

Burbage Parish Council Newsletter



October 2020

Speed drive launched

Parish Councillors have launched a campaign calling on drivers to check their speed as they travel through the village.

Cllr Barry Walker, chairman of the Council's Traffic Issues Working Party, said: *"During lockdown in late spring our roads became much emptier with the reduction in road traffic. Over the summer, traffic has returned and we have seen speeds rise.*

"At the same time, we are encouraging people to walk and cycle more.

"There is clear evidence that even a slight increase in speed can reduce the chance of somebody surviving a car collision.

"Please help us prevent a tragedy on our congested streets. Please play your part and Check Your Speed."



Trees to spread festive cheer

In a bid to spread some Christmas cheer, the Parish Council is covering the full cost of providing Christmas trees, with lights attached, to village businesses which put up festive firs last year.

The small, illuminated trees are traditionally subsidised and supplied by the Council to businesses with suitable fixing brackets.

Every trader who paid for one or more trees last year will be offered the same, free of charge, this year, while other businesses will have the chance to contribute £30 for each tree they require.

The Council will pay for the tree brackets to be tested for safety where they overhang a public footpath or highway.

Market cancelled

It is with regret that the Council has decided to cancel this year's planned Burbage Christmas Market, due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions.

Councillors are disappointed to have had to make this decision and very much appreciate all the interest, enthusiasm and support that has been shown for this enjoyable and popular community event.

Contact us...

The Parish Office at Millennium Hall is currently open between 9am and midday. You can call **01455 637533** or use the post box inside the front sliding doors from 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday. The best way to get in touch is by emailing info@burbage-council.co.uk. Visitors are asked to wear a face covering on arrival and to follow social distancing and hygiene protocols inside the hall, as outlined on posters and stickers around the building.

Get cracking for creatures in need

Acorns, cob nuts and other foraged foods are topping the menu at Burbage Wildlife Sanctuary.

Supporters are being encouraged to use a collecting bin at Millennium Hall to donate bags of found food, along with other useful provisions, such as towels and bedding.

The Sanctuary, whose work can be followed on Facebook, holds a squirrel licence and is currently caring for several of the bushy-tailed rodents who are particularly partial to these nutty snacks.



A 24-hour run in and around Hinckley Road Recreation Ground held during the weekend of October 3 & 4 raised more than £2,600 for the charity Move Against Cancer.

The event, organised by Hinckley Running Club and supported by the Parish Council, saw participants cover a total of around 1,100 miles, with several completing the equivalent of a marathon.

We Will Remember Them...

Although there will be no Civic Service of Remembrance this year, due to the coronavirus pandemic, Councillors are working on arrangements for people to honour the occasion safely, for the benefit of the whole community.

It is hoped that a pre-recorded Remembrance service will be broadcast on Sunday 8th November and made available to view online via the Council's website www.burbage-council.co.uk, allowing people to participate wherever they are.

Residents are also being invited to put pictures of poppies in their windows as a sign of respect for the fallen and support for the occasion.

The Council has produced a set of black-and-white images, ready for colouring-in, featuring lines from Robert Laurence Binyon's poem 'For the Fallen', along with a single image bearing the words 'Lest We Forget', which can be downloaded and printed from the Council's website.



A poppy stall is to be run by members of Burbage branch of the Royal British Legion at Burbage Farmers' Market on Saturday November 7.

The market will be held on the car park at Burbage Methodist Church, starting at 9am and running until around 12.30pm.

A queueing system will be in place, to ensure social distancing, and hand sanitiser will be available.

Link up for police news

As community policing engagements have been put on hold due to Covid-19, **Burbage PCSO Darren Stretton** is encouraging more residents to sign up to the police community messaging service Neighbourhood Link, to keep informed of local issues.

PCSO Stretton sends out regular bulletins notifying people of crimes, scams and police appeals across the parish, and recipients can choose to receive more general countywide or national campaign information too.

More than 1,400 parishioners have already signed up. All you need is an email address. Visit www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk to find out more and to register.

Biodiversity boost

The Council's grounds team is carrying out seasonal management of biodiversity strips on green spaces around the parish.

Designated strips and some larger 'islands' of turf are being allowed to grow through the year to create green corridors and safe spaces for insects and other small creatures, which, in turn attract larger wildlife like birds and bats, improving the environment for both flora and fauna.

You will see the long grass being cut and removed and the turf scraped back to the soil to allow the team to sow seeds of a greater variety of wild grasses and plants to improve the mix, which should establish within a couple of years.

The work is being carried out as part of a wider parish biodiversity project which is being part-funded by through the Borough Council's Parish & Community Initiative Fund.



Neighbourhood Link
Police Community Messaging Service

Receive the latest news, updates and events information direct from the police

REGISTER TODAY www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk

Meetings for the month ahead

Council meetings are currently being held via Zoom video and web call software on Monday evenings. Joining instructions and timings will be published together with the agenda three working days ahead of the meeting date on www.burbage-council.co.uk

At the time of printing, meetings were scheduled as follows: Planning Committee, 26th October, 7pm; Parish Council, 2nd November, 6.30pm; Planning Committee, 9th November, 6.30pm; Finance & General Purposes Committee, 16th November, 6.30pm; Planning Committee, 23rd November, 6.30pm.