



## Brizlincote Parish Council

Chair - Cllr Andy Mason

Winter 2023-24  
Issue 37

Welcome to this edition of The Parish Newsletter. I hope that you will find the content useful as it shows not only what we have been doing in the interests of our community but also how we link to other organisations doing their bit to enhance our area or provide worthwhile activities.



I would also take this opportunity to give you an early “heads up” for our Christmas Lights switch on at Beaufort Green on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 3.30 to 4.30pm. Last year was a great success and we hope you will all come along again.

On behalf of the Parish Council I would also like offer our best wishes to you all over the festive season and for a happy 2024.

### Do you use social media such as Facebook?

Likelihood is that if you do, you might have submitted comments or postings and nothing happened. Social media is overwhelmed by moans, groans, complaints and as a result you’ve been left frustrated by the lack of initiative or action. Maybe now is the time for you to take action yourself instead and play a part in local government - see how it runs, be creative, make suggestions and possibly influence how you can really benefit our community.

If you’ve never been to a Parish Council meeting before, you may be forgiven for thinking that Parish Councillors are a group of (probably older) people who meet now and then in a draughty room. If, however, you live in a community where something ‘big’ has happened, you’ll know that when people in the community need support and guidance, it is sometimes the Parish Council that is turned to. By becoming a Parish Councillor you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support, a community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve. Seeing your community change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped make, is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride.

If you have an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor, Brizlincote has vacancies. Send an email to The Clerk via [clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk)

#### Inside this Issue

Stapenhill Allotments.....	2
Friends of Scalpcliffe Woods.....	2
No Idling.....	2
Bee Safari.....	3
Plastic Recycling.....	3
East Side Art Event.....	3
The Hollows.....	4
A map of the parish.....	4

#### Special points of interest

- Stapenhill Allotments
- Festive lights switch on
- Recycling Plastic—Get involved
- The Hollows
- Map of the parish

#### Brizlincote Parish Councillors’ and Officer Contact Details Below—ESBC and SCC Councillors details can be found on their websites

Lynne Campion	07540 600111	Andy Mason	07947 515264	Walid Qneibi	07810 808895
Adrian Cowan	01283 530472	Sarah Moss	07539 069538	Jayant Trivedy	07956 263921
Brian Judd	01283 533052	Rita Page	07857 676099	Clerk	01283 533011
Robin Ludford-Brooks	07851 861721	Vacancy		Vacancy	



## The Friends of Scalpcliffe Woods (FoSW)

Recent visitors to Scalpcliffe Wood will have noticed the work being done on the hill to install steps. Hopefully, now they go all the way to the top it will make access easier especially during the wetter weather.

To enable this work to be undertaken we have been fortunate to have obtained grants from the National Forest, both for materials and for The Conservation Volunteers to lead the project and provide labour. Supported by Borough Councillor Bernard Peters, we were also able to gain funding for materials from The Councillors Community Fund.

Working with The Conservation Volunteers, the FoSW workgroup transported materials to the site ready for the volunteers to construct the steps. Once the steps were in place, FoSW erected brush fences at certain points to help mark the pathway and stabilise the edges. These fences will also help to provide important wildlife habitats.

Coming up, also with the help of The Conservation Volunteers, is a second grass cut and reduction of some of the hawthorn and dog rose in the top field. FoSW will then strategically sow yellow rattle seed to encourage wildflowers on the crown of the hill.

## The Seeds of Success

In the Spring, a few experienced growers at North Stapenhill Allotments Association (NSAA) in Woods Lane planted their pumpkin seeds with great expectations. It's likely that they were intent on winning the highly sought after trophy for the biggest pumpkin - an annual competition to stir any red blooded gardener!

Fortunately for them, 2023 turned out to be a great year for pumpkins so that by September it was clear that there were going to be many contenders for that coveted prize.

At NSAA we love helping in the community, so when in September a request came from the Adventure Farm for pumpkins for their Autumn display, we were only too glad to help. It really took some muscle power and team work to get some monster pumpkins into the back of a van! As a thank you for supplying a great display of pumpkins, the Adventure Farm kindly donated two free passes for the Maize Maze. But the story doesn't end there!

One of NSAA's leading members organised a MacMillan Coffee Morning on 29th September at the Grove public house and one of the prizes up for grabs in the tombola? - you got it! A couple of free passes to the Maize Maze. Amazingly the coffee morning raised a whopping £608.

