



# Annual Report 2016/2017



## Sunday 11 June

09.30 a.m  
10K multi terrain race  
(organised by the Sole Sisters)  
– Jubilee Centre

10.30am  
Combined Church Service  
starting at – Baileys Court  
Activity Centre

2.00 pm  
Bradley Stoke Cricket Club  
– Junior Quick Cricket  
Tournament - Baileys Court  
Activity Centre

Afternoon  
Bradley Stoke Bowls Club roll  
up demonstration/match  
– Baileys Court Activity Centre

All day  
Skate Park Competition  
– Skate Park

## Saturday 10 June

11.30am – 6.00pm  
Main Festival – Jubilee  
Centre (including a varied  
programme of music, dance  
and demonstrations  
throughout the day, plus a  
vast array of stalls, sideshows  
and activities for all the family)

12 noon  
Bradley Stoke Youth  
Football Club Football  
Tournament - Jubilee Centre

## Bradley Stoke Community Festival 09 – 11 June 2017

### Friday 09 June

10.30am – 2.00pm  
Picnic in the Park – Jubilee  
Centre (including Prof  
Panic's Circus Skills, Bouncy  
Castle, WI Coffee & Cakes,  
Community Stalls)

## Annual Town Meeting

Wednesday 10th May 2017  
7.00pm

Oak Hall  
The Jubilee Centre  
Savages Wood Road  
Bradley Stoke  
BS32 8HL

*Council Members welcome all  
those attending to join them  
in cutting a celebration cake to  
mark the 25th anniversary of  
Bradley Stoke Town Council.*

## View from the Chair



Hello, it's been a busy time since I became the Mayor.

I had the pleasure of presenting the prizes for Bradley Stoke in Bloom's Best Front Garden competition this year which saw more residents entering the competition. Bradley Stoke in Bloom has now been going for several years now, and I would like to thank all the Bradley Stoke Bloomers for all their hard work in transforming Bradley Stoke into a more pleasurable place to live.

I recently attended the presentation ceremony for Manavata. Manavata means Humanity in Sanskrit - the human virtue of tending and befriending others through love, kindness and social intelligence. It is from this very spirit that 'Manavata', a voluntary, not-for-profit, humanitarian organization, was born over two decades ago, with a mission to create a Healthy, Happy and Harmonious (3H) world. Conceived and driven by young, entrepreneur and social agent Srinivasa Alluri's vision, Manavata spreads 3H consciousness through each volunteer, each standing for a selfless cause, and setting an example. I was even taught how to mediate, which I would recommend it to anyone, you feel revitalised.

The annual Firework Display again did Bradley Stoke proud. Both fields and the surrounding pavements were packed with residents and visitors. Each year more people attend our firework display, which shows how well we put on a good display.

In December I was invited to Bradley Stoke Community School Celebration evening, to join in the presentation of awards to students for all their hard work. The commitment these students had shown, gives credit to the hard work they had put into their studies, which just proves, if you are committed you can achieve anything. Well done to the students and school staff for the excellent achievements.

Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre has now been refurbished with an updated gym and new XHeight adventure climb, this is a wonderful addition to our town.

Preliminary plans for the redevelopment of Brook Way Activity Centre grounds have been prepared and will see the removal of the redundant hard court area. This will be replaced with a new green area which can be used for outdoor activities and picnics. Additional car parking will also be included.

I was also invited to the Christmas Fayre at the MS Therapy Centre, where I met Santa in his grotto and had a fun time looking at the stalls and listening to the carols. It was good to meet the staff, the many users of the centre and to see the impressive facilities they have there.

Recently, I attended the Chinese New Year event, which was a marvel to see how the local Chinese community help and support each other, they hold a Tai Chi session every Sunday at the Jubilee Centre and all are welcome.

Best wishes  
**Councillor Elaine Hardwick**  
**Mayor of Bradley Stoke**

## Mayor's Charity

The two charities that I have chosen this year are Heartful Dodgers & Transplant Sport UK. The two major fundraising events for these charities are the Community festival in June and the Fireworks Display in November. The total for this year's fundraising is: £7,814.40 which will be divided 50/50 between the two charities.

