



**BRADLEY STOKE TOWN COUNCIL**

# **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**



**7.30pm  
11 May 2005**

to be held at

**The Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre  
Savages Wood Road  
Bradley Stoke**

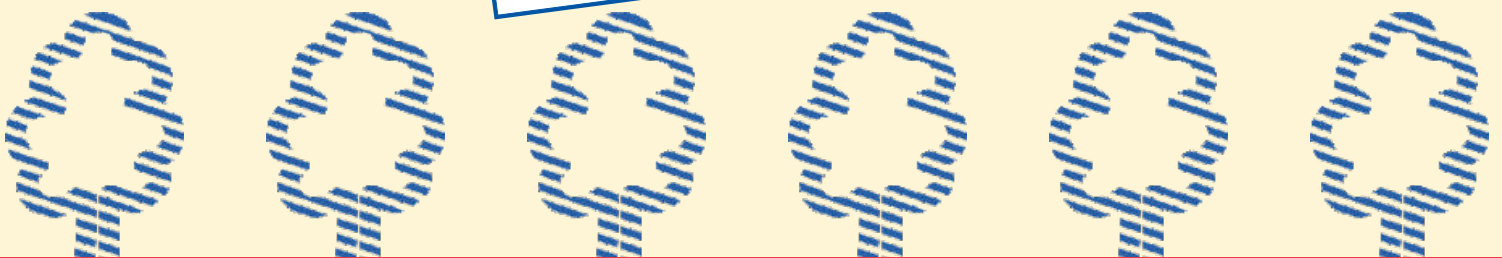


**Keynote Speaker  
Mr David Baker**

**Head Bradley Stoke Community School**  
The new Secondary School opens September 2005



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**PUBLIC MEETING**



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AS AT 31 March 2005**

**Council**

Julian Barge\* (Chair)  
John Ashe  
David Hart  
Sandra Hobson\*  
Christopher Lees\*  
Jael Lees  
David Pickwell  
Mary Prescott  
John Samways  
Karen Sanders  
Geoffrey Stobbart  
Robert Warne  
Jon Williams\*  
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Chair: Councillor Julian Barge  
Vice Chair: Councillor Sandra Hobson  
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**Finance & Leisure**

David Hart (Chair)  
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**MISSION STATEMENT**

**Bradley Stoke Town Council will work to promote and develop  
the interests and diversity of this vibrant community.**

# A message from the Mayor of Bradley Stoke

Dear Resident,



Welcome to our latest Annual Report. In the following pages you will find a brief record of the activities of the Town Council during the past year and I commend it to you. It is important to remember, however, that the Town Council is only a part of the community that is Bradley Stoke and we should not forget the many other groups within the town. Many have been helped with start-up funding by the Town Council and continue to flourish.

It is cause for great satisfaction that South Gloucestershire Council took the initiative and decided to build the new £16m Community School despite the rejection by the Government of the Private Finance Initiatives that had been recommended. The first intake of 180 Year 7 pupils will be in September of this year. There will be no phasing of the building work and whole will be fully operational from the date of opening. The school's facilities will be unrivalled in terms of being suited to education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and those who are part of the school from the beginning will be pioneers. The school has been designed to cater for 900 pupils in the age range of 11-16 years, covering teaching years 7-11. Mr Dave Baker has been appointed as the first Headteacher. We look forward to have good working relationships with the school in the future.

The success of the Library service in South Gloucestershire has resulted in extended opening hours to include Sundays. Bradley Stoke residents have benefited from this and we are immensely proud of the fine Library that has been built for us.

Underlining the developing multi-culturalism of the town and surrounding area, we welcomed the array of food, music and workshops representing cultures from around the world that was organised at a 'Festival of Culture' at Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre. Featured were a Chinese lion and Bollywood dancing, Bhangra, ceilidh, samba and a steel band. There have been several similar gatherings in recent years and I am delighted that it is possible to hold them in Bradley Stoke.

We were pleased to receive an unsolicited testimonial from Stan, who writes for the *Evening Post*, about a party of a different nature held in one of the Town Council's own centres. His daughter celebrated her fifth birthday "in style with a brilliant bash at the superb Jubilee Centre in Bradley Stoke, one of the impressive community buildings that have now given this large

estate on the outskirts of Bristol a heart. The facilities were superb and ideal for hosting a Sunday afternoon jamboree of jollity for 27 primary school age children and many of the parents who stayed to give us support."

Once again our primary schools excelled themselves during the year and played a major part in our Town's development. It has been a particularly busy year for Holy Trinity Primary School, which also received a very good report from Ofsted and mounted an acclaimed production of *Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber. Holy Trinity and Wheatfield Primary Schools were among 15 South Gloucestershire Schools awarded certificates for their efforts to improve the health of pupils and teachers. The scheme was run by South Gloucestershire Primary Care Trust and South Gloucestershire Council's education department. The schools came up with imaginative ideas to teach youngsters about various aspects of health, from the effects of alcohol, drugs and tobacco to physical activity and healthy eating.

The Patchway/Bradley Stoke Football Initiative received a grant of £445, from a fund set aside by Combined Insurance and the *Evening Post*, to take its young members for a coaching day at Bristol Rovers. This group meets on Wednesday evenings, based at Brook Way Activity Centre, and is becoming increasingly popular as a means of diverting youth from playing in the streets. It has been run as a partnership with the Police, the Town Council, Bradley Stoke Youth Development Project and South Gloucestershire Council.

