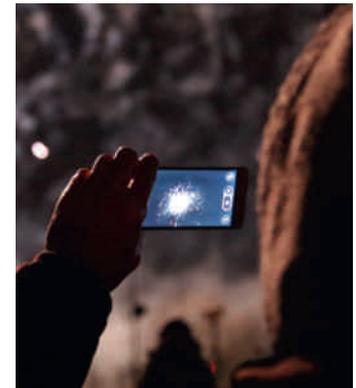




Annual Report 2017/2018



Bradley Stoke Community Festival 08 – 10 June 2018

Friday 08 June

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

Saturday 09 June

- Main Festival: 11.30am – 6.00pm
– Jubilee Centre (including a varied programme of music, dance and demonstrations throughout the day, plus a vast array of stalls, side shows and activities for all the family)
- Bradley Stoke Youth Football Club Football Tournament
– Jubilee Centre

Sunday 10 June

- 10K multi terrain race (organised by the Sole Sisters) starting at 9.30 a.m.
– Jubilee Centre
- Combined Church Service starting at 11.45am – Jubilee Centre
- Skate Park Competition (all day)
– Skate Park
- Bradley Stoke Cricket Club – Junior Quick
- Cricket Tournament at 1.00 pm – Baileys Court Activity Centre
- Bradley Stoke Bowls Club roll up demonstration/match (afternoon)
– Baileys Court Activity Centre

Invitation to Annual Town Meeting

**Wednesday 9th May 2018
at 7.00pm**

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

Councillors would like to invite you to the launching of ASSISTPLUS - Your Local Veteran Community Support Initiative

Further information

If you would like further information, please contact Bradley Stoke Town Council on 01454 205020 or visit www.bradleystoke.gov.uk

Councillors would like to invite all older members of Bradley Stoke community to an

Afternoon Tea Party

**Friday 22nd June 2018
at 2.00pm - 4.00pm**

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



To book your place

If you would like to join us and book, please contact Bradley Stoke Town Council on 01454 205020 or email: sharon.petela@bradleystoke.gov.uk

View from the Chair



Sadly this is my final message as the Mayor - my year has come to an end and what an amazing year it has been - I've been invited to some incredible events in and around the town, met some lovely people and worked with some wonderful charities run by the most selfless dedicated people I've ever had the honour to meet.

As the Mayor I have attended many events this last twelve months, some of a very formal nature such as services of remembrance and formal openings and these I will remember when looking back over the last twelve months.

However, some of the events that will remain foremost in my memories of this last year will be those that involved our town and the warmest and most welcoming community any Mayor could wish to serve. I always knew what a wonderful town myself and my family have been fortunate enough to live in for the past 26 years, but I didn't realise just how special and vibrant our community is until the invites came flooding in.

My wife and I sat down and shared a Christmas meal with a local lunch club that meets every week put on for the community by another band of dedicated volunteers, and I've done my bit towards breaking a world record by eating a cream tea in the middle of a local shopping centre while raising funds for charity (what a hardship!). I loved every minute spent cheering on all of the runners participating in the annual 10k run as part of the Bradley Stoke Community Festival Weekend, as well as having the privilege of presenting prizes to runners and young footballers during the Community Festival.

On a lighter note I even managed to cut the ribbon and reopen my own local pub - now that's not something you get to do

every day! I would like to thank everyone who invited me to come along to their events and I'm pleased to say that I've managed to attend most of them. I also need to say a massive thank you to all the staff and officers at Bradley Stoke Town Council for being so helpful and supportive throughout this last year as the role of Mayor also means that you become the Chair of the Town Council, so there's a lot of administrative work involved behind the scenes.

The main thing I will take away from my year as Mayor is what a wonderful town we live in; the community is diverse yet inclusive, tolerant and caring, and the charity and support work that takes place in the town and surrounding areas has always amazed me. Whilst attending events I have been able to witness first-hand what a difference to residents' lives this caring community actually makes and I for one would like to say thank you to all of you involved in making our town the wonderful place that it is to live in.

