



# Bradley Stoke Town Council

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## MISSION STATEMENT

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

## Message from your mayor



Hello Everyone

There has been a lot going on in the past year.

We had a wonderful Festival and the weather could not have behaved itself better. The pre-school "Picnic in the Park" on the Friday was very well attended and enjoyed by all.

The Saturday saw a steady flow of people attending the Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre to participate in the various events and browse around the stalls.

The Sunday commenced with a fun-run, which boasted nearly 100 competitors, including some walkers, one of whom was accompanied by his dog. The open-air service at Baileys Court was well attended and everyone enjoyed themselves at the picnic, which followed. The cricket match was watched by many spectators and was won by the Bradley Stoke CC.

Record numbers of people were recorded over the three days and I think we can safely say that the festival is now "on the map"!

The Fireworks was also attended by a record number of people and the display by Kimbolton last year was quite spectacular.

A record amount has also been raised for the Mayors Charities (St Peter's Hospice and FairPlay) and may I thank you all for your generosity.

Other events of note in the year are the news that our Town Centre is finally to commence and the granting of planning permission for the Baileys Court Activity Centre extension. The Town Centre is due to start in a few months' time and will finally give Bradley Stoke its "heart". Once it is finished, it will be of enormous benefit to all of us living and working in Bradley Stoke.

The extension to the Bailey's Court Activity Centre will give much-needed additional rooms to hire for community facilities for those living in Bradley Stoke South and work on this is due to commence in the near future.

The community spirit has been further fostered by the introduction of regular coffee mornings (second Friday of each month 9.30am until 12.30pm) at the Brook Way Activity Centre. These are proving to be very popular, with regular groups of friends meeting up. A local history group has also been launched and takes place at the end of the Coffee Mornings.

2007 is a year of celebration - the Town is 20 years old!! The Council have arranged a number of events to mark this celebration, the biggest of which will be our three-day Summer Festival on 8th 9th and 10th June. The Festival Programme will be distributed to all homes and businesses in Bradley Stoke nearer the time so you will all be advised of what is taking place and when. Other events will be advertised on the Town Notice Boards and in Bradley Stoke Matters.

With the commencement of our new Town Centre, this is truly a year to celebrate. We would invite you all to join with us in the celebrations.

*Ronnie-Conway-Haskins*

Cllr Ronnie-Conway-Haskins  
Mayor

# Town Council Report

The Council's year begins each time with its Annual General Meeting in May when a great deal of statutory business has to be conducted.

A councillor is elected to chair the meetings and takes the title of Mayor for the ensuing year. A vice-chair is similarly elected and the various standing committees are appointed.

Representatives to some twenty-plus organisations around the town (including school governing bodies) are also agreed. Bank mandates and signatories to the accounts have to be reaffirmed and year end figures received although these are usually unaudited at this stage.

Any Statutory Instruments – such as Standing Orders and health and safety policies – have to be approved for the forthcoming year and then, at last, Councillors can get down to more interesting matters on the Agenda.

Council was keen to support Bradley Stoke Community School in its bid for specialist status in modern languages and the performing arts with a financial contribution, but saddened to learn some time later that it had been unsuccessful. This does not prevent the school reapplying and Council will be discussing this matter with the school again in the future.

The provision of the Night Owl bus service from the City Centre has been the subject of much negotiation during the year. Established to provide a safe means of transport home at weekends after late night entertainment venues have closed, Bradley Stoke Town Council with Patchway Town Council, the University of the West of England and South Gloucestershire Council now support a service that runs on Saturday and Sunday mornings from the City Centre to the University Campus and round Bradley Stoke and Patchway. Called 'The Night Owl', a flat fare of £3 represents good value for money at those times of the night. (Details may be obtained from the Town Council Office or via the Town Council and/or South Gloucestershire Websites.)

The redevelopment of Baileys Court Activity Centre also moved on during the year to the point where it is possible to make a start. The existing building will remain virtually unchanged, but new rooms will be added to provide self contained facilities for youth and community organisations. At the time of writing, tests are underway for asbestos and to ascertain soil conditions, but it is hoped that the building will be completed before the autumn. It was also agreed to erect safety netting along the boundary of the cricket field to protect the car park at a cost in excess of £2000; Council was pleased to receive a contribution of £500 from the cricket club towards this amount.

During 2006, preparations for the Anniversary Year of 2007 gathered pace and an exciting programme of events has been planned, centred

around the established annual Community Festival in June but with additional events at strategic times through the year. A full programme will be circulated to every household and everyone will be welcome to attend. By coincidence, 2007 is not only the 20th year of Bradley Stoke's existence, but also the 15th year of the Town Council, 10th year of dedicated community buildings (some may remember the old Blue Hut in Savages Wood Road) and the 5th year of both the Community Festival and the opening of the Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre – a quadruple celebration indeed. The newly formed Bradley Stoke History Group is working towards an exhibition that will be mounted in the Library throughout the month of June.

The new skatepark has proved an enormous success with those who use it properly but, sadly, there is an element that abuses this facility and causes some distress to the Leisure Centre and its visitors. Graffiti, not just at the skatepark but also at other sites around the town, is increasing and seems to be the scourge of our age. Alcohol and under age drinking appears to be the main contributor towards anti-social behaviour. Brook Way and the Jubilee Centres have the latest CCTV technology and that at Baileys Court will be upgraded with the completion of the new building. The police are kept fully informed of any incidents and CCTV records are immediately provided for them where appropriate.

Finally, although not within the purview of the Town Council as such, Council is delighted that planning approval has been granted to Tesco for the development of the town centre. Although this will not be completed in our anniversary year, at least a start will be made and, as the town reaches its majority in 2008, it will at last have the heart for which it has been yearning.



# Finance and Leisure Committee Report



The Finance and Leisure Committee has the brief “to consider all Financial, Administrative, Leisure and Community matters for which the Council is responsible, including employment, insurance, publicity (other than on matters within the specific brief of other committees), the Council’s own procedures, budgets, banking arrangements, financial records, etc. To deal with long term financial agreements and to pursue negotiations on the Council’s behalf with other bodies when so instructed by Council.”

Thus the Committee is empowered to review all manner of business in order to pass considered recommendations to Council and ease the pressure on Council’s already full Agenda. In the past year the Committee has therefore been very much involved with matters affecting Baileys Court redevelopment; the Night Owl bus service; catering; advertising; the Community School; repairs of and vandalism to property all over the town; storage; sports equipment; flooding; air conditioning and miscellaneous ‘green’ issues. In addition it has advised on Council’s overall finances through monthly and mid-year reviews of income and expenditure; budgets, ear-marked reserves and precepts; internal and external audits and a wealth of other minutiae.

