



# ANNUAL REPORT 2025/2026

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





The Brightwell is a home from home for anyone living with a neurological condition. We provide therapies, support and friendship in our purpose built fully accessible Centre on Wheatfield Drive. We look after over 300 families from the local area, and our Community of inspirational Members are always welcoming, non-judgemental and fun to be around. The Brightwell also offers social activities and fundraising events which the local Community are always warmly invited to take part in and get to know us better.

**Oxygen Therapy.**

We are the only provider of oxygen therapy in the region. We have a hyperbaric tank and therapy can take place either inside our chamber or outside. Inside therapy means breathing in a higher concentration of oxygen whilst under increased atmospheric pressure (hyperbaric). Members find that it helps them cope with the many varying symptoms of their conditions.

**Specialist Neurological Physiotherapy**

We have an amazing team of qualified physiotherapists, rehab specialists and physiotherapy assistants. Neurological physical therapy is aimed at retaining or restoring functional mobility, strength, balance, and coordination in people with neurological conditions. Whilst not a cure, our Members find that regular physiotherapy either one to one or as a group class, helps to keep them as independent and mobile as possible.

Also, in the physiotherapy department we have a gym, with adaptive equipment suitable for people of all levels of mobility. We also have various clinics, advice and informal sessions, as well as holistic therapies such as acupuncture and reflexology.

We also have a wonderful social space with café and a gorgeous garden in which to relax and enjoy the company of others.



**DIABETES UK**  
**KNOW DIABETES. FIGHT DIABETES.**

Diabetes is a condition where there is too much glucose in the blood because the body cannot use it properly. Without the support to manage it well, both type 1 and type 2 diabetes can lead to devastating complications. Diabetes is one of the leading causes of preventable sight loss in people of working age in the UK and is a major cause of lower limb amputation, kidney failure and stroke.

Diabetes affects more people than any other serious health condition in the UK - more than dementia and cancer combined. There is currently no known cure for any type of diabetes, but with the right treatment, knowledge and support people living with diabetes can lead a long, full and healthy life.

Diabetes UK's aim is creating a world where diabetes can do no harm. The charity is working to tackle the diabetes crisis, prevent type 2, campaign for and support everyone affected by the condition, and fund research that will one day lead to a cure. In Gloucestershire and across the south west, the charity works with local people, organisations and healthcare professionals to raise awareness, improve care in the area and provide support and information to local people living with, and affected by, diabetes.

Keep up to date with local activity by following the south west and south central team's social media channels:

Instagram: @DiabetesUKSouthWestandCentral  
Facebook: @DiabetesUKSouthWestSouthCentral  
X: @SWSCDiabetesUK



**Mamas Bristol**



Mamas Bristol founded in 2018, helps create opportunities to reduce the costs of caring for dependants. We do this through a 3 pronged approach. Reuse, Reduce and Community.

Mamas Swaps and Freebies Bristol is an easily accessed online platform that supports people in our communities with dependants. It's a portal for families to offer free items to other families so that they can reuse and benefit from the donation. By members using our platform to donate perfectly reusable items to other families, we are saving items from being disposed of to landfill, reducing waste & our environmental impact.

As our members grew, a need for social inclusion and reduction of isolation became apparent. In April 2021 in the midst of the pandemic, we opened a supportive communal space for Mamas and invited hundreds of families across a year through varied sessions, and other planned events. We now have a brilliant home in Bradley Stoke, in woodlands business park – you can find us on google maps just search for “The Mamas Hub”.

For example, every week we host stay and play sessions to support parents, reduce isolation and create opportunity for babies/children to develop social skills. Our set up has attracted weekly regular visitors, children of SEN abilities, blind children, and families who come for a hot drink & chat infrequently to seek support.

At our communal space, we store items required for emergency aid such as long life goods, baby feeding & changing equipment, hygiene & sanitary products and signposting documentations, most recently our “Mamas Family Larder” has recently opened and we are developing this resource to work for families across the local community. We have lots of upcoming events where we encourage and invite all to join us!