My year as Mayor has reiterated a decision we took 26 years ago to put down roots and settle in what was then a new town still finding its feet and its identity, we are indeed fortunate to have made Bradley Stoke our home.

So, dear town, thank you for allowing me the privilege of being your mayor; it's something I will fondly remember and as we begin to turn the corner and leave Winter behind I wish you an amazing Summer and hope to see some of you at the many events taking place in the town again this year.

Take Care all

Councillor Andy Ward
Mayor of Bradley Stoke

Mayor's Charity

This year I chose to support two charities involved in health care both locally and nationally.

Cardiomyopathy UK is a charity that supports people who are affected by a heart muscle condition that causes problems with the hearts ability to pump blood effectively, they offer help and support throughout the UK via a network of healthcare professionals, running support groups and regional information days for sufferers of the condition, as well as supporting their families and carers.

My second charity this year was the **Freewheelers Emergency Voluntary Service**, quite frankly they are an amazing group of people who give up their free time to selflessly support the local hospitals and the air ambulance service with delivery of emergency medical supplies, blood and other vital supplies that otherwise may not

Cardiomyopathy UK
the heart muscle charity



reach the patient in a timely manner. The Freewheelers operate **24/7** providing this invaluable support service to healthcare professionals on an entirely voluntary basis.

I have personally benefitted from both of these charities in the past, having been on the receiving end of both of the services they offer at some point, so would like to say a massive thank you for your support of the charities this year and for being so generous when supporting the collections made at the various community events this past twelve months. **The total for this year's fundraising is £8,763.95** (as at 08/03/18) to be split equally between the two charities.

Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee Report 2017/18

Over the last year, I have been Chair of the Leisure, Youth and Amenities Committee. Having previously served as the Chair of the Finance Committee, in comparison, it has been a pleasure to be the Chair of a Committee that is very closely involved with the Local Community and well attended by members of the Public.

The reason this Committee is well attended, is because, it functions to support the many different community groups and organisations that exist in and around Bradley Stoke. Where the Council, through this Committee, is able to offer it's support in the form of endorsement and monetary assistance.

The Committee welcomes community organisations when they come to us to for support for new ideas, discussing how they will take shape, what we can do to help and how we can all best benefit the community. Additionally, we see individuals come forward sharing their ideas with a view to galvanise support. Primarily, this is how many groups in our community have been formed; continue to exist and how events are supported; becoming a success. It is often underestimated how hard people work to come together to realise an idea, when also committing their time to work and family commitments. Furthermore, it's compounded when people live with disabilities or care for those who do. It's inspiring to see these people, who step forward wanting to and improving their community; not just for themselves, but for the sake of others too.

The Committee has supported various groups and organisations through funding that totals £41,797.61 for this year (2017/2018) and a breakdown of this can be seen in the tabular format shown.

Often, people are unaware of the support they are able to obtain from the Town Council in the form of monetary assistance and therefore I would recommend contacting the Council's Officers if you wish to find out more.

It's been a pleasure to Chair another of Bradley Stoke Town Council's Committees for this year, I look forward to the year ahead and the business the Council will conduct.

Councillor Ben Randles
Chair of Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee

GRANT AID	£
Sole Sisters Running Club	500.00
West of England MS Therapy Centre	500.00
Bradley Stoke Community Singers	500.00
Friends of Jubilee Green	249.00
Bradley Stoke Green Gym	500.00
St Peter's Hospice	500.00
Bradley Stoke Twinning Association	500.00
TOTAL	3,249.00

LARGER GRANT AID	£
Four Towns Playscheme	5,500.00

YOUTH GRANT AID	£
Bradley Stoke Youth Football Club	500.00
Five Stokes & Patchway Assemblies Team	500.00
Bradley Stoke Youth Football Club	500.00
TOTAL	1,500.00

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT AID	£
Friends of Jubilee Green	680.00
Bradley Stoke Carnival - Last Night of the Proms event	4,000.00
Bradley Stoke Radio	4,000.00
TOTAL	8,680.00

