



Newsletter

In Partnership with the Community



FREE GARDEN TREES/HEDGES & WILDFLOWER SEEDS

Help Fight Climate Change



VISIT US AT:
OAK HALL, JUBILEE CENTRE
SAVAGES WOOD ROAD
BRADLEY STOKES
BS32 8HL

SATURDAY 27TH JAN 2024
10.00 - 12.00 NOON

Free native trees/hedges are available for residents of Bradley Stoke
All trees/hedges should fit in a standard car. Offer limited to one per household and are
available on a first come first served basis. Just pick a tree or hedging plants and pin
your plant's location on our map.



Bradley Stoke Community Festival weekend 8th & 9th JUNE 2024

Saturday

Main Festival Day

Bradley Stoke Youth Football Club event

Sunday

Sole Sisters 10K Run

The Brightwell Colour Run

Forthcoming Events Dates for your diary

Keep an eye out for more details in near future

Friday 8th March 2024 International Women's Day, Red
Dress Project event

Thursday 6th June 2024 80th Anniversary of D-Day landings
Beacon Lighting ceremony

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Mayor's Charities



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.



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



Visit prostatecanceruk.org now to help beat this disease.

@ProstateUK #MenWeAreWithYou

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.

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
- 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. The Specialist Nurse phone service is free to landlines and open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm on Wednesdays.

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

Bradley Stoke Town Council Fireworks Display 2023

The 2023 Firework Display was an amazing event with the rain holding off until the event had finished. The setting of the fireworks to music (with a movie theme) was the finishing touch. So much positive feedback has been received with many people saying it is the best fireworks display they have attended. It was lovely to see so many residents of the town gathering to enjoy the free event.

The event 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 two of the three Mayor's Charity groups (The Brightwell and Mamas Bristol), Bradley Stoke in Bloom, Green Gym, 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 entertained before the start of the display and Bradley Stoke Rotary Club ran their BBQ (which raised over £1,300 for their charitable causes). The Town Council would like to thank all those who assisted at the 2023 event.

The bucket collections at the event raised £2,438.74. For the first time, the Town Council also used contactless payments for people to donate through their phones/online which raised an additional £579.89. This makes a combined total of £3,018.63.



- This amount does not include donations from the commercial food vans which are:
- Catering vehicles donation = £320.00
 - Doughnut and coffee van donation = £140.00
 - Glow Stick Provider = £30.00

This makes a grand total of £3,508.63 to be added to the Mayor's Charity.

The 2023 event costings against the budget set can be seen below:

BUDGET 2023 - £11,680	COST 2023
Fireworks Company	£5,500.00
Severn Ambulance - First Aid	£560.00
Armasec Security	£936.00
Bristol Sound Systems	£1,255.00
Batteries	£20.05
Traffic cones, tape etc, snow fencing, heavy duty fencing pins	£880.06
Barrier Hire (Safe Site) includes extra heras fencing for Beacon	£1,077.00
Road Closure SGC	£221.00
Coffee & snacks etc for volunteers	£73.31
Skip Hire	£295.00
TOTAL	£10,817.42

The 2024 Fireworks Display to music will take place on Sunday 3rd November 2024

Bradley Stoke Charity Scarecrow Trail 2023

This year’s charity Scarecrow Trail ran from 21st to 29th October, with an international theme. The 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.

This year’s Scarecrow Trail was very successful with some amazing scarecrows being created. We have raised a total of £706.57 for the three Mayor’s Charities. This total was raised through £306.57 in trail map sales plus a generous, sponsorship donation of £400 from the Willow Brook Centre. Thanks also to the venues who hosted map sales: Willow Brook Centre, Blacksheep Kitchen, The Brightwell and Mamas Bristol.

