



Annual Report 2010/2011



Bradley Stoke Town Council Annual Town Meeting
7.30pm Wednesday 11 May 2011
Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre, Savages Wood Road

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

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Council Members welcome all those attending to stay for light refreshments after the meeting.



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Town Clerk's Report



I have now been in post for 15 months and continue to learn new things about Bradley Stoke every day. During the second half of 2010, the town council undertook two public consultation exercises relating firstly, to the South Gloucestershire Council Part-night Street-lighting Trial and secondly, the Bradley Stoke

Town Council Office Location. The full consultation results are available on the town council website, or alternatively, in hard copy from the office.

The town council, in conjunction with the management team at the Willow Brook Centre, helped to set up the monthly Farmers/ Artisan market which takes place on the last Friday of every month in the Town Square at the Willow Brook Centre. In addition to this, the Bradley Stoke Town Council monthly Coffee Morning has switched venue and day in the hope of increasing attendance. The Coffee Morning now takes place at The Jubilee Centre on the second Thursday of every month.

Posters advertising these two events and a multitude of other information can be found on the 5 town council noticeboards which are located around the town. The noticeboards are updated regularly and provide a valuable source of information about forthcoming events and activities. The noticeboards are located at: Adjacent to Tesco's Express, Pear Tree Road. Brook Way Activity Centre. The Jubilee Centre, Savages Wood Road. Adjacent to Tesco's Express, Webbs Wood Road. Bradley Stoke Evangelical Church, Bailey's Court Road

Finally, I would like to thank all those (especially the Town Council office staff) who have given me valuable help and support since my appointment.

SHARON PETELA, TOWN CLERK.

Mayor's Charity

Each and every year the new Mayor (Chair of Council) chooses a charity or charities to support during their term of office. This year Our Mayor, Ben Walker, has supported the "St Peters Hospice".

Money is raised for the charity by events that Bradley Stoke Town Council run, such as the Community Festival and the Fireworks Display. The Mayor will also fundraise for the chosen charity in other ways such as bucket collections, charity lead events and fun runs. Local businesses also sometimes make donations to the Mayor's Charity.

Normally the Mayor's Charity would be one which directly benefits local residents or is an area of care in which they have a special interest.

In past years, the residents of Bradley Stoke have always been extremely supportive of the Mayor's Charity, with this year being no exception. Even given the tough financial climate we find ourselves in and the pressures that everybody face, we have broken all records this year with events still planned!

We thank you for your support and help that gives the users of the charities. It's truly appreciated.

CLLR BEN WALKER. MAYOR/CHAIR OF COUNCIL.

Chair's Overview 2010/11



I was honoured and utterly humbled to be elected as Mayor of Bradley Stoke and represent our Town Council. It really is a fantastic role, giving you the opportunity to meet so many of the different people, groups and organisations, who do so much to

support and further develop the vibrant and diverse community of Bradley Stoke.

There have been so many highlights for me this past year, which have helped me to be able to deliver on my aims as Mayor, and it would be near impossible to list them all. Some of the key highlights have been;

- We have now completed the consultation process for the proposed new office space and the public wanted us to re-develop the existing Jubilee Centre to incorporate our Council Office, additional overflow car parking, and a much needed external toilet facility for users of the Jubilee Green and sports facilities. Not only will the proposed extension offer all that, but it further improves the accessibility for our residents to our Council Staff.
- We have managed to pressure South Gloucestershire Council into reviewing the level of funding it currently gives to Bradley Stoke for Youth Funding and they have already increased their contribution for equipment and are now working to go much further, redressing the balance locally.
- We have seen the development of the Town Square, situated at the Willow Brook. It now hosts many community displays/events, including our very own Farmers Market, Diwali and a Carol Service to name a few. I thank the management of the Willow Brook for working with us and the groups within the Town.
- The Friends of Jubilee Green are now making bids to secure funding to enable the second phase of the Beacon Play Scheme. I thank them for all the excellent work they do to promote and develop the Green.

We have also seen the opening of the Community Policing Beat Post at the Willow Brook Centre to further enhance our policing within the Town, and I thank the team for the exceptional community policing cover they offer our locality, supported by the Town Council.

For the first time ever, Bradley Stoke is now where the constituency MP's office resides, offering you, the resident, a direct link to government and the ability to have your say.



As ever, the Community Festival was brilliant and the best to date, with over 10,000.00 people attending over the course of the weekend. Unfortunately, Mayors Maidens couldn't improve on last year cricket tournament result, but there's always next year.

The Firework event went off with a huge bang and again, was incredibly well attended with record numbers, even if it was freezing!

I have tried to support and attend as many events and meetings as possible during my term as Mayor as I'm passionate about our community. I would like to draw your attention to the super work being carried out by our Youth Leader, Bradley Stoke Radio Team, Matters Magazine, Southern Brooks Community Partnership, The Scouts and Christ The King Youth Group, to name but a few. Keep up the exemplary work.

This year, I had decided to support St Peters Hospice, a worthy cause carrying out incredible work within Bristol and South Gloucestershire areas. This year alone, 49 Bradley Stoke residents received care from the charity, who depend on donations from the general public. I'm pleased to say that this year we broke all records and managed to raise over £9500.00 (still Counting). I would like to thank everybody who has supported myself and the council events and contributed to this amount. I know that the directors, staff and patients are eternally grateful for support such as this.

I would also like to thank the Town Clerk and her team for the fantastic work they carry out in underpinning our council operation and ensuring it functions in a manner second to none. I would also like to thank Cllr Mark Forsyth, Cllr Robert Jones and Cllr Morgan Baynham as the standing committee chairs for the support they have offered me during my term in office and their work running the committees. It goes without saying that my thanks are on offer to all the councillors who make up the Town Council on a voluntary basis. Without this commitment, we couldn't action the business we need to for the town.

I really do believe that this administration has worked extremely hard to ensure Bradley Stoke benefits from superior services, cost effective practices and sensible decisions, making it a benchmark in the district and I will leave it up to the committee chairs to further expand.

