



Annual Report

2018/2019



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

View from the Chair



I am Councillor Ben Randles and hopefully some of you will recognise and know me as the Chair and Mayor of Bradley Stoke. While I sit down to write this final message to you as the current Chair, it is an opportune time to reflect on what has been a wonderful privilege and an immense year. Becoming Chair of the Council and as such, Mayor of Bradley Stoke, is likely one of the best privileges that could be bestowed upon anyone in our town and I have not forgotten that, at any point during my time in office.

I moved to Bradley Stoke back in 1997 and in that short time I have experienced our town through many different snapshots in my own life, schooling, university and job hunting; which has ultimately driven me to get involved as best I could. Through meeting many of you, it has become ever more apparent as to, the numbers of you who get involved in your own way, be that running a Football team, running a Nursery, running 'Friends of' groups or raising funds for charity and much more. Bradley Stoke is only the Town it is today, because of the people we have here, who are continually striving for better and keeping me, my colleagues and others honest in our roles.

As Chair, you are essentially the face of Bradley Stoke and I hope that is something I have done well and that people deem to be tasteful and respectful of our Town. I have also been mindful that this is my home town, it has been for over 20 years and likely for many of you even longer.

Bradley Stoke is a Town filled with dynamism and I firmly believe that its best years are yet to come. The opportunity this Town holds for you to make your mark, however big or small, should not be underestimated or taken for granted. Still being a 'new' town in some respects, I'm of the belief that we should concentrate our efforts on what we want to become, how we can make our own lives and that of others better.

One of the biggest lessons I have learnt from holding the position of Chair, is that most problems can be overcome when people want to work together, adopting an ethos that champions togetherness, helpfulness and mindfulness. I am very proud to have held this office on behalf of all our residents and especially those who embody and champion these values in their own way.

I hope that all of you have had an enjoyable but interesting year like myself and I wish you all the very best for the future. Bradley Stoke is your town, it is your opportunity, it is your home, and I look forward to seeing how you all build the Bradley Stoke of tomorrow, where we are a beacon of opportunity.

**Councillor Ben Randles
Mayor of Bradley Stoke**

Stroke Association

We are the UK's leading charity dedicated to conquering stroke. We provide vital services, campaign for better stroke care and invest in research to find better treatments, sooner.

There are 1.2 million stroke survivors in the UK with 100,000 strokes happening in the UK each year. That's one stroke every five minutes. Even though you are now twice as likely to survive a stroke compared to 20 years ago, stroke is still the fourth single largest cause of death in the UK. We know we need to change how people think about stroke and challenge the myths surrounding it. We push for greater awareness of stroke and its warning signs and campaign for better stroke care. We believe strokes can and should be prevented. We believe everyone has the right to make the best recovery they can after stroke. We believe research has the power to save lives and ensure people make the best recovery they can.

Our research has helped to improve treatments and care which has saved thousands of lives, including ground breaking progress

in providing mechanical thrombectomies to reverse the effects of a stroke.

Our support services have helped hundreds of thousands of people get through one of the most frightening experiences of their lives and build a life after stroke. Our Helpline is available to all stroke survivors and their families to answer questions, provide advice and sometimes just a listening ear. Our Life After Stroke grants help make simple but life-changing adjustments, from installing a chair lift or providing gym membership they really do make all the difference. Our stroke clubs and groups across the country provide face to face peer support in the most challenging and darkest times for a stroke survivor.

Our campaigning has touched the lives of even more people through initiatives like the FAST campaign, making more people aware of the signs of a stroke and the importance of taking emergency action.

Together we can conquer stroke.



The West of England MS Therapy Centre

Soon to be...



the brightwell

a centre for neurological wellbeing & physical recovery

The Centre was established as a registered charity in 1985. Initially set up by Jackie Brightwell in a small industrial unit in Nailsea it grew over time so that in January 2012 the Centre moved into a larger bespoke building in Bradley Stoke, South Gloucestershire, less than 5 minutes from the M5/M4 interchange.

We provide **treatments, therapies and support** to people living with **neurological conditions**, including Multiple Sclerosis, in a caring, friendly and professional environment. We are the only Therapy Centre open to people on a self-referral basis and cover South Gloucestershire, North Somerset, North East Somerset, Bristol, BANES, and South Wales.

Our aim is to **support** people with neurological conditions so that they can **remain independent and active** for as long as possible. Whilst there is **no cure** for many of the conditions we treat the therapies and social support we offer helps individuals to **cope better** with the day-to-day challenges they face.