Allocated separately as part of the Community Festival 2018 budget

	£
Bradley Stoke Carnival - Community Zone/Community Festival 2018	4,000.00

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
TOTAL	18,868.61



Launching of ASSISTPLUS - Your Local Veteran Community Support Initiative

In collaboration with local businesses and other local organisations, ASSISTPLUS seeks to enhance the implementation of the Armed Forces Community Covenant in our local community. We aim to assist, raise awareness, act as advocate on the Community Covenant and provide platforms locally to Veteran's community and their family living and working in the local communities across South Gloucestershire area. An initiative in the community and for the community, Bradley Stoke Town Council is proud to be involved in our local veterans affairs.

Attendance for BSTC Councillors

** = South Glos Councillor (sometimes otherwise engaged on SGC business)

o = apology submitted

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

Shaded areas = councillors not on those committees

Chair of Council - Andy Ward

Vice-chair of Council - Tom Aditya

Chair of Planning & Environment - Keith Cranney

Chair of Finance - Franklin Owusu-Antwi

Chair of Leisure, Youth & Amenities - Ben Randles

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Finance Committee Report 2017/18

It has been an honour to once again 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. All meetings agenda packs (including most accompanying reports) are always available for public inspection in the Town Council office five days before the meeting. In addition, the progress and outcomes of the Financial Committee are open to the public scrutiny and our published minutes are on the Town Council website.

Within our remit is the setting of charges for the Council's three main facilities at the Jubilee, Baileys Court and Brook Way Activity Centres and in recommending these to the Full Council, the Finance Committee aim to produce a balanced set of charges which are both fair to the Council tax payer but at the same time are competitive and represent value for money.

The challenges we faced as a committee during the reporting year were met and overcame, through the unyielding work of our fantastic finance staff and committee members. Additionally, our activities have been sustainable as we continue to have comprehensive, constructive and effective internal systems of control which includes a comprehensive 5 Year Forward Plan, which enables us to make provision for the future whilst protecting services to the community. This is an integral part of Council's governance obligations during a period when other public bodies are reducing services. Internal systems and controls have recently been internally audited and were rated at the highest standard with no comments or recommendations.

We also saw maturity of our two Nationwide and Cambridge & Counties Bank investments during the reporting year. Due to the low yields currently being offered by mainstream providers, Council decided to maintain a balanced low-risk investment strategy with a small exposure to the riskier property sector to benefit from a higher return.

The contingent reserve was therefore reinvested into 1 year fixed rate bonds with the Cambridge and Counties Bank and United Trust Bank and £40K was also invested with the CCLA Local Authorities Property Fund which is a long term investment and historically has offered yields in excess of 4%.

With increasing news of council tax increases across the region, Bradley Stoke Town Council has always endeavoured to keep this as low as possible while at the same time providing maximum value for money. Last year we agreed a 0.5% precept increase for 2017/18 (remaining significantly less than the current rate of CPI annual percentage change figure). We have also recently agreed a 0% increase for 2018/19 and have provisionally frozen the precept within the Forward Budget Plan for the remaining 4-year term until 31st March 2022. These provisional figures are based upon projections and estimates and are not therefore confirmed until Council consider the up to date budget position for the financial year ahead, annually in January.

The National Employers for Local Government Services released its pay offer for 2018/19 which also encompasses larger increases within the lower pay scale to prepare for the introduction of a National Living Wage (NLW) by 2020. The publication also offers a 2% pay increase for the higher scale points which is a reversal of the previous policy of 1% p/a. Being a proactive Council, we have restructured the salary budgets within the Forward Plan for 2018/19 onwards, taking this offer into account.