The redevelopment of Baileys Court has been the major topic during the year, requiring as it does some £6-700,000 that have been earmarked for some years – since the ‘Almondsbury settlement’ in 1995. Until now, of course, these

reserves have produced a useful and welcome Interest income but, once spent, this source will dry up and have to be replenished from elsewhere. The new build will provide for more community rooms and youth facilities and improvements are planned for the existing kitchen area, stores and some electrical works.

Years of consultation and preparation finally resulted in planning and legal approval, after which detailed plans were drawn up and the schedule of works devised. In addition, detailed examinations of the land was undertaken for the foundations and even for possible asbestos both in the existing building and The Green Hut, which will be removed to make way for the new.

Elsewhere you will read of the exciting plans afoot for the celebrations of the range of anniversaries that occur during this year. The Finance and Leisure Committee has played its part in bringing this about and urges you to watch for details and attend as many of the events as you can.

It will all help towards enhancing the community spirit that is developing within the town.

It has been a broad and varied agenda, but the Town Council is similar in its operations to a business in dealing with a turnover now approaching £2m. Consequently attention to detail in many areas is essential for the running of a smooth operation. Council is gratified that the Internal and External Auditors were both very pleased with the way conduct our finance and business operations and had absolutely no adverse comments to pass on. For this we must thank the dedicated office staff who keep all of Council’s affairs in such apple-pie order.



# Planning, Environment & Amenities Committee



The biggest news of the past year was the planning approval of our town centre. This was a real success story as members had worked closely with Tesco, Officers from South Gloucestershire Council and local residents to arrive at a scheme that substantially met the needs of the community. We now await the start on site and completion of the centre towards the end of 2008.



The town centre plans were considered along with 215 other planning applications.

One of the committee's biggest concerns has been the number of "applications" (technically we are only notified of their intentions) for mobile phone masts to be sited in the town, that seem to be on almost every Planning agenda. Requests to the mobile phone companies to provide supporting evidence for these requests has met with silence and members are now campaigning to get these masts bought under the full planning regulations.

Plans by the Primary Care Trust to build more health facilities in the town have been scrapped much to the disappointment of local campaigners. The land earmarked for these facilities is now likely to be sold for even more housing.

It is now over 20 years since Northavon District Council first granted planning permission for the development now known as Bradley Stoke and we are close to seeing the last application for new housing arrive in front of the committee. I am sure that many residents who moved into Bradley Stoke in those early days when there were no facilities and very few roads, now appreciate what the Town Council has achieved since its creation in 1992.

Safe routes for pupils to attend our schools have and continue to be provided by South

Gloucestershire Council and the committee have been pleased to be able to support these measures.

The environment in Bradley Stoke is always changing and I am pleased it always seems to be for the best. A new pond for newts, continued development of our nature reserve and the work done by the 3 Brooks Nature Conservation Group are just some of the good things going on in the town. I would like to record my thanks to the volunteers who go into the green areas of the town every month and keep them looking at their best.

Litter is a continuing problem in the town, it spoils the environment and makes the town look untidy. Despite the council putting in litter bins next to each seat and bus shelter, litter is still being dropped on the floor and left to blow into the shrub beds. Residents who see accumulations of litter should contact South Gloucestershire's Street Care on 01454 868000 who will arrange to collect it.

The committee also awards grants to local community groups and this year awarded £5,186.40 to 15 groups. If you want to start a new group and need a small start-up grant please contact the office who will be pleased to assist with the relevant paperwork.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow councillors, the Clerk and officers of the council for their support and advice over the past 12 months.



# Report From The Town Clerk

Although activities during the past year can generally be classified under the old cliché of business as usual, a remarkable amount of time has been spent in planning for the future.

The Town is almost complete. The last remaining fields where dwellings can be built are now under development, and Tesco really is about to start constructing the long awaited town centre. The Community School received its second year of pupils and South Gloucestershire Council devolved the Leisure Centre, along with others in the group, to a Trust.

So what of the Town Council?

Plans for the major extension at Baileys Court Activity Centre received planning approval in November and are in the final design stages at the time of writing. Costing in excess of £650,000 the extension will greatly augment community facilities in the southern part of the town by providing more suitable accommodation for community hirers and our youth. The Green Hut that began life as the Library in Savages Wood Road in June 1995 will be jettisoned as it is no longer 'fit for purpose', but it has done well and we are grateful for it.

All must now be aware that 2007 is an important anniversary year both for the Town and Town Council. It is the 20th year of Bradley Stoke's existence, the 15th year since the Town Council was formed, ten years since the first of the Town Council's own community buildings (the old Blue Hut) was inaugurated and the 5th year of both the Community Festival and the opening of Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre - a quadruple celebration indeed. We have been successful in obtaining widespread publicity for and coverage of the events and leaflets containing details of the packed programme are being circulated to all houses around the town.

Our thanks are due to all those people - volunteers and professionals - who are contributing so much to this special year.

Graffiti and vandalism continue unabated, although it is cold comfort to the victims that Bradley Stoke is rated as a low crime area. Our new Beat Manager - Claire Bradbrook - has made a very effective start and we welcome her to 'our patch'. The local Beat Post is in Bradley Stoke Community School which, though not accessible to the public, will give the team a much higher profile and enable quicker response times than hitherto. All Town Council premises are covered by cctv and recordings freely given to the police if they request them. It is amazing what people will do. We have a full facial record of a youth covering a camera to conceal what he was about to do! We have a sequence where another youth attempted to smash a double glazed window with his head; he wasn't wearing a hoodie or any other protective headgear either! Setting fire to litter bins is another popular occupation although we cannot have cameras trained on all our litter bins and bus shelters. We urge all residents to be vigilant and not afraid to report a crime if they see one; 0845 4567000 is the number to ring.

2007 is also an election year. Every four years all seats on the Town Council come up for election and, by the time you read this, all will have been decided on 3 May, both for the Town Council and South Gloucestershire Council.

There have been some interesting and significant ward changes since the last election so we may expect some rather different outcomes in our representation. There are fifteen Members on the Town Council and, as not all of the 'old brigade' stood for re-election, on behalf of all our residents I would like to thank them for their contribution over the years and to welcome the new Members who will be overseeing the Town's affairs for the next four years.

You are probably aware that changes have been made to local parliamentary constituencies that will be effective from whenever the next General Election is called. Obviously much more information will be forthcoming when the date is announced.