The Heartful Dodgers fundraising group started in 2009 when three of our ex-patients were chatting in the gym. Having completed the Cardiac Rehabilitation Programme at North Bristol NHS Trust - three years previously they felt they wanted to give something back. They approached the Cardiac Rehabilitation team with the idea of walking the Bristol half marathon in September 2009, ever grateful for the opportunity to raise funds the 'Heartful Dodgers' fund raising group were created.



The 'Heartful Dodgers' has grown to include patients, family members and Cardiac Rehab staff. We fundraise for the Cardiac Rehabilitation team through the Southmead Hospital Charity registered charity number - 1055900.

We have regular fundraising projects - past events include: a Cotswold way walking challenge, runners in the Bristol 10k and Half Marathon, Dragon boat racing, a music festival and a skittles evening. We also hold regular walks, garden parties and a Christmas Fayre each year.

With the funds raised to date we have been able to purchase new equipment for all our programmes. We have also been able to fund courses for the staff which has enabled us to set up new Tai Chi programmes for patients that are unable to take part in our traditional cardiovascular exercise programmes.

We are hoping that with further fundraising we can expand our services and ultimately open up additional exercise and Tai Chi programmes to further benefit our patients across the area.

For any further information please contact;  
Louise Hill - Cardiac Rehab service manager on 01174140040

Many thanks for your support.

Transplant Sport (TS) are the largest transplant charity promoting active recovery for transplant patients and increasing awareness of the benefits of organ donation and transplantation. Transplant Sport have been organising events over the last 38 years for transplant recipients and the wider transplant family - this can include donor families and live donors.



All sports from the less energetic events of darts and bowls, to swimming, racquets, track and field, allow participants of every ability to join in with others in the spirit of sport, support and friendship. All TS events give the opportunity for transplant recipients and their families, to take part in activity, whilst at the same time give an invaluable opportunity to meet others, who have had similar experiences.

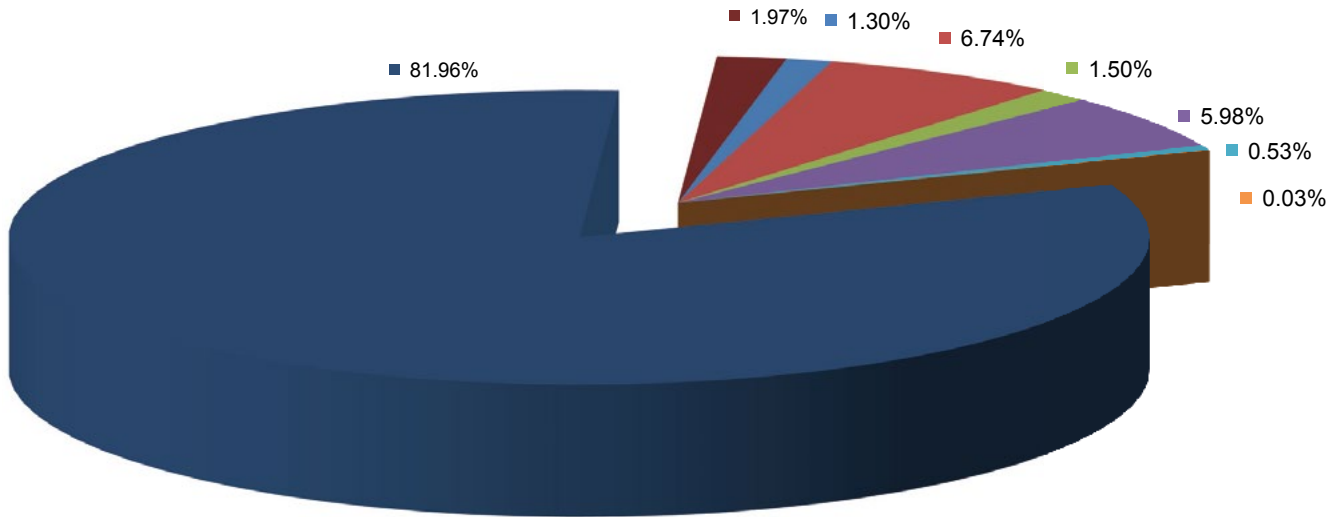
Our flagship event is the British Transplant Games where our members come together for 4 days of events - sporting and social. For those who achieve a good enough standard there is the opportunity to compete as part of the British Team at the World Transplant Games. The most important aspect though, is the camaraderie and friendship that develops between all participants through having a "shared experience" of transplantation.

