



Brizlincote Parish Council

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Chair - Cllr Andy Mason

Welcome to the Brizlincote Parish Council newsletter which has been delayed due to local elections.

Following the parish council elections, at our Annual Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 18th May 2023, I was elected as Chair for Brizlincote Parish Council for the next 12 months.

On behalf of the council, myself and officer I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Cllr L Campion for her hard work, dedication and support during her time in office.

As all Councillors embark on 4 years in office, we are keen to establish local residents aspirations for our 4 years term of office. At the back of this newsletter is a tear off questionnaire, which we would be delighted if you would be kind enough to complete and drop in any of the several collection boxes which will be available in the following locations:

Stapenhill Post Office
Tesco Express
Co-op Woods Lane
The Grove

Please also remember that any members of the public can attend any of our meetings to raise any local concerns. Please check our website for meeting dates and times.

Below is a list of all our councillors contact telephone numbers if you would like to speak to any of us direct. Please be mindful that councillors give up their time, for no remuneration, so your calls may not be returned immediately.

Volunteering to help the parish council

The Parish Council is a small group and a few times a year we need additional help and support for a number of activities. If you as a resident or a member of your household are interested in helping the Parish, please drop a line to The Clerk - clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk (children must be accompanied by guardian or parent). Activities can include litter picking, distribution of newsletters, checking grit bins.

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Special points of interest

- East Side Arts Event
- Festive lights switch on
- Music Event
- Resident survey
- Wild flower give away



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Brian Judd	01283 533052	Rita Page	07857 676099	Clerk:	01283 533011



Stapenhill North Allotments

Taking on an allotment may seem a daunting prospect, especially if you have a hectic lifestyle or have never grown your own food before, but with a little time and effort you'll soon wonder why you didn't take up the challenge sooner.

With soaring food prices there's never been a better time to grow your own, plus you'll have the satisfaction of knowing the food you're eating is organic and free of air miles, and nothing beats the taste and nutritional value of own grown, freshly picked produce.

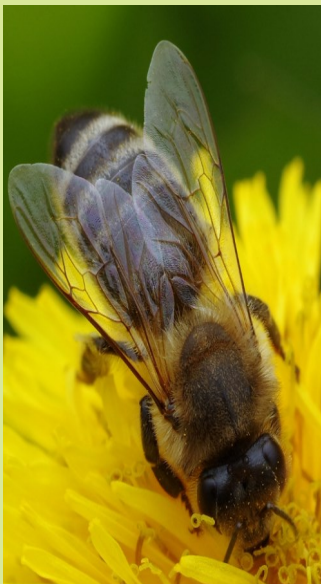
If you'd like further information about renting a plot, please contact:
nsallotment@outlook.com

Wildflower give away and bumble bee safari



Brizlincote councillors recognise that King Charles is a passionate environmentalist and, to acknowledge the Coronation, Brizlincote Parish Council will be giving away commemorative packets of Wildflower Seeds to our younger residents on a "first come, first served" basis at our **"Big Little Bee Event"** which will take place on Thursday 17th August, subject to weather, 1.30 to 3.30 p.m. at The Hollows (opposite Rider House).

Staffordshire Bumblebee Conservation group will be guiding us on a Bee Safari and there will be an opportunity for children to make their own Seed Bombs. Look out for further information on our Facebook page, in local shops, noticeboards and via the clerk@brizlincote-pc-org.uk and www.brizlincote-pc.org.uk



Brizlincote Parish Council East Side Music Event

This year's event was in April and was extended to include vocal and instrumental solo performances with East Side Schools invited to attend. Musicians and singers from Abbot Beyne, Edge Hill, Paulet, Riverview and Tower View schools took part in showcasing their individual talents. Edge Hill Choir and orchestras from Abbot Beyne and Tower View entertained us and completed the day's event. A big "Well Done" to everyone who took part. Mr. Craig Stevenson, Musical Director of the renowned Gresley Colliery Brass Band, kindly donated his time to act as Adjudicator providing encouraging feedback for all of our participants. Many thanks to Abbot Beyne School for hosting our event. This year's concert was a celebration of the life of Barry Marsden who was our inspiration for this event.