We are also mindful of the older townspeople who are increasing as the town approaches its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in a few years time. One of my Charities this year was to support the work of the over 50s and I hope that more groups will be formed alongside the many that exist for young people. Although it is easy to talk about facilities, especially in a new town that is still developing, it is *people* that make communities. We would do well to coin a certain well known phrase "to ask not what Bradley Stoke can do for you, but what can *you* do for Bradley Stoke". Variety is what we seek and need to encourage and I hope you, the residents of Bradley Stoke, will get involved and help us to achieve our aims.

Councillor Julian Barge  
Mayor  
Chair of Council



# BRADLEY STOKE TOWN COUNCIL

## Annual Report from the Chair of the Town Council 2004/2005

It hardly seems possible that another year has passed, marking my second year as your elected Mayor and one which has become increasingly busy.

In some respects May marks the turning point of the Town Council's year even more than the turning of the financial year in April. It is the month of the Annual Town Meeting that we are statutorily obliged to hold and the Council's AGM at which the committees and elected officers move round once again. This month the Town Council enters the 14<sup>th</sup> year since its foundation in 1992 and the 19<sup>th</sup> year since house building began in 1987. Many of you will have been here all this time, as I have, and watched Bradley Stoke grow and, indeed, prosper. This last year has been one in which the Council can report some sound achievements although there have also been frustrations at delays to some of our other dreams.

The Second Bradley Stoke Community Festival was held at the Jubilee Centre in June and was notable for the increased participation from groups that are active in the town. It is a major community event that benefits from being concentrated into one weekend and from the way any organisation can promote itself and raise funds for its own purposes. We hope the Festival will continue to expand and develop both as a community gathering and as a worthwhile fund raising event. The 2005 Community Festival is on the weekend of 10-12 June. Do try and support it.



In November the long awaited skate park was finally opened alongside the Leisure Centre in Fiddlers Wood Road and has been extensively, almost excessively used, since day one. It has proved to be a magnet to the youth of the town and it is good to see it being well and properly used for the most part. Council is looking at ways of providing some additional lighting at the site to extend the hours of possible use during the winter months at least. All this is particularly encouraging since at this time last year it rather looked as though the skate park would not be built at all!

Attendance at our second Fireworks display in November was well up on the year before. Again the weather was kind and the display was much appreciated. Entry was free but a collection during the evening raised over £1500 for the Mayor's charities which this year were "Bouncing Babies", Breakthrough Breast Cancer UK, and "Young at Heart (For the Over 50s club)". The Firework Display this November will be on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> another date for your diary!

It was a great privilege as Mayor of Bradley Stoke to be invited to light up the Tree of Hope at Frenchay Hospital at Christmas. This is an annual campaign by Macmillan Cancer Relief whereby donations are invited to sponsor lights in memory of loved ones on the enormous Christmas tree that is set up in the hospital grounds. A crowd of around 300 people attended and some £8,900 was raised towards funding more cancer care specialists.

The Citizen's Advice Bureau finally achieved a base in Bradley Stoke in January and hold their 'surgeries' on Wednesday mornings at the Jubilee Centre. Council is pleased to subsidise this long overdue facility which is free to residents who seek advice on any problems they may have.

As a result of growing demand and the need for greater efficiency and co-ordination, Four Towns and Vale Link community transport services merged in March to form a joint operation. The fleet now has eight vehicles, 20+ staff, ten volunteer car drivers, three escorts and a cleaner. They are able to assist anyone in the community who requires transport for whatever reason. I was pleased to be at the launch, which was attended by Steve Webb and Douglas Naysmith, both MPs whose constituencies are served by the new body. Four Towns and Vale Link is supported financially by the Town Council, other local parishes and South Gloucestershire Council.

For some time now I and members of Council have been saddened by the disappointing appearance of Patchway Brook Roundabout the first roundabout that you see on entering Bradley Stoke after Aztec West roundabout. We have at last managed to arrange for the untidy collection of unattractive shrubs to be removed, leaving the trees standing proud on a green grass base through which, during the year, we hope to see colourful flowers in their various seasons. Not only will it look better but it will improve visibility and safety at this important five way junction.

Councillor Surgeries continue to be held on the first

Saturday of each month between the hours of 10 and 12 noon. We are pleased to be allowed the use of the Foyer at Tesco and many interesting concerns are raised at this venue. It forms a valuable link between councillors and residents.

Two of our Councillors resigned during the year Susan Gardner and Andrew White and I would like to thank them for their contribution to the work of the Council. No by-election was called to replace them, so the Town Council is empowered to fill the vacancies through co-option.

At the time of writing, I regret that still no planning application has been received from Tesco regarding the construction of a shopping centre for the town. Another year that was full of promises has therefore passed with no visible progress on this matter.

Baileys Court redevelopment will be exercising our minds in some detail during the coming year. Extensive consultations have produced a list of facilities that are desperately needed at that end of the town, so when costs have been placed against the constituent parts it will be possible to draw up plans of how best to proceed. It will be our aim to phase the project in a way that causes minimal disruption for users of the premises.

Last year we reported that the Town Council was providing £12,000 over three years towards the Wildspaces Project that would support and enhance the woods and open spaces within the town, providing opportunities for conservation, education and training for residents. This year we can report that an outdoor

classroom has been created in Savages Wood with the help of Ellie, a Percheron horse that is traditionally



used for farm work, carting and logging. During an open day in February when the horse could be watched at work dragging huge logs into a semi-circle to form seating, I was pleased to present a small oak tree grown from an acorn from the ancient oak that was close to Davies's Pond on the town's village green. Last October, South Gloucestershire Council formally declared Savages Wood and its neighbouring open space as a Local Nature Reserve and improvements have been made to Three Brooks Lake and the foot and cycle paths network in that area.