We are pleased to welcome Pat Louca as our Finance Administrator/ Bookings Clerk, and Georgina Scott, who is with us under The Apprentice Scheme otherwise there have been no changes to the Town Council's staff during the year. As always, I am pleased to take this opportunity to thank the staff for all the work they do - often above and beyond the call of duty. I am reminded of a sign I once saw in another office that reads, "no one knows what we do until we don't do it". This Annual Report gives some indication of the wealth of activities within the town that come within the purview of the Town Council and its staff.



# Health & Safety



Bradley Stoke Town Council is aware of its duty of care to ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare of its hirers, staff, residents & visitors. There is a comprehensive Health & Safety Policy which is reviewed annually and formally adopted by Council at its AGM. From the Health & Safety Policy other Policies & Procedures have been developed, put in place and are reviewed as necessary.

For example, there is an on-site Fire Log Book which incorporates the Fire Policy, Fire Training Records, Fire Fighting Equipment, Weekly Testing of the Alarms & Emergency Lights, Evacuation Records and general information. This exists and is kept up to date due to co-operation at every level of Council - from Council Members to the Duty Leisure Assistant to the hirers. It is this co-operation on all levels which has developed a positive Health & Safety Culture. Everyone has responsibility - it is no good having all the statutory testing and paper work in place if someone leaves the cooker on!

Training is crucial to developing a positive Health & Safety Culture. Health & Safety is an ongoing and often challenging issue on a daily, weekly, monthly and yearly basis for everyone involved and training provides the knowledge and confidence to act accordingly. We have gained so much as an organisation from various ongoing training sessions that we now invite other parishes to come and join us.

Vandalism and anti-social behaviour has unfortunately increased. Baileys Court Activity Centre, Brook Way Activity Centre, the Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre and all the BSTC maintained Play Areas undergo regular checking procedures which are recorded. All vandalism incidents are reported to the Police and suitable

corrective action taken as soon as is possible. We try to repair everything in a reasonable time but sometimes an item of equipment must be taken out of use until the money is there to replace it. Bradley Stoke has historically been an area of low crime and we all wish this to continue.

As a community we are now enjoying a varied programme of events, including the Community Festival, Fireworks Event, International Women's Day, Easter Event and the Children's Christmas Party. In this, our anniversary year, plans are underway for special celebrations. Events are risk assessed and suppliers are checked for competence. It is always important to remember that a risk assessment does not eliminate risk; its purpose is to identify foreseeable risks, control them and have procedures in place to deal with any problems that may arise. A totally risk free environment would provide little entertainment and enjoyment, and very low play value for our children.

It has been a successful year, Health & Safety is always ongoing and hopefully by working in partnership and co-operation this will continue.





# Activity Centres Annual Report

Well, another year has passed and a number of improvements have been made around the sites. Unfortunately during the last year the anti-social behaviour and site vandalism have increased and we are constantly striving to put measures into place to give ourselves the best possible chance of keeping the sites and grounds looking as good as they currently do.

The team of five Leisure Assistants have all been working very hard and are now fully trained on the site computers introduced last year. This has improved the communication significantly between the remote sites and the central office during the last twelve months. The team has also benefited from a number of professional and skills courses to back up the service we aspire to. We are sorry to report that one long serving and valued member of the team is long term sick (Pat Harris) and we look forward to her possible return in the summer.

In April 2006 Pat Louca joined Rachel Pullen in the office team as Bookings and Finance Clerk and she is doing a good job keeping the bookings schedules running smoothly and dealing with the sites and bookings finances. I would, also like to thank all the office staff for their continuous hard work and for the help and support we are given as a team.

The cleaning team - Cliff and Geraldo - between them do an excellent job in keeping the sites clean. They work tirelessly to ensure that all areas are cleaned to the highest possible standard for all users. Whether it is the baby/toddler groups or sports users, they can be assured that the rooms are spotless.

The weather has not been kind to the football fixtures this season but Andy, our Grounds Man, is constantly working extremely hard to ensure that the pitches are playable to accommodate the backlog of games towards the end of the current season.

The grounds are looking the best they have done now for some years.

'The man with the van', Royston, has been kept busy with maintenance and general upkeep of the towns Activity Centres, the litter bins and benches, as well as the weekday cleanliness of the skate park adjacent to the Leisure Centre, at the weekends we have to thank Nick Harris for his work in the skate park.

2006 saw the beginning of the coffee mornings being held at Brook Way Activity Centre every second Friday, from 9.30am - 12:30pm and this is a great way for local residents to gather with friends and family for drinks and snacks.

The Easter extravaganza was held at Brook Way and was a great success as local residents attended in goodly numbers as always. Whilst their children enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt in the enclosed garden, the parents and guardians enjoyed a coffee and Easter biscuit in the warm.

Again the summer festival and firework evening went exceptionally well and was well organised by the BSTC staff. We are all very much looking forward to 2007 for the many celebrations Bradley Stoke Town Council will be holding, as the events being scheduled look exciting and are getting even bigger each year.

## And finally some interesting stats to finish on:

### Brook Way Activity Centres

hosted some 22 Children's Birthday Parties, 1 60th Birthday Party, 1 Wedding Reception and 2 School Discos in addition to all the normal baby and Toddler and Community activities held each day.

### Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre

hosted some 40 Children's Birthday Parties, 3 Children's Christmas Parties, 1 Halloween Children's Party, 1 engagement party, 1 Golden Wedding Party, 1 40th Birthday Surprise Party and 1 Family Party in addition to the normal range of Community Activities, including at this Centre, Young at Heart Club for the Over 50's, International Women's Day, Multi Faith Day and the Annual Town Meeting.

### Bailey's Court Activity Centre

is home to the Bowls and Cricket Clubs for the six summer months of the year and this means that we are unable to have long term hirers in the evening all year and this has a knock on effect on Winter hire, with nothing happening of note in the evenings this year. Play Pitch Pre-School meets every morning and is home to the Pavilion Youth Club in the Green Hut.

Look forward to seeing you all there.



# Bradley Stoke Community School



What a difference a year makes! This time last year we had been open for little over six months with 186 students in year 7 only and 30 staff; we now have 396 students in years 7 and 8 and 53 staff. This month families will be receiving offers of places for next year's intake and we are in the process of recruiting teaching staff for September (non-teaching posts to be advertised after Easter). The challenge facing us in the coming year is to prepare a Key Stage 4 curriculum experience which will prepare our students for all that will follow for them. We are also starting to pursue the possibility of post 16 provision at Bradley Stoke Community School in partnership with other local schools and colleges as this is clearly what the community wants and there is a designated space for that development to take place.

## OFSTED INSPECTION

Following a successful first Ofsted inspection in October 2006, we feel that our approach to establishing a new school has been validated and we now want to build on this to become an excellent school (the full inspection report can be viewed on our website or via Ofsted). To be told that Bradley Stoke Community School is a good school with many outstanding features was exactly what we needed and all associated with the school are rightly proud of the achievements to date.