Our sporting events and activities demonstrate that sporting activities are safe, and also that there is quality of life after organ transplantation. The participants celebrate life and the events are also an opportunity to thank donors and donor families.

Most importantly, the marketing and PR that surrounds all of our events, promotes the importance of organ donation, signing on to the NHS Organ Donor Register and discussing your wishes with your families now. 3 people die every day in the UK waiting for a transplant. Donation in the UK continues to rely on the potential donor families giving consent. Only 58% of these families agree to donation and say yes. TS aims to increase the consent rate to 80% by 2020. Please help us to achieve this and play your part in saving more lives!

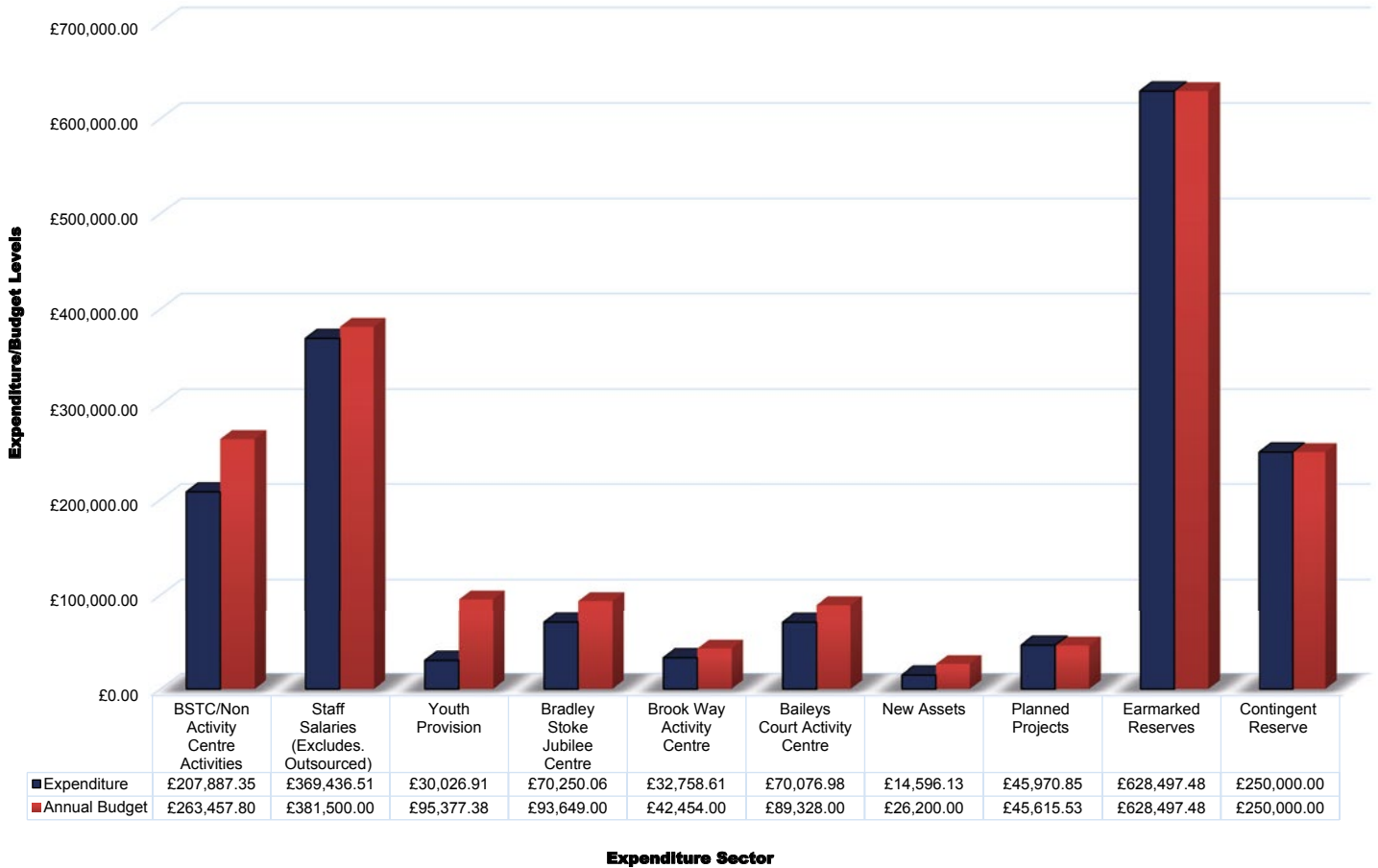
Act now and register onto the Organ Donor Register  
[www.organdonation.nhs.uk](http://www.organdonation.nhs.uk) and [www.transplantsport.org.uk](http://www.transplantsport.org.uk)