It has been an increasingly busy year, and one in which I am proud to have been able to represent the town on so many varied and interesting engagements. A separate list of some of my engagements is included elsewhere in this report. It remains for me to thank all members of Council for their work during the year all of which is freely given and to thank all the staff for their untiring support in the Office and around the Activity Centres.

*Councillor Julian Barge  
Mayor  
Chair of Council*

### **List of Events when the Chair represented the Community as Mayor with the Chain of Office during 2004/2005**

Presentation of prizes at Bradley Stoke Schools Sports	June	11	2004
Opening of Bradley Stoke Community Festival	June	12	2004
Bradley Stoke Community Festival Service	June	13	2004
Bradley Stoke Community Development Project Breakfast Meeting	June	23	2004
BBC TV National News (traffic congestion)	July	19	2004
South Gloucestershire Asian Project Jubilee Award Ceremony	July	30	2004
Diamond Wedding of Roy & Iris Cooper	August	6	2004
Address to Young at Heart Club	August	8	2004
Northavon Bowls Club President's Match	August	11	2004
Harvest Festival Service, Loyal Order of Moose	September	20	2004
Pearls of Africa Children's Choir (Uganda)	October	10	2004
2nd Annual Fireworks Display	November	7	2004
Mayor Making for Newport Town Council	November	13	2004
Lunch at Bradley Stoke Twinning Association	November	14	2004
BBC Bristol (housing survey)	November	24	2004
MacMillan Cancer Relief (lighting of Tree of Hope at Frenchay Hospital)	December	2	2004
South Gloucestershire Asian Project Cultural Event	December	4	2004
Opening of Bradley Stoke Town Council Skatepark	December	12	2004
Chinese Association New Year Celebrations	January	16	2005
Bradley Stoke Community Lunch (address)	January	25	2005
Wildspaces open air classroom construction in Savages Wood	February	19	2005
Bradley Stoke Health Awareness day	February	26	2005
Four Towns and Vale Link Community Transport Merger Launch	March	30	2005
Launch of Bristol Aztec Rotary Club's 2nd Annual Swimathon at Leisure Centre	April	16	2005

## Annual Report from the Chair of the Finance & Leisure Committee 2004/2005

Many of the developments in the course of the last year have been directly related to the fact that the Town Council is now amongst the 80 or so in the United Kingdom that are rated as 'larger councils'. This has resulted in a more rigorous examination of all Council activities not just those relating to financial matters. Both internal and external auditors expect much more detail in terms of setting budgets and maintaining records and they have provided very satisfactory reports on Council's performance.

Your Council is pleased not only to have contained the 2005/06 Precept within the level of the previous year but also to have actually reduced it by a small percentage. However, the Precept for the coming year will not do much more than sustain current levels of activity and there are a number of special projects on the horizon such as Baileys Court redevelopment that will need additional funding. The Precept is Council's main source of income so we shall do our best to search out other possible sources.

The Town Council is responsible for three important sets of community premises around the town that cater for a wide range of social and sporting activities. This involves the maintenance of pitches, greens and fields, as well as bricks and mortar. Hire charges are reviewed each year but, in order to keep these at what is deemed a reasonable level, significant subsidies have to be allocated through the Precept. Vandalism is another unfortunate fact of life and it is difficult to guess in advance what funds might be needed to cover essential repairs to comply with the demands of health and safety and Council's duty of care. In the year under review, vandalism amounted to some tens of thousands of pounds of expenditure.

The aspirations of last year for 'a man with a van' have been realised and many jobs around town council premises that needed to be contracted out can now be tackled in-house at a considerable saving and without undue delay. The little red van is becoming a



familiar sight on our streets.

The Finance and Leisure Committee continues to award Grant Aid to a wide variety of groups that function within the town. A list is included elsewhere in this Report. Some groups receive awards for one-off items needed for them to operate, new groups can receive awards to help them start up, and established groups that form part of the social fabric of the town can obtain 'service level agreements' that last for a period of years enabling them to budget over time more effectively.

The play area at Jordan Walk had deteriorated badly and after consultation with the residents it was removed altogether. The open green space that was created in its place has been much appreciated.

Two projects that are receiving major subsidies from the Town Council are the Wildspaces Project that is developing our woodland and open spaces, and the



Night Bus that runs three services between the City Centre, Bradley Stoke and Patchway in the early hours of Saturday and Sunday Mornings to bring residents safely home. At a £3 flat rate per person, this is excellent value for passengers.

Because Bradley Stoke with its BS32 post code is generally rated as an affluent area, it can be difficult for the Council to obtain grants from other sources. During the past year, however, a grant of £2387 was received from South Gloucestershire Council towards the cost of purchasing and erecting a basketball net on the small green at Brook Way Activity Centre. We are very pleased to have this facility.

In conclusion I would like to thank all members of the Finance and Leisure Committee and the Town Council staff for their valuable support and guidance.

*Councillor David Hart  
Chair of Finance & Leisure*

## Annual Report from The Health & Safety Committee 2004/2005



The long awaited Skate Park, adjacent to Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre in Fiddlers Wood Lane, was completed in November 2004. A successful benchmark, post-installation check was carried out by Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) who complimented the Town Council on the design and layout of our facility.

Weekly “nuts and bolts” checks are carried out, recorded and filed by Town Council staff. Daily inspections for litter, vandalism and obvious damage are carried out by the Security Company in charge of locking & unlocking the site. Our “man with the van” also visits each week day morning to remove any rubbish that may be left inside the Skate Park. Council is planning to provide additional lighting for the Skate Park in due course. It is pleasing to note that the skateboarders generally take a pride in 'their' facility and, for the most part, use it very responsibly.