Allotments aren't just about gardening; they are real communities, hence our slogan 'Growing together!' [nsaacommittee01@gmail.com](mailto:nsaacommittee01@gmail.com)

## Violet Way Academy School

At Violet Way, we regularly engage with parents regarding anti-idling through our school newsletter. We took part in the 'Walk to School' month during October, and there will be a 'Walk to School' week later in the academic year, to promote healthy lifestyles and encourage pupils to walk, scoot or cycle to school. In newsletters we support awareness of the impact of sitting in idling cars. For example, we explain that engine idling wastes fuel and therefore money and that engine idling gives hazardous pollutions that may cause sickness and other diseases. We request that parents ensure that they switch engines off to prevent air pollution. We also have a banner outside the school to remind parents about the impact of idling engines.





### Bumblebee Safari

During August Brizlincote Parish Council were pleased to hold a Bumblebee Safari at the Hollows led by the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. The event was aimed at our younger residents who had a fun time sharing Bee related activities – and enjoying ice cream from the van on site! It was particularly good to have a local nursery join us with their small pupils and to meet with them and the other children who attended along with their responsible adults. Everyone was offered a free packet of bee friendly wildflower seeds which carried a commemorative label marking the Coronation of King Charles III which took place earlier this year.



### Recycle Plastic - Do Your Bit

Each year we throw out 16 Olympic size swimming pools worth of plastic bottles!!!

We can do something about this by at least recycling the bottle tops. There is a company in Burton called Burton Re Run and they recycle bottle tops into all sorts of things - including the signs on The Hollows Family Walk, which is a project initiated by Brizlincote Parish Council.

Have a look at Burton ReRun - <https://www.burtonrerun.co.uk> . As you will see, they can use plastic lids of any colour. They have a drop-off point in Clay Street, the house in the fork of Clay Street, left hand side. You will see a sign on the gate. Go through the gate and leave any plastic lids by the bins. If you need a sack for further lids they are in the same place.

Perhaps next time you empty a plastic bottle, bleach, squash etc. put the lid in a separate bag and when you have a bag full take them along to be recycled, and you can say you are doing your bit to save the planet!!

### East Side Arts Event

Brizlincote Parish Council is pleased to announce that the East Side Arts Event 2023 took place in local schools again last term. This year, pupils were invited to submit artwork following the topic “Re-Greening and Rewilding Burton or your local park or garden”. Twenty-six shortlisted entries were exhibited in Burton Library during September and culminated in local artist Joe Fox judging and selecting 12 finalists artworks to produce a 2024 calendar on 30<sup>th</sup> September at the library. The Mayor of East Staffordshire attended the judging event to present the finalists with certificates.

Congratulations to the following 12 finalists selected from Burton PRU, Edge Hill Academy, Paulet High School and Tower View Primary School.

Megan Norton	Maddieson Hardwick	Betsy Hicklin
Alan Szczygielski	Alexa Neilson	Kassiya Kamunga
Evgenia Geneva	Maya Wieckowska	Carleigh Hollinshead
Arrabella North	Eleanor Farrelly	Kelsey Legrice

The Mayor of East Staffordshire also invited the 12 finalists to attend an Insignia at the Town Hall to congratulate them on their efforts. The calendar will be available to download on our website soon.



A sample of a sign made out of bottle tops



Thank you to Asda for supplying refreshments for our Art presentation at Burton Library on the 30th September 2023