Facebook: Mamas Bristol CIC: Swaps & Freebies | Facebook



# Message from the Mayor:

Dear residents of Bradley Stoke,

My good wishes to you - I hope this year's report finds you well. It has again been a busy year for the Council with lots of events and new initiatives happening and lots more being planned for 2026/27. It is always wonderful to meet and work with members of the community and different groups/organisations in our town.

It is a privilege to be the first citizen here and bringing a sense of civic pride is something all councillors should help to promote. Being proud of our community and our surroundings is fundamental to our success as a town. It has been an honour to work with all Councillors as Mayor and Chair and I thank them all for their contributions. We are all here to work together and we strive to do the best for our town. Any resident is welcome to attend our council meetings; it would be lovely to see you there. Please check our website, noticeboards or newsletters for details. We also hold Councillor drop-in surgeries the last or fourth Saturday of the month in the foyer at the Willowbrook Centre for any queries you have.

This year, Councillor Jenny James was Deputy Mayor. We have represented our town at external events and helped to promote Bradley Stoke. Here in our town, we have attended every event that we were able. Giving our civic calendar's priority. Meeting many of you whilst on civic duties is always a pleasure and the highlight of my year in office. I have enjoyed attending school assemblies and classroom sessions, summer and Christmas events and it has been a pleasure to meet some of our youngest residents. I have also been proud to support the many local community groups we have including the Scouts, Bradley Stoke Youth Football Club, Bradley Stoke Radio as well as the very popular older people's tea parties. I am delighted that we have had the funding to support and continue all of these activities.

We are delighted that there will be a full festival in Bradley Stoke again this year on 6 June. It's wonderful to see the Community Orchard flourishing at Brookway and the Wellbeing Hub there developing with planters in place. We were successful in gaining additional funding for this project. Equally, I was proud of our leadership, collaborative working (with other neighbouring Town & Parish Councils) and partnership working for International Women's Day 2026 which led to the main celebratory event taking place on 7 March at the new Spitfire Hangar at Brabazon. Five other events also took place to mark International Women's Day 2026 for Bradley Stoke residents including a skatepark/art workshop for girls and young women, a series of talks/discussions and a film night.

As your Mayor, it was an honour to lead the town in remembrance and light the beacon for the 80th Anniversary of VE Day on the 8 May 2025. Both of these were poignant to me. I must also add again how proud I was of all the youth of our town who participated in the service; you made our town very proud. My three Mayor's Charities chosen for 2025/26 were The Brightwell Centre, Mamas Bristol and Diabetes UK and all monies raised through the Community Festival, the Bug Trail, and Fireworks Display were donated to those charities. The final total will be announced at the Annual Town Council Meeting on 13 May 2026.

As always, I would like again to thank all the hard-working council staff who are usually behind the scenes working to bring events and projects together. Lastly, a word of thanks to you all. You all make Bradley Stoke a great town to live in and work in!

*Councillor Natalie Field*  
*Mayor/Chair of Council*



# A Year in the Life of the Town Council

## May 2025

Local History Drop-In event



## May 2025

VE Day 80 Anniversary Beacon lighting event

## May 2025

Repainting of play equipment at Foxborough Gardens Play Area



## June 2025

2-day Community Festival – Saturday: Main Festival Day and Bradley Stoke Youth Football Club event, Sunday: Sole Sisters 10K Run, Skatepark Competition and Art workshop



## July/August 2025

Bug Trail to raise money for Mayor's Charity (2 bug making workshops, wildlife weekend events and two-week trail around the north of Bradley Stoke)



## September 2025

Older Person's Afternoon Tea Party

## August 2025

Installation of solar panels on main council office and the Jubilee Centre



## October 2025

Opening of Community Welcome Spaces at Baileys Court Activity Centre and the Jubilee Centre for the local community to use during the cold weather



## September 2025

Repainting of play equipment and replacement of flooring at Paddock Close Play Area



## October 2025

Provision of free taster sessions linked to new leisure equipment on the Jubilee Green



## November 2025

Firework Display to music (James Bond theme)