*"Students are well taught, and are encouraged in most lessons to show much initiative and independence in their approach to solving problems.... As a result, students are highly motivated and behave very well."*  
Ofsted October 2006

## FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

Bradley Stoke Community School has been designed to cater for 900 students in the age range 11 to 16

years, covering teaching years 7 to 11. Our standard number is for an intake of 180 year 7 students each September but we have had to accommodate an additional class in our current year 7 due to the much publicised over-subscription and additional students being allocated places on appeal. There has again been huge interest in places for this September.

The school site is one of the most technologically advanced in the country with ultra-modern specialist facilities in all teaching and learning areas of the school and a flexible ICT (wired and wireless) infrastructure throughout the school, with a combination of desktop computers and laptops on portable trolleys available throughout the school. We currently have a ratio of one computer to every two students and will do all we can to maintain this level of access. All teaching rooms have interactive whiteboard facilities and all teaching staff have laptop computers, which are used to register students electronically

every lesson. Staff and students can access e-mail and electronic files in school and at home via our online 24-hour school. We are aiming to introduce a learning platform by September which will also enable parents to access real time data online about their child's attendance, behaviour and academic progress.

The modern design of the school building has been planned to provide appropriate temperatures for learning at all times of year and a range of facilities for students when they are not in class. All aspects of the accommodation and site are fully accessible to all users. In addition to the buildings, the site has a range of outdoor facilities including floodlit all-weather sports pitch and tennis courts, landscaped courtyard areas for students to relax in and a large number of good quality cycle racks (up to 50% of our students cycle to school compared with a national average of just 1%).

## WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

As a Community School we want to work with the community and to involve the community in the life of the school. We are developing strong partnerships with local primary and secondary schools and other education providers based around common areas of interest and being able to support one another in what we would like to achieve. It is our hope that the school will increasingly provide a focal point for the people of Bradley Stoke and that there will be opportunities to bring many people together for a range of purposes and activities in the months and years ahead. We host training events, meetings, conferences, community learning and all sorts of community sports and leisure events every day so the school is a familiar place to many local residents already. We also currently host a number of organisations full-time in the building but this will diminish as our student numbers increase.

We submitted a bid to the DfES to become a specialist school in autumn 2006 which was unsuccessful. This will not deter us and we will prepare to re-submit to become a specialist school for performing arts and languages from September 2008. This will provide additional funding to work with the community on specific projects over a 4-year period in the first instance. Extensive preparation and consultation have taken place and we were very disappointed not to have been accepted this time around as we see the bid as a key way to enhance both our in-school and community partnership provision. One of the highlights of last year was taking 153 students to Bradley Stoke's twin town, Champs-sur-Marne, for four nights; 170 year 7 students have booked to go this June!

Five of our staff teach pupils in three of our partner primary schools for part of the week and we envisage this model continuing and developing further as we develop our specialist school outreach programme. Pupils from most of the local primary schools have opportunities to work with staff and students from Bradley Stoke Community School at some point in the year through events organised by our sports coordinator who has two days a week to develop sport within the Bradley Stoke schools community.

## SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

Some characteristics of Bradley Stoke Community School in 2006-7 include the following:

- ▶ The teaching staff are led in 3 teams by the Assistant Headteachers who have a shared responsibility for overseeing the development of high quality teaching and learning in all areas. This will now change with the introduction of three Curriculum Team Leaders and an Inclusion Team Leader from September 2007
- ▶ An emphasis on skills for learning and developing learning beyond subject boundaries involving all teachers
- ▶ Full coverage of all National Curriculum subjects for all students
- ▶ An aspiration for personalised learning to be at the heart of every student's and every teacher's experience, with all students encouraged to fulfil their potential as individuals
- ▶ Warm and friendly atmosphere with an emphasis on respect the school environment and for one another, regardless of background, belief, ability etc.
- ▶ Session 16 days (extended learning experiences, including visits) when the normal timetable stops for the day approximately every 16th timetable day
- ▶ Temporary alliances between subjects with collaborative working on areas where there is potential to overlap and cooperate
- ▶ Enrichment built into the school day once a week for each year group with sessions being led by teaching and/or non-teaching staff and/or community coaches
- ▶ A wide range of extra-curricular activities and events after school every day
- ▶ Student access to school from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day with supervision in the Learning Resource Centre and access to books and computers (also currently trialling breakfast club from 7:45 a.m. and study support until 6:00 p.m.)
- ▶ School open and available for use from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. most days of the year

## STUDENT VOICE

A new Student Council with representation from each tutor group in year 7 and year 8 has been established and it is a significant leadership group within the school. Feedback from visitors who have met students has confirmed that our students feel that they are listened to and that they have a voice. Students will be fully involved in the recruitment process for this round of staff appointments, as they were last year.

### Where to find out more

If you would like to find out more about Bradley Stoke Community School, please check the website: <http://www.bradleystokecs.org.uk> where you will find a wealth of information, including the school prospectus, as well as photos of facilities, students and staff. Bradley Stoke Community School was the focus of a documentary entitled "Creating a School", made for Teachers' TV during the 6 months before the opening of the school. It is about the process of preparing to open a new school and can be viewed via the Teachers' TV website: <http://www.teachers.tv/video/2944>



# Southern Brooks Community Partnership (SBCP)



Southern Brooks Community Partnership has its main office base at Bradley Stoke Community School. Essentially we are a community development organisation, working with local people to find solutions to local problems. For the past 5 years our priorities have been working with young families and young people, and this year we have included working with older people and looking for ways to build stronger and safer communities. We are a registered charity and about to become a Company Ltd by Guarantee.