Our Local Stores

This year we have had very generous refreshment donations for our events from Tesco Express on Beaufort Road, Co-op Woods Lane and Asda, Orchard Street.



The **co-operative** food





East Side Arts Event 2022

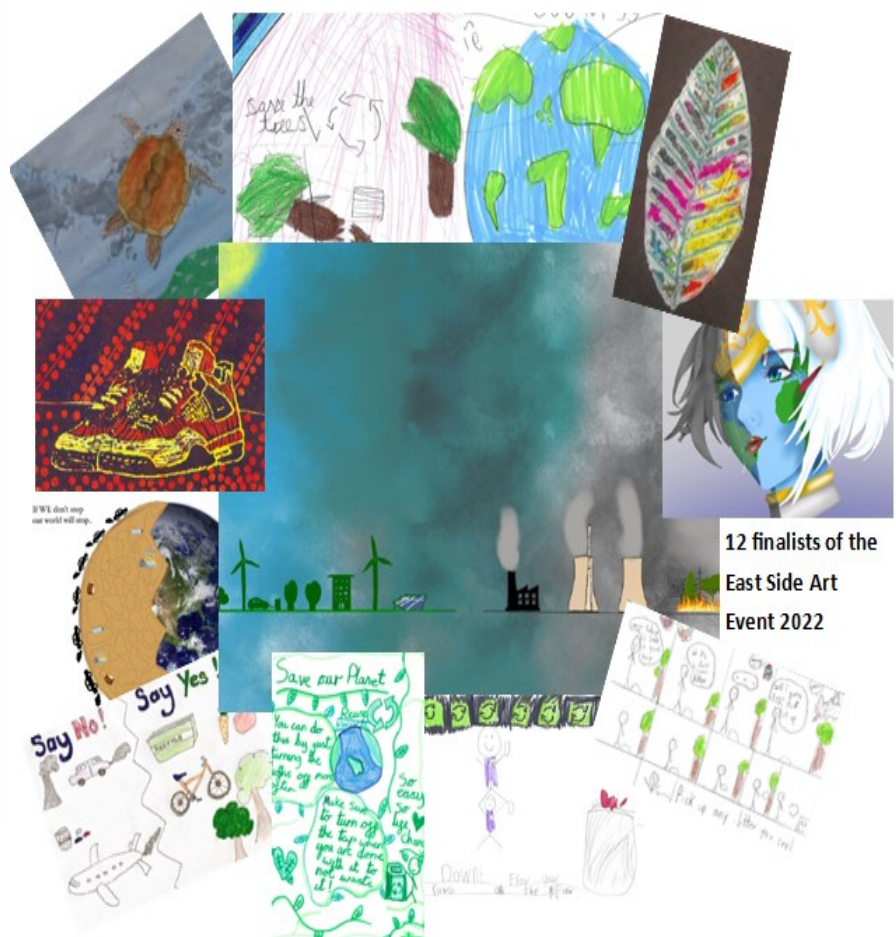
During the Autumn term of 2022, the ten East Side schools were invited to submit artwork inspired by the brief 'Effects and Mitigation of Climate Change'. Burton Library kindly hosted a two-week exhibition followed by a presentation event which was held there on Saturday 26th November. The twenty-five pupils shortlisted (from a total of over three hundred entries) were invited to attend the event which was well supported. The Mayor and Mayoress of Burton selected twelve finalists from the exhibition based on both the art and an understanding of the brief. These artworks were used to create the Brizlincote Parish Council 2023 calendar. The overall standard was extremely high, and it was apparent that much thought had gone into the subject matter.

In addition, each school was also presented with an e-version of a calendar made up of art from their own pupils. Brizlincote Parish Council congratulates the 12 finalists;

Chloe Bradshaw - Tower View
Connie Besenzi - Holy Rosary
Kaya Sudachan - Holy Rosary
Inez Wardalska - Holy Rosary
Willow Dunn - Violet Way
Gabriel Harrington - Violet Way

Harry Allcott - PRU
Maria Khalid - PRU
Olivia Wood - Abbot Beyne
Tessa Long - Abbot Beyne
Zuzanne Garczarek - Abbot Beyne
Kaymin Fox - Abbot Beyne

Many thanks to all those who took part in the event, to our volunteers, local participating schools and to Burton Library for their hospitality, and for the Mayor and Mayoress in completing the difficult task of selecting 12 finalists.