It has truly been a pleasure to serve you as Mayor and thank you to you, the residents and everybody who contributes to make our community stand out from the crowd.

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Attendances for BSTC Councillors

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† = South Glos Councillor (sometimes otherwise engaged on SGC business) O = apology submitted * = ex-officio Inq = Inquorate
 Ben Walker, Chair of Council. Mark Forsyth, Chair of Finance. Morgan Baynham, Chair of Planning & Environment (P & E). Robert Jones, Chair of Leisure, Youth & Amenities (L Y & A).

Finance Committee Report

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Meeting in alternate months to full Council, the Finance committee have spent a large proportion of time ensuring that in light of the current economic down turn, the residents and most importantly the council taxpayers of Bradley Stoke get the best value for money from the Council and its staff.

What started out as a seemingly routine year, in which council had set out certain priorities including greater provision of youth funding, has in the last 6 months been a balancing act to ensure that whilst maintaining the high level of service and facilities that the people of Bradley Stoke have come to expect and enjoy, we the Council have not placed any further financial burden of the residents.

It is therefore heartening to report that whilst some parts of the Council Tax Bill may still go up, Bradley Stoke Council has been able to maintain the resident’s contributions for 2011/12 at the same level as last year. This is the 2nd time during the administration of this council that we have been able to report a ‘zero’ percentage increase in council tax bills, and it is a credit to the hard work of both the members of the Finance Committee and the Council staff that we have been able to bring this about.

As mentioned earlier, whilst maintaining the same precept as last year, we have also been able to increase funding for the provision of youth work, which in this next year will be in excess of £60,000 and will include

the part funding of a new minibus which will be shared with Bradley Stoke Community School. We will also continue to fund councils own MCO (litter picker extraordinaire Dave Dace), and also part fund a Bradley Stoke dedicated Police Constable. All this through the careful management and control of council funding.

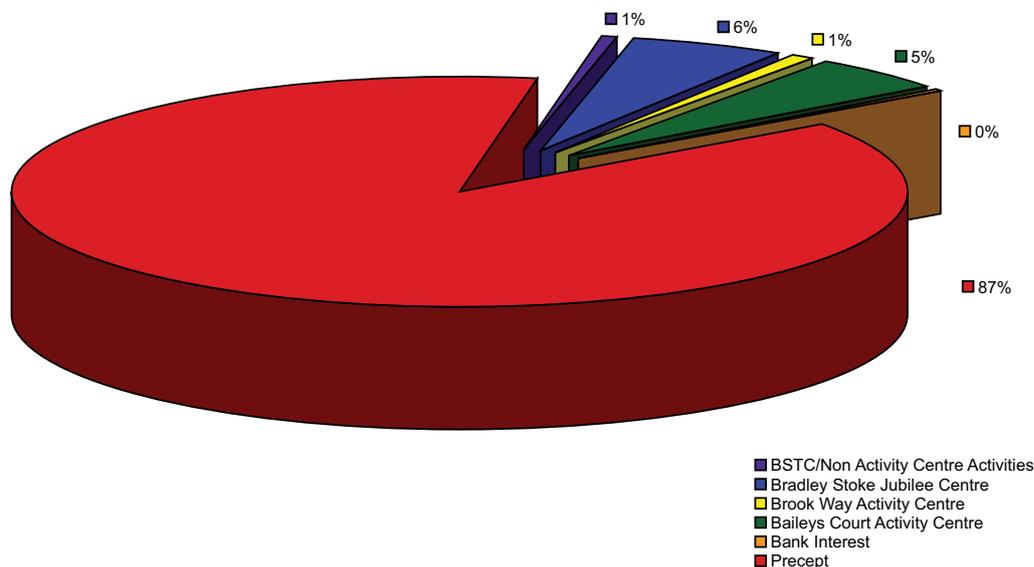
Another project under way is the relocation of the Council Offices. Following a public consultation, Council have decided that it would be in the interests of all, that new offices, complete with additional public facilities will be built next to the Jubilee Centre. As this publication goes to press, Council have engaged an Architect to take this build through to the planning stage.

It is a pleasure to report that yet again the Council has received an excellent clean bill of health from the internal and external auditors, and I would like to thank Rachel Pullen, our Responsible Finance Officer, for all her hard work in ensuring that we were compliant.