Zurich Municipal the Town Council's insurers held their annual Health & Safety Awareness Day for the South West at our Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre during the year. It was an informative day for all of us and they were so impressed by our facility that they will be holding it here again this year.

Our annual fire training session, held by Fire Service International, proved very successful and this year it is being opened to neighbouring parishes as well. This is only a part of the training that is required each year as, under our duty of care, it is essential that manual handling, risk assessing, dealing with aggressive behaviour and disposing of 'sharps' and other drug paraphernalia are maintained to the highest level.

Unfortunately, vandalism at Brook Way started to escalate, with windows being smashed regularly. Council acted quickly by installing shutters and the problem was alleviated. Play Area vandalism is low at present.

The introduction of the Disability Discrimination Act from 1 October last year required reasonable adjustments to be made to Town Council premises. As a result there have been changes to the Activity Centres, including improved parking, lowered kerbs, lowering of door exit switches.

*Vicky Davies*  
*Administrator: Health & Safety*





## Annual Report from the Town Clerk

The Town Council owns and manages three sets of community premises around the town. These require a great deal by way of maintenance, administration and usage by residents. The sites include an impressive list of facilities:

### **Baileys Court Activity Centre**

- Main hall
- Lounge
- Bar
- Kitchen
- Changing Rooms and Showers
- Meeting room (The Green Hut)
- Bowling Green
- Cricket Pitch
- Youth Football Pitches
- Children's Play Area

### **Brook Way Activity Centre**

- Main Hall
- Meeting rooms
- Bar
- Kitchen
- Multi-purpose hard court area (floodlit)
- Children's play area
- Basketball wall

### **Jubilee Centre, Savages Wood Road**

- Main Hall
- Meeting rooms
- Lobby/Foyer
- Bar
- Kitchen
- Woodlands Suite (for young children)
- Multi-purpose hard court area (floodlit)
- Two football pitches
- Changing Rooms and Showers
- Village Green (approx 3 acres)

In addition there are children's play areas in Foxborough Gardens, Paddock Close and Rosemary Close, and the new skate park situated alongside the Leisure Centre in Fiddlers Wood Lane. (The Leisure Centre, Swimming Pool and Library were provided by, and are owned and maintained by, South Gloucestershire Council.)

Teams of Leisure Assistants, cleaners and groundspeople are needed to keep these facilities operational and at a high standard. There are also the office staff who deal with bookings, invoices and overall management. John Rendell, Centres Manager, and Paul Horsfield, Bookings Clerk, work closely together to keep the sites running.

The Town Council is giving serious consideration to

expanding the facilities at Baileys Court Activity Centre with the aim of providing more flexible spaces for residents' to use. It is worth noting that, due to demand, South Gloucestershire Council took the opportunity to enlarge the gymnasium at the Leisure Centre when the swimming pool was added and several of our all-new primary schools have already added extra classrooms to cope with our predominantly young population.

Even so, all these facilities are hardly adequate for a town of some 20,000 people and it is sad to reflect that there is physically no room in the town to provide more.

The Council maintains a rolling programme of inspection and maintenance repairs on all its premises and Brook Way Activity centre was recently redecorated internally and will have new flooring shortly. The Jubilee Centre is looked after in the same way and is much admired by visitors.

The Village Green ("Town Green" doesn't sound quite right!) in Savages Wood Road is in its second year since being a ploughed field that had suffered neglect for over 20 years and is becoming well established after levelling and seeding. After long negotiation, this field was rescued from South Gloucestershire Council who had intended to use it for housing. It is the only flat area left in the town where informal outdoor activities can take place and the Council intends to provide some appropriate facilities in due course.

The raft of European and Health and Safety regulations, compliance with all manner of legislation including freedom of information, data protection, the new licensing acts, the Disability Discrimination Act and a wide range of general enquiries occupy much time in the office. As a 'larger council' the audit is a great deal more rigorous than previously and the work of Council through all its committees and financial dealings is much more closely monitored. Much of this falls on the shoulders of Rachel Pullen, Finance Officer, who keeps all the figures in order on a day to day basis. Vicky Davies ably overseas health and safety matters and Vanessa Walters and Sue Clark provide valuable and much needed administrative assistance for all the office activities.

Communication with residents is maintained and promoted through Newsletters, the notice boards and, of course, the Town Council Website. Within a matter of days of it being set up it was entered in the 2004 National Web Site of the Year competition sponsored by the Local Council Review/Co-operative



Bank and came third. In the judges' opinion it was "a superb resource for local people on the activities of its town council. It is particularly good as it provided information for those who know very little about the council, and those with a deeper interest." Our thanks are due to Lesley Osborne, Deputy Town Clerk, for all her work in bringing this about and promoting the Town Council nationally.

I must thank all the staff for their help and support during the year as the work of the Council continues



to grow and become ever more complex. Their tireless dedication often achieves the seemingly impossible.

Lesley Osborne: Deputy Town Clerk  
 Rachel Pullen: Finance Officer  
 John Rendell: Activity Centres Manager  
 Vicky Davies: Administrator (Health & Safety)  
 Vanessa Walters: Administrator  
 Sue Clark: Administrator  
 Paul Horsfield: Bookings Clerk

*Leisure Assistants*

Elaine Bezer  
 Pat Harris  
 Dazz Mundy  
 Denise Pewsey  
 Nigel Parsons  
 Jack Robinson  
 Rita Segger  
 William Walton

*Maintenance Technician*

Roy Broderick

*David Chandler  
 Town Clerk*

## Annual Report from the Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee 2004/2005

2004/2005 has been another busy year for the Planning Committee. Again, we have seen a great deal of planning applications from householders for the erection of conservatories and property extensions which is always a good indicator of a buoyant local economy. Approximately 225 planning applications are considered in the course of a year.