**November 2025**

Launch of the Mums Pamper Sessions at Jubilee Centre (linked to Community Welcome Spaces)



**December 2025**

Installation of accessible path through the Community Orchard and Nature Wellbeing Hub at Brook Way Activity Centre

**December 2025**

Older Person's Christmas Afternoon Tea Party



**January 2026**

4th Community Free tree/hedge/wildflowers giveaway event organised by Town Council linked to Local Climate and Nature Action Plan

**February 2026**

Installation of community planters within the Community Orchard and Nature Wellbeing Hub at Brook Way Activity Centre



**February 2026**

Launch of the Fedline Cooking Project at Baileys Court and Jubilee Centre (linked to Community Welcome Spaces)



**March 2026**

Older Person's Afternoon Tea Party

**March 2026**

International Women's Day events



# Finance Committee Report 2025-2026

I was honoured to have been re-elected as Chair of the Finance Committee for the third year running and thank fellow councillors for putting their trust in me.

The Finance Committee plays a significant role in the activities of the Town Council and oversees its financial matters and makes decisions regarding expenditure to meet the Council's objectives. The committee helps draft the Council's annual budget and closely monitors the financial position throughout the year as part of Council's governance assurance duties. The recent internal audit report for 2025/26 rated the financial control procedures as 'High Standard - Systems and processes are excellent providing good assurance. Significant strengths have been identified and are to be commended'.

The Town Council increased last year's precept (2025/26) by roughly 51p a month for a Band D property and has been able to set aside more money towards the early stages of the refurbishment of the Bailey's Court Activity Centre which needs new changing facilities for women, better provision for the cricketers, bowlers, the childcare area and an upgrade of the internal decorations. The money raised through the precept won't be enough to carry out all the building works needed but has provided enough to employ an architect and planner to move the project forward. Further monies will be allocated to this project once we know if there is any surplus from this year's budgets, however, to complete the project the council will be seeking to apply for S106 funding from South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) in addition to a Public Works Loan to meet the expected additional costs.

I was pleased to see the newly provided leisure equipment on the Village Green is being used on a regular basis as this was provided from this year's budget and S106 funding from SGC. The Beacon Play area also underwent major refurbishment through 2024 and 2025 and now has new plastic panels, new surfacing and a carousel. The swing set will be installed later this year.

As a council we must maintain a steady level of reserves and these include investment accounts which are monitored by our Responsible Finance Officer, Rachel Pullen, who provides advice to the Finance Committee throughout the year. I would like to thank Rachel for her dedication over the past 28 years and particularly over the past 12 months advising the committee on various financial matters. I would also like to thank the Officers, Nikki Rich, Charlotte Baker and Joanna Jacob and the rest of the office staff for all their support. Finally, I would like to thank the councillors on the committee for their attendance and valuable input into the meetings.

At our Strategic Planning meeting on 29th September 2025, the council resolved to install solar panels on the Jubilee Centre and the Office. This was completed in 2025 and will soon be saving the council money on electricity bills. We were fortunate to have received a grant of £20,000 towards the cost of installation from The National Lottery. Councillors also suggested ideas to improve facilities in the town and to make Bradley Stoke look more attractive. It was agreed that BSTC looks at developing the current planting provision that the Town Council has around the town and investigates the use of sustainable planting (bulbs and hardy plants which return year-on-year and are easy/cheap to maintain) on roundabouts and verges plus the potential installation of pieces of artwork on roundabouts and verges. In addition, it resolved to explore options for a Christmas tree at the Jubilee Centre, encourage South Gloucestershire Council to invest in the Nature reserve to make it more accessible, produce a resident's survey to ascertain views and interests with a view to developing new projects and ideas, explore the introduction of a Community Awards Scheme and explore live streaming of council and committee meetings. All these things will be considered by your council and budgeted for over the next 12 months.

