

# Newsletter



In Partnership with the Community

## Community Warm Spaces



Bradley Stoke



EVERYONE WELCOME



**Jubilee Centre BS32 8HL**

WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER – THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2023 – (then closed for Christmas/New Year), re-opening TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY – THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024

Monday to Friday 0930 to 1830



**Baileys Court Activity Centre BS32 8BH**

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**Brook Way Activity Centre BS32 9DA**

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Monday 0930 to 1700

Wednesday 0930 to 1700

Friday 0930 to 1700



## FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO MUSIC

Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre, BS32 8HL

Sunday 5 November 2023

Gates open 4.30pm

Fireworks start at 6.00pm

**FREE Display**

Collection for the three Mayor's Charities



Please Park at Willow Brook car park and walk

Disabled parking on site – arrive before 5.15pm

**NO alcohol or sparklers allowed on site**

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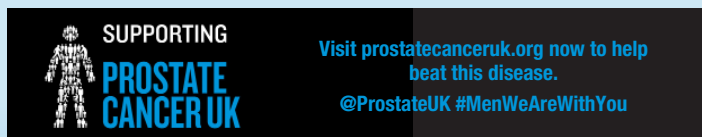
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# Mayor's Charities



## About Prostate Cancer UK

- Prostate Cancer UK has a simple ambition – to stop prostate cancer damaging the lives of men and their families.
- Investing into finding better treatments and tests that could save thousands of lives.
- Working with the NHS to make sure men get access to breakthrough tests and treatments.
- Spreading the word about who is at risk of prostate cancer, especially to those at higher risk.
- Supporting people dealing with prostate cancer and providing health information.

Prostate Cancer UK is a registered charity in England and Wales (1005541) and in Scotland (SC039332). Registered company 02653887.

## About prostate cancer

- Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men.
- More than 12,000 men die from prostate cancer in the UK each year – that's one man every 45 minutes.
- More than 52,000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer every year – that's 143 men every day.
- 1 in 8 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime. This raises to 1 in 4 for black men.
- Around 475,000 men are living with and after prostate cancer.
- A 30-second online risk checker is available at [prostatecanceruk.org/risk-checker](http://prostatecanceruk.org/risk-checker)
- Prostate cancer mainly affects men over 50 and the risk increases with age. But the risk is higher for black men or men with a family history of prostate cancer, so they may wish to speak to their GP from age 45.
- Prostate cancer often has no symptoms so men shouldn't wait to see changes before they act.

Anyone with concerns about prostate cancer may contact Prostate Cancer UK's Specialist Nurses in confidence on 0800 074 8383 or online via the Live Chat instant messaging service: [www.prostatecanceruk.org](http://www.prostatecanceruk.org). The Specialist Nurse phone service is free to landlines and open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm on Wednesdays.



**Mamas Bristol founded in 2018, helps create opportunities to reduce the costs of caring for dependants. We do this through a 3 pronged approach. Reuse, Reduce and Community.**

Mamas Swaps and Freebies Bristol is an easily accessed online platform that supports people in our communities with dependants. It's a portal for families to offer free items to other families so that they can reuse and benefit from the donation. By members using our platform to donate perfectly reusable items to other families, we are saving items from being disposed of to landfill, reducing waste & our environmental impact.

As our members grew, a need for social inclusion and reduction of isolation became apparent. In April 2021 in the midst of the pandemic, we opened a supportive communal space for Mamas and invited hundreds of families across a year through varied sessions, and other planned events. We now have a brilliant home in Bradley Stoke, in woodlands business park – you can find us on google maps just search for "The Mamas Hub".

For example, every week we host stay and play sessions to support parents, reduce isolation and create opportunity for babies/children to develop social skills. Our set up has attracted weekly regular visitors, children of SEN abilities, blind children, and families who come for a hot drink & chat infrequently to seek support.

