



BRADLEY STOKE TOWN COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER



MEET BRAD

Say hello to Bradley Bear, Bradley Stoke Town Council's much loved mascot and newly appointed Head of Community Vibes. You'll spot him popping up across our communications and out and about at events all over town, bringing council news and community activities to residents of all ages in his own warm and friendly way. He's also a familiar face on social media, where he shares updates, stories and the occasional strong opinion about the weather, so give him a follow if you haven't already. Turn to pages 6 and 7 to get to know him better, including what his new role involves and where you might bump into him next.

WORDS FROM THE MAYOR

It is an honour and a privilege to be the elected Mayor of Bradley Stoke, a place where I have lived since 2001, and is truly home. I have seen how Bradley Stoke developed over the time I have lived here.

Congratulations to Cllr Jon Williams on being elected Deputy Mayor. Looking forward to working with him. I was elected as Councillor in 2023 in Stoke Brook ward, which is where I live and where I am the local neighbourhood watch co-ordinator of 3 schemes, which I have done over 15 years.

Please feel free to invite Cllr Jon or myself, to take part in your event, such as a competitions, presenting prizes or certificates, drawing a raffle, making an opening or closing speech or welcome a dignitary or to attend various anniversaries and any other functions. Do get in touch.

Jenny James



COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 2026

The main event day for the festival was Saturday 6th June 2026, with the Sole Sisters 10K Run and the Skatepark Competition taking place on Sunday 7th June 2026.

Unfortunately, due to adverse weather conditions, it was not possible to hold the outdoor activities planned for Saturday, apart from the Bradley Stoke Youth FC football competition.

However, we brought the Youth Zone indoors to the Oak Hall, where a fantastic range of activities kept the fun going, including caricatures, arts and crafts, festival glitter tattoos and board games.



INDOOR ACTIVITIES

With the Youth Zone relocated to the Oak Hall, there was plenty to keep younger visitors entertained, including:

- Chris the Caricaturist
- Jamboree Tatt festival glitter tattoos
- Arts and crafts table
- Bradley Stoke Youth selfie frame
- King Ramps halfpipe on the Jubilee Green

The free bike check-in station proved to be a real hit, with a fantastic turnout and plenty of bikes benefiting from some expert attention on the day.

Visitors were also able to find out more about the active travel improvements coming to Bradley Stoke.





10K RUN

The ever-popular Sole Sisters 10K Run started and finished at the Jubilee Centre, with infrastructure for the event provided by the Town Council, including toilets and fencing. Approximately 600 competitors took part, including two councillors, in ideal weather conditions. A very impressive winning time of just over 32 minutes was recorded on the day.



SKATEPARK COMPETITION

The Bradley Stoke Skatepark Competition on Sunday 7th June was a brilliant day out for riders and spectators alike. Held at Bradley Stoke Skatepark on Fiddlers Wood Lane, the event ran from 12.00pm to 4.00pm and welcomed skaters, scooter riders, BMX riders and roller skaters of all abilities in a friendly, buzzing atmosphere.



WELLBEING HUB

COMMUNITY ORCHARD AND WELLBEING GARDEN

Two lovely community events have taken place this year with One Planet Matters. On 10 May, residents joined Town Councillors for wildflower plug planting, a community bioblitz and orchard care at the Community Orchard and Wellbeing Garden. Then on 28 June, the community came together again for a Conservation Day, taking on maintenance work in the orchard and planting areas alongside more bioblitz activities. Thank you to everyone who got involved.



FREE MINDFUL TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS

Free Tai Chi sessions have been running at Brook Way Activity Centre every Monday from 1.30pm to 3pm since the end of June, suitable for most physical abilities. Sessions take place in the new community garden, finishing with mindfulness practice and a bit of gentle gardening, and move indoors if it rains. Tai Chi is known to support balance, flexibility and heart health, so it's a lovely way to look after body and mind. Sessions are ongoing, so it's not too late to join. Bring a water bottle and comfortable clothing. To claim your free spot, contact Georgina via [Facebook](#) or call 07845 748568.



GUIDED WELLBEING WALKS

This programme will run from the 27th of July to the 7th of September at 9:45 - 11:45h.