Over the year we have raised around £300,000 from grants and through commissions to deliver services. However, without the core funding provided by Bradley Stoke Town Council we would struggle to exist and are very grateful to the Town Council for their support. In this town we are fortunate to have a Council with the vision to understand the importance of building a sense of community, and in being willing to invest in this. As a result there has been a significant increase in services. As well as raising funds for the work we deliver, we also help a wide range of local groups in accessing grants and keeping them informed about changes that affect community groups

There is a separate report from Ruth Cornish about our work with young people. We have been able to secure significant additional resources to provide services for young people. We look forward to dedicated youth space being provided this coming year, and the new opportunities this will provide for the increasing number of young people in the town

Our key achievements this year include

#### CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

- ▶ Over 100 children attend 5 nights of after school activities at Bowsland Green, Baileys Court and Bradley Stoke Community School
- ▶ Submitting an application to the Big Lottery to run clubs for children aged 9 - 11 in the town
- ▶ Working with Bradley Stoke Community School on piloting a national project aimed at raising educational achievement and parental engagement in school

#### OLDER PEOPLE

- ▶ Helping to set up a new Bradley Stoke Local History group
- ▶ Working with Brook Way Surgery to set up a "Friends" group
- ▶ Monthly coffee mornings, raising funds for charity and giving older people the opportunity to socialise, between 20 - 30 people attend these, organised in partnership with BSTC

Corrina Wood and Stacy Harvey are our community development workers

#### WORK WITH FAMILIES

- ▶ Running weekly Toy Library sessions at the Jubilee Centre (run by Cheryl Godsell)
- ▶ Providing 1 > 1 support for families in the town who just need a bit of help going through difficult times (Corrina Wood is the Family Support Co-ordinator)
- ▶ Setting up and providing support to new groups - regular input to Bouncing Babies and setting up Jubilee Tots (Stacy Harvey leads this work)
- ▶ Running a Domestic Abuse support group and help line
- ▶ Parenting courses in local primary schools

- ▶ Schools Link worker providing support for pupils at Bradley Stoke Community School, bridging the gap between the school, pupils and families and working on issues such as confidence and self esteem - Yvette Holloway leads on this

#### STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

- ▶ Running an introduction to community development work course, with 21 people attending, mostly Bradley Stoke residents.
- ▶ Helping with Bradley Stoke Festival, particularly in getting local groups involved
- ▶ Submitting an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund to run a local history project working with children and older people
- ▶ Representing our work within the town on strategic planning groups
- ▶ Applying for funding to run a series of multi-faith events; the November event in Bradley Stoke brought together over 150 people from different cultures (Munira Hashmi is the project worker)
- ▶ Working with the Town Council and others to run an event for International Women's day in March
- ▶ Responding quickly to local issues, setting up or attending multi-agency meetings around particular issues, such as hate crimes

#### PARTNERSHIP WORK

We also work with a range of organisations that work across the area and often take a lead role in fundraising and leading on the work. These include

- ▶ Freespace - summer activities for young people
- ▶ Four Towns Play Association - town council provides seed funding for this and we bring in at least twice the investment in grants
- ▶ Volunteer Centre - led on revamping the way the service is delivered and promoted

We have a staff team of over 70. Our website is a great way of keeping in touch with events that we organise, our staff team and opportunities for both paid and voluntary work with us. Visit [www.sbcommunitypartnership.org.uk](http://www.sbcommunitypartnership.org.uk).

Our aim is to provide a service in the town that adds value to the work of the Council. We encourage feedback and contact with local residents and are actively looking for people living in the town to be involved in the shaping and managing our work.



# Bradley Stoke Neighbourhood Policing Team

I would like to introduce myself to those of you who do not know me. I am Sergeant Kevin Thatcher; I am based at Filton and form part of the sector management team.



I am entering my second year at Filton and there are substantial changes to the way we police the area. I will give you a brief summary of how this will make a difference later in my article.

I am sure you will all join me in thanking Shaun Oliver for all the hard work he did in his time as beat manager for Bradley Stoke, I know he was well respected, and I have received positive feedback from other agencies and the community.

I am pleased to inform you that PC Claire Bradbrook has now joined the team at Filton and has taken over the Bradley Stoke beat. She will eventually be part of a team of three covering the area including PCSO Jason Green.

It is probably the right time to tell you about the new style of policing that we are embarking on, called neighbourhood policing. This style of policing will see a dedicated team of officers covering areas such as Bradley Stoke, who will rarely be used for other duties. Neighbourhood policing is about involving the community in setting policing priorities and increasing visibility and reassurance.

One of the key concepts is that of informing the local community how we are performing and what we have done to solve issues identified by local residents. One example of how we do this is by 'Street Briefings' we initiated the first street briefing back in November 06 when I held a street briefing outside the Jubilee centre. The briefing was well attended and received positive feedback.

As part of neighbourhood policing I am working with partners to set up a Safer and Stronger community group that will meet about 4-6 times a year. This group is about building safer and stronger communities dealing with issues raised locally and having those present who are able to make key decisions. This is still in the early stages and the group has not yet been formed, if you are interested in participating please make contact.

Over the last year we have negotiated a police post in the new Bradley Stoke school and will install our IT equipment in the coming months, this will allow our officers to base themselves in the community, however this will not be a facility open to the public.

We continue to run regular police surgeries in Bradley Stoke and hold them at the Bradley Stoke Library. Dates and times are displayed in key location across the area, and you can access this via the Internet if you have this facility.

One of the issues that we are working hard to combat is Anti Social Behaviour Bradley Stoke has suffered its fair share this year, police have responded by initiating operations to disperse those individuals responsible, and working with our partners to target individuals by using acceptable behaviour contracts and dealing positively with any criminal offences.

Bradley Stoke still has one of the lowest crime rates in South Gloucestershire. Criminal offences have again fallen, burglary is decreasing, however motor vehicle crime remains a priority, please make sure you don't leave valuables in your cars!

I would like to end my report by saying a big thanks to the residents of Bradley Stoke who continue to assist and support police in bringing those who cause anti social behaviour or crime to justice. Please continue doing this by reporting incidents and criminal activity. You can make contact with the police team by using the Force service centre number 0845 456 7000 or alternatively via the Avon and Somerset web site.



# Bradley Stoke Youth Development Project 2006-07

Each year we try to develop new ideas for young people to participate in. Our biggest challenge this year has been to build on the success of the football project. We decided we would like to offer more sports to young people who live in the Southern Brooks area so in partnership with various local agencies including the Town Council we have set up Kick Start Sports. The group aims to fundraise to pay for sports coaches in and around the town. This has enabled us to have dance lessons and basketball sessions for young people in Bradley Stoke. We hosted two multi sports event where training in martial arts, fencing and football was given.

The youth development project has participated in six interclub football events. Football is always a favourite of the young people and we hope the success of some young people in raising £2,000 from the Big Stash towards equipment and entering a five a side league will help develop their enthusiasm for the sports as well as their skill levels.

The skate park competition was a great success and many thanks goes out to the five bands who participated and especially to Lloyd who organised the bands. The feedback from the young people was that it was the best event yet. In the summer holidays, Fifty-Fifty came and gave a demonstration and instruction to the young people on how to develop their skills in their sport. To compliment the activity we held a barbecue which the young people are still fondly talking about. The skate park group, which consist of one young woman and five young men successfully applied to the Big Stash and Quartet Community Foundation and raised £1,400 towards changing one of the ramps at the facility. The group are actively involved in planning any events or activities at the park

#### **MUSIC WHILST YOU RIDE SKATE PARK COMPETITION JUNE 2006**

One of my own personal challenges was the Quad biking experience. We took some young people away to deepen their understanding of music and to have fun quad biking. It was very mud, fun and I was defiantly the slowest Quad Biker in Town. Residential are great experiences as the young people get to chose their activities, cook and fully participate in the event.

