

Burbage Parish Council Newsletter



So who do you know who deserves a special thank-you for making Burbage special?

KNOW of anyone, or anything helping to make Burbage a great place to live and work, deserving a pat on the back . . . and in the normal course of events not too likely to get one? I'm sure we all do.

A group that wants to do something about that is the Rural Community Council (Leicestershire and Rutland), an organisation that promotes excellence in all community aspects and highlights the good things the county has to offer. It is extending the role this year by introducing the Leicestershire and Rutland Achievement Awards for 2017, announcing a series of categories for which nominations are being invited. The RCC wants applications from the general public, community groups, charities, parish councils and local businesses. A spokesman said: "If you know of a volunteer, an individual or a group worthy of praise for their contribution to the local community, a parish council, library, community building or service that's doing good work, do get in touch." The seven awards categories for this year include:

- Best community library award – one that could be right up Burbage's street, with judges looking for a demonstrable impact in facilities, creative uses and improvements
- Unsung heroes award - made to an individual or a group that has gone the extra mile to benefit a community
- Parish council award – engagement and communication with parishioners is a key factor in this category

COUNCIL and committee meetings at the Millennium Hall in Britannia Road normally start at 7.30pm and follow this rota, subject to change if clashing with Bank Holidays: First Monday of month – Parish Council; second Monday, Planning Committee; third Monday, Finance & General Purposes Committee; fourth Monday, Planning Committee. Meetings in the weeks ahead: Monday, 5th June, Parish Council; Monday, 12th June, Planning; Monday, 19th June, Finance and General Purposes; Monday, 26th June, Planning; Monday, 10th July, Planning; Monday, 24th July, Planning.

THE elected membership of Burbage Parish Council is: Sketchley: Stan Rooney (chairman), Mike Hall, Amanda Wright, Christopher Ashton. Lash Hill: Ann Hall, Howard Wilkins, Stuart Bray, Mark Nickerson, Roger Johnson. Stretton: Peter Morris, David Inman, Liz Rooney, Keith Lynch. Tilton: Richard Flemming, Lucie Hoelmer, Noel Robinson, Tony Iliffe. St Catherine's: Peter Wallace, Mary Sherwin, Andrew Clayton (vice chairman).

- Best community building award – the criteria includes the impact of the facility on a community, marketing, creative use and revenue

Nominations can normally be accepted from any party - individuals, groups and organisations - either for themselves or on behalf of another, although in some cases permission will need to be sought from the nominee. For further information, full details on each category or to request a nomination form, visit the RCC website at www.ruralcc.org.uk/awards, e-mail the team at awards@ruralcc.org.uk or chat to Allyson Jeffrey on 0116 278 1443 or 07803 126807.

The deadline for applications to be received is 5pm, Wednesday 12th July, 2017 and the awards will be presented at a dinner at the King Power Stadium, Leicester, on Thursday, 26th October, 2017.

New players turn out for the parish council team

TWO new members have been welcomed at Burbage Parish Council meetings, following victories at elections last month to fill casual vacancies. Cllr Mr Tony Iliffe, who topped the poll in Tilton ward, was formerly in hosiery manufacturing. He has lived in the Burbage area all his life and says a major aim will be to keep a close eye on further housing development to help keep it under control and sustainable. Cllr Mr Roger Johnson, a semi-retired sales and marketing consultant, was elected to represent the Lash Hill ward. He has moved back to the area after living in the Devon area and has a strong interest in youth activities and their involvement in sport.

Watching Brief...

New Focus On Security And Fighting Crime In Your Neighbourhood

WELCOME to Watching Brief, a new format within your Local Rock Parish Council newsletter where issues flagged up by Burbage Neighbourhood Watch will be highlighted. The Parish Council fully supports the NHW group and wants to keep the focus firmly on the safety and security of everyone who works and lives in the village . . . you, your family, friends and neighbours. Watching Brief will be a regular feature in the community-targeted centre-spread and the place to look if you are concerned about crime and its prevention in the parish.

Bins act silent witness to send a message to speeders

ANDY HARRISON, Burbage's Police Community Support Officer, is promoting an initiative he hopes could help curb the speed of drivers who travel too fast in Coventry Road. It's a heavily-used through-road in the village that didn't get any traffic calming measures and complaints of excess speeds are regular. Sticking "drive carefully" 30mph speed reminder signs on household refuse and recycling bins is an idea that's been tried in some areas and Andy has managed to get hold of a limited supply he will make available to Coventry Road householders. The idea is that on bin collection days, those at the wheel will see a series of distinctive reminders displayed on bins at the kerbside. PCSO Harrison said: "There

aren't enough to do every house but to see a sign outside every three or four properties along the route from Rugby Road to Victoria Road would be great. If any Coventry Road resident would like a sticker for their bin, please request one through myself or the Parish Council."

If the idea is taken up PCSO Harrison envisages a further initiative of staging speed checks in the area, conducted by Special Constables.

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Cash in the kitty helps community teams hit safety goals

MONEY that could be used by communities to help protect vulnerable people has been promised by Leicestershire's Police and Crime Commissioner. Lord Willy Bach has launched a Prevention Fund that will make £250,000 available in 2017/2018 to grassroot groups who address community safety goals. Another £250,000 will be set aside in 2018/2019. The Commissioner believes everyone has a responsibility to keep the county's communities safe and healthy and says his fund recognises the important role local groups and organisations play. He is keen to work side-by-side with them to address issues which have a serious impact on public safety – they include domestic

violence, sexual exploitation of children and hate crime. Funding grants of between £10,000 and £25,000 could be made to exceptional projects. To find out how the grant aid will work and whether your organisation would be eligible, check the links at www.leics.pcc.police.uk/funding-2017-18

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Emergency Police calls: Dial **999**

All other Police calls: Dial **101** and follow prompts

Burbage Beat Team
0094 for Sgt Dave Cleaver / **6670** for PCSO Andy Harrison
Leave your name and number
For local policing news and contact by email link to beat team
www.leics.police.uk

BURBAGE PARISH COUNCIL
01455 637533
Hinckley Council **01455 238141**
Emergency out of hours
01455 251137

Noise / abandoned cars / fly-tipping environmental issues (Hinckley Council) **01455 238141**
Domestic violence **07966 202181**
No Cold Calling **08454 040506**
Victim Support **0300 3031947**



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