A seven week program of Guided Wellbeing Walks and meditation wellbeing and Reiki. These walks are designed to support your physical and mental well-being by getting out in nature. After the walk you will have an opportunity to have a chat and a cuppa! Over 18s only. Contact Violeta for more information or to register your interest: 07522 075488 or violeta@atouchofwellness.co.uk



WELLBEING AND FITNESS PROGRAMME

Fancy getting active this summer? Our free 8-week wellbeing and fitness programme is now underway, running every Thursday from 17:30 to 18:30 at Jubilee Green, BS32, right through to the 27th of August.

Come and join an experienced Personal Trainer in a friendly, welcoming space where everyone is welcome, whatever your fitness level. No pressure, just good company and a great way to spend your Thursday evening.

For more information email: events@bradleystoke.gov.uk



MEET BRAD, THE NEW HEAD OF COMMUNITY VIBES



Hi, I'm Bradley Bear

Alright, Bradley Stoke. If we haven't met yet, let's sort that out. My name is Bradley Bear, official mascot of the town council, and these days I'm going by a rather grander title: Head of Community Vibes.

Didn't ask for the promotion, mind, but I've accepted it with the seriousness it deserves. I've lived round here donkey's years, I know every park, every path and every pothole worth a mention, and truth be told, I care about this place a gert deal more than I generally let on. I keep half an eye on things, and I've got proper opinions about litter, queues, and weather that hasn't made an effort. Underneath all that, though, I'm just chuffed to be part of a community as good as this one.



OUT AND ABOUT WITH BRAD



I'll admit I do get about a bit too. I've been out and about with some of the team, off to Mexico, Salzburg, Vienna and Venice, having a proper look at how other places do things, though I always reckon Bradley Stoke does it best. Got a few pics from the travels dotted about this page, so have a nosey. But truth be told, my favourite trips are the ones round the corner, not the ones abroad. You'll catch me at community events across the town, so keep your eyes peeled. I'm always up for a chat and a photo. So consider this my proper hello, cheers for having me. Hopefully see you out and about soon.

Bear hugs,
Brad.



Bradley Stoke Youth

Skate Park (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

More young people are coming through the gates each week, with a growing number of younger faces joining in. New weekly activity tables have gone down a treat, with art, craft, baking and planting on offer alongside the skating. Some of our older regulars are also stepping up, training to become Assistant Youth Support Workers over the summer holidays.



Girls Project (Tuesdays)

A summer refresh is underway, with new members joining through school links. This summer's sessions include circus skills, dance and Indian cookery, so there's something for everyone to try.

Multi-Sports at the Jubilee (Thursdays)

New equipment and some brilliant new partners this summer. Young people can take part in free sessions with the Young Persons Drug and Alcohol Service (YPDAS) and try non-contact boxing with Empire Fighting Chance. We're also proud to be sending a football team to the FACE Summer Tournament.



Coming up this summer

There's a packed summer ahead for Bradley Stoke's young people. The team is now out and about with detached youth work, running pop-up youth spaces at Willow Brook Centre and other spots across the town. A group will head off to YOUFest with a football team in tow, while Studio 32 will offer free drama sessions for ages 7 to 17.

Families can also get involved in SEND music sessions with West England Music and Arts (WEMA), for ages 5 to 12 and their families. And keep an eye out for Moving On Up, a brand new pilot session for 9 to 13 year olds launching at Bailey's Court Activity Centre, with the aim of becoming a regular monthly offer from the autumn.

Growing together

We're building some brilliant new partnerships, working alongside local schools including Bradley Stoke Community School, Patchway and Abbeywood, as well as Willow Brook Centre, WEMA and Empire Fighting Chance. We've also welcomed two new Assistant Support Workers to the team, helping us offer even more to young people across Bradley Stoke.

