



Brizlincote Parish Council Newsletter

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The Chairman's Message

Well by the time you are reading this, Spring is well on its way after an unusually mild but very wet Winter.

The heavy and persistent rain has produced its own problems for you, and in consequence, your Council. The area around the Grafton Road development has been particularly badly hit with muddy roads and flooding caused by the unusually heavy rain and failure of the flood control system in the area. After a lot of work by your Parish, Borough and County Councillors we are hopeful that the system will soon be put right by ESBC in conjunction with Severn Trent Water who are ultimately responsible for the flood management in the area.

On a happier note, the East Side Art Competition was run for the third year and although the number of entries was disappointing, the standard was very high. The entries were displayed at the Brewhouse during January and were judged, and prizes awarded by the Mayor, Councillor Colin Wileman and Lady Mayoress Jean Hiatt on Saturday 1st February.

Also, during the Winter, we have supported several meetings of parishioners to discuss and progress the production of a Parish Plan. Your Council consider this a necessary step so that residents in the Parish have a say in how they want the place in which they live to develop in future. If you have views on how your area could be improved and would like to be involved in the Plan please feel free to come along to the next meeting, details of which will be posted on the Parish Notice Boards.

This Summer we will again be running the Brizlincote in Bloom Competition and you will find an entry form in this newsletter. There are many lovely gardens in the Parish so don't be shy and enter.

Finally, on behalf of the Parish Council, I extend a warm welcome to all our new residents to the Strata Homes development off Grafton Road. You are very welcome, and I hope you find this newsletter informative and helpful.

Your Councillors are working hard on your behalf to keep Brizlincote a pleasant place to live and will continue to do so. I wish you all a lovely Spring and Summer.

Robin

Councillor Robin Ludford-Brooks



Winners of East Side Art Competition 2019

Brizlincote Parish Council supported by Stapenhill Parish Council are delighted to announce the winners of the **East Side Arts Competition 2019**. Entries were displayed at the Brewhouse earlier in the year before judging took place on Saturday 1st February. This year the Arts competition included a new Photographic category along with defined key stage categories in our Junior school section.

***Congratulations** to our 1st prize entries for each category. These were:*



Junior school Key Stage 1:

Faith Coltman (Tower View Junior School)

Many thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress of Burton-on-Trent (Mr. Colin Wileman and Mrs. Jean Hiatt) for judging our entries followed by a presentation to the winners from each category with a 1st Prize certificate and a £30 voucher.

A Highly Commended certificate in addition to a £5 award was also presented to each of the remaining 26 artists who had their work exhibited at the Brewhouse.



Junior school Key Stage 2:

Melody Merrick (Tower View Junior School)



Senior school:

Isabella Anderson (Paulet Senior School)

We would also like to say a big thank you to **"Phat Magic"** who entertained with close up table magic, tricks and jokes and who were kind enough to donate their time during judging. (Eddie.Young@Phatmagic.co.uk).



Photographic entries:

Harrison Carter (Burton PRU School)

Congratulations!

Good Neighbour Award 2020



Your Brizlincote Parish Council invites nominations for a Good Neighbour Candidate

Have you got a neighbour who is considerate and thoughtful, who goes out of their way to be helpful?

For example, someone who:

- Helps with the shopping
- Does some gardening
- Puts out and brings in the bins
- Or is just there to talk to when you need some company

- Candidates must live within the Parish (nominators can be living outside the Parish)

- No age restriction for candidates.

- Please send your candidate's names and contact details to the Clerk by 31 August 2020 via E-mail: - clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk or by post to 47 Hall Road, Burton Upon Trent, DE13 9BX or by telephone to Barbara: 01283 814648.

- Tell us why you think the candidate you are nominating is eligible to be chosen for the award in no more than one sided size A4 letter/max. 250 words

- An evaluation panel will choose the successful candidate. The panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

- Nominations cannot be for a family member or someone living in the same property as you.

- Please look out for an update on your Parish Council's Newsletter, website and notice boards.