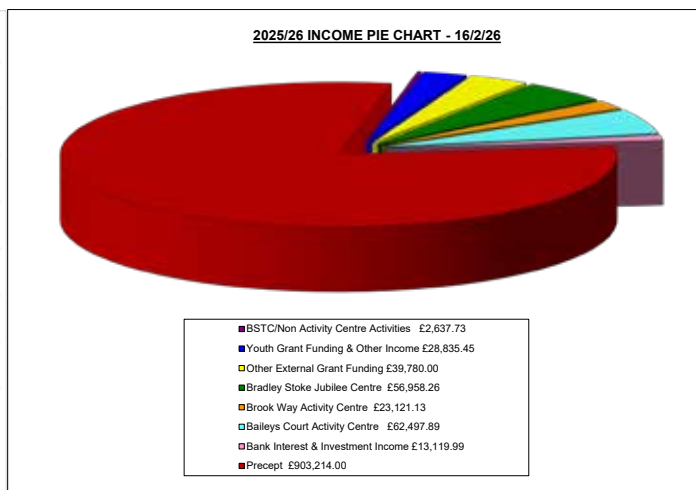
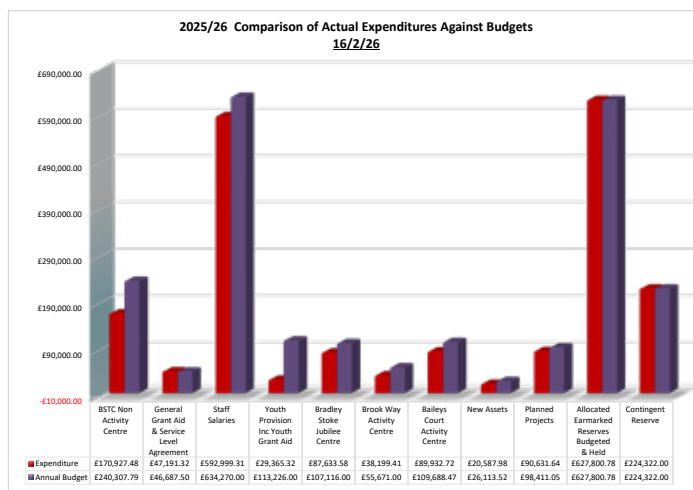
To fund some of these projects Council needed to raise the precept again this year (2026/27), and at the Full Council meeting on 21st January 2026, a rise of 5% was agreed, that's less than 54p each month for a Band D property.

The day-to-day expenditure of our sites can be seen in the graphs below. We are always looking for opportunities to make better use of our buildings and our letting rates are competitive. The council office is always happy to help people find the right space for their planned activity so please feel free to make contact.

The Council runs a 5-Year Forward Budget Plan which is constantly updated and allows us to plan ahead whilst reserving funds to support and protect the future services for the local community. Through strong financial planning Council has been able to protect the public purse whilst also continuing to fund a variety of good causes and local community groups through our Grant Aid scheme. More information about the Council's funding and accounts can be viewed on our website at: [www.bradleystoke.gov.uk](http://www.bradleystoke.gov.uk).



**Councillor Jon Williams**  
Chair of Finance Committee



The above charts show a snap shot of the 2025/26 accounts based upon provisional pre-audit and pre-year end figures which were correct as at 16th February 2026. The graphs exclude March and other final year end figures such as some accruals/pre-receipts and other year end adjustments. Finalised figures will be available in a graph format after the audit has been signed off and will be placed onto the website in September 2026. The graphs for the audited figures for 2024/25 are already on the website within the audit section.

# Bradley Stoke Town Council Youth Work Report 2025-26

## Overview:

It has been another productive year with the Town Council's youth work team continuing to deliver various youth work programmes, projects, and events. Our different youth strands of work have had a positive impact and has meant we have made and maintained contact with a wide range of children and young people. We have worked with 550 children and young people with many attending on a regular basis. Most of the regular attendees were within the 12 to 18 age range and a third were girls and young women. Throughout the year our regular core youth work sessions have included delivery at the skatepark (operating from our converted shipping containers), our weekly Girls & Young Women's Project session and our Jubilee hardcourt sessions (with an informal sports focus). All our core sessions strive to provide a safe, supportive, social environment offering activities, discussion, challenge, supportive signposting, advocacy, and fun. Our full youth work offer includes the following:

- » Skatepark sessions; regular and ad hoc sessions.
- » Jubilee Hardcourts: informal sports focus.
- » Girls & Young Women's Project: weekly girls only sessions.
- » Detached and Outreach sessions: planned and ad hoc.
- » Project work: e.g., Street Art projects/workshops; First Aid courses.
- » Events and competitions: e.g. 2 days of activities at our Community Festival.
- » Offsite trips and residential: e.g. Bristol Zoo Project & West Country Water Park.
- » One to one and small group support.
- » Volunteering - school/college work experience placements.
- » Young people have a voice, are listened to, respected, and valued.
- » Throughout our work we strive to ensure we collaborate with other partners, agencies, and groups. which has helped us to gain funding, access training and provide support.
- » We continually aim to have a presence in the community.



## Additional youth work activities:

These included our regular two full days of youth work activities, at our annual community festival, on Jubilee Green and at the Skatepark. Local young people made a major contribution to the delivery of our usual popular package of art workshops, skatepark competitions and rider demos. During the year we also delivered extra and/or extended youth work sessions during the school holidays and throughout the year we held various sessions with outside artists or specialist agencies such as the Young People's Drug and Alcohol Service, as well as offsite trips (e.g. Bristol Zoo Project and West Country Water Park) and 1 to 1 and small group support work. As part of International Women's Day, we repeated last year's successful collaborative Skatepark and Art event, at Campus Skatepark. The event aimed to promote and encourage Girls and Women's participation in Skatepark sports.

## Partnerships and funding:

The Town Council continues to support the delivery of our youth work, including a full-time professional Youth Worker and have recently demonstrated their ongoing support by appointing a new full-time Senior Youth Worker to replace the current retiring post holder. The role has been important over the last decade by enabling the development and maintenance of our youth work and in helping to attract significant additional external funding for both broadening our youth work offer, and for infrastructure developments (e.g. in recent years £200K of external funding for the Skatepark). We have also built closer links with other organisations, including active membership of the South Glos Youth Work Partnership. This has enabled us to secure further significant external revenue funding (£14K per year for 5 years from April '24) and more recently (£14K per year for 3 years) from the National Lottery. We have also continued to forge links with other organisations and enhance and/or develop partnership approaches and collaborative working.



## Youth Work staffing:

Recruitment of part time youth support worker staff has proven to be challenging across our local youth work partnership, however, we have successfully recruited some new youth support worker staff in recent months, and this will enable us to deliver additional youth work sessions, including at the skatepark building, as well as regular Detached/Street youth work sessions across the Town. However, we are always looking to recruit additional youth support workers and volunteers.

## Youth Voice:

We believe our youth work should include and/or work towards having a strong 'youth voice' and therefore enable young people to have a say in decision making and in the shaping of youth provision and other local services. We continue to aim to make young people feel valued, have a sense of ownership and become more active citizens. As previously highlighted, the building of our skatepark, the introduction and equipping of the youth buildings there and various other projects, including the relatively new and popular Jubilee Green Fitness area, have all helped create 'ownership', through the involvement of young people, and are good examples of the benefits of young people being active citizens and of Bradley Stoke Town Council adopting the principal outlined in the national document 'Positive for Youth' (2011):

*"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".*

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

**Graham Baker**

**Youth Development & Participation Worker (February 2026)**

# Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee Report 2025-2026

## Introduction

Becoming Chair of Leisure, Youth and Amenities has been an honour and a privilege. Leisure, Youth and Amenities (LYA) Committee meets approximately six times a year and is responsible for, and promotes the Town Council policy on sports, leisure and recreational activities within or affecting the Town. It is good to visit different community groups and continue listening to residents. If any community group would like members of the committee to visit, please get in touch.

One of the functions of the LYA Committee is to give grants to local charities and community organisations. The committee has heard presentations concerning applications, and awarded grants to support local charities and community organisations to continue and enrich the vital work they do. The next page in the Annual Report gives details of grants given during the 2025/26 financial year.