Youth Summer Activities

Date	Session	Time	Location
Jul 23, 2026	Skate Park	4.30pm - 6.30pm	Skatepark
Jul 23, 2026	Detached	6.45pm-9.15pm	Detached
Jul 28, 2026	Skate Park	2pm-6pm	Skatepark
Jul 29, 2026	Junior Drama	10am-11.15am	Brook Way
Jul 29, 2026	Senior Drama	12.30pm - 2pm	Brook Way
Jul 30, 2026	Skatepark	2pm-6pm	Skatepark
Jul 30, 2026	Multi Sports	7pm-9pm	Jubilee
Aug 4, 2026	Skate Park	2pm-6pm	Skatepark
Aug 6, 2026	Skate Park	2pm - 6pm	Skatepark
Aug 6, 2026	Detached	6.45pm - 9.15pm	Detached
Aug 10, 2026	Girls Project	2pm - 5pm	Oak Hall, Jubilee
Aug 13, 2026	Detached	5pm - 8pm	Detached
Aug 18, 2026	Detached	5pm-8pm	Detached
Aug 25, 2026	Skate Park	2pm-6pm	Skate Park
Aug 26, 2026	Girls Project	11am-2pm	Brook Way
Aug 27, 2026	Skate Park	2pm-6pm	Skate Park
Aug 27, 2026	SEND Session with WEMA (Family)	10.30am - 12.30pm	Baileys Court, Cherry Room
Aug 27, 2026	SEND Session with WEMA (Teen)	2pm - 4pm	Baileys Court, Cherry Room
Aug 27, 2026	Jubilee	7pm - 9pm	Jubilee
Aug 28, 2026	West Country Water Park	10am - 2pm	West Country Water Park
Sep 1, 2026	Skate Park	4.30pm - 6.30pm	Skatepark
Sep 3, 2026	Skatepark	4.30-pm - 6.30pm	Skate Park
Sep 3, 2026	Multi Sports	7pm-9pm	Jubilee

For more information on any of our youth sessions or summer activities, contact Angela Athay-Hunt at angela.athay-hunt@bradleystoke.gov.uk.



TEA PARTY

Councillors welcomed older members of the Bradley Stoke community to a special Afternoon Tea Party at Brook Way Activity Centre on Friday 10 July, and it was a lovely afternoon all round. Guests enjoyed tea, cake and sandwiches, along with a raffle, and had the chance to chat to South Gloucestershire Age UK and My Homecare, who supports people to stay independent at home, both of whom had stands on the day. Thank you to My Homecare Bristol for sponsoring the event, and to everyone who joined us for the afternoon.



BRADLEY STOKE

RESIDENTS SURVEY

Tell us what matters to you.

Bradley Stoke Town Council wants to hear from you. This short survey covers your local area, community activities, council services, and more. Your responses help shape the future of Bradley Stoke Town Council.

Complete the survey online at
www.surveymonkey.com/r/HGTJG2V
or scan the QR code below.

Deadline: 6TH September 2026



MAYOR'S CHARITIES

Each year, the Mayor of Bradley Stoke chooses charities to support throughout their term. This year, Mayor Jenny James has chosen to support Mamas Bristol, The Brightwell and The Samaritans, three organisations doing vital work for people across Bradley Stoke and the wider Bristol area.



Mamas Bristol

Mamas Bristol is a community organisation based right here in Bradley Stoke, supporting families across Bristol and South Gloucestershire since 2018. Through initiatives like their Swaps and Freebies network, food aid programme and The Mamas Hub, a welcoming play and party space, they help families reduce costs, cut waste and build genuine community connection. Their work reaches thousands of local families each year, offering practical support alongside a strong sense of belonging.

The Brightwell

The Brightwell, based in Bradley Stoke and incorporating the West of England MS Therapy Centre, has spent over 40 years supporting people living with chronic neurological conditions, including multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's and long Covid. The centre offers a warm, non-clinical environment with therapies such as hyperbaric oxygen treatment, physiotherapy and counselling, helping members manage symptoms and maintain independence. It relies on fundraising and donations from the community to continue this work.



The Samaritans

The Samaritans provide confidential emotional support to anyone struggling to cope, available around the clock by calling 116 123, free from any phone. The Bristol branch alone responded to over 27,000 requests for support last year, alongside outreach work in schools, prisons and the wider community. Their volunteers are there for people at any hour of the day or night, offering a safe space to talk without judgement.



Alongside her chosen charities, Mayor Jenny James has introduced something new for this year, The Anything Else Pot. Once council figures have been rounded up as part of standard budgeting, whatever is left over is placed into this pot, and councillors are then given the opportunity to decide which charities close to their own hearts should benefit. It is a small idea with a lot of heart, making sure good causes across Bradley Stoke get a look in, beyond the Mayor's own choices.