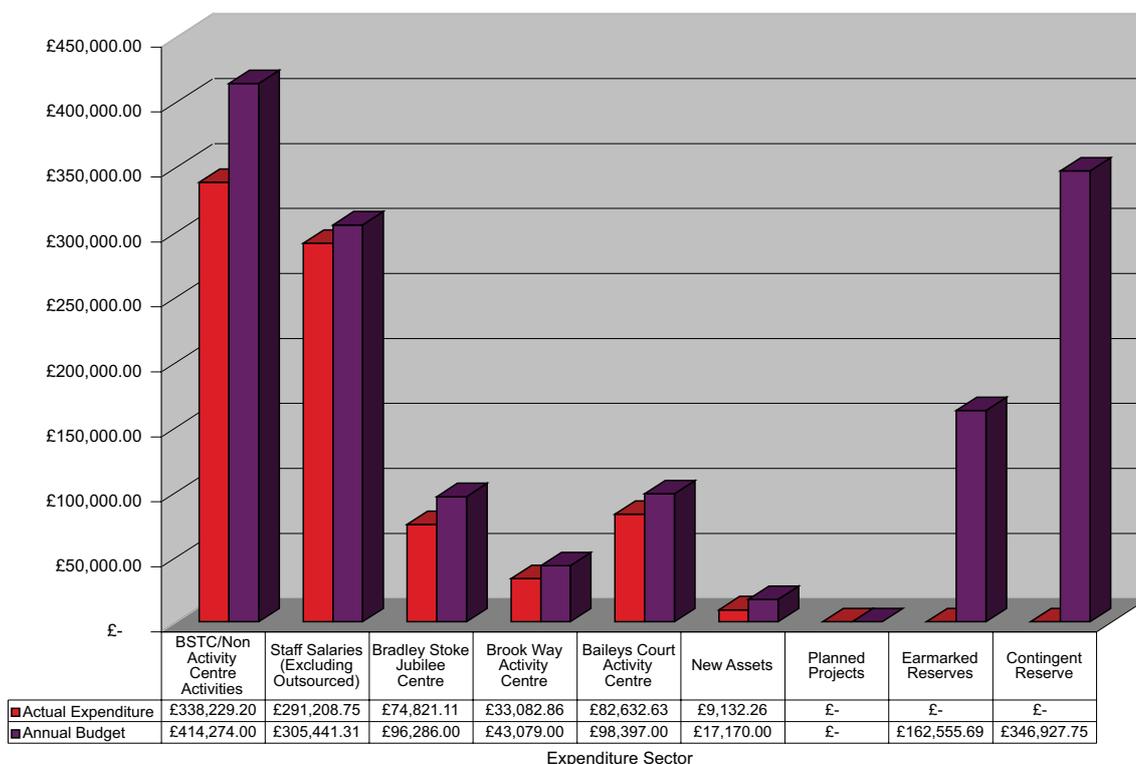
This is my final year as a Councillor serving in Bradley Stoke, and I have had the great pleasure of not only serving the residents for the last four years, but also chairing Planning in 2007, Finance in 2008, Full Council in 2009 and Finance again this last year. It has been an honour to serve on the council, and to work with some fantastic people; councillors, council staff, members of voluntary organisations as well as residents. I have enjoyed my time in office, and hope that residents feel that the Town has been in safe hands during the tenure of this Council.

Finance

2010/11 Income 31st March 2011



Comparison of 2010/11 Expenditure Against Annual Budget 31st March 2011



The above charts are based upon provisional pre-audit figures which were correct as at 31st March 2011 but exclude some accruals and other final year end adjustments. Finalised figures will be available after the audit papers have been produced and these will be placed on the website by the end of June 2011, subject to final sign-off by the auditors.

Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee Report



New for 2010/11 the Leisure Youth and Amenities (LYA) Committee widens the remit of the Youth committee, established a year earlier, to include Leisure and Amenities matters previously dealt with by the Finance and Planning committees

respectively. It has been my honour to serve as chair of this new committee in its inaugural year.

Provision of youth services in Bradley Stoke has taken a huge leap forward in the last year with the new Brook Way youth club now well established. Youth has remained a big part of our bimonthly agendas and we have received and discussed regular reports from Southern Brooks Community Partnership's Youth Leader Steve Robertson, South Gloucestershire Council Severn Vale Youth Service Area Manager Paul Godwin and our own Youth Link officer Cllr Brian Hopkinson. All of whom I'd like to thank for their continued commitment to youth services in the town.

One of the aims of the committee during the year has been to include representatives of community groups and other organisations in our discussions and among others we have heard from Three Brooks Nature Reserve Conservation Group, The Volunteer Centre and the Friends of Jubilee Green. Many of those who have spoken have been volunteers, not used to attending council meetings and while space prevents me from listing everyone individually I would like to record my thanks to them all for their time and effort both in preparing for our discussions and for the work they do in our community.

Perhaps the most unusual debate of the year was prompted by a member of the public who contacted the council offices to suggest Bradley Stoke should apply for city status in the competition for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year. The committee felt that on balance, a bid, with little chance of success, would not be worthwhile, but the story did catch the imagination of the local press with favourable reports focusing on the vibrant and diverse community and how the Town has really come of age in recent years.

An important role of the committee has been the distribution of Council's Grant Aid budget. These are small grants of up to £500 to local charities and community groups. During the year £6,000 has been allocated to a whole variety of organisations representing sports, the arts and even media with the fledgling BS Community Radio station awarded £400. A host of children's organisations, such as the 1st

Bradley Stoke Guides (£423.99), have benefited and older people have also been supported with £400 awarded to the Young at Heart Club. If you're running a club or organising an event and believe you could benefit from Grant Aid, do get in touch.

Of course not every community organisation can be sustained with just £500 and the committee also received reports during the year from organisations benefiting from the £11,000 paid out under service level agreements (SLA). Scrutiny, by the committee, of these reports ensures this money is applied for the benefit of Bradley Stoke Residents.

Finally, all that remains, is to thank members of the committee, council officers and all who have contributed; for their support and hard work in the past year.

Grant Aid	Amount approved by Council
Sole Sisters North Bristol	£500.00
Bradley Stoke Bowls Club	£500.00
Bradley Stoke YFC	£470.00
Southern Brooks Community Partnership - Dreamscheme	£493.00
Pretoria Road Allotment Society	£500.00
Young At Heart Club	£400.00
1st Bradley Stoke Guides	£423.99
Bradley Stoke Community Radio Association	£400.00
Babies on Boobs Breastfeeding Support	£500.00
Southern Brooks Community Partnership - IWD	£500.00
Childrens Playlink Play Scheme	£500.00
Arena Arts Development Group	£413.01
Bradley Stoke Community School	£400.00

Larger Grant Aid	Amount approved by Council
4 Towns Play Association	£5,000.00
Freespace	£2,000.00

Ex-Gratia Payments	Amount approved by Council
Help Toby Walk	£304.20
Friends Of Jubilee Green	£250.00
Bradley Stoke Twinning Association	£250.00

Service Level Agreements	Amount approved by Council
Bouncing Babies Tiddlers Toy Library	£1,700.00
BS Youth FC + BSTFC	£1,945.00
Patchway Filton and Stokes Volunteer Centre	£1,158.84
Three Brooks Nature Group	£1,500.00
Victim Support	£848.19
SG Chinese Association	£1,764.37
Four Towns Transport – To be approved	£2,404.24

Planning & Environment Committee Report



Some residents will have noted a change in the name of the committee, which was previously the Planning, Environment and Amenities Committee to the Planning and Environment Committee. This was

as a result of the heavy commitment Bradley Stoke Town Council (BSTC) has made to youth provision and it was felt that a new committee Youth Leisure & Amenities was needed to monitor those areas of council's responsibility.