I am pleased to have seen that South Glos Council's Leisure Centre and Swimming Pool have gone from strength to strength. In particular we have welcomed the siting of the new Town Council Skate Park facility on land adjacent to the Leisure Centre. With the new Secondary School almost completed



and one of the last housing developments (Champs sur Marne) completed, at last Bradley Stoke is taking on an "almost finished" look.

Our Local Roads have again been a bone of contention from many of our residents and the changes to the roads layout, particularly at Pear Tree Roundabout, angered many residents as well as your Town Council, as we felt that this work took place without adequate consultation and no alternatives were given to us from South Gloucestershire Council.

The coming year will see the start of probably the last housing development to be built in the Town and further pressure will be brought to bear upon Tesco who have promised us a new Town Centre but as yet have delivered nothing. I hope there will be some positive news about this in the next annual report.

Finally, thanks are due to all members of the Planning and Environment Committee for their work during the year, and the Clerk and office staff for their support and advice.

*Councillor Christopher Lees  
 Chair of Planning & Environment*



## Annual Report for 2004/2005 from The Patchway & Bradley Stoke Community Development Project

The Community Development Project is a registered Charity that was set up over 15 years ago. We have a management committee that meets regularly to review our work and consists of members of town councils, local community groups and residents. The Project would like to pass their thanks this year to Councillor Andrew White for being a terrific Chair for the Project, and also to Councillor Jon Williams for taking the role of Treasurer.

Community development is about working with people to identify their needs and to set up new groups in response to this. It's about giving people a voice in their community, bringing people together for positive action. Our priorities for the work of the Project reflect the demographic profile of our area we focus on developing work with young people, supporting young families, building community spirit by bringing people together through art and in developing the capacity of organisations to manage themselves. The Town Council provides invaluable support by providing an opportunity for newly formed groups to apply for start up costs, and by the Mayor choosing a local group as one of his Charities of the Year. Last year, the Twins Group was very grateful for this support; this year we have worked with health visitors to set up a group for mums with new babies, "Bouncing Babies", and they are pleased to be benefiting.

We were pleased to work with the Town Council and Bradley Stoke Festival Association to build on the success of the previous community festivals. In June, several hundred people and community groups took part in a variety of events for the festival, mostly at the Jubilee Activity Centre. I think everybody agreed that this was the most successful festival yet, and many community groups were able to raise much needed cash for their organisations. Plans for 2005 are well under way.

We worked with the Town Council to consult with residents on what they would like included in any redevelopment of Baileys Court Activity Centre, and also brought together the current user groups to make sure their needs are met in any new facility. The response to the questionnaire was disappointing, and we look forward to finding other ways this year of ensuring that people get a chance to have a say on the plans.

The community lunches that started last year have continued to be successful and we now vary them between breakfasts, lunches and teas to ensure that as many people as possible get the chance to come. Over the past year, we've had a variety of speakers including



the local Beat Manager and the Children's Information Service and there's always an update on the festival. We are very grateful to the Town Council for providing both the food and the administrative support for these events.

The Project works very closely with several key organisations in the town. Scaffold a family support project chaired by Bradley Stoke GP Dr

Norman Douglas provides a Domestic Abuse support group, a Toy Library (at the Jubilee Centre) and employs a family support worker. From April 1<sup>st</sup>, Scaffold will run as part of the Community Development Project. Patchway & the Stokes Play Association run free Family Fun Days in the summer holidays and open access play sessions across the town for children aged 5 - 11, and this is complemented by Freespace, an organisation that provides activities for young people. The Project sits on both management committees and tries to ensure that local needs are fed into the planning of both schemes.

Another service we are able to provide is access to fundraising help and support, and to a range of software and directories that make raising funds easier. As part of our work with Council for Voluntary Service South Gloucestershire, we delivered a range of workshops including "Top Tips for Fundraising". Other workshops included Partnership Working and Team Building, and several Bradley Stoke organisations attended. We are currently looking for funding to run more workshops, and if groups have specific training requests we are always happy to hear from them.



We continue to produce a newsletter three times a year, and we try to include news from local groups as well as information such as new sources of funding and national developments that affect the way community groups need to run. We are always happy to hear from groups that would like to put an article in the newsletter.

Youth work is high on the agenda for the Project, particularly in Bradley Stoke where there is no full-time youth centre. Ruth Cornish is our Youth Development Worker and she has her own report. I'd just like to draw attention to how pleased we are that Bradley Stoke Town Council and South Gloucestershire Youth Service have been able to work together to ensure that youth work continues in the town, now that our Community Fund grant, that supported much of our work until September 2004, has finished.

Partnership working is crucial to our success and we work very closely with the Town Council, both the officers and the Councillors, health visitors, local churches and the Police. We very much look forward to the opening of the new high school and are already working with Dave Baker, the head.

Funding for our core work which has always come from South Gloucestershire Council has been reduced from April 2005 due to changes in their service priorities. We are grateful to the Town Council for their increasing financial support and look forward to continuing to work with the council, residents and the many community groups in the coming year

Julie Snelling  
Patchway & Bradley Stoke Community Development Project

## Annual Report from the Bradley Stoke Youth Development Project 2003/2004

The Youth Development Project works closely with young people and the Town Council to improve and develop the services available to them. The new skate park opened in November and is well used. Many are showing real talent in their sport. Young people were involved in all the design and planning stages of it and a competition is being arranged as part of the town's Festival in June.

Young people played a large part in last year's Festival and six of them budgeted, planned and prepared food for the evening disco and thrived on the challenge. They were presented with a prize by the Mayor, Councillor Julian Barge.