Bradley Stoke is fortunate to have well cared for open spaces, activity centres and play parks. Moving forward to next year, it is hoped that the development of the refurbishment of the Baileys Court Activity Centre will begin. The Council is looking forward to seeing how these enhancements will add to the Cricket Club, Bowls Club, to hirers and residents and further develop and motivate the activities of Bradley Stoke.

## Community Orchard and Free Tree/Wildflower Giveaway.

The Annual Town Council's free tree and wildflower giveaway was a huge success and well attended on 24th January 2026. Sixty residents attended and were given varied options of tree, bushes and wildflower seeds, and asked to mark their location on a map. This allows the Town Council to monitor where the trees, bushes and seeds are being planted. Information concerning maintenance was also given to the residents for them to look after the trees and bushes, and best ways to allow the wildflowers to grow.

On the afternoon of 24 January 2026, residents were encouraged to volunteer at the Community Orchard, to continue the work there, which is gradually growing. Due to the weather much of the work could not be done, but it is hoped to do the work later this year as it is an ongoing project. Thanks to One Planet Matters for their work in this Town Council project.

## Bradley Stoke Community Festival

The main event day for the festival was Saturday 7th June 2025 with the Sole Sisters 10K Run and the Skatepark Jam taking place on Sunday 8th June 2025. There is a working group alongside the committee which puts the festival



together and thank-you to the team for your hard work at this year's festival. Despite the weather, residents turned out to watch the local football tournaments, and it was good to see both boys' and girls' teams participating. There was a combination of music, dance, community stalls, food and drink, rides, and a street art project, alongside the return of the climbing wall which was looked after by the Scouts. Much of the dancing displays were held indoors at the Jubilee Centre.

The weather for the 10k was much better with 550 participants, which started and finished at the Jubilee Centre. Thanks go to Sole Sisters for organising it, volunteers for facilitating it and Town Council staff for arranging the infrastructure and facilities.

## Summer Bug Trail.

From Friday 8th August until 26th August 2025 the Town Council organised a Charity Bug Trail. The theme for the event was "Bugs in their Habitats". This was part of our Local Climate & Nature Action Plan and followed a similar pattern to the Scarecrow Trail in previous years. A map was printed to show where the bugs were located and using the map, residents were encouraged to find them. There were creative bug making workshops at Baileys Court Activity Centre and Brook Way Activity Centre, giving residents an opportunity to participate. The two bug making workshops took place on Saturday 26th and Tuesday 29th July where participants crafted large, decorative bugs to create the 2025 Bug Trail, which would be included in the Trail Map around Bradley Stoke.



*Photo of the butterfly made at the Bug Workshop and used as part of the Bug Trail*

This was followed up with another creative wildlife weekend, all ages involved, where residents were encouraged to use their crafting skills to make bug habitats. Our Wildlife Weekend took place at Brook Way Activity Centre on 16th and 17th August 2025 with activities focusing on bug habitats, wildlife gardening, and why insects matter so much to our ecosystem. All funds raised from the Bug Trails went to the Mayor's Charities to support local community organisations.

I would like to thank all the businesses, residents and community groups who participated in this meaningful event, which included Brightwell Centre, Mamas and the Willow Brook Centre. I would also like to thank all the sponsors which include Ambience Grounds Maintenance, The Willow Brook Centre, West Country Forestry, Old Sodbury Tree and Plant Nursery and Prestige Grounds.

## International Women's Day.

Bradley Stoke Town Council continues to build on the organisation and celebration of International Women's Day (IWD). The small committee, which was formed through LYA committee has grown from year to year, and with new and fresh ideas. Alongside the youth events, a film night, talks and discussions, a full one-day free event was organised at the Brabazon Spitfire Hanger, in Charlton Hayes, which was in collaboration with Patchway Town Council, Charlton Hayes Parish Council and Almondsbury Parish Council. There were creative activities for children organised by both Turtle CYP and Mamas Bristol. This was alongside panel discussions exploring women within a male dominated world and creative industries. The day ended with a fashion show.