We are bolstered by a huge team of **Volunteers**. Our Oxygen Treatment department has 20 regular volunteers who operate to keep the oxygen chamber running full-time. Volunteers help across the board from administration to running the Carer's Support Group. We've estimated that the Charity and members benefit from **751 volunteer hours every month!**

Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee Report 2018/19

It has been a great privilege to chair the Leisure Youth and Amenities committee (LYA) this last twelve months. I have been a member of this committee for the last six years and have witnessed the great work that the committee does, both as a member and later as the chair of the committee.

The LYA committee is perhaps, due to its remit, the committee that works closest with local organisations and community groups, something that has always been of great interest to me and in the time I've been involved as well as the time I have spent chairing LYA it has been truly wonderful meeting and working with some of Bradley Stoke's diverse community groups.

We are indeed fortunate to be well represented by organisations representing many areas of interest and a vast range of activities in our town, such as groups from diverse cultures, conservation and the environment, senior groups and of course the youth within our town.

Many townspeople are unaware that the Town Council through the LYA committee are able to offer funding to various community groups and organisations through a grant funding programme and we have been able to support quite a few of our local organisations through this programme over the last twelve months (see details in the table below). Should your local organisation be interested in applying for grant funding then please do get in touch with the Town Council office for more information on our grant funding programme.

Changes have also been taking place this year as I'm sure you will have noticed on the Jubilee Green, sadly the Beacon play scheme has not stood the test of time well as it was predominately constructed with timber which has become rotten and needs replacing and updating, this is a work in progress. The skate park has continued to be popular and has evolved to include a larger youth building allowing many more activities to take place that are not necessarily related to the skate park itself. It has become a real asset to the town attracting a wide range of ages both young and not so young!

The committee's remit also covers the youth work in the town although this will be reported in detail elsewhere in this report by our youth participation worker Graham Baker. Graham has been instrumental since joining the Town Council in taking youth work in our town forward through projects both large and small, as well as targeted youth work both on and offsite and for this I am very grateful, it's been a pleasure working with him.

Our Town benefits from a wide range of community buildings and these have continued to provide valuable community spaces that are well used both privately as well as by community groups, uniformed groups and various sports organisations. As a town we are indeed blessed to have these facilities available for the community to use.

I would just like to say thank you to all those groups, organisations and people who attended our meetings, applied for grants and to those that have done great voluntary work in our community. A massive thank you also to the officers and staff at the Town Council who work tirelessly behind the scenes supporting not only the committee but the town and its residents.

Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee Payments 2018/19 (as of 31st January 2019)

GRANT AID	£
Bradley Stoke Community Singers	500.00
Sole Sisters Running Club	500.00
South Gloucestershire Asian Project	500.00
Purseby Drive Neighbourhood Watch	250.00
The West of England MS Therapy Centre	500.00
Bradley Stoke Ladies Football Club	500.00
Above & Beyond	368.00
Ghana Community Bristol	500.00
St Peter's Hospice	500.00
TOTAL	£4,118.00

LAGER GRANT AID	£
Four Towns Playscheme	5,500.00
+ free use of Elm Room, Baileys Court Activity Centre for 2018 Playscheme	

YOUTH GRANT AID	£
Bradley Stoke Youth Football Club	500.00
Five Stokes & Patchway Assemblies Team	500.00
1st Bradley Stoke Guides	500.00
1st Bradley Stoke Rainbows	185.00
1st Bradley Stoke Brownies	500.00
TOTAL	£2,185.00

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT AID	£
Bradley Stoke Radio	4,000.00
TOTAL	£4,000.00