The youth work team have overseen a video project on underage teenage drinking. In the video the young are seen clearly putting their ideas across about their culture, peer pressure and the problems that can occur when drink is involved. On projects such as this we endeavour to record their work to go towards an Asdan accredited award.

Ten young women recently completed a baby sitting course that comprised 30 hours training on first aid, safety in the home, child development etc. The course ran with the willing help of several professionals including Ian Ferris, health visitors and the Life Skills Centre. The group enjoyed each other's company so much that they have gone on to plan a talent show with the aim of raising money for an international trip. The project is ambitious but they will learn a lot about themselves and the challenges of working in a team.

Working closely with local agencies such as Bristol Rovers, the Town Council and Police, the youth work team have initiated a football project. The young players are responding well and even turn up to play in the rain. We also spent a day at Bristol Rovers training and watching the match. One of the young men is helping with coaching whilst working towards part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

The project would like to thank the Town Council for their continued support of this project.

*Ruth Cornish  
Youth Project Worker  
Bradley Stoke Youth Development Project*



## Annual Report from The Twinning Association 2003/2004

The Bradley Stoke Twinning Association continues to promote the links between our town and Champs sur Marne, just outside Paris.

The Association provided a stall at the Community Festival in June which proved to be an eventful, enjoyable day, where we were blessed with the weather and crowds attending, which enabled us to dispense French style food and wine to residents interested in the Twinning Association.

Residents of Champs sur Marne visited us during October. After a tour of Clifton and the surrounding area we visited the S S Great Britain and the Matthew in Bristol's dockland. We also had a working meeting and a celebration lunch at Thornbury Golf Centre to conclude the weekend.

We are in the process of forming a link between the new Community School in Bradley Stoke and some schools in Champs sur Marne. However it will be several years before this can reach its full potential, as the school roll will only build up gradually.

New members and families are always welcome to join the Twinning Association. Please contact Anne Clark on 0117 969 3539 or Councillor Sandra Hobson on 01454 610 724.

*Anne Clark  
Chair: Twinning Association*



## Annual report for 2004/2005 from Bradley Stoke Community Beat Manager based at Filton Police Station

As the Bradley Stoke Community Beat Manager I am stationed at Filton Police Station. I have been in post since 1 April 2004 and have had dealings with a lot of people who either work or live in Bradley Stoke. Although I try to deal with everyone's issues, being realistic, I am not always able to and sometimes you may have to deal with other officers.

It has been a very busy year for me and it has become apparent that there are some long-term issues that require a lot of hard work, not only by me as an individual but working in partnership with other agencies and people within the community.

When I took over as Beat-Manager there were a number of areas that had problems with nuisance youths. There were constant calls to police about criminal damage, drug abuse, drinking and general anti-social behaviour at Baileys Court and Savages Wood Road. These areas were targeted by organising direct police officer patrols, the education of retail staff at local stores and, with a lot of time and effort from all involved, we have managed to turn this around. However, there are still areas of concern such as the Leisure Centre that have been besieged by youths in past months. I would like to assure everyone that I will not tolerate Anti-social Behaviour and there have already been four Anti-social behaviour orders placed on local youths.

Another ongoing problem concerns motorcycles, especially the new craze of mini-motos, which my predecessors informed me have plagued Bradley Stoke for some years. I am aware that these are being ridden on the paths to and from the lakes and on footpaths around the Town. With regards to this I have carried out patrols both overtly and covertly, resulting in a high number of people being advised by letter from the sector inspector that offenders may be prosecuted and motorcycles seized if caught offending again. It would have been inappropriate to report everyone for offences when they may not have known they were committing them. All details are kept and cross-referenced and a number of offenders have been dealt with by the courts. The patrols will continue and I have been working with South Gloucestershire Council to try to overcome the problem. We have placed signs at problem areas explaining what can happen to offenders. Education first then Enforcement.

I have continued some of the previous initiatives like the free football training on a Wednesday evenings, based at the Brook Way Activity Centre. Working in partnership with other agencies in funding and developing this initiative, we are in the process of arranging a further night of training at another location.

A number of fluorescent vests have been given to the local primary schools as part of a travel plan that is designed to encourage pupils to walk or cycle to school instead of being driven there, and to do this safely by wearing the vests. This will not only promote a healthier lifestyle and make it safer for children but also benefit the environment by reducing traffic on the roads and easing congestion. I secured

donations for the vests from local businesses and community groups, which include Autoglass, Tesco, Rotary Club Aztec Bristol and the RAC.

I hold regular police surgeries in the Jubilee Centre, Savages Wood Road. Dates are posted at a number of locations around Bradley Stoke or, if you have internet access, you can visit the Avon and Somerset police web page and go to your local beat where you can find updated information on local crime trends etc.

I have also been encouraging officers to get back to basics and walk around Bradley Stoke by giving them written 'beats' with directions to patrol different areas on foot. So if you see an officer walking please feel free to say "hello" or discuss issues. Because of its size, Bradley Stoke is divided into three beat areas, Bowsland, Sherbourne and Baileys Court.

Bradley Stoke has one of the lowest crime rates in South Gloucestershire. The overall total number of reported crimes for the period of April 2004/2005 shows a decrease from the previous year from 917 to 776 and across the district there has been a greater detection rate of offenders. Burglaries showed an increase but this was mainly due to one person. Following a police operation the offender was brought to justice and admitted over half the burglaries in the area and being involved with vehicle crime. On that note, vehicle crime has also shown a decrease from 160 - 116



Please tell me about any criminal activity or suspicious incidents that you witness. This information can sometimes be crucial in identifying criminals and preventing them getting away with crime.