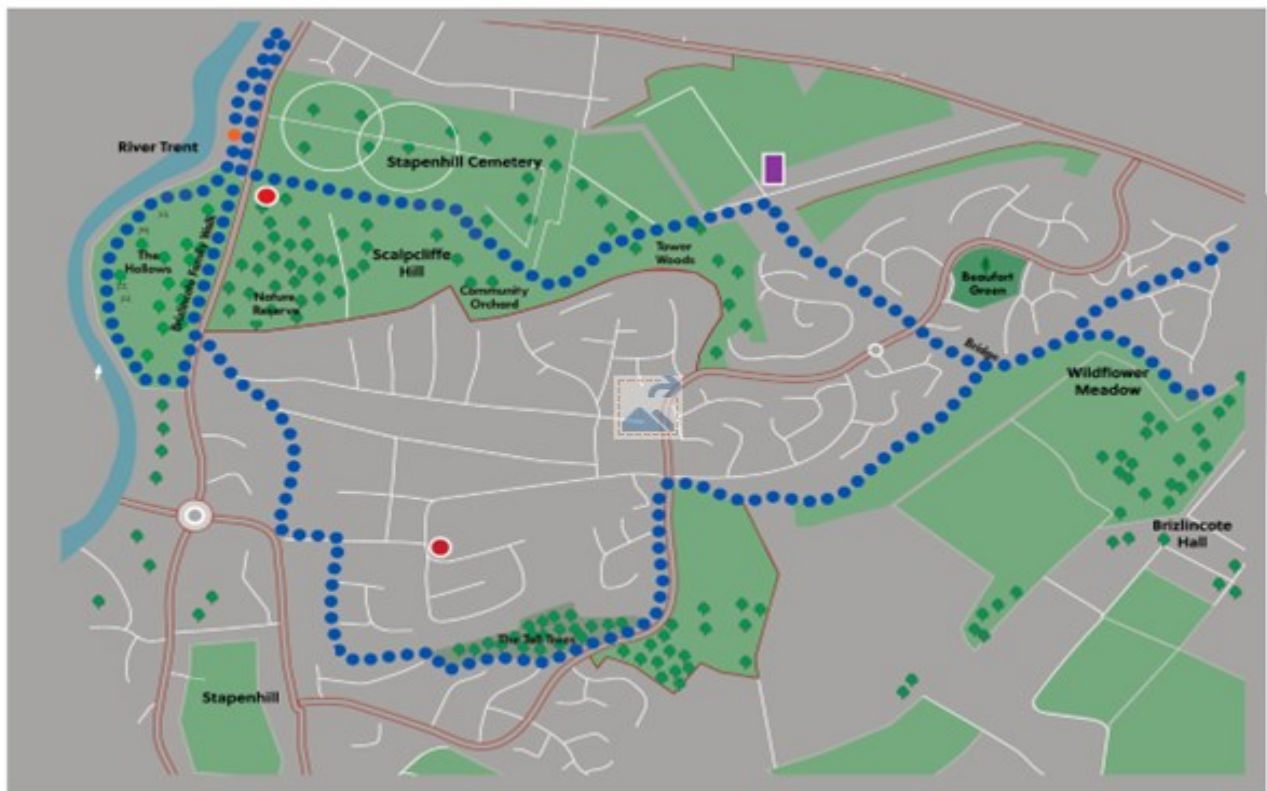
## Brizlincote Family Walk at the Hollows

The project to enhance the Hollows in keeping with the local environment by utilising part of the circular walk and to promote engagement for all ages and abilities with the natural world around us has now been completed. The diverse variety of picnic benches provided include ease of access for all and another for wheelchair users and pushchairs. Brightly coloured location signs as well as a variety of interpretation boards offer interesting and quirky facts on everything from habitat to history and geology pertaining to the East Side of the River Trent. We hope that the various habitat boxes installed will enable more of our feathered, mammal and insect friends with whom we share the green space to thrive. Many of the tree species now carry a naming plaque. In addition, several on site surveys have been undertaken which detail many of the species of flora and fauna which are to be found in this beautiful green space – please contact us for more information on this if you are interested. The Hollows is unusual in offering such diverse habitats within one location. Wherever possible we have used recycled materials and local manufacturers and have greatly benefited from volunteer work to deliver this project.

With thanks to our funding partners and ESBC who have supported our aims and also installed a variety of wooden carvings which represent some of the wildlife within the Hollows. Please report any wilful damage or activities out of hours to 01283 517111 which is the ESBC emergency number.

Please visit our Facebook page and [www.Brizlincote-pc.org.uk](http://www.Brizlincote-pc.org.uk) for further information on The Family Walk and other topics.

Below is a map of key locations around the parish



For further information please contact:  
East Staffordshire Borough Council  
01283 508 000  
[www.eaststaffsbcc.gov.uk](http://www.eaststaffsbcc.gov.uk) [www.brizlincote-pc.org.uk](http://www.brizlincote-pc.org.uk)

●●● Brizlincote Nature Walk (4.5 miles)

● Public Houses

● Queens Green Canopy Tree

■ The Water Tower

● The Woodland Hub

☞ Picnic Area