Allocated separately as part of the Community Festival 2019 budget

Community Zone/Community Festival 2019	4,000.00
TOTAL	£4,000.00

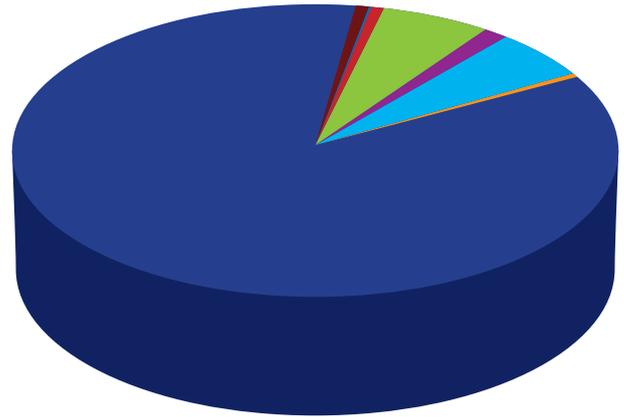
SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS	£
Bouncing Babies	1,700.00
Bradley Stoke Youth Cricket Club	3,500.00
Bradley Stoke Youth Football Club	2,300.00
Christ the King Youth Group	2,350.00
Four Towns Transport	2,404.24
Patchway, Filton and Stokes Volunteer Centre	1,000.00
SG Chinese Association	1,764.37
Three Brooks Nature Conservation Group	2,000.00
TOTAL	17,018.61

Have a great summer.

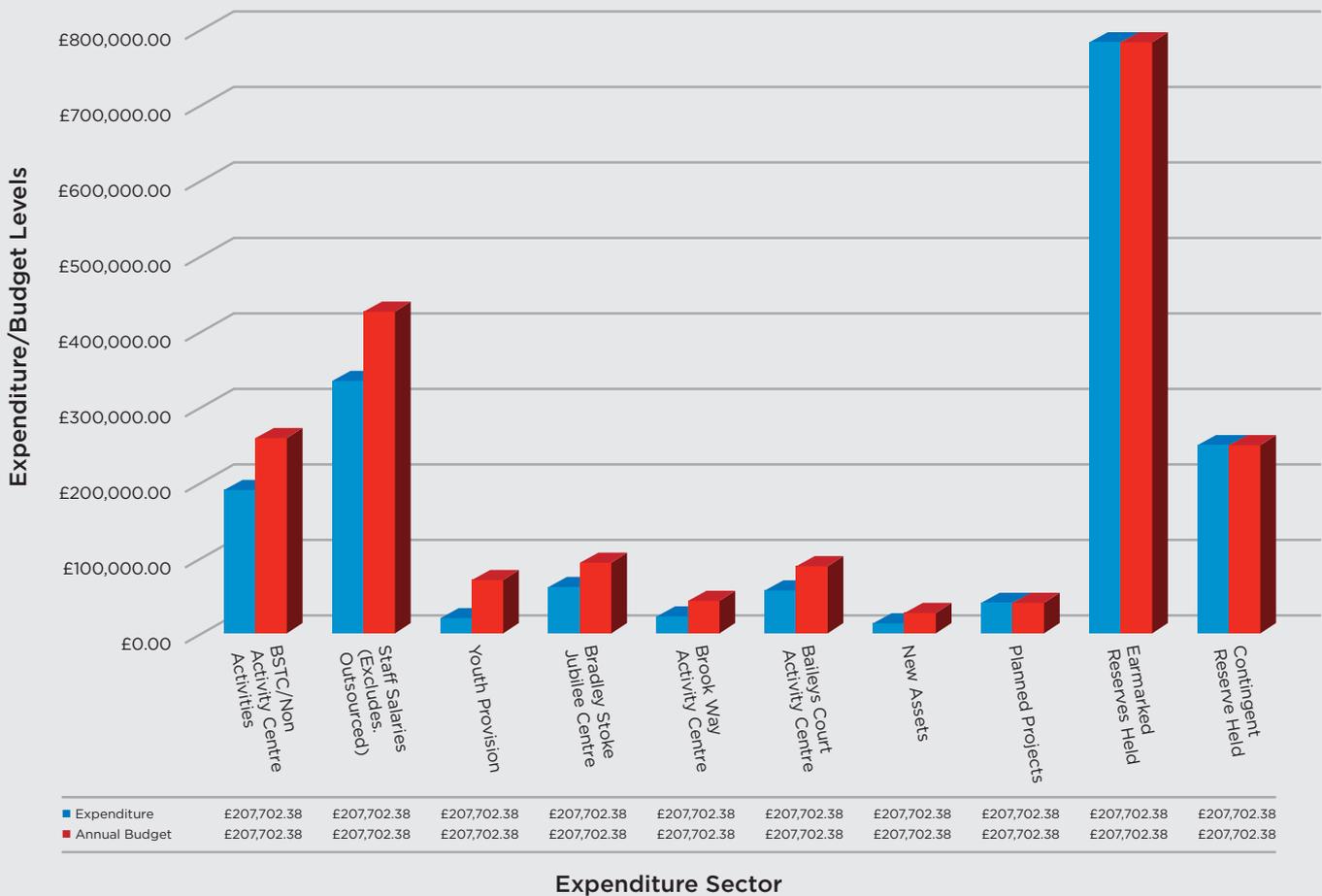
Councillor Andy Ward
Chair of Leisure Youth and Amenities Committee.