## 2016/17 INCOME - 21st March 2016



Youth & Other External Grant Funding	£12,584.25	Bank Interest	£5,184.14
Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre & Projector etc	£65,361.02	BSTC/Non Activity Centre Activities	£301.92
Brook Way Activity Centre	£14,554.60	Precept	£794,996.00
Baileys Court Activity Centre	£57,981.79	Local Council Tax Grant	£19,073.00

## Comparison of Actual 2016/17 Expenditure Against Annual Budget 21st March 2016



The above charts are based upon provisional pre-audit and pre year end figures which were correct as at 21st March 2017, but exclude final year end expenditures, accruals and other year end audit adjustments. Finalised figures will be available after the audit papers have been produced and these will be placed onto the website at the end of June 2017.

It has been an honour and a privilege to chair the Planning and Environment Committee and in doing so aim to serve the members of my local community. The committee aims to meet monthly to consider planning applications affecting the Town, as well as consider environmental issues. Since the start of the year the committee has received many applications that have been duly discussed.

Bradley Stoke has over the last 12-18 months been something of a construction site. This has been exacerbated by the impact this has had on our movement within the town, i.e. vehicular movement along Bradley Stoke Way and adjoining roads. Residents have been extremely patient and have acknowledged that, whilst it has not been easy living and commuting amidst the day to day inconvenience caused by the construction works, that the result of all this work will be an efficient and reliable public transport system.

The continued prolific development in and around Bradley Stoke has meant that our aging water network system requires updating and diverting. Diverting the flows will seek to provide additional capacity for the new developments and significantly reduce the risk of sewer flooding in the area. In view of this Wessex Water are investing around £15 million in building a new sewer system. This will ensure our system copes with ongoing and future development in Bradley Stoke and surrounding areas. The work will be phased in and residents will be pleased to note that most of the work will be carried out in fields rather than roads thus minimising and potential adverse impact on road users. The result of this will be positive thus providing a system that will divert waste water flows from South Gloucestershire to Bristol sewage treatment works in Avonmouth via a route around the north of Bristol, rather than alongside the Frome Valley and through the centre of Bristol.

Many planning applications have been received from residential owners which continues to affirm a trend to extend our homes rather than relocate. Residents have taken the opportunity to convert their existing space such as their garages to provide further living accommodation. This trend is positive and goes some way to show that people want to live in Bradley Stoke and are taking advantage of opportunities to enable them to do this.