As the title suggests the main remit of the Planning and Environment Committee is to deal with Planning and Environment issues. The bulk of the work of the committee is dealing with planning matters, in particular planning applications. As a consultee, BSTC can pass comment on planning applications made to South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) and raise objections if it feels necessary. We are anxious to see that any development in Bradley Stoke does not impinge on residents, by way of loss of residential or environmental amenity, and we object to proposals where we consider there is, for example, over development that might affect a neighbour's privacy. We also object to proposals that might have an environmental impact such as increased traffic, litter, and noise or anti social behaviour.

In the current year, the committee considered 98 planning applications, of which 13, we objected to. SGC unfortunately does not always support our objections, but in 38.5% of cases we were in agreement.

We are able also to comment on licensing applications, such as street trading licences, five of which we responded to in the year. Again we objected to those that might have an affect on the quality of life of residents from noise and litter etc.

The council has for some time prioritised tackling litter and graffiti in the town. Dropping litter and spraying graffiti is anti social and if unchecked can blight neighbourhoods and lead to more serious crime if left unchecked. In relation to litter, our Mobile Cleansing Operative, Mr. Dave Dace continues stalwart work keeping the streets of Bradley Stoke clear of litter. He is often joined by volunteers for litter picking sessions, and their efforts have made significant in roads into keeping the town tidy.

In October, staff from MacDonald's the fast food chain, as part of their community initiative, carried out a litter picking session in the Brook Way/Aldi Car Park area. We are grateful to them for their help and commitment to community projects.

Unfortunately there are still those who do not see littering as anti-social and in future the council may have to consider having the ability to take action against those who choose not to take their litter home or place it in the receptacles provided.

The council has also taken positive action to remove high visibility graffiti in the town and has engaged SGC services to assist. Where graffiti has occurred on private property, the council has invited homeowners to have the damage rectified at no cost.

In August 2010 the committee responded to South Gloucestershire Core Strategy Consultation. The South Gloucestershire Core Strategy is the key-planning document, which will set out the long-term vision for the area and the policies needed to deliver sustainable communities in the period up to 2026. A key purpose of the Core Strategy is to identify where new development will take place, its type and scale, as well as protecting what is valued about the area.

We as a council responded to various aspects of the strategy including Achieving High Quality Design, Supporting Renewable Energy, Maintaining Green Space, Delivering Major Transport Schemes and Managing Town Centre Developments. Full details of our responses can be found on the South Gloucestershire Council Website

This has been my third year as Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee and I have enjoyed throughout, the support of The Clerk and Town Council staff. I thank them for their help.

In addition, I would also like to thank my fellow councillors, who sat with me on the committee, for their guidance and patience and above all their commitment to make Bradley Stoke a better place to live and work.

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Public Consultations

Last year, Bradley Stoke Town Council held two public consultations, which ran concurrently, to ascertain resident's views on two proposals; The first being the proposed South Gloucestershire Council Part-night Street-lighting Scheme and the second being proposals for the New Town Council Office location.

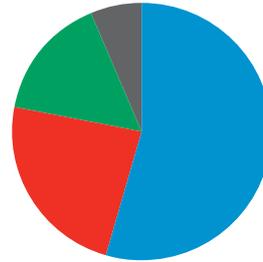
Both Public Consultation exercises ran from the beginning of October until 10th December 2010.

The public were consulted in a variety of ways:

- Bradley Stoke Town Council website
- Bradley Stoke Town Council newsletter published October 2010
- Bradley Stoke Town Council noticeboards + Activity Centres
- Bradley Stoke Journal
- SBCP Community Celebration at the Willow Brook Centre
- SSCG Meeting
- BSTC Public Drop-in Morning on Saturday 4th December 2010 at Jubilee Centre

Part-night Street-lighting Public Consultation Results

The office received 153 responses to the consultation, 90 via the online response form set up on the Town Council website and 63 written responses.

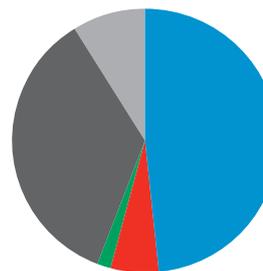


- Option A - Support Draft Proposals
- Option B - Support Draft Proposals & Suggest Amendments
- Option C - Do Not Support Proposals
- Option D - Other Comments

Update: In January 2011, Bradley Stoke Town Council resolved to progress with the scheme. All public comments received during the consultation process were passed on to South Gloucestershire Council, Street Lighting Department for their information. It is anticipated that the scheme will be introduced in the town by South Gloucestershire Council in April/May 2011.

Town Council Office Location Public Consultation Results

The office received 133 responses to the consultation, 56 via the online response form set up on the Town Council website and 77 written responses.



- Option 1A - Extend on Jubilee Centre
- Option 1 - Extend on Jubilee Centre + Football Pitch relocation
- Option 2 - Stand-alone building at Jubilee Centre + Football Pitch relocation
- Option 3 - Continue to rent
- Other comments only

Update: In February 2011, Council resolved to progress the town council location proposals to the planning stage. They duly appointed an architect to prepare documentation to achieve planning approval for the new town council offices at the Jubilee Centre.

Bradley Stoke Community School Update



Bradley Stoke Community School is now officially an 11-18 secondary school; we have students in years 7-12 and one more year of expansion still to come, with more applications than places available in year 7 for September 2011. There are now over 1030 students, led and supported by 140 staff, and we will have 1150 students by September. Our oldest students took their GCSE (and other) exams last summer and set a high standard for subsequent year groups to follow with 87% of them achieving at least 5 A*-C grades at GCSE, and 66% of them achieving at least 5 A*-C grades including English and Maths. The value added score placed the school in the top 25% of schools nationally along with only one other South Gloucestershire secondary school. There were some amazing individual achievements amongst these overall figures and we are very proud of our students.

