

Council-backed show is a life-saving success

Burbage Gardening Club's annual show held at Hastings High School in August raised more than £350 for the West Leicestershire Community First Responder Group.

The Parish Council supported the show with a £200 donation towards set-up costs, and has also donated £200 to the First Responder Group, which serves Burbage and other areas across Hinckley & Bosworth borough.

First Responders are volunteers who are trained by East Midlands Ambulance Service to attend life-threatening call-outs and provide emergency medical assistance until an emergency ambulance crew arrives. Funds raised cover costs of equipment, uniforms and essential kit.

Burbage Gardening Club is paid by the Parish Council to plant up around 100 hanging baskets to brighten the community, twice a year.



Baskets are due to be taken down on October 1 this year for re-planting for autumn and winter colour and are due to be re-hung on October 8.

The Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm at The Constitutional Club on Church Street and welcomes new members.

To find out more visit www.burbagegardeningclub.org.uk or contact Denise Kovarovic on **01455 632528** or at dkovarovic@btinternet.com

From left, show class winners Linda Barratt, Peter Hammond, Christine Godfrey, Judy Buckell, Phil Burgess and 90 year old Bob Potter. *Picture: Jim Tomlinson*

Councillors are concerned about rail hub plans – but what do you think?

Parishioners are being invited to Millennium Hall to tell Councillors what they feel about plans to build a National Rail Freight Interchange near to Burbage.

A drop-in session is to be held between 7pm and 8.30pm on Monday September 30 when Councillors will be available to listen to people's concerns about and expectations for the proposed scheme.

The development, which will be considered at Government level, not by the local planning authority, is set to include a rail terminal of up to 13.71 hectares (about 33 acres) plus about 850,000 square metres (about 9.1million square feet) for high bay storage and logistics buildings, together with associated infrastructure.

It would be served by a proposed new link road and could see development stretching up to the boundary with Burbage Common.

Parish Councillors are opposed to the scheme, which they feel will be damaging to the local environment, especially Burbage Common, and will cause traffic problems in and around the village.

Councillors are concerned about:

- **Impact on traffic through the village**
- **Tens of thousands of HGV movements on the doorstep**
- **Increased exhaust emissions**
- **Environmental impact on Burbage Common**

Do you agree? Or do you support the scheme?

Later in the year, the Council will be asked to give its views on the suitability of the proposed site, as well as suggesting what could be done to lessen the impact of the development, if it is given permission.

Councillors are therefore keen to find out if residents share their objections, or if there is support for the scheme, which would provide employment across the area.

Parish Council chairman, Cllr Paul Williams, said: "This is an opportunity for parishioners to come along and share with us their concerns or expectations.

"Whatever your views, this is an opportunity to speak with your local councillors, to ensure that they represent what matters to you."

Christmas is coming and so is Burbage Street Market

Following the success of last year's Burbage Christmas Street Market, the Parish Council is again joining forces with East Midlands Markets & Events (EMME) Ltd to stage a similar event for 2019.

The family-friendly FREE festive evening will be held on Friday November 29 in Windsor Street, which will be closed to traffic from the junction with Britannia Road to the junction with Church Street, between 4pm and 10.30pm. There will also be no access via Freemans Lane.

To help the event go with a swing, local musicians are again being invited to perform from a gazebo in the centre of the shopping street, from 5.30pm.

School groups, community choirs and ensembles, as well as individuals and bands, both amateur and professional, who would be interested in performing a 20-minute slot on the night, as well as street entertainers to perform within the market itself are being encouraged to contact the parish office on **01455 637533** to find out more.

Public feedback will help shape Colts Close provision

A public consultation exercise to gauge people's views on proposals for new play provision at Colts Close Recreation Ground closed on August 31.

Dozens of residents who use the Parish Council managed green space have given their feedback as to how they would like the Council to spend anticipated developer contributions (£106 funding) generated by new homes that have been built around Sunloch Close, which could total around £43,000.

The money can only be used for specific provision, including children's play equipment, sports pitches, fixed courts or multi-functional sports spaces, paths, picnic tables, bins and planted areas, and all the new provision will be put on land owned by the Parish Council and not on the sports field owned by Burbage Parish Lands Charity.

Based on feedback received, the Parish Council will now invite play providers to draw up potential schemes, which residents will be invited to consider as soon as they are available.

New sports pavilion opens at Britannia Road



A purpose-built sports pavilion on Britannia Road Recreation Ground has been completed in time for the new football and rugby season.

The pavilion, sited close to the pitches on the Parish Council managed green space, is the first phase of a major redevelopment of Millennium Hall and its associated facilities. It provides showering and changing room facilities, a first-aid room and officials' areas.

Work is continuing to extend and re-model the main community building, which will see a second hall and associated kitchen created in place of the previous changing rooms, plus a second meeting room, an open-plan reception and coffee kiosk, and extra car parking spaces.

Meetings for the month ahead Council and committee meetings are held on Mondays in Burbage Millennium Hall, all starting at 7pm, and are open to any parishioners wishing to attend.

Forthcoming meetings are as follows: Parish Council, September 2; Planning Committee, September 9 and 23; Finance & General Purposes Committee, September 16.

Burbage Parish Council can be contacted by emailing info@burbage-council.co.uk or by calling the parish office, Monday to Friday, 9am to midday, on **01455 637533**.