To quantify the work of the planning committee and the role it plays within our Town Council, the committee sits twelve times a year to discuss and comment on planning and environmental issues affecting the town. Its members are tasked with overseeing the development of properties both commercial and residential along with any associated infrastructure works, as well as also overseeing environmental issues affecting the Town. There are off course hundreds of hours spent outside of these meetings i.e. visiting sites, undertaking research etc. I am unable to quantify this effort; however, it does demonstrate the Officers' commitment, determination and perseverance.

With the many changes to the way Local Government is both funded and operated and an ongoing trend towards localism and to a certain extent devolution of some unitary authority powers to local Town and Parish councils, the committee has dedicated a large amount of time responding to consultations which will shape the way local government operates in the future. Of course, none of this work could have been achieved without the involvement of the Town Council's officers and staff who have worked in an extremely professional and persistent manner striving to ensure the Town's best interests are always considered. They have dedicated a lot of time and effort in striving to do so and have gone above and beyond their roles. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere gratitude and appreciation extending a big thank you to the team for all the help and support they have afforded me as Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee and to the community whom they continue to serve.

**Councillor Gurmit Singh Gupta**  
**Chair of Planning & Environment Committee**

## Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee Report

It has been a great honour for me to chair the Leisure Youth and Environment Committee (LYA) this past year. Being fairly new to the council and never having chaired anything before, it has certainly been a very interesting twelve months and the committee has deliberated on many and varied issues within its remit.

One of the major projects within the town of course has been the fairly recent building of the new Skatepark. This was finished and officially opened at the start of my tenure as chair of the committee and I'm pleased to say that the park has proved to be a great success, attracting not only the younger people from the area, but also families and older users alike. The landscaping has started to settle down and with the help of some local companies who provided staff to work on projects at the park, we now have some lovely handmade seating and garden furniture. As the park evolves the committee plan to look at further ways of utilising the area to benefit the younger members of the community, a project that the council's youth development worker has been spending some time on recently to see if the park, which has already become the focus of many of the town's younger people, can continue to grow and develop.

One of the greatest pleasures chairing the LYA committee is that we are able to offer financial support to many of our town's diverse community groups through the town council's grant funding programmes. Our town in its early days was slow to evolve, but in recent years we have seen a wonderful range of community groups and not for profit organisations springing up to offer support, companionship, perhaps share an interest or to promote a sport.

### Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee Payments 2016/17

Grant Aid	£
Young at Heart Club	500.00
Bradley Stoke Community Singers	500.00
South Gloucestershire Asian Project	250.00
Sole Sisters	500.00
Friends of Jubilee Green	298.00
Bradley Stoke Town FC First Team	475.00
St Peters Hospice	475.00
Bradley Stoke Twinning Association	500.00
Freewheelers Emergency Volunteer Service	500.00
Sticky Finger Stay & Play Toddler Group*	500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,498.00</b>

\* Funding not claimed as unfortunately the group closed

Larger Grant Aid	£
Four Towns Playscheme	5,500.00

Youth Grant Aid	£
Bradley Stoke Youth Football Club	500.00
Five Stokes & Patchway Assemblies Team	300.00
Safe Space	500.00
1st Bradley Stoke Rainbows	500.00
Manavata	500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,300</b>

Community Development Grant Aid	£
Bradley Stoke Carnival	4,000.00
Bradley Stoke Radio Ltd	4,000.00
Friends of Jubilee Green	932.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,932.00</b>

Service Level Agreements	£
Bouncing Babies	1,700.00
Bradley Stoke Youth Cricket Club	3,500.00
Bradley Stoke Youth Football Club	2,300.00
Christ the King Youth Group	2,350.00
Four Towns Transport	2,404.24
Patchway, Filton and Stokes Volunteer Centre	1,000.00
SG Chinese Association	1,764.37
South West Winterguard Academy - Youth	1,850.00
Three Brooks Nature Conservation Group	2,000.00
Victim Support	848.19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,716.80</b>

Many of these groups have approached the committee for grant funding in order to fund things such as equipment for local sports clubs, help with funding trips for groups enjoying their retirement and larger events such as the town's annual carnival.