The post 16 centre, dance studio and changing rooms were completed just in time for September 2010 when our first post 16 students needed access to the facilities; 125 students are now in year 12 with another 125 likely to join them this coming September. These numbers are very encouraging but as the building was only designed to accommodate 180 students, there is going to be significant pressure on teaching spaces from September 2011.

Our partnership work has developed further in the last year through the expanded Concorde Partnership which is a collaboration between Abbeywood Community School, Bradley Stoke Community School, Brimsham Green School, Castle School, Chipping Sodbury School, Culverhill Special School, Filton College, Marlwood School, New Siblands Special School and Patchway Community College to broaden opportunities for 14-19 education in the local area. Students from the other schools come to us to learn together for a day a week on the Creative and Media Diploma in years 10 and 11. Other schools and the college offer opportunities for students to participate in other Diploma and vocational courses and these enable young people in the local area to experience new ways of working. Post 16 courses at Bradley Stoke Community School are offered as part of a fully coordinated timetable with Abbeywood Community School, Filton College, and Patchway Community College with some courses being offered in all centres but other courses only being offered in one or two centres; transport is provided for students to travel between centres to access the widest possible range of courses with teaching taking place in half-day blocks. We hope the partnership offer will expand to

include the other centres in due course as we feel strongly that it is important for our students to experience learning in a broader range of settings with other students and teachers post 16 in preparation for the next phase of their education, training or career path.

We continue to work with our 8 local primary school partners to provide opportunities for year 5 and 6 pupils in Drama, Languages and Music based around our specialist school focus areas of Languages and Performing Arts and have provided a number of performances in school during the year which are available to the wider community. It would be good to see more members of the local community joining us for these events.

The school continues to be widely used by the community with many organisations using the facilities out of school hours and in some cases providing additional coaching for students in school as part of the arrangements. Southern Brooks Community Partnership continue to be close working partners as they provide support services for our students and their families.

Our students have wide-ranging opportunities to develop their learning in school as well as on trips and residential visits through our Session 16, Activities Week and Enrichment programmes; our year 10 and year 12 students will do a week of work experience during July and we are always pleased to hear of offers of placements within the local community.

We have reached a stage in our development when we need our own transport and have been raising funds to lease a minibus for the last year or so; we are delighted to have entered into a partnership with the town council to co-lease a minibus for 5 years and the minibus should arrive soon and be available for use.

The school's governing body is currently looking into academy status for the school in conjunction with other local partner secondary schools to establish whether it is an appropriate next step.

If you would like to find out more about the school, please have a look at our website: <http://www.bradleystokecs.org.uk> or have a look at our most recent school Ofsted inspection report: [http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/display/\(id\)/117370](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/display/(id)/117370) or feel free to get in touch and come and visit – we would be pleased to welcome you.

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Avon and Somerset Police Report



“We will continue to work alongside our partners in the community to bring crime down and to improve our service to you.”

It is with some privilege and thanks to the Town Council that I can take this opportunity to give you all an “end of term” report from the Filton Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Key themes this year have focussed on bringing down burglary, robbery, vehicle crime and reported incidents of anti-social behaviour whilst also improving satisfaction when dealing with the victims of crime, and ensuring that you are as satisfied with the service we are providing you as you can possibly be.

The introduction of a “Gold Standard” for the victims of anti-social behaviour, recognising and catering for those that are more at risk than others, whilst tackling those who perpetrate the crime has proved to be a significant step in trying to improve the quality of life that we all deserve. I’m pleased that we at Filton are receiving so many good reports and feedback about how members of the public have been dealt with and the positive action being taken.

Locally, the community has benefited from an increase to the Neighbourhood Team this year with the introduction of an additional part time Constable and a PCSO. PC Claire Fletcher has re-joined the Team after maternity leave and thanks to part funding from Town Council has now taken up her role alongside PC Steve Palmer as the Beat Managers for the area. PCSO Paul Baxter has also joined the Team, full time, alongside Kirsty Flicker and Jason Green, and brings the Bradley Stoke Neighbourhood Policing Team up to two Beat Managers and three PCSO’s. The largest of any of the Teams representing the individual neighbourhoods under my supervision.

Paul and Claire will be working from the new Police Post within the Willowbrook Centre meaning that they are permanently working within the community. Although they are working from that office they will still retain responsibility for the whole of Bradley Stoke. Feel free to pop in and see them, notify them of local issues which can be given as a priority to your local Safer and Stronger group, report a crime, get crime reduction advice or just to say hello.

So how safe are we, you might be asking? Well at the time of writing The Team here at Filton have managed to reduce crime by 10.9%. That equates to 515 less victims of crime this year when compared with the same time last year.

Broken down into the major crime groups that means that burglary has reduced by 26.7%,(83 less victims), robbery reduced by 40.5%,(17 less victims), and theft from motor vehicle 5.1% reduction,(18 victims less). There have of course been significant reductions in other crime categories enabling us to get to the reduction figure as detailed above.

So what does the next twelve months hold for us? There is no doubt that there are significant challenges ahead, but I want to give you all the confidence that my Team and I will be working as hard as ever to try and ensure that you are kept safe and remain safe. We will continue to work alongside our partners in the community to bring crime down and to improve our service to you.

What can you do to help? Fighting crime is not something that can be or ought to be done by the police alone. We all have a role to play in making sure that we don’t allow ourselves to become the victim of a crime. Remove any property on display in your car so it doesn’t get broken into, lock and garage your vehicle if you can to prevent its theft,(approximately one third of all vehicle stolen were never locked by the owner.), don’t leave garden tools out so that offenders can use them to force entry to your house or shed, and make sure you mark all your property and photograph it if it is valuable or unique.

Lastly, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those residents who have supported myself and my Team and all the partners within Bradley Stoke with whom we have worked and achieved so much.