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"

South Gloucestershire Council School Term Dates

Academic Year 2026/27

Term Starts Ends

Term 1 Tuesday 1 September 2026 Friday 23 October 2026

Term 2 Monday 2 November 2026 Friday 18 December 2026

Term 3 Monday 4 January 2027 Friday 12 February 2027

Term 4 Monday 22 February 2027 Thursday 25 March 2027

Term 5 Monday 12 April 2027 Friday 28 May 2027

Term 6 Monday 7 June 2027 Wednesday 21 July 2027

Blood Donation Sessions – Future Dates 2026 – Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre

14 August, 28 August, 18 September, 25 September and 11 December

ChildLine

ChildLine is the free 24-hour helpline for children and young people in the UK. Children and young people can call the helpline on 0800 1111 about any problem, at any time day or night.

Community News Magazines

Bradley Stoke Matters Magazine

Bradley Stoke Voice

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

EACH (Educational Action Challenging Homophobia)

Actionline: 0808 1000 143

SARI (Stand Against Racism & Inequality)

Tel: 01179 420060



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

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 James Allford

PC Dave Sly

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/>

Member of Parliament

Claire Hazelgrove is the MP for Bradley Stoke.

Bradley Stoke Town Council

BSTC started life on 1 April 1992. There are currently 22,784 residents (2021 Census figures) with 14,757 people on the December 2025 electoral roll. The town has 15 elected Councillors in five wards. Four Town Councillors are also members of South Gloucestershire Council.

Councillor Name	Contact Details	Ward Represented
Dave Addison	Bradley Stoke Town Council website	Bradley Stoke, Woodlands / SGC – Stoke Gifford
Tom Aditya	Bradley Stoke Town Council website	Bradley Stoke, Willowbrook
Roger Avenin	Tel: 0117 9099471	Bradley Stoke, Webbs Wood
Sue Bandcroft	Bradley Stoke Town Council website	Bradley Stoke, Willowbrook
John Bradbury	Bradley Stoke Town Council website	Bradley Stoke, Webbs Wood / SGC – Bradley Stoke South
Frederic Contenot	Bradley Stoke Town Council website	Bradley Stoke, Woodlands
Terri Cullen	Bradley Stoke Town Council website	Bradley Stoke, Woodlands / SGC – Bradley Stoke North
Natalie Field	Bradley Stoke Town Council website	Bradley Stoke, Woodlands
Jenny James Chair of Council	Bradley Stoke Town Council website	Bradley Stoke, Stoke Brook
Dayley Lawrence	Bradley Stoke Town Council website	Bradley Stoke, Willowbrook
James Nelson	Bradley Stoke Town Council website	Bradley Stoke, Primrose Bridge
Benjamin Randles	Mobile: 07342200660	Bradley Stoke, Webbs Wood / SGC – Bradley Stoke South
Kulwinder Singh Sappal	Mobile: 07396712157	Bradley Stoke, Primrose Bridge
Jon Williams Vice-chair of Council	Mobile: 07541716501	Bradley Stoke, Stoke Brook

As well as contacting councillors en masse at Council or Committee 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 Jubilee Centre. All councillors can be contacted by e-mail through the Bradley Stoke Town Council website or through the Town Council office. The Town Councillors also hold monthly surgeries in the town.

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 level of grant aid available to any applicant for project-based activities shall be £500 per organisation per financial year.

This may be increased to £600 where the applicant is able to demonstrate that in excess of 60% of its membership and/or attendance is comprised of Bradley Stoke residents. Only one application per organisation shall be considered within any given financial year).

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 £5,000).

Bradley Stoke Youth Work

Bradley Stoke has its own Youth Work Team. Head of the team is Angela Athay-Hunt: mobile 07900 253826 or e-mail angela.athay-hunt@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

Forthcoming Town Council meetings

All meetings take place at the Jubilee Centre at 7.00pm unless otherwise stated

Full Council

Wednesday 16 September 2026

Wednesday 21 October 2026

Finance Committee

Wednesday 23 September 2026 (6.30pm)

Wednesday 28 October 2026 (6.30pm)

Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee

Monday 24 August 2026 (at Bradley Stoke Skatepark)

Monday 26 October 2026

Planning & Environment Committee

Wednesday 26 August 2026 (7.30pm)

Wednesday 23 September 2026

Wednesday 28 October 2026 (7.30pm)

Staffing Committee

Monday 7th September 2026