At our communal space, we store items required for emergency aid such as long life goods, baby feeding & changing equipment, hygiene & sanitary products and signposting documentations, most recently our "Mamas Family Larder" has recently opened and we are developing this resource to work for families across the local community. We have lots of upcoming events where we encourage and invite all to join us!

 **Mamas Bristol CIC: Swaps & Freebies**



**The Brightwell is a home from home for anyone living with a neurological condition. We provide therapies, support and friendship in our purpose built fully accessible Centre on Wheatfield Drive. We look after over 300 families from the local area, and our Community of inspirational Members are always welcoming, non-judgemental and fun to be around. The Brightwell also offers social activities and fundraising events which the local Community are always warmly invited to take part in and get to know us better.**

## Oxygen Therapy

We are the only provider of oxygen therapy in the region. We have a hyperbaric tank and therapy can take place either inside our chamber or outside. Inside therapy means breathing in a higher concentration of oxygen whilst under increased atmospheric pressure (hyperbaric). Members find that it helps them cope with the many varying symptoms of their conditions.

## Specialist Neurological Physiotherapy

We have an amazing team of qualified physiotherapists, rehab specialists and physiotherapy assistants. Neurological physical therapy is aimed at retaining or restoring functional mobility, strength, balance, and coordination in people with neurological conditions. Whilst not a cure, our Members find that regular physiotherapy either one to one or as a group class, helps to keep them as independent and mobile as possible.

Also, in the physiotherapy department we have a gym, with adaptive equipment suitable for people of all levels of mobility. We also have various clinics, advice and informal sessions, as well as holistic therapies such as acupuncture and reflexology.

We also have a wonderful social space with café and a gorgeous garden in which to relax and enjoy the company of others.



# Charity Scarecrow Trail 2023

Bradley Stoke Town Council launched the 2023 Charity Scarecrow Trail on Saturday 21 October at 9am. The trail will close on Sunday 29 October at 6pm.

Twenty-one scarecrows are distributed throughout Bradley Stoke for people to find using trail maps which can be purchased for £2 from today. The trail maps can be purchased from the Town Council Office, Jubilee Centre, Baileys Court Activity Centre, Brook Way Activity Centre, The Willow Brook Centre, Black Sheep Kitchen, Mamas Bristol and The Brightwell Centre. Visit Bradley Stoke Town Council website for more information: [www.bradleystoke.gov.uk/scarecrow23](http://www.bradleystoke.gov.uk/scarecrow23)

Councillor Dayley Lawrence, Mayor of Bradley Stoke said: 'I am delighted that so many people and organisations have come forward to make scarecrows as all the money raised will go to the Mayor's charities which are Mamas, the Brightwell Centre and Prostate Cancer UK. I really look forward to judging the scarecrows. This year the theme for the trail is 'international' to celebrate all the people in the world and the diverse cultures which we live in and embrace within the community of Bradley Stoke'.

Councillor Natalie Field, Deputy Mayor of Bradley Stoke commented: 'The scarecrow trail is great fun for families with children, but anyone can do it. It's an enjoyable way of getting out and about and to be active whilst finding the scarecrows then working out which countries they represent. It's wonderful as well that the people/organisations who have made the scarecrows are making them out of recycled materials. It shows people care about their environment.'



Bradley Stoke Town Council

## Charity Scarecrow Trail 2023

International Theme

*The International theme has been chosen to celebrate all the people of the world and the diverse cultures which we live in and embrace within the community of Bradley Stoke.*

**Saturday 21st October –  
Sunday 29th October 2023**

**Trail Maps  
£2**

**Vote for your favourite scarecrow  
to be entered into a prize draw**

Trail Maps are available from Bradley Stoke Town Council sites and various other locations around the town. Visit the Bradley Stoke Town Council website [www.bradleystoke.gov.uk](http://www.bradleystoke.gov.uk) for more locations

Logos for Bradley Stoke Town Council, mamas, the brightwell, and SUPPORTING PROSTATE CANCER UK.