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PC STEVE PALMER



PC CLAIRE FLETCHER



PCSO JASON GREEN



PCSO KIRSTY FLICKER



PCSO PAUL BAXTER

Bradley Stoke Safer Stronger Community Group

Welcome to the first Annual Report of the Bradley Stoke Safer Stronger Community Group!

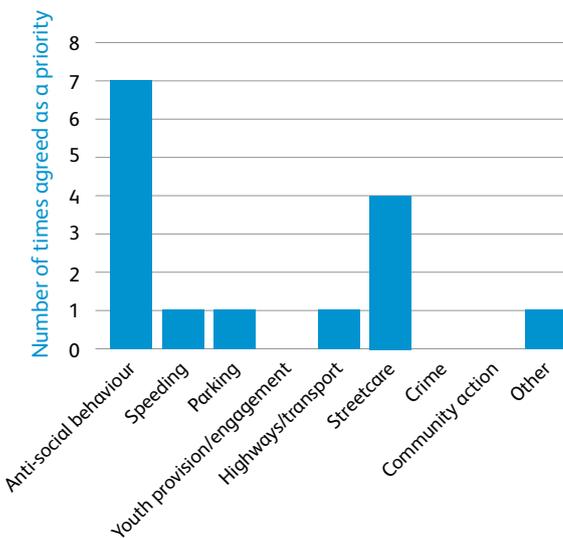
I have been pleased to chair the Safer Stronger Community Group (SSCG) in Bradley Stoke.

It's important to us that the Bradley Stoke SSCG meetings allow members of the public to be fully involved in making decisions affecting our community and they are therefore organised in a way that tries to ensure that everyone feels able to contribute. There have been some very interesting speakers on topics that are relevant to the community, to try and encourage new people to attend. The venues move across the town, aiming to make them physically accessible to as many local people as possible. They have been a good opportunity for people to find out and celebrate what's positive about living in this community and to publicise local events, such as festivals, as it's important to focus on the "Stronger" elements of our community as well as "Safer" issues.

Through Bradley Stoke SSCG we are building on the already strong relationships between agencies and organisations in the town, particularly the town council, South Gloucestershire Council and the police. The challenge will be to find a mechanism to hear the voices of young people in the coming year and to ensure that the meetings continue to be topical and relevant to our communities.

South Gloucestershire's 20 Safer Stronger Community Groups bring together representatives from the community, South Gloucestershire Council, police, fire and health service, and town and parish councils so that local people can have a say in the actions taken locally to make their communities safer and stronger. They are known as PACT or 'Have your say' groups in the rest of the Avon and Somerset Constabulary area.

Bradley Stoke Priorities 2009/10



What the group tackled and discussed in 2009/10

The Priorities

Anti-social behaviour has been a priority at a number of meetings in 2009-10. The police increased patrols in problem areas and significantly reduced the problems when reported by members of the public. Advice on how to report anti-social behaviour is on our website <http://groups.southglos.gov.uk/inovem/inovem.ti/bradlестokessg/groupHome>

An Issue Tackled

Group members said...

"Motorbike riders are using footpaths in Saxon Way, Winsbury Way and other general pedestrian areas in the locality"

What we did together...

Representatives from the group undertook a "walkabout" around the area in order to identify some of the problems highlighted at the meeting and this was then followed by a series of patrols carried out by the Police.

Next steps...

Residents have been encouraged to report any further incidents of motorbikes using the footpaths to the police so that the problem can be monitored. The police now have motorbikes to assist them in tackling the problem and there has only been one new incident reported in recent months.

The Purpose Of The Safer Stronger Community Groups

Safer Stronger Community Groups (SSCGs) have been set up as part of the Neighbourhood Policing Model and South Gloucestershire Council's Community Engagement initiative.

Their members include people who live and work in the area and representatives from the local Police, Fire and Rescue Service, health authority, South Gloucestershire Council, the Town or Parish Council and other local organisations. The main aims of the SSCGs are:

- for all involved to work together to ensure that local communities are safe and pleasant places to live, work and play
- To give local people a greater voice and influence over local decisions and the priorities of the service providers

To find out about future meeting dates please visit <https://groups.southglos.gov.uk>, email sscg@southglos.gov.uk, or contact a member of the Safer Stronger Communities Team on 01454 864625.

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Bradley Stoke Town Council funds community development work in the town. This work enables residents to have access to resources to help with setting up community groups and securing funding for the sustainability of their groups.

This has been a very successful year for the local voluntary groups in Bradley Stoke, with our assistance many groups were successful in obtaining grant funding which enabled them to carry out important activities that benefited the community as a whole. At least 7 groups were helped to raise over £17,000

We have worked with the town council to establish priorities. This year we have supported Toddler groups. There are currently six toddler groups in the town all run by volunteers we help them with by providing free courses, helping them with funding and providing information. Periodically these groups need new leaders. In April Puddleducks needed to find new leaders and so contacted SBCP, I visited the group and was able to recruit 4 new leaders to enable the group to continue.

I also focus on helping setup new groups and fundraising assistance. Groups contact us needing help with governance issues as well as fundraising. This year we have been working with a new breast feeding support group, the newly formed Bradley Stoke Bowls club also South West Winterguard Academy, a group for young people. We helped Bradley Stoke Community Radio group set up in April, providing training with a grant from South Gloucestershire Council and support of Bradley Stoke Community School. I helped put them in touch with local businesses and they now have studio space at the Willow Brook Centre and no longer need as much support.

Bradley Stoke Twinning association needed some help with ideas for recruiting new members and reawakening interest in twinning. When the groups visited Champ-Sur-Marne last several other community groups from Bradley Stoke were invited. I am still working with the group on governance issues.

