



Brizlincote Parish Council Newsletter

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The Chairman's Message

Well, quite a lot has happened over the summer. We had the Parish Council election and since then your Councillors have been busy.

The Speed Watch team have been out encouraging road users to be considerate of the speed limits and when they are active the results are encouraging.

The formulation of a Parish Plan has progressed, and we are now able to start consultation with you, the Parishioners. On Page 7 you will find much more detail and an invite to an inaugural meeting at the Glebe on 10th October where you can tell us what concerns you and bring your ideas for inclusion in the plan.

On 7th August our defibrillator team staged an information seminar which was well attended and informative.

Having seen the gardens some of you have created, I am surprised more have not entered our Brizlincote in Bloom competition. Perhaps more of you keen gardeners will consider entering next year! Entry is free and the prizes of gardening vouchers very worthwhile.

As your Parish Council, we will continue to work on your behalf to maintain Brizlincote as a pleasant area in which to live and work. Your feedback on how we are doing is always welcome.

Best wishes to you all

Councillor Robin Ludford-Brooks



Traffic Calming

Members of the Parish Council are looking into ways that speeding traffic in the area can perhaps be reduced.

A number of suggestions have been made and are being discussed with Staffordshire County Council Highways prior to detailed plans being formulated in order to avoid unnecessary costs and time being wasted.

Meanwhile, you may have noticed that members of The Tower Group Speedwatch Team have been active on the main Brizlincote through routes during the summer and details of their findings will be available later in the year. A heads up indicates that speeding traffic averages over 38mph.

More volunteers from the public are needed to help with the activity and deterrent. Please forward your details to the Parish Clerk.

Winners of Brizlincote in Bloom 2019

This year saw an increase in the number of entries all with stunning displays for each category, making judging even more difficult. Thank you to everyone who has taken part and we hope our winners inspire more entries for next year.

Best front garden - Amanda and Paul Dunn



Best rear garden - Mr & Mrs Mycock



Best sloping rear garden - Mr & Mrs Green



Best hanging baskets - Malcom Boston



Best tubs - Clive Croxall



Congratulations!

Defibrillator Awareness Session

On Wednesday 7th August 2019, in collaboration with Community Heartbeat Trust a defibrillator awareness session was held at The Glebe. We were pleased with the numbers attending and received very positive feedback about the event. The trainer delivered a very clear, detailed and informative session demonstrating the use of defibrillators and explaining how the equipment works. He demonstrated how to do CPR and basic first aid in terms of placing the patient in the recovery position whilst also talking through what to expect and questions you will be asked by the emergency services after dialling 999 and on arrival of the Paramedics.

A key question asked was “what if I do something wrong, can I be sued?”. The answer was very simple - “sadly if using the defibrillator, the patients heart has stopped so you cant do anything wrong! The machine will only administer a shock if it detects a need to do so – the person operating the machine cannot randomly cause the machine to shock the patient.” With regard the legal position, you can’t be sued where a good Samaritan act has taken place which involves giving medical assistance in a bona fide medical emergency – UK law Social Action Responsibility and Heroism (SARAH) Bill.

Unclaimed Property



The header of the Staffordshire Police website features the police crest on the left, the text 'STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE' in the center, and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube on the right. A search bar is also present. Below the header is a navigation menu with buttons for 'Report', 'Online Services', 'Apply', 'Your Area', 'Info & Advice', 'News', and 'Contact'.

We are working on a new website with a range of new services available. You can [try it out here](#) and let us know what you think.

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Unclaimed Property

If you have reported an item found and retained the property you can hold onto it on the understanding that if the owner comes forward you must hand it over. After 28 days the item becomes yours if nobody has claimed it.

However the 28 day rule does not prevent a later civil claim should an owner come forward. The 'true' owner is always deemed to be the person who lost the item; the finder does not acquire ownership and can be asked to return the item or reimburse the owner if it has been sold. Any dispute between the finder and the owner is a matter for the courts.

The below items are **NOT** allowed to be retained and claimed by members of the public.

Items suspected of being involved in crime

- Drugs
- Firearms, weapons, ammunition
- Passports
- High value items
- Laptops and cameras
- Mobile phones
- Unidentifiable substances or other items that may pose a danger or harm to others

<https://www.staffordshire.police.uk/article/6232/Unclaimed-Property>

In June the community were invited to join us for a litter pick and we would like to say thank you everyone that helped - Brizlincote Valley W.I., Councillors, and the 1st Stapenhill Leaders, Cubs & Scouts. It was a very successful couple of days resulting in 12 bags of litter being collected.

Thank you once again, everyone.



Nature Walk

At the beginning of the year the walk was plagued with wanton vandalism of the new finger posts. Since then they have been upgraded and anti-vandal measures applied by the supplier and the situation is much improved.

The wet weather has caused its own problems. The small footbridge over the brook leading to the public footpath along the farmers field between Franklin close, Gloucester Way and Grafton Road was damaged and took some time to repair. This was done by Borough Councillor Colin Wileman. Many thanks to him for keeping that part of the walk open.

Additionally, the heavy rain flooded the Grafton road sump and revealed that it was not working properly which meant that the footpath through the area was impassable as it was under about four feet of water. This has now been drained by Severn Trent Water who removed some 48,000 gallons in one day. Work is now being done to restore the functionality so it will continue to regulate the flow of water into the brook, stopping flooding to properties lower down.