Thank you to the staff of YTL for their support in organising IWD and providing a well-resourced community space to host the event.

## Visiting Community Groups.

It is always good to see the different community groups within Bradley Stoke. Groups I have made a visit to include Willow Brook Townswomen's Guild, Three Brooks Park Run, Community Litter Pickers, 3 Brooks Conservation Group, Meet and Chat at Christ the King, Bookaholics Book Club, Sew 'n' Sews, Friends of Baileys Court Primary School, Turtle CYP Play Scheme and Mamas Bristol.

**Councillor Jenny James**  
Chair of Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee



## Grant Funding

The Town Council is able to offer grant funding through a programme of funding streams. We have been able to support many community groups and organisations through this programme over the last twelve months (see details in the tables below – correct as of 24th February 2026).

### Community Development Grant Aid

Bradley Stoke Radio	£4,000
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### Grant Aid

Sole Sisters Running Club	£500.00
Little Stoke & District Ladies Club	£300.00
Bradley Stoke Youth Football Club	£400.00
Bradley Stoke & Almondsbury Cricket Club	£500.00
Bradley Stoke Radio	£500.00
South Gloucestershire Armed Forces Day	£500.00
St Peter's Hospice	£500.00
Great Western Air Ambulance Charity	£500.00
Bradley Stoke Community Singers	£500.00
2nd Stoke Lodge Brownies	£500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£4,700.00</b>

### Larger Grant Aid

Turtle CYP - 2025 Summer Playscheme in Bradley Stoke	£5,250.00
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### Ex-Gratia Grant Payment

Mamas Bristol CIC - interactive projector for SEND project	£2,000.00
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### Service Level Agreements

Bradley Stoke & Almondsbury Youth Cricket Club	£3,500.00
Bradley Stoke Youth Football Club	£2,300.00
Christ the King Youth Group	£2,350.00
SG Chinese Association	£1,800.00
Three Brooks Nature Conservation Group	£2,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	

### Other Funding

Citizens Advice Bureau – Bradley Stoke branch	£17,938.00
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### Applying for Grant Funding

Should your local group or 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 or check out the information on our website below.

<https://www.bradleystoke.gov.uk/finance/grant-funding.php>



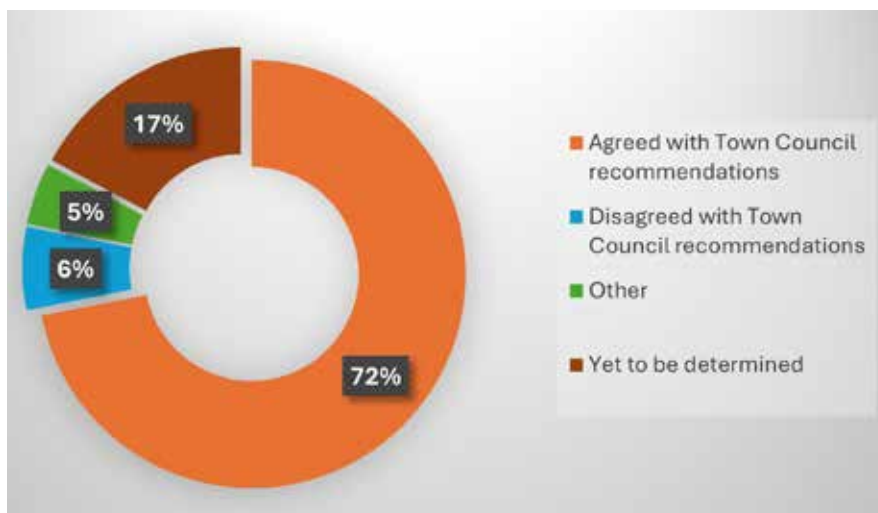
# Planning & Environment Committee Report 2025-2026

Chairing the Planning and Environment Committee has been a pleasure this year with a range of issues that have made this committee's meetings very interesting.

The Planning and Environment Committee's remit covers a variety of areas ranging from planning applications to health and safety to our local nature action plan. We meet monthly to consider these issues.

