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Staffordshire Day 1st May 2026

Staffordshire Day took place on 1st May 2026, to celebrate everything that we love about our county.

The Parish Council supported Staffordshire Day this year, promoting the beautiful walks that are accessible within the parish. These walks were featured in the National Association of Councils social media posts which we were pleased that Brizlincote Parish was put 'on the map'.

Walk your way into Summer

Have you noticed the new interpretation board illustrating a map of the circular Brizlincote Nature Walk? Although the full walk is 4.5 miles in full you can access or leave the walk at many points. We are sure many of you will already know that the route follows the River Trent up to the top of Elms Road and past Scalpcliffe Woods Nature Reserve. From there follow the



Woodland pathway to fantastic views over Burton to the left and Brizlincote to the right and then into the Community Orchard with a wide variety of fruit trees sitting between spring and summer wildflowers. From here head down the pathway behind Tesco Express – turning left you will discover the Wildflower Meadow and Brizlincote Memorial Copse or cross the small bridge over the stream and behind Grafton Road before heading up the hill and through the Tall Trees walk. The next part of the walk is through the parish and back down to the river to complete the circle.

Within the Hollows you can follow a smaller circular walk known as the Brizlincote Family Walk which offers information on several illustrated boards with interesting and quirky facts about local flora and fauna as well as local history and our unique geography. Bat and bird boxes as well as insect hotels are positioned around the walk, and you will also see a variety of wooden carved wildlife and brightly coloured walkway signs. The Woodland Hub offers a great viewing point over the river and into town.

There are many comfortable benches and tables situated throughout the walk so don't forget to bring a picnic!

Many Parish Council incentives are supplied via grant applications and are pleased to advise that we were successful in our application to Community Foundation Staffordshire which enabled us to provide the new Nature Walk Map board.

Volunteer Groups

Are you part of a volunteer group which you would like to highlight for the work they do locally? We would love to hear your stories and experiences of the benefit which they offer with a view to including these in future issues. Please contact

clerk@brizlincote-pc.gov.uk

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Forthcoming Events 2026

Plans are well underway for our programme of events and activities for the year. As with previous years, we are looking to offer a range of events for the residents of Brizlincote as follows:

Plantings – Our displays of plants and flowers will be appearing around the parish in the usual places, hopefully heralding the arrival of spring and a lovely summer ahead.

Summer Event – Our summer sports and activity event has been taking place for several years and we hope this year will be no exception. We are planning to expand the event for this year to offer activities for children of all ages. Look out for advertising posters and banners.

East Side Art Event 2026—During April, the 11 East Side schools have been invited to submit their pupil's artwork into the Parish Council's annual art event. The focus of this year's theme will be litter and recycling.

The shortlisted entries will be exhibited and judged at the Brewhouse in September. All the shortlisted pupil's will be invited to a presentation event, and 12 finalists will be selected to create the 2027 Brizlincote Parish Council calendar featuring their artwork.

We also welcome entries from all children aged 5-16 years residing in the Brizlincote, Stapenhill and Winshill area directly to the Parish Council too – email clerk@brizlincote-pc.gov.uk for the entry form and event details.

The calendar will be available to download from the Parish Council website later in the year.

Remembrance Day – Remembrance day in November will be marked by the laying of wreaths and time to reflect.

Christmas Celebration – Our Christmas event will round off the year with refreshments, entertainment and a visit from the Big Man in his red suit.

Further details along with confirmation of dates, times and venues will be issued in future newsletters as well as available on the Brizlincote Parish website and Facebook page. Posters will also be displayed around the parish as the events draw near.

North Stapenhill Allotments

We kicked off the social season at North Stapenhill Allotment Association with a fun event for the children. 17 excited kids and their parents came for the Easter Egg Hunt. Great fun and excitement was experienced by all and the children proved yet again how sharp eyed they are when it comes to spotting easter eggs. Then we all enjoyed some refreshments in the big communal polytunnel afterwards. Needless to say it was a huge success.

The allotments aren't only about growing vegetables. It is a wonderful community too where you can go when you are bored or a bit lonely and know there will be friendly faces around to soothe your spirits and lift them up. We normally hold several events during the year to help cement the community feelings that are so important. This might include a coffee morning in the early summer, and then a scarecrow and Guy Fawkes competition later in the year. Our pumpkin giveaways are legendary and if you want a whopper to grace your front porch, NSAA is the place to come. Watch out for the signs in October.

Every other year we have an Open Day when the community is invited in for some fun. This year it will be on August 9th, a Sunday, and we are hoping that the Almighty smiles on us yet again and provides us with a sunny day. As usual we will have afternoon teas in the polytunnel, burgers and hot dogs at the BBQ and a good selection of stalls to tempt you with inexpensive bargains and fresh vegetables. There's usually some fun event for the kids like a tractor to climb on or welly wangin' and races.

So if you are thinking an allotment is a place of servitude and grief, please think again. We are also a place of fun and companionship which makes the rest pleasurable. And on top of that we get some cracking organic veg!!!