Libby, from the Brightwell Centre, who has worked alongside the Council remarked

*'The Brightwell are very excited to be part of the Charity Scarecrow event this year. There are some fantastic prizes up for grabs including day trips to local attractions and meals out to be won. I hope the community really enjoy this engaging activity through half term and wish everyone luck in finding the scarecrows and identifying which countries they represent.'*

Launch of 2023 Scarecrow Trail  
Mayor, Dayley Lawrence and Libby from The Brightwell Centre

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# Bradley Stoke Town Councillors have been out and about



Visit to Bowsland Green Primary School



Bowls Club lunch



Indian Flag Raising Ceremony



Woodlands Park Residents Christmas Bazaar



Avon Indian Food Festival



Macmillan Coffee Morning



Bradley Stoke in Bloom, Best Front Garden Competition presentation



1st Bradley Stoke Scout Group AGM



Councillors group photo (unfortunately, some councillors were unavailable for the photo)

Town Councillors surgeries continue on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month in various locations – Visit <https://www.bradleystoke.gov.uk/events/upcoming-events-and-meetings.php> for more information

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# Civic Duties for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor in Bradley Stoke

On Saturday 9th September 2023, the Mayor was a busy man, attending 2 events in Bradley Stoke.

To start the day the Mayor, Councillor Dayley Lawrence went to see the new Claire's store that has opened in the Willowbrook and they held a small opening ceremony.

After the ceremony, the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Natalie Field attended the Wheatfield Primary School PTA summer fayre, Wheatfest and spent the day meeting some of our residents of Bradley Stoke. The fayre was well attended by residents of Bradley Stoke with stalls, face painting, games and rides with some amazing dance performances.



Mayor, Councillor Dayley Lawrence and the new Claire's store manager



If you are interested in finding out more, please see the short video prepared by the organisers showing some of the highlights of the day at: [www.wheatfieldprimary.com/parents/wheatfest](http://www.wheatfieldprimary.com/parents/wheatfest)

If you would like to help out for the next one please email: [pta@wheatfieldprimary.com](mailto:pta@wheatfieldprimary.com)



# Youth Work in Bradley Stoke:

## Summer programme:

**It's been a busy summer for Bradley Stoke Town Council's youth work team.**

As well as a continuation of the well-attended youth work sessions delivered throughout the year, the team offered additional sessions and opportunities over four weeks of the school summer holidays. Young people attended various youth work sessions at the skatepark, the Jubilee Centre hardcourts and our Girls and Young Women's Project and had the chance to engage in a range of activities, including Art Workshops, 'Street Doctor' First Aid training sessions and local trips to Ice Skating and Ten Pin Bowling.

At the start of the summer, on Saturday 17th June, the annual Festival Skatepark Competition took place and youth workers, and local young people were delighted to host a popular package of Skatepark and Art activities. A mix of skate park skills and creative arts ran alongside the Skatepark competition. The competition was interspersed with rider demonstrations and 'have-a-go' opportunities, along with music and an MC. A range of competitions took place during the day, including Scooter's, BMX, Skateboard and Roller Blades and the prizes were presented by the Town's Mayor Dayley Lawrence.

The Art activities at the festival and during the summer programme, gave young people the opportunity to participate in workshops run by Olas Arts and those attending proudly produced their own piece of artwork to take home. The artist has worked with the Town Council in the past, running popular workshops and on this occasion used old vinyl records as a canvas for street art style creativity.



If you are a young person living in the local area (aged 12 to 19) who would like to find out about youth work sessions and projects, come along for a chat, check out the Youth Work page or contact the Youth Development Worker on 07900 253826 or email [graham.baker@bradleystoke.gov.uk](mailto:graham.baker@bradleystoke.gov.uk)

Likewise, if you are interested in volunteering or becoming a part time youth support worker, use the contact details above.

