Town Council has teamed up with Great Western Air Ambulance Charity who work with Heartsafe to provide an all-in-one lifesaving automated external defibrillator.





# Local Nature Action Plan

Bradley Stoke Town Council, in partnership with South Gloucestershire Council and local community groups, has recognised the importance of taking steps to address the ecological challenges our world is facing. A Local Nature Action Plan has been developed in order for us to take the necessary steps to improve the biodiversity in Bradley Stoke. Our plan was officially adopted at the Full Council meeting on 16th November 2022.

There are a number of ongoing projects which the Town Council have started linked to the Local Nature Action Plan in Bradley Stoke

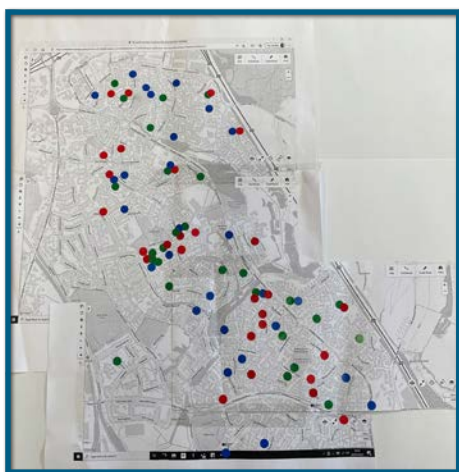
## Refurbishment of Davis Pond

The small pond on the Jubilee Green was in need of an overhaul and the Town Council are pleased to announce that the work long is due to be carried out in the next few months with a hope to increase biodiversity of the pond and surrounding area. It is hoped that this work will transform the area into a vibrant setting for the local community to enjoy.

## Free Tree/Hedge Giveaway event

The Town Council allocated a budget to purchase trees/shrubs and hedges and then arranged a community event during which the trees, shrubs and hedges were given away to residents of the local community. A large number of small saplings were also donated to this event by Councillor Tom Aditya.

The event was held at the Jubilee Centre on Saturday 28th January 2023 and was an amazing success with positive feedback received. More than 80 local residents collected trees/shrubs/hedges and marked their planting locations on the map (see completed map below).



## Hedgehog Heroes

The Town Council are hoping to be actively involved in the South Gloucestershire Council, Hedgehog Heroes initiative, so watch this space for further information over the next couple of months

This event was supported by Bradley Stoke Zero Carbon Community Group, Bradley Stoke in Bloom and South Gloucestershire Council, who were all on hand to give expert advice.

A few photographs from the event are below:



We asked residents who rehomed the plants to send us a photo once they had planted them in their gardens. We have already received some:



# CALLING ALL COMMUNITY HEROES



Bradley Stoke Town Council  
**NEEDS YOU!**

MAKE A CHANGE  
BECOME A COUNCILLOR

TO FIND OUT MORE, CONTACT:  
[www.nalc.gov.uk/makeachange](http://www.nalc.gov.uk/makeachange)

## WHAT DO LOCAL COUNCILS DO?

Your local (parish and town) council has overall responsibility for the wellbeing of your local community. Their work falls into three main categories:

- Delivery of services
- Improve quality of life for residents
- Give communities a democratic voice

Local councils run numerous services, depending on the size of the council. Many you will see day-to-day, but some are less known. These include introducing solar panels, setting up dementia-friendly groups, organising community buses, creating neighbourhood plans, implementing suitable housing, establishing youth projects, managing allotments and open spaces, maintaining footpaths, public seating and litter bins.

## BECOMING A LOCAL COUNCILLOR

As a local councillor you can become a voice for your community and make real change. Local councillors are the champions of their community who invest time in local projects and issues to the benefit of residents and the neighbourhood.

Local councillor responsibilities fall into three main categories:

- Decision-making
- Monitoring
- Getting involved locally

Local councillors attend to local needs of residents, local groups and businesses, make decisions on local services, collaborate with district and borough councils to adhere to local needs, and progress vital projects to invest in the future of the community.

## CAN I STAND FOR ELECTION?

To stand for election to a local council you must be:

- A UK or Commonwealth citizen; or be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland; or be a citizen of another Member State of the European Union
- At least 18 years old
- An elector of the local council; or in the past 12 months occupied land or other premises in the area the local council serves (as owner or tenant); or work in the area local council serves (as your principal or only place of work); or live within three miles of the local council boundary

**FIND OUT MORE AT:**  
[www.nalc.gov.uk/makeachange](http://www.nalc.gov.uk/makeachange)

# The Only Cure for Litter is YOU

**KEEP**  
**Bradley Stoke**




**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.**







## **BAGIT.BINIT.**

[www.southglos.gov.uk/bagitbinit](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/bagitbinit)



**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.**



### **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.



Leave only pawprints.....

Green Dog Walkers is an original project initiated by Community Green Initiative of Dunspire 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



## Forthcoming Town Council Meetings

All meetings take place at 7.00pm unless otherwise stated

### Full Council

Wednesday 22 March 2023

### Finance Committee

Wednesday 22 February 2023

### Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee

Monday 20 February 2023

### Planning & Environment Committee

Wednesday 8 March 2023

Wednesday 29 March 2023

## 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, follow this link: <https://www.bradleystoke.gov.uk/finance/monthly-expenditure.php>

## 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](http://www.bhcds.org.uk)

### EACH (Educational Action Challenging Homophobia)

Actionline: 0808 1000 143

### SARI (Stand Against Racism & Inequality)

Tel: 01179 420060

## Other Public Agencies

### Samaritans

116 1231

### South Gloucestershire Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team

Tel: 01454 868582

### Streetlink

0300 500 0914

### Victim Support (Avonvale covering South Gloucestershire)

Tel: 0300 303 1972

## Blood Donation Sessions - Future Dates 2023

### The Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre - Session Dates

3 February, 24 February, 17 March, 28th April and 19th May 2023.

## Community News

Bradley Stoke Matters Magazine

Bradley Stoke Voice

## South Gloucestershire Council School Term Dates

### Academic year 2022/23

**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 South Block, The Courtyard, Woodlands, Bradley Stoke, South Glos, BS32 4NH, telephone: 01454 617783 or by emailing:

[jack.lopresti.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:jack.lopresti.mp@parliament.uk)

Website: <https://members.parliament.uk/member/3989/contact>

## 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 Sophie Green

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/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 14,930 people on the December 2022 electoral roll. The town has 15 elected Councillors in three wards. Five Town Councillors are also members of South Gloucestershire Council (SGC). These councillors are your Bradley Stoke representatives on 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 Chair of Council

Tel: 07771 615953  
Bradley 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

#### Angela Morey

Tel: 07807234018  
Bradley Stoke, North

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

Via Bradley Stoke Town Council website  
Bradley Stoke, North  
SGC - Bradley Stoke North

#### Benjamin Randles

Tel: 07342 200660  
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.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:town.clerk@bradleystoke.gov.uk)