Barbara Roe
Clerk to the Parish Council

Grafton Road Culvert—update

As many residents will be aware, heavy sustained rainfall causes the Grafton Road culvert (Attenuation Pond) to overflow resulting in the pooling of water at the roundabout of Grafton Road/Violet Way/Beaufort Road junction. This is a relatively new phenomenon caused by the blockage of the system designed to store water in the attenuation pond and regulate the flow of water underneath Woods Lane and eventually out into the River Trent near Stapenhill Hollow. Although at first it appeared to be linked to the new Strata Homes Development, Severn Trent Water confirm that this problem has been there since 2016 so pre-dates any construction work carried out by Strata Homes.

Although Severn Trent attend to unblock the system, the deadwood and rubbish in the attenuation pond causes regular blockages. It has been found that the grills preventing debris entering the system are too wide and trees planted around the grilles should never have been given permission. Three actions have therefore been proposed to resolve this issue:

1. Replace the grills to prevent large debris entering the system which regulates water flow;
2. Remove the trees in the immediate vicinity (trees which should not have been planted in the first place)
3. Maintain and potentially replace the current flow regulation system which can be operated manually if required.

Strata Homes are working closely with Severn Trent Water and East Staffordshire Borough Council having obtained quotes for the fabrication and installation of the grills. Once these grills are fitted, Severn Trent will inspect the flow control device, and potentially replace it with something more suitable and maintain the appropriate device monthly. East Staffordshire Borough Council are to remove the trees in the vicinity and pay for the grills as mentioned. Partners believe that this combination of actions will bring this issue to a close.

The timeframe for this work is approximately 4-6 weeks. County and Borough Councillors' Conor Wileman and Bernard Peters will be happy to answer any further questions on this issue via email on conor.wileman@staffordshire.gov.uk or bernard.peters@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk

Irresponsible Dog Walkers

Walking along part of the Nature Trail from its access point at the top of Holme farm Avenue towards Violet Way, in a mere 50 yards there were **17 highlighted incidents of uncollected dog mess**, all within a yard of the footpath!

Dog walkers of Brizlincote please pick up your dog poo.

There is no excuse for being irresponsible, please be considerate and keep your dog in sight at all times.



Stapenhill Road Crossing

Conor Wileman, Staffordshire County Councillor for Brizlincote and Winshill has been working for several years to secure funding for a pedestrian crossing on Stapenhill Road after being made aware by residents in the area that the A444 acted as a deterrent from safely walking into Town or using the Washlands.

The Parish Council are now delighted to announce that work has started on the installation of this crossing. The pedestrian crossing will use traffic signals and will allow adequate visibility for both drivers and pedestrians.

The funding was secured off the back of s106 development contributions from the nearby Drakelow development and in addition to the funding for the crossing itself, further contributions of approximately £40,000 have been secured to fix the drainage system in the vicinity. Pooling water near Stapenhill Hollows has been a long term issue and one which will now be resolved as a result of this further funding.

Councillor Conor Wileman said, "I am absolutely delighted to have been able to secure funding for this much needed scheme and I would like to thank residents for bringing the safety of crossing the A444 to my attention some years ago. I am sure this crossing will mean that more residents will feel safe to walk into Burton Town Centre and it will increase the use of the Washlands. Promoting walking and using our green spaces will also undoubtedly have many other benefits too. It's a real bonus that the water pooling issues which have plagued Stapenhill Road will also be resolved and I have asked this work to take place as soon as possible and with minimal delay to road users."

Brizlincote Parish Council together with Borough Councillor, Bernard Peters have also helped shape the plans and pressed for action in this location.



Dog Fouling Campaign



We've launched our latest solution to tackle Dog Fouling!

'DO IT FOR YOUR DOG'

Our latest research into Dog Fouling found that 15% of dog owners admit to letting their dog poop in a public place without picking up, leading to 76% of adults stepping in dog poop in their lifetime.

This is why we've launched our latest campaign to tackle this noxious problem. The campaign features dogs as the messenger, appealing directly to dog lovers and leveraging the levers of both pride and shame to remind owners to pick-up their poop because it's what their dog would want them to do.

We want to see dog fouling substantially reduced by 2020 and all but eradicated by 2030. We will continue to develop and support campaigns or initiatives focusing on dog owners' reasonability and supporting the concept of 'any bin will do'.