## Local youth work sessions this Autumn:

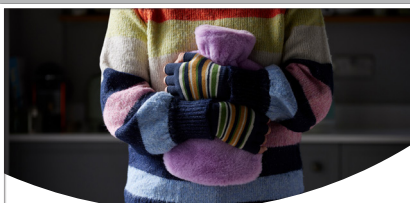
As we move into Autumn the Town Councils youth work team are currently delivering and/or planning the following Youth Work sessions (sessions currently delivered every week are in bold):

- Skatepark sessions; regular & ad hoc sessions (**Tuesdays & Thursdays 4:30 to 6:30pm**).
- Jubilee Hardcourts: street sessions with an informal sports focus (**Thursdays 6:45 to 9pm**).
- Girls & Young Women's Project: weekly girls only sessions (**Tuesdays 7 to 9pm**).
- Detached & Street Work sessions: planned & ad hoc.
- Project work: e.g., Street Art project/s; skatepark construction projects.
- Events & competitions: e.g., two days of activities at our annual Festival
- Offsite trips: e.g., MoJo Active; Ice Skating; Air Hop, West Country Water Park.
- One to one & small group support – volunteering – school/college placements
- Residentials: e.g., Multi activity weekends.



# Removal

Bradley Stoke Town Council is committed to eradicating graffiti in Bradley Stoke by offering a free to use service for residents of the Town. We have done this for some years using our own equipment but unfortunately in December the machine broke and due to its age, we were unable to repair it. The new scheme in place now has South Gloucestershire Council remove graffiti on our behalf at a cost to Bradley Stoke Town Council and we have set aside a yearly budget of £1000 to make sure we can offer this all year to all residents. It is worth noting that offensive graffiti that displays rude words, racist or derogatory terminology, homophobic comments and offensive images can be removed by the South Gloucestershire team free of charge by contacting South Gloucestershire Council directly. The service we offer is for any graffiti that does not fit into these categories on private properties. To make use of the scheme, either contact the Activity Centres Manager/Deputy Town Clerk via the "contact the office" section of our website or call the office on 01454 205 020 and we will arrange a time to come out and have you complete the disclaimer and take photos of the graffiti.



**Off-gas? Unaffordable bills?**  
**Apply for fully-funded energy-saving home improvements**

To benefit from a Home Upgrade Grant, you must:

- ✓ Have no mains gas heating
- ✓ Live in Gloucestershire or South Gloucestershire
- ✓ Have an inefficient home that you own or privately rent
- ✓ Have a total household income under £31,000 per year

For energy efficiency improvements tailored to your home and funded by the government's Home Upgrade Grant, apply today with Warm and Well.

0800 500 3076  
[warmandwell.co.uk/upgrade](http://warmandwell.co.uk/upgrade)

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**The Only Cure for Litter is YOU**

**KEEP**  
**Bradley Stoke**

**Tidy**



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 Town Council

**Green Dog Walkers**

**A friendly way to tackle dog fouling issues**

The idea is that responsible dog owners sign a pledge to say that they will clear up after their dogs & will carry spare bags with them which they will offer to anyone they see not clearing up. They will wear a very distinct arm band to identify them as a Green Dog Walker. This is a non-confrontational friendly way to approach those who haven't cleared up after their dog.

**A friendly reminder.....**  
 Green Dog Walkers is a non-confrontational, friendly way to change attitudes about dog fouling.

**What's the Green Armband for?**  
 If you see someone wearing the Green Dog Walkers armband, it means that they have "Taken the Pledge"

- to always clean up after their dog
- to carry extra doggie bags
- to gladly give you a bag for your dog-just ask

**Would you like to take part in the project?**  
 Just read the Pledge and return the signed Acceptance Form.

Green Dog Walkers is an original project initiated by Community Green Initiative of Dursley in partnership with Fribank Council.

It is operated in South Gloucestershire under license through the local groups

South Gloucestershire Council

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

Leave only pawprints.....

## Secure Cycle Parking & Emergency Bike Repair Kits

Bradley Stoke Town Council is pleased to announce that they have been successful in obtaining £1,000 Active Travel Grant Funding from South Gloucestershire Council towards the cost of installing a secure cycle parking container at the Jubilee Centre, which will be installed in the next few weeks.