#### **QUAD BIKING LOADS OF MUD**

Each year we endeavour to try at least one new activity and this year it was a road safety week. We had eight young people learn about road safety the risks of joy riding, attempting to do their theory tests. We did pay for two

young men in taking their theory. The best bit of the activity for them was a free driving lesson, which at least gave them a feel for what it is like to behind a wheel. The young people felt that avoiding all of the obstacles was a challenge.

This year we have run our fourth baby sitting course. The course includes first aid, cooking and preparing a meal, living with a virtual baby overnight, health and safety in the home and child development. The course is 30 hours long and is based on the Red Cross. It is partnership project with various local agencies such as the health visitors, the life skills centre and the food handling department without them it would not run.

At least we have the chance to develop some music in the town in partnership with Kayto Sound we put together bid for £19,000 to develop music training and develop a music community mainly in Bradley Stoke and some in Patchway we have develop three lots of six weeks course including one in the Community school. The aim is to build on the talents of the young people. At Baileys Court some young people hosted a small music event where they sang and preformed their own music and we would like to build on it and hold regular live events. We are planning to hold one in conjunction with Bradley Stoke Festival on the 16th June and one at Brook Way in conjunction with the family fun day at Patchway Common on the 27th July.

I would like to thank every one who works at the Town Council offices including the people who work at the sites without their willing help and cooperation we would not be able to achieve many of our activities and events



# Bradley Stoke Youth F.C.

Bradley Stoke YFC (BSYFC) was founded in June 1998, and the club is fast approaching their ninth anniversary of survival.



The club has grown to a large size covering a range of age groups to allow children from Bradley Stoke the opportunity to train and play football. This season we have been operating the following age groups: U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12A, U12B, U12 girls, U13, U14 and U15. The total membership of the club currently stands at just over 200 children highlighting the success of the club and our dedication to allow children to play football in a safe and friendly environment. The club have a large number of FA Level 1 Coaches to ensure the children get the best coaching available using the latest techniques.

The U12 girls team are coming to the end of their first season playing in the Bristol Girls League Division C where they are currently in 7th position which is a promising start for the team. We are now looking at expanding by running a second girls team in the League for the 2007-2008 season. If any girls are interested please contact Gunnar Moran, with further details on the web site at [www.bsyfc.co.uk](http://www.bsyfc.co.uk)

The club do all of their training at the Bradley Stoke Community School on the Astro Turf and Brook Way Activity Centre Hard Court on various evenings throughout the week.

All matches are played on a Sunday with teams playing in the Hanham Minor League, the Avon Youth League and the Bristol Girls League. Where possible the club play all of their matches in Bradley Stoke, mainly at the Jubilee Centre, Bradley Stoke Community School and Baileys Court. The club due to the size, have to use other match pitches when demand exceeds supply, these include Patchway Sports Centre and the BAWA.

**Interested in joining your local football club as player, coach or committee member? Then please contact either of the following by telephone or email:**

Nick Potter, club secretary on 01454 615 067 / 07862 182 473 or [nick.potter@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:nick.potter@tiscali.co.uk),

or James Palmer, club manager on 01454 856 188 / 07894 450 509 or [jrpalmer78@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jrpalmer78@yahoo.co.uk).

For more information and regular updates throughout the season, please visit our website [www.bstfc.co.uk](http://www.bstfc.co.uk)

BSYFC is now closely linked with the adult team of Bradley Stoke Town FC (BSTFC) to encourage the young lads to progress from youth football to adult football. This is proving very successful, with currently 11 ex BSYFC lads playing for BSTFC adult team this season.

We would like to thank all of our current sponsors, who without their kind donations, continuing to operate would be difficult. If anyone is interested in sponsoring an age group, please contact Martin Lee, details on the web site.

The club this season have been very lucky to secure grant donations from the Lottery Fund, Bradley Stoke Town Council and from the Football Foundation and again we send our appreciation to these organisations in helping us to continue in our ethos of providing "affordable football" to the youngsters of Bradley Stoke and the surrounding area.





## Bradley Stoke Town Football Club - local adult's football team

MARTIN LEE  
BRADLEY STOKE YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB



From our conception in February 2005, Bradley Stoke Town Football Club has firmly established its roots in the local community. The adults football team offers all our youth players the opportunity of representing the town with our club at senior level.

At the end of our very first season, we achieved a mid-table position, which was an encouraging start. In truth, we realised our expectations. Bearing in mind, we were an inexperienced club and relatively naïve against many of the clubs who had been playing this standard of football for many years. The encouraging aspect was that we knew we could improve. We had attracted significant interest locally as well as an influx of players from Bradley Stoke Youth Under-16 side. Not only did this enable us to strengthen the squad but also helped to expand the club. As a result, at the beginning of 2006/07 our First team retained their league status in the Bristol & District league and our Reserve Team achieved league status in the Bristol & Avon League.

Our ambitions for BSTFC remain high as we continue to look at ways of growing and developing the club. Already we have considerable interest and the creation of a 3rd team is being planned for the start of the 2007/08 campaign. In addition, we are planning for our clubs future and investing in our local youngsters... late in 2006 we acquired funding from "The Big Stash" to put three of our U16's through the FA Level 1 Coaching Course. Congratulations to all three lads who successfully passed the exam in February 2007. Our future coaching staff assured?

We find ourselves in a similar position as we have been in the previous two years, looking to recruit more players to strengthen our squads. Anyone interested then please contact either The Secretary or Club Manager. We are also very keen to promote local businesses as we seek sponsorship opportunities for the new season. Please visit our website [bstfc.co.uk](http://bstfc.co.uk) for all the latest information about our club. We are grateful of the support and sponsorship both

Lifestyle Property Services and The Window Doctor's have supplied in the past year.

Both BSTFC's First Team and Reserves play their home matches at the Jubilee Centre, Savages Wood on Saturday afternoons. We train on Tuesday evenings during the winter at the Bradley Stoke Community School.

We are extremely proud of the facilities we use and play on. They are amongst the finest facilities in our league. We are grateful for the facilities; support and grant funding Bradley Town Council have provided us with.

The Club's ethos is to provide a friendly club for members to enjoy their football, to foster loyalty, encourage and reward effort and promote the Club, Town and local community of Bradley Stoke. We have proudly maintained our morals over the past two years and with our position in the community we have every intention of maintaining this standard as we develop and move our football club forward.