ENTRANT	COUNTRY
1 Blacksheep Kitchen	France
2 ARV Solutions	Japan
3 Mamas Bristol	All around the World
4 The Edmonds Family	England
5 Ivan Bros	Romania
6 Holy Trinity Primary School	India
7 Bradley Stoke in Bloom	Colombia
8 1st Bradley Stoke Guides	Switzerland
9 Bradley Stoke Radio 103.4fm-DAB-Online	Scotland
10 Field Household	Ukraine
11 The Brightwell	Spain
12 Girlguiding Frome Valley Division (Brownies)	Mexico
13 Little Acorns Pre-school	Egypt
14 Bradley Stoke Green Gym	Russia
15 Bradley Stoke Community School	Kenya
16 Willow Brook Centre	Brazil
17 Willow Brook Centre	Australia
18 1st Bradley Stoke/1st Stokeway Rainbows	China - Hong Kong
19 Wildhearts Childcare	Jamaica
20 St Mary's Catholic Primary School	Poland
21 Field Household	Wales

Photos of all scarecrows are available on the Bradley Stoke Town Council website: www.bradleystoke.gov.uk

The prize draw was organised by
The Brightwell with prizes donated from:

Epic Martial Arts (Bradley Stoke) - Winner Grace

Pauline Quirk Academy Bristol - Winners Thomas & Rebecca

Riverside Leisure Club - Winner D Clarke

WINNERS!



Favourite Scarecrow
The Edmonds Family (England)



Mayor’s Favourite Scarecrow
Ivan Bros (Romania)



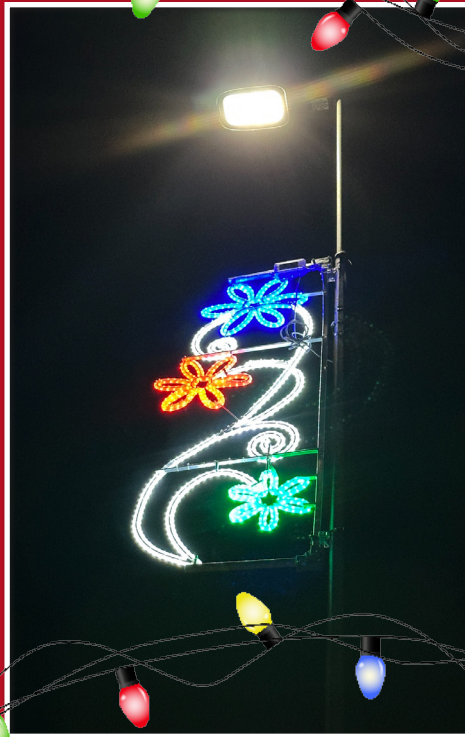
Prize Draw Winner

Christmas lights in Bradley Stoke



For the first time, Bradley Stoke Town Council has installed festive motifs on 12 street lighting columns in the town. It was decided for 2023 to decorate three roundabouts in the town with a different colour scheme chosen for each roundabout.

Indicative costs for installation & removal as awaiting final invoices from South Gloucestershire Council. The motifs were installed by their street lighting team early one morning (charge for installation & removal of motifs was £165 per column = £1,980). They had previously installed commando sockets and time clocks on each of the 12 streetlighting columns chosen at a one-off cost of £200 per column = £2,400 total. They will also be storing the 12 motifs at a cost of £18 per motif – total cost £216 per year.



The motifs were purchased from The Festive Lighting Company – with purchase and delivery of 12 festive lights costing £4,157.60 + VAT

Photos courtesy of Councillor Ben Randles

For more news on your community visit www.bradleystoke.gov.uk

Bradley Stoke Town Councillors have been out and about



Installation of a bleed kit on the
Heartsafe Public Access Defibrillator at Brook
Way Activity Centre



Mayor at Bradley Stoke Radio



Mayor at Bradley Stoke
Youth Football Club 25th
Anniversary Dinner



Councillors at Remembrance Day Parade



Photo courtesy of Bradley Stoke Journal



Mayor at Willow Brook Centre
Christmas Lights Switch-on



Mayor at Woodlands Park Christmas event



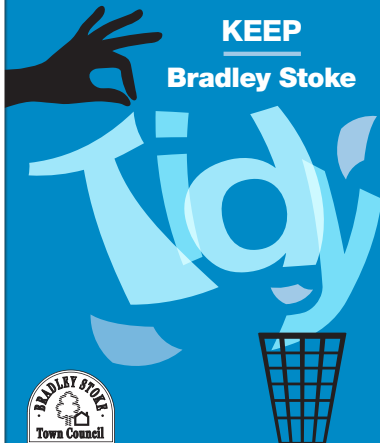
Removal

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.

The Only Cure for Litter is YOU

KEEP

Bradley Stoke



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.



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

Leave only pawprints.....