2018/2019 Income (21st January 2019)

■ BSTC/Activity Centre Activities	£212.14
■ Bradley Stoke Jubilee + Projector etc	£56773.70
■ Baileys Court Activity Centre	£51281.21
■ Precept	£795,293.00
■ Youth & Other External Grant Funding	£6088.00
■ Brook Way Activity Centre	£12722.93
■ Bank Interest	£2380.21
■ Local Council Tax Rate Grant	£6599.00



Comparison of Actual 2018/19 Expenditure Against Annual Budget (21st January 2019)



The above charts are based upon provisional pre-audit and pre-year end figures which were correct as at 21st January 2019 but exclude February, March and final year end expenditures to 31st March 2019 and accruals/pre-receipts 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 2019.

Planning & Environment Committee Report 2018/19

It has been an honour to Chair the Planning and Environment Committee for the last year.

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

The major construction works recently carried out in and around Bradley Stoke for the Metro Bus, has now come to fruition with the service now running. The next phase of the Metro Bus could well see more disruption, with the planned works along Gypsy Patch Lane leading to traffic being diverted through Bradley Stoke.

The Willow Brook Centre have submitted a planning application for development that would include two new food units to be occupied by McDonald's and Starbucks. The Planning and Environment Committee objected to the application on grounds that the proposed application will lead to an increase in traffic levels, highways and transportation issues, environmental concerns relating to noise and lights plus the impact on local houses.

Construction on the former Filton Airfield site has commenced with Phase 1 of residential housing, the first handover is expected in winter 2019/Spring 2020. There is no decision yet on the possible use of the Brabazan hangar for the Bristol Arena.

We have seen an increase in the amount of black bag waste being fly tipped since the introduction of the smaller bins. SGC have a system in place for dealing with black bags left by litter bins through a combination of education and enforcement. In the first place they would put signage on the affected litter bins advising that they are not for household waste. They also ask street cleansing operatives to keep the bags separate for enforcement officers to look through. If evidence is found, an enforcement officer will visit the household to provide advice on the waste management services. Any further occurrences relating to this household would be investigated as a Littering offence. If you become aware of any particular litter bins which are subject to bags regularly being left by them, please let the council know and they will arrange for signage to be attached.

Credit must be given to Bradley Stoke Town Council Officers – Sharon, John and Rachel and all of the Staff who work extremely professionally supporting councillors to ensure that the best interests of the town are achieved.

The Planning and Environment Committee receive regular updates regarding Health and Safety matters that may arise within the town councils sites and premises. I would like to thank Vicky

Davies on behalf of the committee who keeps a watchful eye on the health and safety of all our local parks and council sites.

I would like to thank all the councillors and officers for supporting me as Chair of Bradley Stoke Planning and Environment Committee

Councillor Paul Hardwick
Chair of Planning & Environment Committee

Youth Work in Bradley Stoke: 2018-19

Overview: one of the most significant developments, over the past year, has been the expansion of our youth building at the skatepark. Our approach of using converted shipping containers has proven to be both a flexible & cost effective way of providing a dedicated building based resource for young people. We are currently in the process of equipping the space & recruiting additional youth work staff. When fully up & running, the building will be open more regularly & for additional events at the skatepark.

Overall it has been another productive year with the Town Council continuing to support the delivery & development of our various Youth Work programmes & projects. The different strands of our work continue to have a positive impact as it enables us to make & maintain contact with a wide range of young people.

Youth Work funding: The Town Council's core commitment to Youth Work has again proven successful in helping to enable the attraction of significant additional external funding. Key to the Town Council's ongoing commitment is the employment of a professionally qualified Youth Development & Participation Worker (YD&PW) & this has enabled closer partnership working across South Gloucestershire. As a consequence BSTC are now members of SG Youth Work Partnership & recently been successful in securing, for Bradley Stoke, an additional £30k over the next 3 years. The YD&PW also continues to strategically lead on the development, co-ordination & delivery of our various youth projects & programmes, as well as attracting other funds, sponsorship from local businesses & linking with other organisations, for example, the food waste recycling project (Foodshare).