"12 finalists were selected at the East Side Art Event 2022 held at Burton Library."

Subject to local school support, this event will be hosted again during 2023."

12 finalists of the East Side Art Event 2022



COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Can you volunteer?

We have a large number of concerns from residents regarding speeding traffic along Stapenhill Road, Woods Lane, and within the Valley area.

Can you do your bit and consider volunteering to help the Speedwatch Group? Training is provided by Staffordshire Police Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership.

If you'd like to know more about the scheme in our area or would like to volunteer please email the parish clerk clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk or csw@staffordshire.police.uk



for a reason!



Community Speed Watch
Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership
PO Box 2117
Stafford ST16 9ZR

End of year accounts - 31st March 2023

The Parish Council has now concluded the end of year accounts. Residents as part of their electors rights can review the annual accounts 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

Any residents who live in the parish council who would like to meet the clerk at a mutually convenient date and time to review the accounts up to 31st March 2023, please contact the clerk.

The period of time for accounts to be reviewed will be Tuesday 6th June to Monday 17th July, 2023.





Family Nature Walk at The Hollows

We hope that our residents and visitors enjoy the “Brizlincote Family Nature Walk at the Hollows” which is now near completion. This small circular walk has been created to assist in enabling our smaller residents (and the bigger ones too!) to engage with and enjoy the local natural world which we are lucky enough to be part of.

Many thanks for the additional funding and support from Transforming the Trent Valley and the National Forest as we developed this Brizlincote Parish Council project. Thanks also to all our volunteers, suppliers and contractors who worked with us sympathetically to enhance this lovely space. We also appreciate the co-operation and assistance we have received from ESBC Open Spaces who we have worked alongside and who have included the amazing wildlife wood carvings which now populate the area!

Take your little ones for a picnic, to play and jump on the stepping logs and to use the rubbing posts to create images using your paper and pencils. We hope that older children will enjoy reading the informative and quirky facts on the **Interpretation boards** and looking out for the bat, bird, and insect boxes in amongst the trees as well as the descriptive style tree labels.

The Friends of Scalpcliffe Woods

Visitors to the woodlands may have noticed two new interpretation boards. Liaising with East Staffordshire Borough Council Open Spaces team, with grants from The National Forest and the Transforming the Trent Valley Partnership Scheme, we have been able to design and install one at each entrance. We hope the interpretation boards will help to promote further interest in the history and wildlife of this ancient woodland nature reserve.

We are proud to be the recipients of the Burton upon Trent Civic Society Environmental Award 2022 which was presented to us for raising the profile of the Scalpcliffe Hill Nature Reserve by our work between 2020 to 2022 raising funds, planting trees, facilitating the erection of signs at the entrances to the woods and other positive environmental works in the woods between 2020 and 2022.

We welcome new members to help improve this nature reserve. Please contact foswde15@gmail.com for further details.

Coronation of King Charles III 2023

Brizlincote Parish Council congratulate Charles III and Queen Camilla on their Coronation which took place on Saturday 6th May 2023. Please contact clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk if you would like the opportunity to share photographs of street parties in Brizlincote in the next newsletter.

Tower Wood Community Orchard

The Parish Council would like to thank Staffordshire Wildlife Trust volunteers, along with local volunteers, for their recent work in Phase 1 of Specialist Fruit Tree Pruning in the Orchard. This event was funded via The National Forest with the aim of enabling the community to have a free seasonal supply of both cooking and eating apples as well as pears available to residents; the fruit will become more plentiful as the trees benefit from the pruning and last year's newly planted trees mature. Enjoy!



Climate Change

We have been advised that air source heat pumps, sometimes referred to as an air-to-water source heat pump, transfers heat from the outside air to water which heats your room via radiators or underfloor heating. It can also heat water stored in a hot water cylinder for your hot taps, showers and bath.