You can contact me via the Avon and Somerset Web site or e-mail me at [shaun.oliver@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:shaun.oliver@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk) or call 0845 456 7000

I hope to get the opportunity to meet as many of you as possible over the next year and will be at the Bradley Stoke festival in June

*PC Shaun Oliver  
Beat-Manager  
Bradley Stoke*

**BRADLEY STOKE TOWN COUNCIL  
GRANT AID 2004/2005**

**The following are the organisations that have benefited from Bradley Stoke Town Council Grant Aid  
(max amount that can be applied for is £500.00)  
during 2004/2005 under Section 137 funding criteria.**

<b>NO</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Amount Awarded £</b>
1	Holy Trinity Church	500.00
2	The Young at Heart Club (For the Over 50's)	500.00
3	Stoke Singers	200.00
4	Bradley Stoke Football Initiative	260.00
5	Bradley Stoke Twins Group	500.00
6	Patchway Conservation Group	447.60
7	Bouncing Babies	500.00
8	Scaffold Toy Library	500.00
<b>TOTAL....</b>		<b>£3407.60</b>

**BRADLEY STOKE TOWN COUNCIL  
SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT FUNDING 2004/2005**

**The following are the organisations that have benefited from Bradley Stoke Town Council  
Service Level Agreement Funding  
during 2004/2005.**

<b>NO</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Amount Awarded £</b>
1	Victim Support	788.00
2	South Glos Citizens Advice Bureau	1,575.00
3	Four Towns Transport	2,100.00
4	Patchway & Bradley Stoke Play Association	2,100.00
5	Patchway & Bradley Stoke Community Development Project	2,100.00
6	Patchway, Filton and The Stokes Volunteer Bureau	1,050.00
7	Pavilion Youth Club (Youth Development via the Patchway & Bradley Stoke Development Project)	1,940.00 & 742.14
8	Bradley Stoke Youth Club (BSTC covered the cost of rental of rooms on Mon and Thurs evenings)	5,619.25
9	South Glos Chinese Association	1,542.00

Additional funding was also given to: P&BS CDP £7,500), P&BS CDP (Youth) (£13,000),  
Wildspace for the Nature Reserve (£4,000), Night Bus (£6,036), and Four Towns Transport Parish Contribution (£1,100).

## BRADLEY STOKE TOWN COUNCIL COUNCILLOR DETAILS

(As at 31 March 2005)

COUNCILLOR	CONTACT ADDRESS	COUNCILLOR	CONTACT ADDRESS
<b>ASHE JOHN</b> (Conservative) (Baileys Court)	71 Berkeley Mead Bradley Stoke South Glos BS32 8AU	<b>SAMWAYS JOHN</b> (Labour) (Woodlands)	1 The Triangle Woodlands Park Woodlands Lane Bradley Stoke South Glos BS32 4SS
* <b>BARGE JULIAN</b> (Liberal Democrat) (Primrose Bridge/ Bradley Stoke Bowsland*)	c/o <b>BSTC Office</b> or Surgery, Brook Way South Glos BS32 9DS	<b>SANDERS KAREN</b> (Liberal Democrat) (Baileys Court)	26 Huckley Way Bradley Stoke South Glos BS32 8AR
<b>HART DAVID</b> (Conservative) (Manor Farm)	6 Fern Grove Bradley Stoke South Glos home BS32 8DS	<b>STOBBART GEOFFREY</b> (Liberal Democrat) (Manor Farm)	86 Winsbury Way Bradley Stoke South Glos BS32 9BE
* <b>HOBSON SANDRA</b> (Liberal Democrat) (Primrose Bridge/ Baileys Court*)	90 Stanshaws Close Bradley Stoke South Glos BS32 9AF	<b>WARNE ROBERT</b> (Liberal Democrat) (Manor Farm)	52 Hawkins Crescent Bradley Stoke Bristol BS32 8EH
* <b>LEES CHRISTOPHER</b> (UKIP) (Lakeside/Sherbourne*)	14 Snowberry Close Bradley Stoke South Glos BS32 8GB	* <b>WILLIAMS JON</b> (Liberal Democrat) (Baileys Court/Bowsland*)	12 Sandy Close Bradley Stoke South Glos BS32 8AJ
<b>LEES JAEL</b> (UKIP) (Primrose Bridge)	14 Snowberry Close Bradley Stoke South Glos BS32 8GB	There are currently 2 vacancies	
<b>PICKWELL DAVID</b> (Liberal Democrat) (Manor Farm)	27 The Beeches Bradley Stoke South Glos BS32 9TA	<b>South Glos Council Liaison Officer – not a member of BSTC</b>	
<b>PRESCOTT MARY</b> (Conservative) (Lakeside)	5 Poppy Mead Bradley Stoke South Glos BS32 8EZ	* <b>BYRON JO</b> (Liberal Democrat) (Sherbourne*)	8 Home Field Close Emersons Green South Glos BS16 7BH
		* Member of South Gloucestershire Council/Ward Represented	



CLlr Jon Williams, Nick and John from Weston College on the launch of the Intranet they designed for BSTC



CLlr Julian Barge (BSTC & SGC), CLlr Pat Hockey (SGC), Chris Sperring MBE and Coteigh the Barn Owl at the launch of the Three Brooks Nature Reserve at the 2004 Community Festival