We are blessed in the town with a superb range of community buildings which are available for the use of the community, such as room hire for parties, events and at some of the sites the hire of sporting facilities, the LYA committee is tasked with ensuring the buildings are maintained and updated in order to provide quality accommodation for those wishing to hire the rooms, recently the committee approved the upgrading of some of the centres rooms by fitting acoustic ceiling tiles which will benefit all users.

Following on from a survey looking at ways to utilise fully the Brook Way Activity Centre site and now that the Skate Park project is finished, the committee's attention has turned to ways to improve this site. The committee has taken into account the opinions of those residents who responded to the original survey and has now proposed a combined usage of the site which involves removing the existing semi-derelict hardcourt and replacing the area with not only additional parking spaces, but also extending the existing wooded green area into the remaining area of the former hardcourt to create a new family friendly grassed open communal space, something which is currently sadly lacking in the north of the town. Hopefully this combination of additional parking spaces, along with the creation of the new green area will offer a solution to some if not all of the site parking issues, as well as offering a new grassed communal space within the town.

I would like to thank all my fellow committee members for their help and valued input in this my first term as a committee chair, also the professional, eminently competent team of council officers and staff who have supported the committee and its members during the past year.

**Councillor Marion Ward,**  
Chair of Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee

# Attendance For BSTC Councillors

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<sup>^^</sup> = South Glos Councillor (sometimes otherwise engaged on SGC business)

□ = apology submitted

~ = ex-officio (Chair & Vice-chair)

shaded areas = councillors not on those committees

Chair of Council - Elaine Hardwick

Vice-chair of Council - Andy Ward

Chair of Planning & Environment - Gurmit Gupta

Chair of Finance - Franklin Owusu-Antwi

Chair of Leisure, Youth & Amenities - Marion Ward

## Finance Committee Report

It has been an honour to serve as Chair of the Finance Committee this year and to work with some fantastic committee members.

The Finance Committee meets 6 times a year and at these meetings we make decisions and recommendations to Council on all financial and policy matters under the discretion of the Town Council.

This year The Finance Committee set the charges for the Council's three main facilities at the Jubilee, Baileys Court and Brook Way Activity Centres for 2017/18 with the aim of producing a balanced set of charges which are both fair to the Council tax payer and represent value for money for hirers with competitive charges which remain below those of similar providers within the locality. Our hire charges have increased minimally in price over the last 8 years.

We were faced with some challenges this year, but managed to overcome them through the relentless work of our fantastic finance staff and committee members. Probably the most significant was the setting of the 2017/18 Precept as council has always endeavoured to keep this as low as possible by obtaining maximum value for money in-order to maintain or improve the current level of services through careful forward planning. The situation was further complicated this year, however, as the 2017/18 confirmed tax base figure provided by South Gloucestershire Council was significantly lower than the projected figure supplied last year. The tax base determines the number of households due to pay the council precept and this reduction had a significantly negative impact upon Council's 5 Year Forward Plan with an initial projected income loss of £29,000 for 2017/18 alone.

Council always works for the interests of the community and in January 2017, following much discussion which included amending some budgets and acknowledging the 0.9% Consumer Price Index (annual percentage change figure) for October 2016, we agreed a minimal 0.5% precept increase for 2017/2018. This is equivalent to a 58p p/a increase per Band D property raising the council precept from £115.20 to £115.78 p/a.

Finally, we have a tremendous financial system in place and the progress, outcomes and expenditures of all committees are open for public scrutiny via our published minutes on the Town Council website. This is reinforced by the independent internal and external auditors, who have again given us a clean "bill of health" which wouldn't have been achieved without the hard work of committee members and council staff and my sincere thanks and congratulations goes to them all. We now hopefully look forward to a smooth and stable financial position ahead.

