

Burbage Parish Council Newsletter



Tree works for birds

Parish Council estates staff will be taking a softly-softly approach to tree and hedge work from now until the end of August.

It is illegal to disturb an active nest, so only the most careful general tidying, and some siding and topping of hedges will be carried out during the summer months, with the protection of nesting birds the team's top priority.

Allotment award launched

Fourteen parish council allotment plot holders have signed up to compete for a new, best-kept allotment award.

It is to be presented in memory of former parish council Project Officer Pat Armstrong, who died last year.

Mr Armstrong managed the allotments as part of his role, and every plot holder at the council's Woodland Avenue and Blackways Meadow sites was given the opportunity to take part.

Judging will take place later this year, and the winner will be presented with a plaque to put on their plot.

Chairman's award for community service

A special award for community service is to be made at Burbage Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 4th March at 7pm in Burbage Millennium Hall.

The meeting, which is a community gathering and open to all, will see one parishioner given special recognition for their contribution to village life.

Parish Council chairman Cllr Stan Rooney will present his chosen recipient with a commemorative vase to keep for a year and a certificate to mark the occasion.

Cllr Rooney will also give a short recap of Parish Council achievements during the past 12 months and parishioners attending the meeting will be able to quiz him and other councillors on matters of community interest.

Burbage Parish Lands Charity vacancy

A vacancy has become available for a co-opted trustee to join Burbage Parish Lands Charity.

The Charity, which receives rents and interest generated from three plots of land, distributes funds to causes working for the benefit of Burbage parishioners.

One of the plots of land it owns is Colts Close Recreation Ground, which is rented to and managed by Burbage Parish Council.

The new trustee, who must live within the Parish of Burbage, will work alongside two other co-opted trustees and two trustees nominated by Burbage Parish Council to administer the Charity.

Co-opted trustees are appointed for a period of five years, with trust meetings generally held four times a year, usually on a Tuesday between 7.30pm and 9pm.

Anyone interested in applying for the post is asked to submit a letter explaining how their skills and experience could benefit the work of the charity and outlining why they would like to be involved.

Letters of applications should be sent either by post to Burbage Parish Lands Charity secretary Mr G Davis, c/o 14 Norfolk Close, Burbage, LE10 2LE or by email to graham@grdconsultancy.co.uk before Wednesday 30th March 2019.

New team to run farmers market

A new group has taken over the organisation of Burbage Farmers' Markets.

Known simply as Burbage Farmers' Market, the group has taken over the running of the monthly market, which was previously co-ordinated by East Midlands Markets & Events (EMME).

The specialist sales will continue to be held on the first Saturday of each month, from 9am until 12.30pm, and will be set up on the car park of Burbage Methodist Church on Windsor Street.

The church will be open during market trading hours, serving hot drinks and light refreshments.

National Rail Freight Interchange working group formed

Five parish councillors, including three who sit on a cross parish working group, have formed a parish council working party to co-ordinate a response to plans for a National Rail Freight Interchange to be built near Junction 2 of the M69.

Logistics developer db symmetry wants to construct a 225.57 hectare rail port plus up to 850,000 square metres of storage and logistics buildings on the site.

To find out more, visit www.hinckleynrfi.co.uk or email the consultation team at hinckleynrfi@lexcomm.co.uk or call the community information line on **0844 556 3002**.

Green spaces identified for memorial benches

Benches may now be donated and dedicated in memory of a loved one at five of the Parish Council's green spaces.

Locations for the public memorials have been identified at Britannia Road, Sketchley Hill Farm (Tilton Road) and Hinckley Road recreation grounds, Far Lash open space and in The Horsepool off Church Street.

The cost of donating a memorial bench will be £960 (VAT exempt), which includes a plaque bearing a personal commemoration plus installation and maintenance by the Parish Council for 10 years.

At the end of the 10 year period, there will be an option to extend the memorial dedication by a further five 5 years, subject to terms and conditions set out in the council's Donated Memorial Bench Policy.

To find out more, and for a copy of the policy and application form, please call the parish office on **01455 637533**.

Community crime prevention day



Cuddly crime-fighter Burbage Community Bear will be special guest at a free crime prevention event to be held in Burbage Millennium Hall on Saturday 2nd March between 3pm and 7pm.

The drop-in event, in the main hall, is being co-ordinated by Burbage PCSO 6035 Darren Stretton, who is based at the police office in the community building on Britannia Road.

There will be children's activities, police uniform dress-up and plenty of Burbage Community Bear stickers to be given away.

Crime prevention advice and equipment will be available, with help offered on improving home security and being one step ahead of rogue traders. There will also be an emphasis on youth issues, including online safety.

The event will also be an opportunity for Neighbourhood Watch volunteers to meet and share information and ideas, and to promote the community watch network.

Parish office opening times

Burbage Parish office at Burbage Millennium Hall, on Britannia Road, is open to the public between 9am and midday, Monday to Friday, for customer service queries and payments including inquiries relating to hall hire, cemetery use and allotments.

The office can also be contacted on **01455 637533** between 9am and midday on weekdays, with an answerphone service at other times, or by emailing info@burbage-council.co.uk

Forthcoming meetings. Council and committee meetings are held on Mondays in Burbage Millennium Hall, starting at either 7pm or 7.30pm, and are open to members of the public.

Forthcoming meetings are as follows: Finance & General Purposes committee, 7.30pm, 18th February; Planning committee, 7pm, 25th February; Parish Council, 7.30pm, 4th March; Planning, 7pm, 11th March; F&GP, 7.30pm, 18th March.