Air source heat pumps are a type of renewable energy technology that take the warmth from the air outside and use it to heat the home. Because the air (or ground, or water) is heated by the sun, the energy technology takes the warmth from the air outside and transforms it to heat the home.

The energy that heat pumps produce is still classed as 'renewable', even though the pump itself is powered by electricity which may or may not have a renewable source.

There are two types of air source heat pump. Air to water systems are more common, they heat water which is then circulated around the home via radiators or an underfloor heating system. They can also be used to heat water in a storage tank for the bathroom or kitchen. Air to air systems typically use fans to circulate warm air around the home and cannot be used to heat water. We understand there are grants available to install air source heat pumps. The grant is called the Boiler Upgrade Scheme.

Further information can be found via www.government-grants.co.uk/renewable-heat-incentives/air-source-heat-pump.

Festive lights at the tree

We hope you enjoyed the first Festive Lights at the Tree event which took place at the Queen's Green Canopy Tree, Beaufort Road Green. Music from Abbot Beyne School Orchestra and seasonal songs from pupils at Edge Hill Academy being the highlights of the day. Festive lights were provided via Cllr. Bernard Peters through the Councillors Community Fund and the volunteer group who dressed the trees included Cllr. Colin Wileman. Thank you to all concerned for helping to make this a special Community event!

New Blooming Ideas

We thank all of our residents who have taken part in the Brizlincote in Bloom Event over the past years. We recognise that we are lucky to live in such a beautiful area with many inspirational gardens. Brizlincote in Bloom has been rested this year while we consider its future. **We would like your ideas of new categories, or do you prefer to keep things as they are?** Whatever you propose we would invite you to participate if the event is repeated as we have many fabulous gardens unseen. Please share your views for Bloom 2024 by contacting the clerk.



Give us your views

Residents may not be aware that Parish Councils have powers and duties. They are different to Borough and County Councils. Following the recent elections, the Parish Council are keen to establish feedback from local residents as to what the parish councils focus should be for the next 4 years.

We have compiled a list of five questions which we would be grateful if you would spend 10 minutes completing and then returning via collection boxes which will be displayed in The Co-op, Woods Lane, Stapenhill Post Office, Tesco Express, Beaufort Road and The Grove.

If you could please share with us your post code too it would be appreciated to enable us to establish which areas we need to focus on.

Question 1

Which of the following do you agree or disagree with as actions that Brizlincote Parish Council could be involved with.

	Agree	Disagree
Tree planting		
Flower beds/tubs		
Traffic speed monitoring/reporting		
Maintain footpaths		
Litter picking		
Encourage community activities		
Enhance nature walks		
Promote Brizlincote Voluntary Groups		
Defibrillator		
Community Events		
Signage for our parish		
Restore ponds		
Newsletter		
Other (please specify)		

Question 2

If Brizlincote increased the precept, the amount you pay in Council tax bill, up to £1 a year for every household, what project would you spend the amount raised on? (In total this could be up to £2500)
No more than 12 words please:

Question 3

Which of the following do you consider to be the focal point in Brizlincote?

	Place a cross in one box
The Post Office	
Tesco Express	
Beaufort Green	
The Hollows	
The Grove	
The Glebe	
Co-op, Woods Lane	

Question 4

Where is your favourite public open space within Brizlincote? Please rank the following in rank order 1-7 (with 1 being the most favoured and the 7 the least favoured).

	Please write your ranking below
Nature trail	
A children's play area (Name)	
Beaufort Green	
The Hollows	
The Woodland Walk	
Tower Woods	
Wildflower meadow	

Question 5

What is your preferred method of finding out what Brizlincote Parish Council is doing?

Please circle one

Newsletter, Facebook, Website, Notice board, Other (please specify below)

Please let us have your post code if possible:

It would be appreciated if you could please drop your completed questionnaire by 7th July 2023 in any of the following collection boxes in the Co-op on Woods Lane, Post Office, Tesco Express, Beaufort Road or The Grove.

Thank you for your feedback - Deadline 7th July 2023