Bradley Stoke Town Council is a Disability Confident Committed employer

Bradley Stoke Town Council
is seeking a Zero hours contract/Bank

Leisure Assistant/Caretaker

Working across three Town Council sites in Bradley Stoke (Brook Way Activity Centre, Baileys Court Activity Centre and the Jubilee Centre, duties include monitoring and securing the buildings and grounds, rooms cleaned and prepared for hire, working on each site as required. The preparation of sites includes room layouts, cleaning, site maintenance, key holding, monitoring sports facilities and preparing/ removing sports equipment. Computer literacy and ability to complete mandatory checks, some cash handling and paperwork essential. Post holder will need good communication skills whilst working as part of a team and be able to deal with enquiries from members of the public, representing Bradley Stoke Town Council at all times.

Zero hours – on a pre-planned rota system (generally between 8am and 10pm and will include some weekend working)

Hourly Rate: £11.79 - £12.18 per hour
NJC Scale 3 – 5 (dependent on experience)

For an application form and a job description please visit the Bradley Stoke Town Council website
(www.bradleystoke.gov.uk) or phone 01454 205020 or email: philip.francis@bradleystoke.gov.uk

Closing date for applications: Friday 16th February 2024

Community Warm Spaces

Bradley Stoke



EVERYONE WELCOME



Jubilee Centre BS32 8HL
TUESDAY 2nd JANUARY – THURSDAY 28th MARCH 2024
Monday to Friday 0930 to 1830



Baileys Court Activity Centre BS32 8BH
TUESDAY 2nd JANUARY – THURSDAY 28th MARCH 2024
Monday to Friday 0930 to 1830



Brook Way Activity Centre BS32 9DA
TUESDAY 2nd JANUARY – WEDNESDAY 27th MARCH 2024
Monday 0930 to 1700
Wednesday 0930 to 1700
Friday 0930 to 1700

Town Councillor Surgeries

are held once a month,
where you can meet your
Councillors and discuss
any matters affecting the town.

January - March 2024 Surgeries

Saturday 27th January 2024
10.00am – 12 noon
Willow Brook Centre, BS32 8EF

Saturday 24th February 2024
10.00am – 12 noon
Willow Brook Centre, BS32 8EF

Saturday 23rd March 2024
10.00am – 12 noon
Willow Brook Centre, BS32 8EF



COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 2024

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Community Festival 2024 is taking place on Saturday 8th June. A Community Festival Working Group has been formed to help organise the community elements of the festival.

If you are interested in joining the Community Festival Working Group, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please contact the Town Council office on 01454 205020 or email: town.clerk@bradleystoke.gov.uk



Forthcoming Town Council Meetings 2024

All meetings take place at 7.00pm unless otherwise stated

Full Council

Wednesday 17 January 2024
Wednesday 14 February 2024
Wednesday 20 March 2024
Wednesday 17 April 2024
Wednesday 19 June 2024
Wednesday 10 July 2024

Annual Town Assembly

Wednesday 1 May 2024

Annual Town Council Meeting

Wednesday 8 May 2024

Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee

Monday 19 February 2024
Monday 15 April 2024
Monday 17 June 2024

Finance Committee

Wednesday 24 January 2024 (6.30pm)
Wednesday 28 February 2024 (6.30pm)
Wednesday 27 March 2024 (6.30pm)
Wednesday 24 April 2024 (6.30pm)
Wednesday 22 May 2024 (6.30pm)
Wednesday 26 June 2024 (6.30pm)

Planning & Environment Committee

Wednesday 24 January 2024 (7.30pm)
Wednesday 28 February 2024 (7.30pm)
Wednesday 27 March 2024 (7.30pm)
Wednesday 24 April 2024 (7.30pm)
Wednesday 22 May 2024 (7.30pm)
Wednesday 26 June 2024 (7.30pm)

Staffing Committee

Monday 22 January 2024

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 2024

The Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre - Session Dates

2 February, 23 February, 1 March, 15 March, 31 March, 26 April, 26 May, 14 June, 5 July, 9, August and 30 August

Community News

Bradley Stoke Matters Magazine
Bradley Stoke Voice

South Gloucestershire Council School Term Dates

Academic Year 2023/24

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

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 15,437 people on the December 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 Contenton

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
Via Bradley Stoke Town Council website

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 four Standing Committees for Finance, Leisure, Youth & Amenities, Planning & Environment, and Staffing. 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, E-mail: town.clerk@bradleystoke.gov.uk