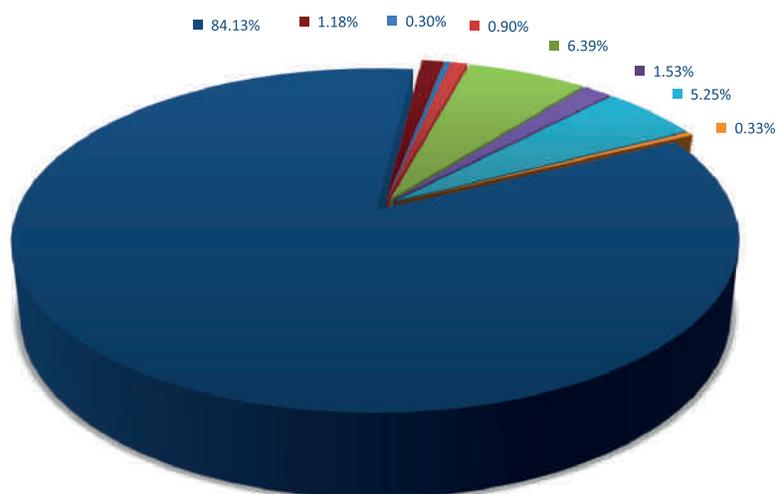
Going forward, the Finance Committee will continue to effectively conduct the Council's budgetary, financial and precepting responsibilities in accordance with statutory requirements, and keep the smooth functioning of the Council's work under review, among other areas of competence.

Overall we have tremendous financial systems in place which are only effective through the hard work of the Finance Committee members, General Council and Council staff.

My thanks as outgoing Chair of the Finance Committee goes to them all and they must be congratulated. We look forward to a smooth and stable financial position in the years to come.

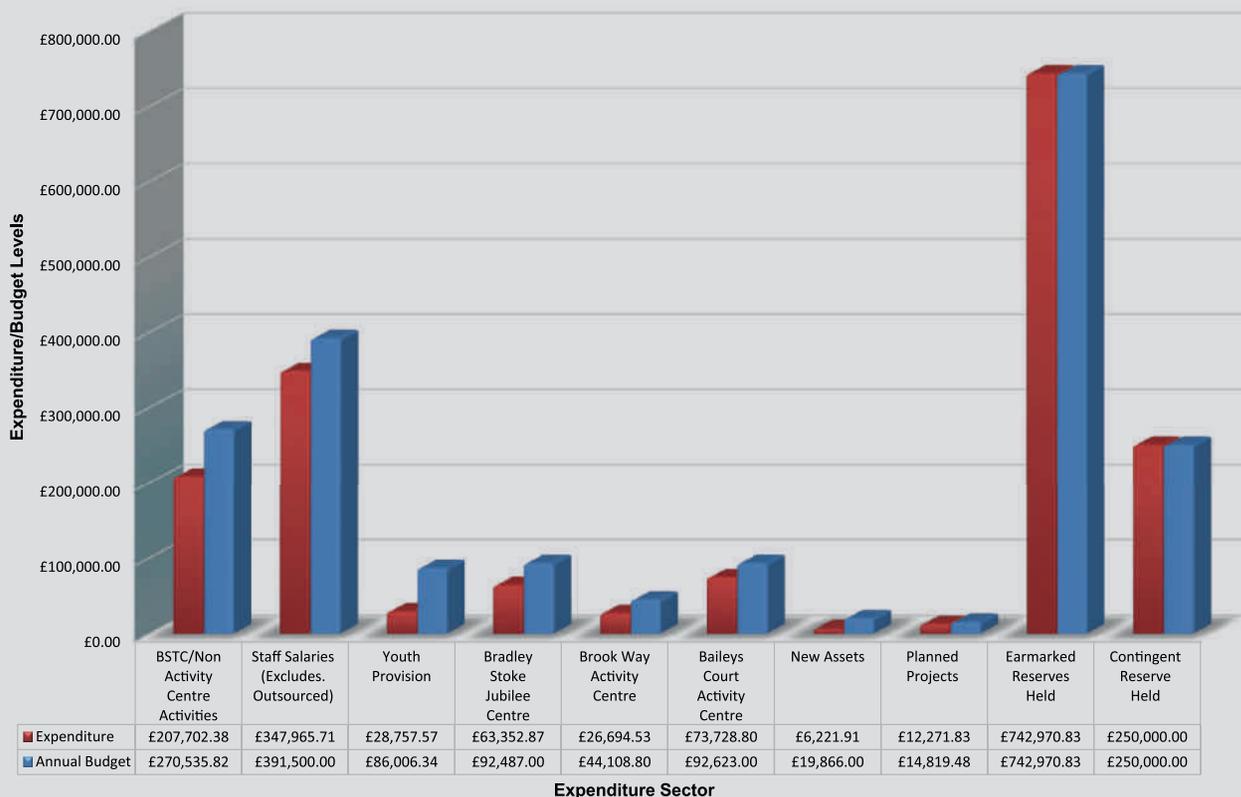
Councillor Franklin Owusu-Antwi
Chair of Finance Committee