Youth Work staffing & young volunteers: We are currently recruiting Youth Work staff who will be able

to provide extra capacity for additional Youth Work sessions, including staffing the new converted containers at the skatepark & expanding the reach & frequency of our Detached/ Street Youth Work. 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.

Our skatepark: Our new skatepark officially opened in April 2016, however, we continue to receive excellent reviews & feedback about the inclusive nature of the design & how it accommodates all skate park disciplines, abilities & ages. It was initially perceived by some as a facility just for teenagers, however, the truth is very different & it continues to be used by a wide age range (3 to 53 year olds). We continue to maintain & enhance the landscape around the park, usually through the ongoing efforts of local volunteers of all ages. Thanks must go out again to all the volunteers, the Three Brooks Nature Conservation Group, local young people & BSTC staff. We believe we have created a space that is welcoming to 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: the skatepark is one of the locations we carry out regular Youth Work sessions & the newly expanded converted containers have proven to be an extremely useful resource for both weekly sessions & for events & competitions. Our aspiration last year to create a weather proof Youth Work space has therefore been achieved & continues to develop.

Other Youth Work sessions & projects: as well as the skatepark sessions, we have continued to deliver regular Detached/Street 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 & are planning repeat multi activity residentials later this year. We are also planning further large scale community Art projects to follow on from recent successes.

Events & competitions: During our annual community festival, we repeated our successful formula of 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. Our demos this year included two days of fantastic BMX displays by British Olympic Team member Jack Clark. Yet again, 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.

Youth democracy: BSTC believes that all youth projects & programmes should develop a strong youth democracy component & enable young people to have a greater say in decision making & in the shaping of youth provision as well as other local services. Consequently, BSTC aim for young people to feel more valued, have a sense

of ownership & become more active citizens. As part of this work BSTC have the aspiration to work towards establishing a local Youth Forum/Council . As highlighted previously, 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):

"Involving young people does not only lead to better decisions & a greater sense of ownership by young people... It also sends a clear message about the valued & 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.

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 work 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 to explore & secure funding & in-kind support from various funding streams & organisations.
- Create a professional youth work delivery framework.
- Manage & support staff & partner agencies & encourage reflective professional practice.
- 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.
- Continue to enhance local partnerships & explore other 'umbrella' models for effective youth work delivery.
- Create a local charter for young people
- Now a youth building has been achieved, to continue to enhance the space & look to develop other associational spaces for young people & the wider community.
- 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 & businesses
- Identify new projects & to support existing projects.

Graham Baker
Youth Development & Participation Worker

Avon & Somerset Constabulary

Bradley Stoke Beat Team Report



Your Neighbourhood team is made up of Sergeant Adrian Fallows, PC's Jamie Shiels and Claire Fletcher, and PCSO Chris Baker. PCSO Tom Allen has recently been successful in becoming a Police Officer and has now left the area, but he will be replaced in due course.

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](https://twitter.com/ASPTTheStokes). We also post updates on our local Facebook page, [@ASPSouthGlos](https://www.facebook.com/ASPSouthGlos).

You will also find us holding regular Beat surgeries at the Willow Brook centre, Woodlands Park and Bradley Stoke Community School.

The Neighbourhood team are always keen to support community events and you will have seen us this year at the Bradley Stoke Festival, 10k Run the Remembrance parade to mention a few.

We can also be found supporting young people by participating in events such as School Mock interview days, Crime prevention/safety talks covering knife crime, drugs and internet safety.

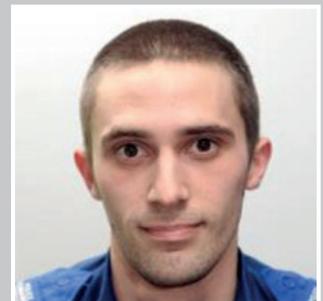
Bradley Stoke is a low crime area and a safe place to live and work, part of our focus this year has been around bike theft, in which we have seen an increase. There have been some arrests and a lot of preventative work, this has included CCTV being upgraded and bike marking events, the equipment for which has been kindly funded by the Town Council.

As always it's the people that make a community safe, we have a number of community initiatives that play a big part in this, Neighbourhood watch and Community speed watch are two of them and if you have an interest in either then please do not hesitate to contact one of the team to discuss.

**Neighbourhood Sergeant
Adrian Fallows
Avon & Somerset Police**



PS 825 - Adrian Fallows



PCSO 6904 - Chris Baker



PC 3540 - Claire Fletcher



PC 3309 - Jamie Shiels