We will support local authorities in incentivising citizen action, or implementing new rules under PSPOs requiring dog owners to carry a poo bags. And lobby for sufficient finance to support Local Authorities in effective investigation and enforcement.

We will continue to oppose interventions that require mass sampling or DNA collection from dogs, unless supported by government legislation and finance for both delivery and enforcement.

Can we give you money?

Brizlincote Parish Council has limited funds available to assist non-profit making community organisations located or operating in Brizlincote for the benefit of local residents.

Any group, club or society wishing to apply for grant aid must make a written application using the Council's Grant Application Form. This will be discussed at a Parish Council monthly meeting against set criteria. The Form can be downloaded at: www.brizlincote-pc.org.uk.



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Brizlincote Parish Council meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, in the ICT Suite, Violet Way Academy and Nursery with a "Public Session" starting at 7.00 pm (The ICT Suite is at the rear of the Academy).

Can We Have Your Feedback Please?

Contact Barbara Roe, Clerk, Brizlincote Parish Council; email clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk

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Brizlincote in Bloom Competition 2020



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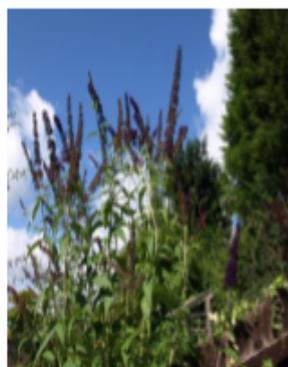
Gardening Competition 2020 - Entry form

Open to all residents of Brizlincote Parish - Closing date 10th July 2020

Name:	Address:
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Phone number:	Email address:
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<i>Please indicate which garden competition you want to enter by ticking box.</i>	Best front garden (First prize £100 Gardening Voucher)	
	Best rear garden (First prize £100 Gardening Voucher)	
	Best use of a sloping garden (First prize £100 Gardening Voucher)	
	Best use of containers/tubs (First prize £100 Gardening Voucher)	
	Best hanging basket (First prize £50 Gardening Voucher)	
	Best young gardener (7-16 years) (First prize £50 Gardening Voucher)	



Judging will take place on Sunday July 26th 2020 – Judges' decision is final.

The judges are to be announced. Our aim is to create a Brizlincote which is a vibrant and colourful place to live. So come on Brizlincote let's get gardening. **Each category requires a minimum of three entries to run.**

Please email entry to clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk or post to: Brizlincote Parish Council, 47 Hall Road, Rolleston on Dove, Burton Upon Trent, Staffordshire, DE13 9BX. Closing date 10th July 2020.

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

Entries for any competitions that we run may be cancelled due to the Coronavirus. We will monitor and follow Government advice.



Police Information



Operation Icy is currently ongoing with regard to theft of tools from vans and catalytic converter thefts.

Operation Automatic is targeting County lines activity to protect, pursue, disrupt and prevent further criminality and to safeguard the vulnerable.

East Staffordshire as a whole is being hit by these offenders. Theft of tools and catalytic converters is hitting Staffordshire including Winshill and Stapenhill, please report any suspicious activity.

Please continue to be aware of ongoing scams and bogus officials, either by phone or people knocking at your address, calls claiming to be from HMRC, electricity, water, gas board etc. Please be alert to these bogus officials. Do not buy or sell to callers at the door or over the phone. Check elderly/vulnerable neighbours and relatives. Never engage in conversation from random unexpected callers. Genuine companies won't mind you checking their details and calling the company for clarification. Do not give out any personal information and never give your bank details over the phone.

The police say someone had their bank accounts emptied after they paid a taxi driver with a debit card. They had wanted to pay with their credit card, but the taxi asked for another method because he didn't want to pay the 4% visa fee. Police advise that whenever you are asked to use a debit card instead of credit card for whatever reason, enter the wrong PIN. If it is a counterfeit machine it will pretend to process the payment and produce a receipt. Whereas an authentic machine will reject the PIN and request a "try again" message. Help spread the word, as the police state this type of fraud is becoming increasingly prevalent.

Theft continues of keyless vehicles. Ensure that keys are kept in a tin for safety.



NO IF'S OR BUTS!!!

BRIZLINCOTE PARISH

IS COMPLETELY A 30MPH ZONE

ALL OF IT!!