2017/18 Income - 9th March 2018



- Office - Other Income £2,792.62
- Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre + Projector etc £60,483.30
- Baileys Court Activity Centre £49,665.73
- Precept £795,988.00
- Youth & Other External Grant Funding £8,475.00
- Brook Way Activity Centre £14,459.41
- Bank Interest £3,134.69
- Local Council Tax Rate Grant £11,130.00

Comparison of Actual 2017/18 Expenditure against Annual Budget - 9th March 2018



The above charts are based upon provisional pre-audit and pre year end figures which were correct as at 9th March 2018, 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 2018.

Planning & Environment Committee Report 2017/18

It has been an honour and a privilege to Chair the Planning and Environment Committee throughout the last 12 months while serving the community here within Bradley Stoke.

The Planning & Environment Committee members meet monthly to consider Planning Applications that may affect the area here in the town as well as considering any potential impact applications may have on the local environment in the area.

Over the last 12 months the Planning & Transportation committee have received a large amount of planning applications that would seemingly continue to support the trend and willingness of property owners here in Bradley Stoke to extend their homes and remain living here within their local Bradley Stoke community by extending their liveable accommodation by house extensions, loft extensions, garage conversions and conservatories the committee have endeavoured to support the aims of our local residents.

We have received several planning applications from businesses that have expressed their willingness to set up or relocate here in the Bradley Stoke area which in turn will bring additional employment to this area.

Parking is very much something that we all need to consider here throughout the town and the committee remain conscious that development must provide suitable and adequate parking to prevent parking issues impacting on the local community.

The planning committee have received Street Trading renewal applications which continue to offer a valuable service and support the needs of our local residents.

Local residents have continued to put up with a construction site here in Bradley Stoke while supporting the implementation of the Metro Bus works and having to endure the various traffic delays and Streetworks that have accompanied the new transport links that are currently being provided, which we are informed should be operational later this year.

There have been improvements carried out by Wessex Water to implement a £15m new sewer through the area to ensure that Bradley Stoke residents and surrounding areas have adequate capacity to meet the future growth and demands of the area in the future.

There continue to be many changes in the way that local government operate and members of the Planning & Environment Committee receive regular consultations from South Gloucestershire Council which are currently consulting on South Gloucestershire Local Plan 5 February and 30 April 2018. Which will aim to determine the location of future housing projects in the future up to year 2036 also the Policies, Sites, and Places Plan was consulted last year these consultations hopefully will both model the needs of local residents here in Bradley Stoke for the future.

Credit must be given to Bradley Stoke Town Council Officers - Sharon and John, Rachel and all the Staff

who work extremely professionally supporting councillors to ensure that the best interests of the town and local residents are achieved and ensuring that good governance is also achieved.

The Planning and Environment Committee receive regular updates regarding Health and Safety matters that may arise throughout the year within all the town councils sites and premises.

I would like to say a big Thank You on behalf of the committee to Vicky Davies who keeps a watchful eye on the health and safety of all our local parks and council sites to ensure that we all as residents and users can enjoy safe surroundings.

The Planning and Environment committee would also like to thank all the groups and volunteers that support and carry out work throughout the town, its parks, and Three Brooks Nature Reserve to make Bradley Stoke an inviting and attractive place to live.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all the members and residents for supporting me throughout the last year as Chair of Bradley Stoke Planning and Environment Committee.

