

# Burbage Parish Council Newsletter



## VIBs in Burbage compete for county awards

TWO Very Important Buildings in Burbage - the Millennium Hall and Burbage's rescued and revamped village library - have been nominated for Leicestershire and Rutland Achievement Awards for 2017.

The awards scheme, highlighted in last month's Local Rock issue, is run by the Rural Community Council (Leicestershire and Rutland) to promote all the good things the county has to offer to people who live and work there and to visitors.

There are seven categories, aiming to give a pat on the back to unsung heroes - the volunteers, individuals, groups and organisations going the extra mile to provide their communities with a feel-good factor.

The village nominations have been made by Burbage Parish Council, which has put forward its own headquarters building, the Millennium Hall in Britannia Road, as a contender for the best community building award. Criteria the judges will consider includes the impact of the facility on the public, its marketing, creative use and the revenue it produces. The library is named as a challenger for the best community library award. Judges will be looking for creative uses and improvements and a demonstrable impact on users.



• NEW planting is brightening up the street scene fronting the flourishing Burbage Community Library. Bedding was donated by a garden centre and some hard work by volunteers from the library team and from Burbage Gardening Club soon had the garden area around the community building in Church Street looking its colourful best.

## Watching Brief...

### Outwitting car thieves needs some lateral thinking

CAR manufacturers seeking to improve the security of the expensive merchandise they market have in recent years extended anti-theft measures to extraordinary degrees of sophistication. Confirmed car crooks know it - and would much sooner get hold of the keys or remote device, enabling them to drive away an undamaged model, often stolen to order, with a minimum of bother.

It's one factor behind a spate of "walk-in" break-ins in the Burbage and Hinckley area. These intruders, who commonly target modern UPVC doors with a small lock, aren't after your household goods. They frequently dare to strike when the family is at home, watching TV or in bed. What they are hoping to find are vehicle keys (conveniently, conspicuously and carelessly left lying around by most of us), enabling a quick in- and out burglary that ends in a prized vehicle spotted on the driveway being quietly driven away before the owner has any idea what's wrong.

High-end cars are the usual choice. The car gangs want your BMWs, Audis and high-powered VW Golfs.

And they have perfected a technique that can noiselessly snap some UPVC door locks and render them useless in seconds. Burbage Community Support Officer Andy Harrison suggests local locksmiths, window and door specialists can help. Talk

to them and seek advice about a latest generation of lock that can be fitted into old and newer doors. It has a mechanism that can't be broken in a hurry or without noise and is approved by police and insurance groups.

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### Partners against mischief dig in at allotments site

INDIVIDUALS and groups who believe allotments should be places where people can enjoy a cherished pastime in peace and safety have linked arms to find ways of achieving that aim. Blackways Meadows may be a tranquil haven, but its seclusion and copious ground cover can attract the wrong sort of wildlife, prone to bouts of anti-social behaviour. A partnership to combat risks that include vandalism, theft and personal abuse is on the cards, following a meeting of stakeholders.

Much of Blackways (also known as Courting Stiles) is made up of former privately-owned allotments, some in existence since the late 19th century. The Blackways Meadows Allotments Co-operative, formed a few years ago as a community project, has acquired through lease many of the old gardens and has more than 40 members who rent them. A further dozen or so restored plots are controlled by Burbage Parish Council, which is also responsible for public tracks

threading the area. The two groups were joined at the on-site meeting by the Burbage police team, allotment tenants and agencies representing Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council. The likely outcome is a continued dialogue and a partnership that will work together in a practical way to find solutions to modern-day problems threatening an ancient tradition of urban life.

### Working in Partnership to Reduce Crime

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](http://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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## Game on for a makeover at sports ground pavilion

A SUCCESSFUL application for grant aid from the Parish and Community Initiative Fund means a major refurbishment can be lined up for the sports pavilion on the parish council's Hinckley Road recreation ground. The fund is administered by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and £12,000 is being made available for the scheme. The council is preparing plans and a specification for the makeover.

## Life-savers on 24/7 duty

THE parish council is checking out opportunities to install more defibrillators, devices which members of the public can use to help save lives, throughout the parish. It is also examining the value of siting them so that people have 24/7 access - the defibrillator at the Millennium Hall is to be re-positioned in a cabinet on an outside wall. Grant funding possibilities to help provide other machines in the village are being examined.

## On a lazy Sunday afternoon, the hard work pays off

GREAT weather, super atmosphere and wonderful crowds . . . Burbage Carnival went with its usual swing. From the colourful floats and figures in the procession to family-based fun at Britannia Fields, the day marked another success story for this fixture in the Burbage calendar. The parish council congratulates the carnival committee, the many people who helped make it all work and all those who attended. Generous giving to charity means worthy local causes will benefit when donations are later announced.

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, 10th July, Planning; Monday, 24th July, Planning. Monday, 7th August, Parish Council; Monday, 14th August, Planning; Monday, 21st August, Finance and General Purposes.