The Town Council has also received four Emergency Bike Repair Kits for public use. These will be available at Bradley Stoke Skatepark, The Jubilee Centre, Baileys Court Activity Centre and Brook Way Activity Centre.





Forthcoming Town Council Meetings 2023

All meetings take place at 7.00pm unless otherwise stated

Full Council

Wednesday 15 November 2023  
Wednesday 17 January 2024

Finance Committee

Wednesday 22 November 2023 (6.30pm)  
Wednesday 20 December 2023 (6.30pm)

Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee

Monday 18 December 2023

Planning & Environment Committee

Wednesday 22 November 2023 (7.30pm)  
Wednesday 20 December 2023 (7.30pm)

Staffing Committee

Monday 30 October 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, 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**  
www.bhcds.org.uk

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

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

Other Public Agencies

**Samaritans**  
116 123

**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

10 November, 1 December & 22 December 2023. 12 January, 2 February, 23 February, 1 March, 15 March & 31 March 2024

Community News

Bradley Stoke Matters Magazine  
Bradley Stoke Voice

South Gloucestershire Council School Term Dates

Academic Year 2023/24

**Term 2:** Monday 30th October 2023 - Friday 15th December 2023

**Term 3:** Tuesday 2nd January 2024 - Friday 9th February 2024

**Term 4:** Monday 19th February 2024 - Thursday 28th March 2024

**Term 5:** Monday 15th April 2024 - Friday 24th May 2024

**Term 6:** Monday 3rd June 2024 - Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Member of Parliament

**Mr Jack Lopresti is the MP for Bradley Stoke.**

He can be contacted at:  
Office 29, The South Block, The Courtyard, Woodlands, Bradley Stoke, South Glos, BS32 4NH.

**Telephone: 01454 617783**

**Email: [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 Ben Jones-Hill  
PCSO Adam Ali  
PCSO Sheryl Drewitt  
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 22,784 residents (2021 Census figures) with 15,070 people on the February 2023 electoral roll. The town has 15 elected Councillors in five wards. Four Town Councillors are also members of South Gloucestershire Council.

Councillors

Dave Addison

Bradley Stoke, Woodlands SGC – Stoke Gifford  
Via Bradley Stoke Town Council website

Aleena Aditya

Bradley Stoke, Primrose Bridge  
Via Bradley Stoke Town Council website

Tom Aditya

Bradley Stoke, Willowbrook  
Via Bradley Stoke Town Council website

Roger Avenin

Bradley Stoke, Webbs Wood  
Tel: 0117 9099471

John Bradbury

Bradley Stoke, Stoke Brook SGC – Bradley Stoke South  
Via Bradley Stoke Town Council website

Frederic Contenot

Bradley Stoke, Woodlands  
Via Bradley Stoke Town Council website

Terri Cullen

Bradley Stoke, Woodlands SGC – Bradley Stoke North  
Via Bradley Stoke Town Council website

**Natalie Field Vice-chair of Council**

Bradley Stoke, Woodlands  
Via Bradley Stoke Town Council website

Jenny James

Bradley Stoke, Stoke Brook  
Tel: 0117 9099471

**Dayley Lawrence Chair of Council**

Bradley Stoke, Willowbrook  
Via Bradley Stoke Town Council website

Brian Mead

Bradley Stoke, Willowbrook  
Via Bradley Stoke Town Council website

James Nelson

Bradley Stoke, Primrose Bridge  
Via Bradley Stoke Town Council website

Benjamin Randles

Bradley Stoke, Webbs Wood SGC – Bradley Stoke South  
Mobile: 07342200660

Kulwinder Singh Sappal

Bradley Stoke, Primrose Bridge  
Mobile: 07396712157

Jon Williams

Bradley Stoke, Stoke Brook  
Mobile: 07541716501

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)