**Councillor Franklin Owusu-Antwi,  
Chair of Finance Committee**

Exactly a year ago we were in the middle of building a new, modern Skatepark for Bradley Stoke. We are now pleased to report, I'm sure many of you already know, that the new skatepark opened in March 2016 and has proven to be a resounding success. The new skatepark has not only attracted many teenagers, but has been extremely well used by the wider community, including 3+ year olds, with parental supervision, to up to 53 year olds, with full body protection. The skatepark has received many positive reviews for both the inclusive and challenging nature of the design and also because it provides a safe and welcoming space for participants, spectators and those who use the surrounding space as a place to associate and meet friends.

Since the park opened it has been extremely popular and we have also held 2 major events attracting over 200 people on each occasion. In fact, local young people, working with BSTC, recently received a regional award from WESPORT for their involvement in planning and delivering two successful events.

We have also continued to improve and develop the immediate park landscape and this has included a major volunteering effort with over 50 people participating on the main day. Giant picnic benches and planters were built, bulbs planted and ditches and brambles cleared (Big thanks to all the volunteers, the 3 Brooks nature conservation group, local young people and BSTC staff). We are about to further enhance the area by planting numerous trees and grassing verges and hopefully a significant enhancement of the area will be visible by this summer.

In addition, the converted container at the park has provided an excellent Youth Work base for events and regular Detached Youth Work sessions. Indeed, moving forward, one of our aspirations is to further develop and enhance this space so it can be used on a more regular basis for complimentary youth work projects and programmes as well as offering a supportive presence at the park.

## Youth Funding

The last year has again been a positive one with the continued delivery of a range of other youth work projects and programmes. However, as highlighted in previous updates, times continue to be challenging and South Gloucestershire Council again recently reviewed the future of Positive Activities Subsidy Funding for projects and programmes for work with young people. Fortunately, two further years of funding have been identified on a reducing basis and BSTC have been able to secure some continued funding. BSTC though have continued to make some successful funding bids to other grant sources, as well as strongly demonstrating an ongoing commitment through their own core funding of work with young people and the employment of a professionally qualified Youth Development and Participation Worker to continue to strategically lead on the development, co-ordination and delivery of a range of youth projects and programmes.

## Youth Democracy

BSTC continues to strongly believe that all youth projects and programmes should develop a strong youth democracy component and enable young people to have a greater say in decision making and in the shaping of youth provision as well as other local services. As a consequence BSTC aim for young people to feel more valued, have a sense of ownership and become more active citizens. As part of this work BSTC intend to work towards establishing a local Youth Forum/ Council that will further enable. As highlighted earlier, the building of new skatepark and the continued ownership and involvement of young people, is an excellent example of the benefits of young people having high level involvement as active citizens and of BSTC adopting the principal outlined in the national document 'Positive for Youth' (2011), namely that;

"Involving young people does not only lead to better decisions and a greater sense of ownership by young people... It also sends a clear message about the valued and positive place of young people in their community".

BSTC continues to work towards further developments and closer relationships with local schools and a range of other local agencies, groups, organisations and businesses. A continued aspiration is the exploration and possible development of an organisational model that initially would enhance networking, support, partnership and collaborative working and then possibly in the future provide a more stable organisational vehicle for managing and securing additional resources for local youth work.

## The Vision moving forward

The continued vision moving forward is to maintain and develop a range of youth projects and programmes with a particular emphasis on young people's involvement and having their voices heard.

Therefore over the next few years BSTC anticipates the following:

- To continue to develop a range of youth projects that are shaped by young people's opinions and in response to their needs.
- To continuing supporting and encouraging young people's participation in local decision making.
- To continuing offering and developing a range of youth projects that enable young people to have an active voice, including continuing to work towards establishing a local youth forum/ council
- To continue to enable and develop ways for local youth democracy projects to link into existing council decision making structures, including working groups, committees, reports as appropriate.
- To provide youth democracy training and support to local young people
- To continue to support young people's ownership of the new skatepark and their involvement in future developments, organising events, etc.
- Research, development and further consultation to explore the creation of a local Youth Trust or similar 'umbrella' model
- Create a local charter for young people
- Explore and work towards the development of a youth building.
- To develop and strengthen young people's links to the local media as a way of enabling their voices to be heard.
- To develop a range of partnerships with local groups, schools and businesses
- To identify new projects and to support existing projects
- To explore, apply and secure funding from potential funding streams
- To create a professional youth work delivery framework.
- To manage and support staff and partner agencies and encourage reflective professional practice.