Councillor Keith Cranney
Chair of Planning & Environment Committee

Youth Work in Bradley Stoke: 2017-18

Overview: It has been another successful & busy year. The Town Council has continued to support the development & delivery of our various Youth Work programmes & projects, as well as the ongoing enhancement of our local skatepark & the creation of other facilities, including additional converted containers & a possible Multi-Use Games Area on the far Jubilee hardcourt.

Skatepark & surrounds: Two years have flown by since the official opening of our skatepark, however, we continue to receive positive feedback & reviews about the inclusive nature of the design & how it accommodates all skate park disciplines, abilities & ages (3 to 50+ year olds, yes 50+). We have also continued to enhance the landscape around the park, usually through the efforts of local volunteers of all ages. During the past year we have planted trees & shrubs & most of the grass is now established (many

thanks again to all the volunteers, the 3 Brooks nature conservation group, local young people and BSTC staff). With the previous addition of planters & benches, we have now created a space that is welcoming to both skatepark users, spectators & parents of younger users & also those who use it as a safe space to associate & meet friends. Youth work sessions at the skatepark & our converted container: the skatepark is one of the locations we carry out regular Detached Youth Work & our converted shipping container has proven to be an extremely useful resource for both the weekly sessions & for events & competitions. We highlighted, in last years report, the aspiration to develop this resource further & having received planning permission, we are currently taking this idea forward by joining additional converted containers to the existing one, thereby creating a fully weather proof Youth Work space. We are optimistic that the additions will be in place by this summers Community Festival.

Youth work sessions: as well as the skatepark sessions, we continue to deliver regular Detached sessions, including sessions with a sports focus at Jubilee hardcourts. In addition, our Girls Project continues to be extremely popular & we have also organised several trips & highly successful multi-activity residential weekends in North Devon.

Other projects: Two Graffiti walls were installed at the the skatepark, following an excellent Arts Project, involving local young people working with professional artists in the design & painting of the two 10 metre pieces. The young people are proud of the outcomes & we hope to run further community Arts Projects in the coming year.

Events & competitions: During our annual community festival, we organised two full days of activities for children & young people. During Saturday, on the main festival site, we had 'have a go' street art workshops plus pro rider demos & 'have a go' sessions on a portable skatepark half-pipe. On the Sunday we moved to the skatepark & had our annual festival competition, more demos, plus circus skills & well over 250 in attendance. Another comp was held in September, unfortunately though it was blighted by showers. However, the notable thing for both events was the fantastic volunteering effort of children & young people, both in organising the events & helping them happen on the day.

Staffing & young volunteers: We are currently recruiting additional Youth Work staff (Mar 2018) who will then be able to provide extra capacity for additional Youth Work sessions, including staffing the new containers at the skatepark. In addition, young people continue to make a vital contribution, including volunteering at the skatepark events & other sessions & as stewards at our annual firework display.

Youth funding: We continue to attract additional Positive Activity Subsidy grants from South Glos Council & will hopefully continue to receive funding beyond April 2019. Also, BSTC seek additional funding from various grant sources, however, importantly, BSTC continue to demonstrate an ongoing commitment to Youth Work through their own core funding & their employment of a professionally qualified Youth Development and Participation Worker who strategically leads on the development, co-ordination and delivery of our various youth projects and programmes.

Youth democracy: BSTC continues to believe that all youth projects and programmes should develop a strong youth democracy component & 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 . As previously highlighted, the building of our skatepark & the continued ownership & involvement of young people, is an excellent example of the benefits of young people having high level involvement as active citizens & 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 closer relationships with our local schools & a range of other local groups & organisations. An aspiration is the exploration of an organisational model that initially would enhance networking, support, partnership & collaborative working & possibly, in the future, provide an organisational vehicle for managing & securing additional resources for local youth work.