## Northavon Bowls Club

**Flat green bowling continues to thrive at Baileys Court, Bradley Stoke. Playing mid-week and weekend matches, the green is busy every day, and in 2006 it was the first time in the Club's history that a match was cancelled due to excessive hot weather!!**

Our men's section managed to run four league teams and they were the runners up in the Glos. League.

The Ladies section had two league teams and one of our ladies over 55 pairs won through the South West area matches and went to Leamington for the final stages.

Our Junior Section continues to be very successful. The semi finals of the City & County of Bristol Junior competitions were played on our green, with the finals being played at GB Brittons where one of junior pairs teams were the runners up. Christopher Humphries had a great season and won the under 18 Glos

singles championship. Six of our youngsters played in senior matches in the summer and were well received.

We hosted one or two visiting county games in 2006 and we are hosting 3 in 2007.

One of our members is the President of the City & County of Bristol Bowling Association for 2007.

We enjoyed a good summer tour in South Devon in 2006 in good weather with good, and many of our members are going on a bowling tour to Majorca in April 2007.

MARGARET THOMPSON  
NORTHAVON BOWLS CLUB



# Bradley Stoke Cricket Club



**Anyone wishing to join the Club**, is welcome to come along at any time on match days; or, If you want to know more about the Club, whether as a player, supporter, spectator or potential sponsor, please contact the Officers as follows: Chairman - Paul Hardwick 01454-618385; Secretary - Ben Beeching 07739 004745; Youth Development - Barry Radford 07834 850798; Youth/Sundays - Gareth Price 07970 633063

Bradley Stoke Cricket Club play at the Activity Centre in Bailey's Court Road, where home fixtures are played on the purpose built cricket pitch, which comes complete with excellent changing facilities and a lounge and bar. The ground was laid in 1990, and the Cricket Club took up residence when it was founded in 1991. It has played in the Bristol & District Cricket League since the start. The ground is now maturing and is easily accessible, and provides an excellent 'square' playing surface, with match day wickets that are the envy of a number of visiting teams.

The Club ran 2 League teams on Saturday afternoons in 2006; and also a Sunday team that plays friendly fixtures with local clubs. A Midweek League centred on the Bailey's Court ground plays evenings during May to July. The club had a youth section that it intends to redevelop during summer 2007, with a plan to re-enter the Bristol Youth Cricket League as soon as is practical.

The Saturday 1st XI will again be playing in Division 1 of the League in 2007, having narrowly missed promotion last season. The 2nd XI played in their Division 2 in 2006, and were promoted. The Club continues to be the only Club in the League (so far) to wear match shirts bearing players' names and squad numbers. The Midweek team were runners-up in the 2006; and this competition will continue again in 2007.

At present a new sponsor is sought for the Midweek League, and other match-day opportunities/advertising. The Club is undertaking a sponsorship drive and offers, in any area of its activities, are very welcome! - contact details below.

The Club continues to be a committed supporter of sport in the community, and getting best use out of the recreational facilities in the Town; not least at the ground at Bailey's Court. On this front a 3rd XI has been formed for the first time for 2007, with a clear view that this will be a "development base" for youngsters and new club members. They start in the B&D "A" XIs Division 3, and will be initially playing home matches at Frenchay CC. First meetings have been held with the new Community School, and the club sees direct links with the school as a future platform for the development of young cricketers in Bradley Stoke; as well as being the future base for the 3rd - and even 4th XI - once the playing fields have matured.

Indoor nets are held in preparation for each new season, and the Club has a folding net that it uses for outdoor practice when the light and weather improve later in the spring.



## International Womens Day 2007

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## Easter Extravaganza 2007

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# Annex A Grant Aid & Service Level Agreement Funding

## Grant Aid 2006/2007

The following are the organisations that have benefited from Bradley Stoke Town Council Grant Aid during 2006/2007 under Section 137 funding criteria.

### ORGANISATION

1	Bradley Stoke Twinning Association	9	South Glos Senior Citizen's Forum
2	Young @ Heart 50+ Club	10	Bristol Beekeepers
3	Bradley Stoke YFC	11	SBCDP Bouncing Babies
4	Holy Trinity Church Bradley Stoke	12	Cheeky Monkeys
5	Bradley Stoke Library	13	Stokes Singers
6	Sole Sisters (North Bristol)	14	Scaffold Domestic Abuse Group
7	Bradley Stoke WI	15	Tiddlers Toy Library
8	Bradley Stoke Town FC		

## Service Level Agreement Funding 2005/2006

The following are the organisations that have benefited from Bradley Stoke Town Council Service Level Agreement Funding during 2005/2006.

### ORGANISATION

1	Victim Support
2	Four Towns Transport
3	Patchway & Bradley Stoke Play Association
4	Patchway, Filton and The Stokes Volunteer Bureau
5	Freespace
6	South Glos Chinese Association
7	Bradley Stoke Town FC

## Additional funding was also given to:

Citizens Advice Bureau for a dedicated weekly service in Bradley Stoke, Southern Brooks Community Partnership (ex P&BS CDP and P&BS CDP (Youth)), and the Night Bus.

# Annex B

## Council Members at 31 March 2007

### CHAIR

Councillor Ronnie Conway-Haskins

### VICE CHAIR

Councillor Sandra Hobson

### PRESS SPOKESPERSON

Councillor Julian Barge

### COUNCIL

Julian Barge\*  
John Ashe  
Veronica (Ronnie)  
Conway-Haskins (Chair)  
David Gladstone  
Adam Haskins  
Sandra Hobson\*  
Robert Jones  
David Pickwell  
John Samways  
Karen Sanders  
Geoffrey Stobbart  
Heather Williams  
Jon Williams\*  
Vacancy  
Vacancy

### FINANCE & LEISURE

Julian Barge (Chair)  
John Ashe  
Ronnie Conway-Haskins  
Adam Haskins  
Sandra Hobson  
Robert Jones  
John Samways  
Karen Sanders  
Heather Williams

### PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT & AMENITIES

Jon Williams (Chair)  
John Ashe  
Dr David Gladstone  
Adam Haskins  
David Pickwell  
John Samways  
Geoffrey Stobbart

### MEMBERS ATTENDANCE RECORD

May 2006 - March 2007 inc. % calculated according to committee membership.

	attendance/max. poss.	%	cttees*
Ashe	13/22	59	C.F.P
Barge	6/12	50	C.F
Conway-Haskins	11/13	85	C.F.R
Gladstone	14/17	82	C.F
Haskins	19/22	86	C.F.P
Hobson	2/12	17	C.F
Jones	12/14	86	C.P.R
Pickwell	4/17	24	C.P
Samways	20/22	91	C.F.P
Sanders	9/13	69	C.F.R
Stobbart	12/17	71	C.P
Williams H	8/13	62	C.F.R
Williams J	14/18	78	C.P.R
<b>overall</b>	<b>164/212</b>	<b>77%</b>	