**Graham Baker**  
**Youth Development & Participation Worker**

# Avon & Somerset Constabulary – Bradley Stoke Beat Team Report

Your neighbourhood team is made up of PCs Claire Fletcher and Jamie Shiels and PCSOs Tom Allen, Christopher Baker and Alicia Harvey.

You can get in touch with us through our website, [www.avonandsomerset.police.uk](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk), or by calling 101.

You can keep up-to-date with what's been happening through our beat page – type your postcode into the 'Your Area' box on the home page of our website – or by following us on Twitter @ASPTTheStokes. We also posts updates on our local Facebook page, @ASPSouthGlos.

We also continue to hold regular beat surgeries at the police post in the Willow Brook Centre and also at Bradley Stoke Community School.

It's been a busy year. Overall crime has increased and we recorded 744 crimes in 2016 compared with 550 in 2015 – but as your neighbourhood policing team we continue to support community events such as the 10K run and Bradley Stoke festival.

We also have strong links with our seven local primary schools and the senior school. We regularly visit the children and offer advice and support of a variety of issues from bullying to how to be safe online. We're also involved in STEM evenings and mock interviews at the senior school.

We'd like to thank the community of Bradley Stoke for working with us to keep the town safe. Thanks to information from you we have found and dismantled cannabis factories, tracked down and prosecuted bike thieves and arrested and charged two men who were responsible for a number of burglaries.

Unfortunately we have experienced an increase in dwelling burglaries in Bradley Stoke, with 62 recorded in 2016 compared with 28 in 2015. A series of burglaries occurred in the early summer of 2016 and with your help, calling us to report a suspicious incident, we were able to apprehend a suspect and subsequently see him jailed.

In the autumn and winter, like many other areas across the country, we saw burglars breaking into homes apparently targeting high value jewellery, gold and cash. We've been patrolling the affected areas and a team of detectives and patrolling officers has been dedicated to investigating this series of offences. This work has led to a number of arrests.

These include the arrest of a man after a call from a member of the public reporting an attempted burglary. We were patrolling the area and stopped a man soon afterwards. He was later jailed for four years for a number of offences in Bradley Stoke.

While our beat is still a lower crime area, we can all play a role in keeping crime levels down. Please make sure you keep your property secure and report any suspicious incidents. It's great to see more people joining Neighbourhood Watch schemes, rallying together to keep the neighbourhood safe. We're happy to offer home security advice and support, including bike and property marking – just get in touch with us.

Working together – with residents, community groups, housing providers, councils and others is the best way to make sure Bradley Stoke remains a great place to live and work.

This sort of partnership really does work. We've used it to successfully tackle anti-social behaviour leading to perpetrators being banned from the Willow Brook Centre.

Working with the residents of Bluebell Gardens and Merlin Housing Association has resulted in a persistent troublesome resident being charged with a number of criminal offences and banned from the premises for three years.

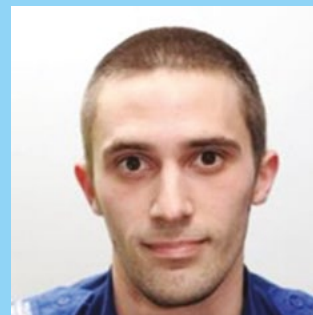
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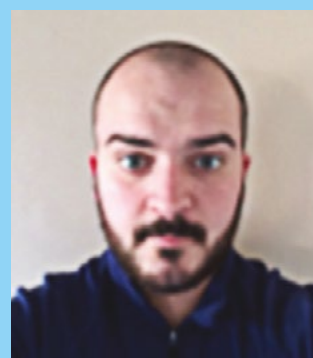
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