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

Over the next five years BSTC therefore plans to:

- Continue to develop a range of youth projects that are shaped by young people's opinions & in response to their needs.
- Continue to support & encourage young people's participation in local decision making.
- Continue offering & developing a range of youth projects that enable young people to have a voice, including working towards establishing a local youth forum/ council
- Continue to enable & develop ways for local youth democracy projects to link to existing council decision making structures, including working groups, committees, reports as appropriate.
- Provide youth democracy training & support to local young people
- Continue to support young people's ownership of the new skatepark & their involvement in future developments, organising events, etc.
- Research, development & further consultation to explore the creation of a local Youth Trust or similar 'umbrella' model
- Create a local charter for young people
- Explore & work towards the development of a youth building.
- Develop & strengthen young people's links to the local media as a way of enabling their voices to be heard.
- Develop & maintain a range of partnerships with local groups, schools and businesses
- Identify new projects & to support existing projects
- Explore, apply & secure funding from various funding streams
- Create a professional youth work delivery framework.
- Manage & support staff & partner agencies & 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 Sergeant Adrian Fallows, PCs Jamie Shiels and Claire Fletcher and PCSOs Chris Baker, Alicia Harvey and Tom Allen

You can get in touch with us through our website, www.avonandsomerset.police.uk, or by calling us on 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 post updates on our local Facebook page, @ASPSouthGlos.

You will also find us holding regular Beat Surgeries at the Willow Brook Centre and Bradley Stoke Community School.

As always things are busy but you will still find your neighbourhood team supporting community events such as the Bradley Stoke Festival, 10k run and Remembrance Day parade to name a few. The team and our Volunteer Police Cadets also assisted at Bike Fest, recently held at the Willowbrook centre, where we security-marked in excess of 300 bikes.

Last year we reported on an increase in burglaries with offenders targeting high-value gold jewellery and cash. You will be pleased to hear that following good work from a dedicated team of officers there were a number of arrests, resulting in custodial sentences. We have seen the number of burglaries in the area reduce significantly. That said we don't want people to become complacent and ask you to help us keep you and your community safe. If you see something suspicious then please call us straight away. Ring 999 if someone's obviously breaking in, otherwise call 101.

Bradley Stoke is a low crime area and a safe place to live and work. We want to keep it that way by making it a place where the criminal elements feel uncomfortable. We have a good number of Neighbourhood Watches whose members aim is to look after each other and keep the area safe, however we are still keen to get more up and running. If you want to know if there is one in your area, or you would like to start one up, visit our website for more information and local contact details <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/services/watch-community-schemes/neighbourhood-watch-scheme/>.



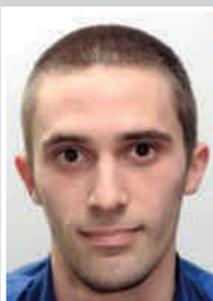
PS 825 - Adrian Fallows



PCSO 9687 - Alicia Harvey



PCSO 8984 - Tom Allen



PCSO 6904 - Chris Baker



PC 3540 - Claire Fletcher



PC 3309 - Jamie Shiels

This is one way of giving something back to your community.

- We offer a number of other volunteering opportunities:
 - Community Speed Watch: volunteers are trained to help monitor traffic speeds, resulting in warning letters being sent to those breaking the speed limit. Persistent offenders can then be identified and targeted for prosecution.
- Special Constabulary: volunteer police officers with the same powers as regular officers. They give us a minimum of four hours per week and take part in frontline police work from tackling anti-social behaviour to crowd control at major events. Their role is very varied and could include:
 - Assisting at the scene of accidents, fires or incidents
 - Giving crime prevention advice
 - Conducting house-to-house enquiries
 - Presenting evidence in court
- Younger members of our community can join the Volunteer Police Cadets: supervised cadets help with a wide range of policing activities, such as helping with community impact surveys, carrying out leaflet drops, assisting at public events and taking part in crime prevention initiatives. In return, we give them access to a range of activities and opportunities that help them to build confidence, skills and experience and enhance their future life opportunities.

You can find out more about all these opportunities by speaking to a member of the team or visiting our website.

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