One meeting was inquorate. \*C Council F Finance P Planning R Redevelopment

### STAFF LIST AT 31 MARCH 2007

#### TOWN CLERK

David Chandler

#### DEPUTY TOWN CLERK (FT)

Lesley Osborne

#### ADMINISTRATOR - HEALTH & SAFETY (FT)

Vicky Davies

#### ADMINISTRATOR (PT)

Vanessa Walters

#### ADMINISTRATOR (PT)

Sue Clark

#### APPRENTICE

Georgina Scott

#### RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER (PT)

Rachel Pullen

#### ADMINISTRATOR - FINANCE/ BOOKINGS (FT)

Pat Louca

#### ACTIVITY CENTRES MANAGER (FT)

John Rendell

#### MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN (FT)

Roy Broderick

#### LEISURE ASSISTANT (FT)

William Walton

#### LEISURE ASSISTANT (PT)

Jack Robinson

#### LEISURE ASSISTANT (PT)

Elaine Bezer

#### LEISURE ASSISTANT (FT)

Denise Pewsey

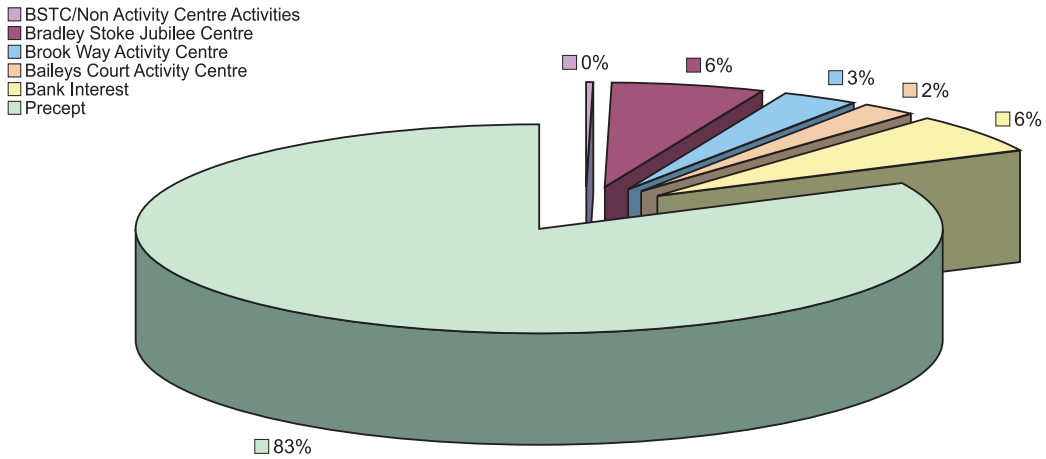
#### LEISURE ASSISTANT (PT)

Pat Harris

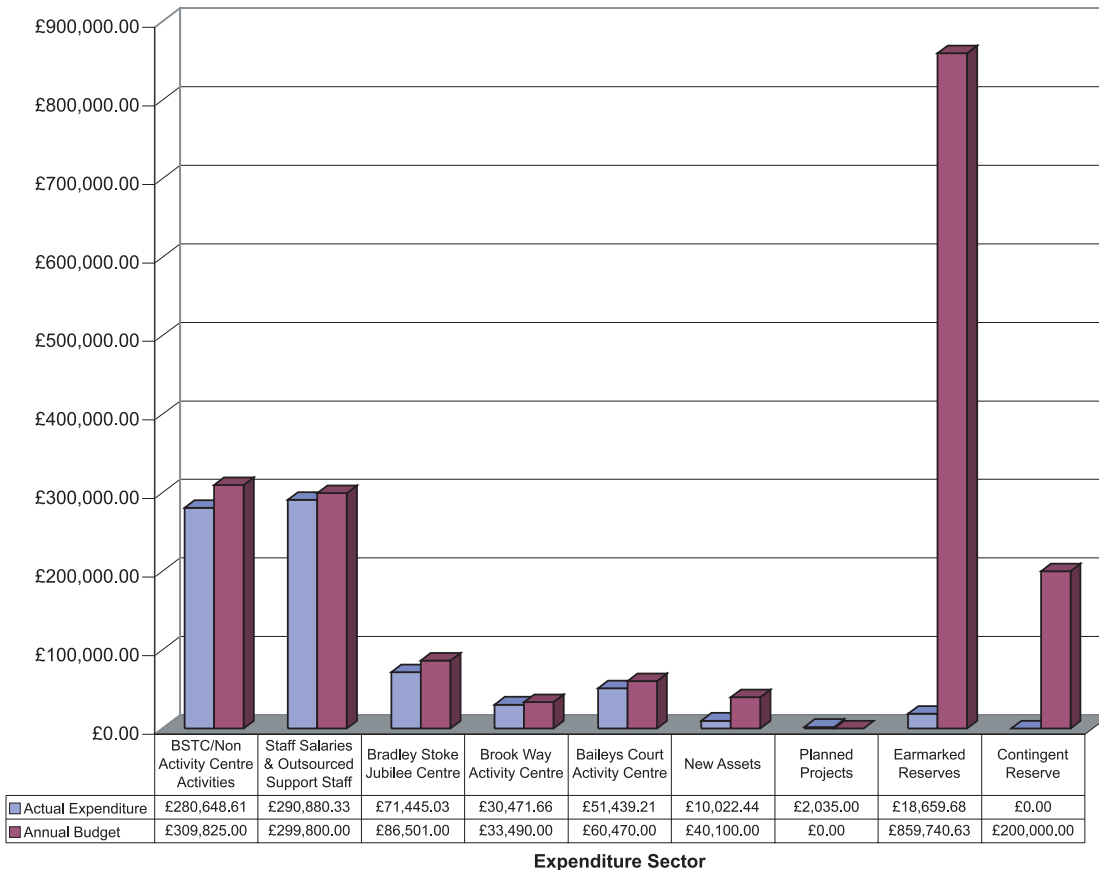
\* Also Members of South Glos Council  
Councillor Jo Byron is the South Glos  
Member for Bradley Stoke Sherbourne but  
does not sit on the Town Council.

# Annex C Draft Accounts

## 2006/7 Income 31st March 2007



## Comparison of 2006/7 Expenditure Against Annual Budget 31st March 2007



The above graphs include the most up to date information available as at 12/4/07 although some information (such as future accruals and final audit adjustments) has not been included.