Over the past year we have responded to 64 planning applications (as of 26th February 2026) and of those, South Gloucestershire Council agreed with the majority of the Town Council's recommendations on 46 applications as to whether permission should be granted or refused. They disagreed with 4 Town Council recommendations. In addition to these figures, 3 applications did not fit into either category and 11 are yet to be decided by South Gloucestershire Council (SGC). I would add that the Town Council is only a statutory consultee and SGC makes the decisions.

The pie chart below illustrates the planning applications determined by South Gloucestershire Council (the Local Planning Authority) that were considered by the Bradley Stoke Town Council Planning & Environment Committee, acting as a statutory consultee, and for which recommendations were submitted.



South Gloucestershire Council's Local Plan is due to be adopted this year and will go before the planning inspectorate at some point between March and July this year, to be examined against set requirements such as whether housing numbers proposed are deliverable. The Local Plan is a significant new document that will determine where homes and jobs will be located in the 15-year period up to 2041. Its prime impact upon Bradley Stoke is twofold.

Firstly, we have the new Woodlands Garden Village development, 2400 houses over the roughly 15-year development timeframe. This will include facilities such as a new primary school, shops, and health facility. The Town Council has raised points about this development, particularly about transport and the impact traffic generated by the new estate may have on Bradley Stoke, even with active travel and bus measures coming forward as part of the development. Members of the committee raised these points when we received a briefing, in our December 2025 meeting, from the developer's planning agents. The agents were understanding of our concerns and when the planning applications for the site come forward, the committee will scrutinise these and comment and point out where there may be issues for residents.

Secondly, we have "LP1 - Making Effective Use of Land in Urban and Town Hubs". This is a new policy in the Local Plan which strongly encourages increasing density of housing in town and urban centres, Bradley Stoke Town Centre is one such location. In the Local Plan, Bradley Stoke's Town Centre covers streets such as Hawkins Crescent, Champs Sur Marne, Brackendene and Ferndene. How much development could come forward from this policy is unclear, but the committee will pay close attention to applications coming forward and act appropriately.

The Committee also handles environmental matters such as the town's Local Climate and Nature Action Plan. We have had significant developments here, in particular we have decided to agree to become a "watermark town". This will involve working with Wessex Water around a campaign focusing on the sustainable use of water. At the time of writing, a workshop to engage the community in the initiative will be taking place.

Further to this, the Town Council has worked with volunteers and councillors to establish an orchard and a nature and wellbeing hub at our Brook Way Activity Centre. We have worked with One Planet Matters to establish this project which involves planters and accessible paths.

Finally, our Local Nature Action Plan has been amended to include climate, therefore being renamed as a Local Climate and Nature Action Plan. As the effects of climate change on the UK and the world become more apparent, it is crucial that the Town Council shows leadership on reducing carbon emissions. This is why I am proud that, as a council, we installed solar panels on the Jubilee Centre this year, contributing to lower energy bills for the council and providing much needed carbon-free renewable energy.

**Councillor James Nelson**  
Chair of Planning & Environment Committee







# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Bradley Stoke Town Council  
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## JUBILEE CENTRE

Savages Wood Road  
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Wednesday 13th May 2026 - 7.00pm

## AGENDA

1. To appoint the Chair of the Town Meeting
2. Apologies for absence
3. To confirm the Minutes of the previous Town Meeting held on 7th May 2025
4. To receive the Reports of the following Committees
  - 4.1 Council
  - 4.2 Finance
  - 4.3 Leisure, Youth & Amenities
  - 4.5 Planning & Environment
  - 4.6 Staffing
5. To deal with questions from Local Government Electors of the Town

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## **Bradley Stoke Community Festival Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026**

### **Saturday - Jubilee Centre**

Main Festival Day

Bradley Stoke Youth Football Club event

### **Sunday**

Sole Sisters 10K Run

Skatepark Competition

For more information, visit: [www.bradleystoke.gov.uk/events/festival](http://www.bradleystoke.gov.uk/events/festival)