Brizlincote Residents' Litter Group

Some may have noticed that a local Volunteer Litter Picking Group in Brizlincote has been established, with support from both the Parish Council and Tesco Express, Best Avenue and Co-op, Woods Lane. There are 4 regular pickers and a total of 15 people having helped so far.

The litter seems to come from various sources, from car windows along the Beaufort Road / Violet Way. The group are filling 2-3 large sacks every week just along this route.

There is also an increase in van drivers kicking their footwells clean, both into the Tesco car park and along kerbsides where they are working, whilst the steps to the shops car park, Grafton Rd trees and Keble Close steps also needing regular tidying.

The groups meets every Thursday 2pm to do a litter pick and also the 2nd Saturday of the month.

If you wish to join us for a good hour's walk whilst helping the community to look smarter, please come along at either of the above times, or contact Craig Chapman 07414 753835 or the Parish Council.

Useful contact details

East Staffordshire Borough Council, General enquiries: 01283 508000
Staffordshire County Council, General enquiries: 0300 111 8000

Did you know about our Memorial Copse?

Tucked away behind the wildflower meadow off Trevelyan Close, Brizlincote Valley is home to a peaceful and meaningful space known as the Memorial Copse, a place many residents may not yet have discovered.

The copse has been created as a living place of remembrance. It offers a quiet setting to reflect, walk, and feel connected to both nature and those who have been part of our community. If you are interested in having a tree planted in memory of someone close to you with a strong connection to Brizlincote, please contact the Parish Council. ESBC have kindly offered this area to Brizlincote as a memorial copse. If you are interested in dedicating a tree to a loved one who lived or worked within a one mile radius of the parish please contact clerk@brizlincote-pc.gov.uk. Please be aware that specific criteria in relation to commemoration trees applies.

The copse also features an apple tree which the Parish Council had pruned. We encourage residents to visit the copse and take a moment to appreciate this thoughtful and evolving part of our community."

Volunteers' Afternoon Tea

During April, Brizlincote Parish Council were delighted to host afternoon tea and cakes in order to show our appreciation to local people from the Parish who have been key in contributing their time, skills and goods in order to support our events.

CPR Training Session

During February Brizlincote Parish Council were delighted to host a free CPR training session (basic life support technique) at the Grove who kindly donated a room and refreshments for this event. CPR is a worthwhile skill to have in your armoury even though you hope that you never need to use it. The aim of the training was to demystify the way CPR is used and build confidence to a level where we would all be prepared to try to save a life if we found ourselves in that situation. The event was well attended. attended by residents and presented by Killick Medical.



Friends of Scalpcliffe Woods

I hope that many of you who live in Brizlincote will know of the Brizlincote Nature Walk and have enjoyed the route through woodland, farmland and inevitably some more built up areas among the houses. However, at the bottom of the path from the Tower, as you reach the top of Elms Road, a detour can be made through the kissing gate. This will take you onto the top of Scalpcliffe Hill where, on a good day, you can enjoy spectacular views to the north as far as the Peak District and views to the south over the Brizlincote Valley. Follow the paths round on the south side to reach the top of the hill where you can enter the woodland and use the steps to reach the bottom of the hill, exiting onto Stapenhill Road by Rider House Nursing Home.

The Friends of Scalpcliffe Woods aim to enhance the work done by ESBC Open Spaces to keep the paths in this nature reserve useable. We have also been working to maintain the view to the north by reducing the hawthorn bushes growing along that edge. We try to meet two or three times a month to undertake some type of maintenance work for example clearing brambles, cutting back ivy or litter picking.

If you would like to find out more about our group please email: foswde15@gmail.com

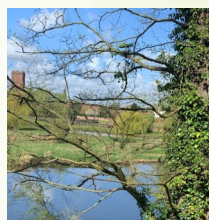
Brizlincote Nature Walk Route

Have you noticed the new interpretation board situated in Beaufort Green close to the Queen's Green Canopy Tree?

We were pleased to accept funding from Staffordshire Community Foundation on behalf of the Parish which enables us to share the route planning map detailing the 4.5-mile nature walk which encircles the area. There are several points where you can join or leave the route so make your walk on the day as long or short as you like. Why not take a picnic or call at one of the pubs or café along the trail? Or enjoy the Family Walk at the Hollows with our younger residents and four -legged friends!



Do you recognise these locations?



Welcome new councillor — Cllr Will Topliss

About me: I was born in Burton upon Trent and grew up in Newhall. I have lived in Burton upon Trent for over 10 years and currently live in the parish with my family. I began my career locally as an engineering apprentice at the Molson Coors brewery before moving into the defence sector. I am also currently completing a part-time engineering degree with the Open University.

Alongside my professional work, I volunteer within the engineering profession as Chair of the UK Communities Finance Committee at the Institute of Engineering and Technology. I am particularly interested in supporting the responsible management of parish assets, improving local spaces for residents, and ensuring that decisions taken by the council reflect the needs of the community.

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