Southern Brooks wanted to encourage young people to get involved in their communities by volunteering to carry out necessary work. Across the organisation we are running Dreamscheme, with funding from the town council and Safer and Stronger Communities. In November the children planted spring bulbs working alongside adult volunteers from the community and Home Housing, Christ the King Church, the Aztec Hotel and Community Police team. Other activities include cooking and working with the elderly. We are currently running a pilot lunch club at Meadowbrook Primary school involving older students from Bradley Stoke Community School. We run many events in the town to bring people together. The Severnvalle community network meetings encourages local voluntary groups to meet up and share information. Recently we have focused on equalities issues and the new Big Society, hosting a meeting in partnership with CVS South Gloucestershire, attended by MPs Steve Webb and Jack Lopresti, along with around 80 community groups. In October we had our 2nd “Community Showcase event” with the support of Willow Brook Centre. Many local groups attended along with MP Jack Lopresti and our local councillors. The aim was to show how the area is enriched by the various voluntary groups and to encourage more people to volunteer.

We were pleased to support Bradley Stoke Festival again this year, encouraging more groups to get involved in the festival by running a stall. Recently the local group of churches have become more involved and are currently working to make the Sunday event in 2011 more appealing to a wider group of people.

International Women’s Day has become a fixture in the Bradley Stoke social calendar and would not be possible without the involvement of many volunteers, local businesses, town and parish councils, South Gloucestershire Council and Bradley Stoke Community School. Planning for this normally starts in June. By the time you read this we will have held this year’s event in March 2011. As well as running an “Outstanding Women’s Award” we have a multi-cultural fashion show, with involvement of around 50 volunteer models.

WINSOME BARRETT MUIR,
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Southern Brooks Community Partnership (SBCP)

As Director of Southern Brooks Community Partnership, I work alongside Winsome to make sure that children, young people and families can get the help and support they need. We have teams of Parent Support Advisers, Family Support workers and a youth inclusion project working with children and young people at risk of exclusion from the community. Our team regularly support many families in Bradley Stoke and a lot of my work over the past 6 months has been in making sure we have the resources to continue from April.

I Chair the Safer and Stronger Community meetings in Bradley Stoke. This is an opportunity for local residents to meet with key agencies to celebrate what's great about living in Bradley Stoke and also to identify areas that need to be improved. Over the past year we've discussed issues at Manor Farm and the access to Willow Brook, speeding traffic, graffiti, litter and gatherings of young people. Working in partnership we've been able to help ensure that things that are important to local people are sorted out. Sometimes progress is slow, and we would love to see more residents attend the meetings. We always have speakers from the community that want to talk about something they are doing in the town and from these meetings Friends of Jubilee Green was set up.

Working with young people has always been a core part of our work in Bradley Stoke, and as well as developing the youth centre we've been keen to work closely with Bradley Stoke Community School. We've been involved with the school and our most recent initiative has been to train a team of peer mentors, who will go onto support other young people.

Southern Brooks supports Four Towns Play Association, which through funding from Bradley Stoke Town Council provides a free summer play scheme for children aged 5 – 11 in August. This year we were successful in obtaining funding of £10,000 from Awards for All that meant that children were able to take part in a wider range of activities.

As always getting people involved is key, and as we find out more about the Big Society and what it will mean in our communities, we welcome the new wave of volunteers who are going to become more active citizens. If you would like to get involved in our organisation or any of the projects, please contact either Winsome or myself

JULIE CLOSE, DIRECTOR

SBCP Youth Work Report

It's been really good year for youth work in Bradley Stoke, things have really settled down for Brook way youth centre in the dedicated youth space for the young people of Bradley Stoke.

We have seen a growth in numbers over the past 18 months and young people are starting to put their mark on the centre, helping to decorate the inside raising money to help improve the facilities and helping to shape the programme. One of the primary goals of this year has been to engage young people in the community, as well as supporting young people's transition from childhood to young adults.

Brook Way Youth Club Opening Times

Monday 6.30-9.00pm	13+ year olds
Tuesday 6.00-8.30pm	Junior night: 10-13 year olds
Wednesday 6.30-9.00pm	Up to Year 11
Thursday 6.30-9.00pm	Senior Night: 13-19 year olds
Friday 5.30-8.00pm	Project Night
Saturday 10.30-1.00pm	Junior Session: 10 -13 year old



They have also participated in community events such as:

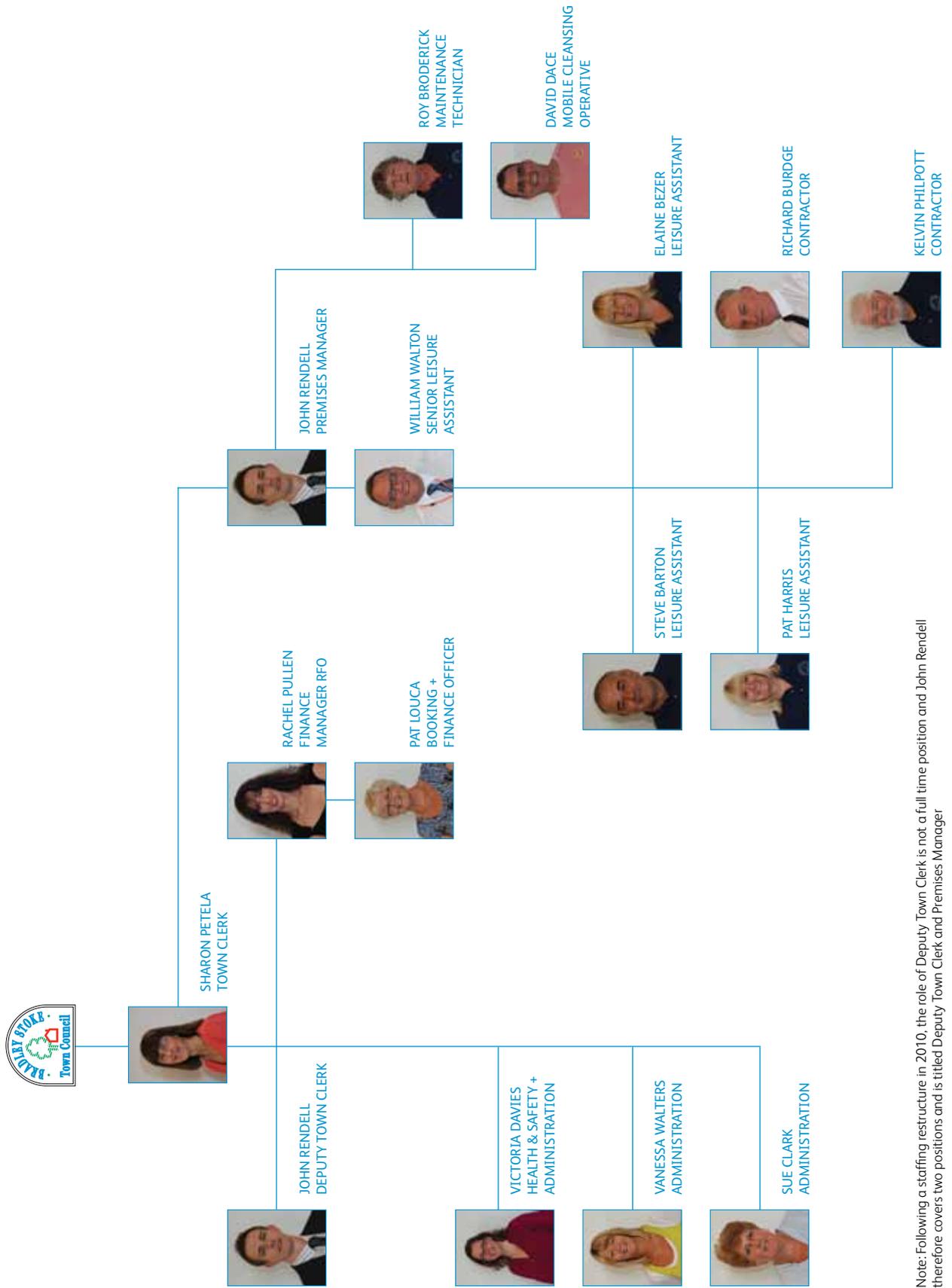
- Two open days at the youth centre aimed to promote the work we're doing to the parents and other community members.
- Steps For Abigail, young people made cakes to sell at the venue so the money can be donated towards getting Abigail some help towards walking
- Young people planned, ran and judged an event at the Bradley Stoke annual skate competition which took place as part of the Bradley Stoke Festival weekend, this event had around 180 spectators and 20 participants.
- Supporting fund-raising stall at the Bradley Stoke Festival looking to raise money for Raise your Voice project.
- Supported a Dream team event and had the youth club open for food at the end of the event young people involved in the purchase of presentation of food.

The youth club continues to run 6 sessions per week with a wide and varied programme catering from young people from 10 to 25. Please see table at the bottom of opening times and age ranges.

The Detached team are also out two evenings a week to meet young people in the area who are unwilling or unable to come to the youth centre.

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Office Structure



Note: Following a staffing restructure in 2010, the role of Deputy Town Clerk is not a full time position and John Rendell therefore covers two positions and is titled Deputy Town Clerk and Premises Manager



SPORT FACILITIES

3STC ACTIVITY CENTRES



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For Tennis, Bowls, Netball and Six a Side Football at competitive prices,

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BOWLS GREEN

Be an early bird and play between 9.00am and 4.00pm during the day, or even in your lunch break when the courts are not so heavily booked.

FOOTBALL



JUBILEE CENTRE
ONE MULTICOURT
SIX A SIDE PITCH

We also have very active Cricket and Bowls Clubs playing at Baileys Court who are always keen on recruiting new members.

Be Active for Life

If you are interested then please ring Pat Louca on 01454 864646 or email your request on bookings@bradleystoke.gov.uk. Alternatively, check out the prices on our website www.bradleystoke.gov.uk and arrive on the day and play (subject to availability).



bradley stoke community festival

10th-12th June 2011

Children's Games and Activities • Local Bands • Counterfeit Bee Gees • Football Tournament Rides/Inflatables • Trampoline Trio • 10K Race • Land Train • Dance & Demonstrations

Friday 10th June

The Bradley Stoke Town Council monthly coffee morning will be combining with the annual Picnic in the Park and will be running from 9.30am until approximately 2.00 pm at the Jubilee Centre. Professor Panic presents his range of circus skills in the Big Top alongside the Bubbleman. Refreshments will be served along with a range of local craft and community stalls.

Saturday 11th June 11.30 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

The headline band is the Counterfeit Bee Gees with local bands; Trouble on the Green, Tundra + the winner of the Battle of the Bands, Cassette. The dance area features local groups and clubs with fun rides for the children including trampolines, inflatables, activities, sideshows, quads and Bristol Zoo with a weird & wonderful collection of animals. Kingswood Bus project will entertain 11 - 18 year olds alongside the SBCP Youth Workers. Sideshows, craft and community stalls will offer a wide range of local products and novelties. The Schools Football Tournament for Year 1 Boys and 3/4 year girls starts at 10.30 a.m. on the top soccer pitches. From 10.00 the 3 Brooks Nature Conservation Group will stage a walk through the reserve from the leisure centre with a professional Ecologist providing expert insight into the natural world.

Sunday 12th June

A 10k multi terrain race with up to 500 competitors organised by Sole Sisters starts at 09.30am and finishes at the Jubilee Centre. There is also a Skate Competition at the Skate Park. An outdoor Church service at Baileys Court starts at 11.00a.m. with competitions and entertainment. The BS Cricket Club will provide a BBQ + bar from 12.00 noon and the 3rd Bradley Stoke Cricket 6-a-side Tournament takes place from 1.00p.m. until 6.00p.m. with evening entertainment in the clubhouse.

Taking part

If you would like to enter any of the events, book a stall or enter the Sole Sisters' run or enter a cricket team please go to the web site www.bradleystoke.gov.uk or contact BSTC on **01454 868080**.



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