# DRAFT UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

## BRADLEY STOKES TOWN COUNCIL Income & Expenditure Account For The year Ended 31/3/2005

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2005

	2004/5 Budget	2004/5 Income	2003/4 Income	2004/5 TOTAL	2003/4 TOTAL
<b>INCOME</b>					
Precept	653,796		416,430		
Baileys Court Activity Centre	19,000	653,796	22,928	11,079	19,703
Brook Way Activity Centre	24,000	19,071	28,114	TBA	2,649
Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre	56,650	28,085	58,267	TBA	12,339
Bank Interest	30,000	59,457	30,970	982,929	1,860
Other Income	0	40,111	18	232	189
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>£783,446</b>	<b>£802,986</b>	<b>£556,727</b>	<b>1,005,746</b>	<b>942,946</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
<b>GENERAL:</b>					
Office	413,720	368,775	342,761	18,702	6,648
Other Office Items	3,200	3,875	4,776	15,394	15,394
Grant Aid (S137 Exps) General	5,000	3,408	3,746	TBA	26,299
Grant Aid (S137 Exps) SLAs	16,000	17,241	16,374	TBA	963
Grant Aid (S137 Exps) Youth	10,000	0	5,500		
Grant Aid (Non-S137 Exps)	33,200	27,644	9,200		
Firework Display	5,000	3,041	2,392		
Other Community Events	10,000	6,756	1,614		
Mobile Van	2,500	83	0		
Baileys Court Activity Centre	60,175	49,607	50,985		
Brook Way Activity Centre	31,720	30,339	36,181		
Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre	64,420	63,910	50,102		
Election Costs	5,000	6,941	1,995		
Village Green	0	0	3,091		
<b>CAPITAL SCHEMES:</b>					
Computer Equipment	15,000	12,907	12,357		
Playground Equipment	10,000	6,900	0		
New Street Furniture	4,000	765	2,577		
New Furniture - All sites	5,000	3,457	6,999		
New Equipment - All sites	7,500	3,021	948		
New Building Work - All sites	0	0	2,708		
Village Green	0	0	4,430		
Mobile Van + Workshop	0	1,588	11,875		
Night Bus Subsidy	0	6,036	0		
Skate Park	0	860	0		
Disability Discrimination	0	1,301	0		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE:</b>	<b>£41,500</b>	<b>£6,835</b>	<b>£41,894</b>	<b>£659,935</b>	<b>£528,717</b>
<b>CUMULATIVE FUND BALANCE</b> (excluding earmarked reserves)	<b>£701,435</b>	<b>£618,455</b>	<b>£570,611</b>	<b>£618,455</b>	<b>£570,611</b>
<b>Cumulative funds b/fwd from previous audit</b>					
Net income for the year		£	£	£	£
Net Expenditure for the year		54	21,849		
Add/Deduct Contributions to/from Earmarked Reserves					
<b>Balance to C/fwd as at</b>	<b>31/03/2005</b>	<b>£155,648</b>	<b>£54</b>	<b>31/03/04</b>	<b>£54</b>

**NOTE**  
The 2003/4 figures have been audited.  
The 2004/5 figures are the initial draft using all available information at the time of going to press and excludes prepayments, accruals and final movements in earmarked reserves. The balance to carry forward will alter upon completion of the accounts and any surplus will be added to the Baileys Court Rebuild Reserve.  
The Audit is planned for the period 23 to 28 June 2005, and it is intended for the audited accounts to be presented to Council on 21st September 2005.

	2004/5 Budget	2004/5 Reserves held @ 31/3/05	2003/4 Reserves held @ 31/3/04
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Debtors			
Accrued Income		18,702	6,648
Prepayments		15,394	15,394
Stock		TBA	26,299
Cash at bank 31/3/2005		TBA	963
Petty cash in hand & at all sites			
VAT			
<b>LESS LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors			
Sundry Creditors			
Accruals			
Receipts in Advance			
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>			
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
(As per Jan 2004 planned expenditure in minutes precept)			
<b>Earmarked Reserves</b>			
Baileys Court - restructure - mound	430,000	427,874	430,000
Brook Way - hardcourts	0	0	2,500
- CCTV	5,000	1,335	0
Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre - build - ventilation	9,000	9,000	0
Contingency Reserve	22,000	22,000	118,650
Disability Discrimination	20,000	18,217	0
Night Bus Subsidy	200,000	198,700	198,700
Office - expansion	30,000	26,644	0
Police Vehicle - insurance	13,000	6,964	0
Police Provision (skate park + village)	20,000	654	0
Van - purchase	0	0	1,500
running costs etc	104,320	38,114	94,320
Village Green	0	0	2,750
Wild Spaces (2 year subsidy)	0	0	2,689
			42,479
			0
<b>General Reserve At Year End</b>	<b>Credit/(Deficit)</b>	<b>31/03/05</b>	<b>31/03/04</b>
		<b>155,648</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>£971,650</b>	<b>£893,642</b>



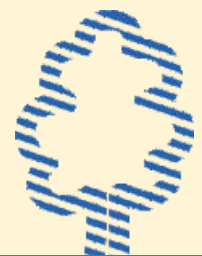
**BRADLEY STOKE TOWN COUNCIL**

# **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

## **agenda**

- 1 To receive any apologies for absence
- 2 To appoint the Chairman of the Town Meeting
- 3 To confirm the Minutes of the previous Town Meeting held on 12 May 2004
- 4 To receive the following Reports
  - 4.1 Chair
  - 4.2 List of Events Mayor has attended
  - 4.3 Finance & Leisure
  - 4.4 Planning & Environment
  - 4.5 Health & Safety
  - 4.6 Town Clerk
  - 4.7 Patchway & Bradley Stoke Development Project
  - 4.8 Youth Development Project
  - 4.9 Twinning Association
  - 4.10 Bradley Stoke Community Beat Manager
- 5 To deal with Questions from Local Government Electors of the Town
- 6 To welcome Mr David Baker, head of Bradley Stoke Community School

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**PUBLIC MEETING**