The clearance of undergrowth on parts of the walk during the growing season is a problem and your council is working on ideas on how this may be best achieved. Hopefully we will be able to report the solution in our next newsletter.

Can we give you money?

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

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



Friends of Scalpcliffe Woods

Scalpcliffe Woods, situated in the heart of Burton on Trent, is significant for its beauty and environmental impact. An ancient woodland and nature reserve, it is highly valued by residents of the area as a haven for a range of flora, fauna, bird and animal species.

The Friends of Scalpcliffe Woods (FOSW) are a voluntary group. This group has been established to enhance, maintain and protect the ancient woodland, its habitat and species within the nature reserve and its surrounding area for current and future generations.

As a voluntary group, its membership is open to any person who is a resident in the Brizlincote, Stapenhill and Winshill area and willing to help in supporting the protection and maintenance of Scalpcliffe Woods. The Friends of Scalpcliffe Woods are supported by East Staffordshire Borough Council, (which is responsible for managing the woodland) and Brizlincote Parish Council.

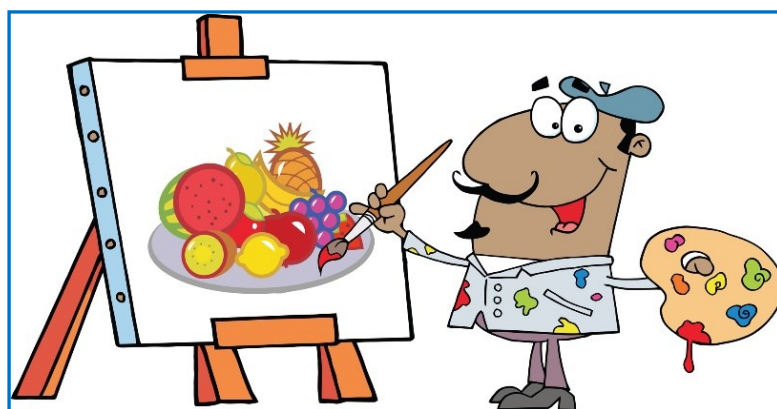
The Friends of Scalpcliffe Woods meet on a regular basis, have a constitution with clear aims and objectives as well as elected nominees. The group will be raising funds and receiving contributions, where appropriate, to finance improvement projects for Scalpcliffe Woods. The following events are planned in the foreseeable future: establishing a route and footpath in the woods; putting up bird and bat boxes; planting new trees; clearing ponds as well as a general tidy up.

If you would like to join The Friends of Scalpcliffe Woods or participate in any of the planned activities, please contact Marie Jones, Secretary of FOSW at foswbriz@gmail.com

East Side Art Competition 2019

“CALLING ALL LOCAL YOUNG ARTISTS “

Sharpen your pencils and dust off your paints - it's almost time to get your entries ready for the 'East Side Arts Competition 2019'.



Participating schools will be advised of details within the next few weeks.

Allotment Open Day

On the 11th August the Allotment Society on Woods Lane, Brizlincote held its first "Open Day". Various items were on sale including produce donated by allotment holders as well as from members of the local community. There were awards for: the Best Maintained Allotment, the Best Newcomer, the Tallest Sunflower and the Best Scarecrow. There was also a bouncy castle and a raffle. A lot of work done by a lot of people for which the Allotment Committee are extremely grateful.



As a result of this fantastic day, the Committee were able to present a cheque to the value of £750 to the Air Ambulance from the funds raised. Some of the members of the committee are shown and the representative, John Burney from Air Ambulance who collected the cheque, is on the left of the photograph holding the cheque.

Brizlincote Parish Activities

A number of residents responded to our questionnaire requesting a more community feel be developed.

We already have success with the nature walk, Brizlincote in Bloom competition and efforts by the Brizlincote Volunteer group and the W.I. in terms of, for example the flower beds on grass verges and the recent litter pick. There are a number of varied activities taking place throughout the year across the Borough in many Parishes. We would like to encourage all Parishioners to consider what we could do in Brizlincote as this will also form part of the Parish Plan. The absence of a Community Hall has been expressed as a concern by some but we do have the Glebe as a venue.

Some of you will remember the event “Briz Fest” – is it something we could look to revive? Organised festive activities through the year feature in a number of Parish events – last Christmas saw the most impressive display of Christmas lights across Brizlincote of any year so far – what do you think of a Christmas lights competition? One Parish does an annual “Garage Sale” trail, producing a map which identifies the locations of all residents participating, resulting in both fund raising for a nominated good cause as well as a fun sales day – who knows what treasures could be found!

Feedback and ideas to the Clerk as detailed below please.



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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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Parish Plan Event

When
10th October 2019

Where
The Glebe, 7pm

► There were four groups of people named:

- EVERYBODY
- SOMEBODY
- ANYBODY
- NOBODY



There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought **Anybody** could do it but **Nobody** realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done.

**ALL ages
needed.**

(VI form students can use their involvement for UCAS applications.)

The impetus for starting any Parish Plan should come from within our community. This event will enable people to find out what can be achieved with a plan, how it's put together and the work involved.

Parish planning can cover social, economic, environmental and cultural issues. You can produce a plan which covers anything you want, within reason!

Ideas:

Reinstatement of a Parish event that had fallen by the wayside;

Tree planting/green spaces;

Setting up of a new youth club;

Reduction in Parish speed limits;

Creation of a youth council.

Lets get on and do it—together!!