

Burbage Parish Council Newsletter



September 2021

Welcome to our band of parish volunteers

A growing number of parish volunteers are helping to make Burbage a cleaner, brighter and better-kept place for all who live, work and visit here.

If you are interested in joining them, you are invited to attend the Council's first volunteer meet, greet and planning session for a cuppa and a chat with members of our staff team and other volunteers in the small hall at Millennium Hall at 10am on Friday September 24.

You will be able to find out about a wide range of volunteering opportunities on offer, both for groups and individuals – or let us know your own ideas – and meet residents who are already working behind the scenes for the benefit of the wider community.

It is hoped that the get-together will become a regular event, to welcome new volunteers and to co-ordinate ongoing work.

The volunteer team was launched earlier this year following the formation of a new Volunteer Policy, which provides a framework for any group or individual wanting to contribute to the community by supporting the Council.

The policy ensures that volunteers – who may be aged between 18 and 90 – are properly insured for the tasks they carry out.

If you or a community group you are involved in would like to know more, please contact the Council by emailing info@burbagecouncil.co.uk or calling **01455 637533** or go along to the session on September 24.

Plant sale Farmers' Market

Burbage Gardening Club will be holding a fundraising plant sale, open to all, at 2 Lyndhurst Close on Sunday September 19, from 10am to 4pm.

For more information call Linda on **07954 404490** or email chairperson@bgclub.uk



The next Farmers' Market, which will have a harvest theme, is to be held on the Methodist Church car park on Windsor Street on Saturday October 2 between 9am and 12.30pm, in line with Government guidance at the time. For more, visit www.facebook.com/Burbage-Farmers-Market

Meetings for the month ahead

Council meetings are held on Mondays at Burbage Millennium Hall on Britannia Road, with strict procedures in place to ensure Covid safety. An agenda confirming date and start time will be published 3 working days ahead of each meeting on www.burbage-council.co.uk

At the time of printing, meetings were scheduled as follows:

- Parish Council – **October 4**
- Finance & General Purposes Committee **September 20, October 18**
- Planning Committee **September 13 & 27, October 11 & 25**

'Delighted' to be Deputy

The Parish Council has a new Deputy Principal Officer.

Kirsty Jones has joined the staff team, supporting former Deputy, now Principal Officer Juliet Perry, and will be a point of contact for people making hall bookings, among other things.

Kirsty said: *"I am delighted to have taken on the role of Deputy Principal Officer and am looking forward to working alongside our Councillors to support and enhance our community."*

Scarecrow superheroes

Grove Road Schools' PTFA will be running its popular fundraising Scarecrow Festival across the village on Saturday and Sunday September 18 and 19 from 9am to 6pm daily, which, this year, will be on the theme of Superheroes.

Are you sitting comfortably?

The Parish Council has donated £1,250 to Burbage Community Library towards the purchase and installation of a new Friendly Bench in front of the community building on Church Street.

It was supplied by a Leicestershire-based social enterprise which aims to tackle loneliness and social isolation and build community cohesion with its individually designed outdoor social spaces.

The bench incorporates generous seating surrounded by raised planters, making it accessible and comfortable for people with limited mobility and providing the opportunity for interactions with nature and wildlife, which is known to help improve people's physical and mental well-being.

Library supporters have been fundraising to cover the rest of the costs and the Parish Council has agreed to cover any shortfall up to a further £3,000.

An official opening event will be held at 2pm on Sunday September 19.



Connecting people, places and nature, The Friendly Bench founder Lyndsey Young, front right, officially handed over the Burbage Community Library bench to Phil Naldrett, front left, at a gathering of library committee members, who were among the first to try it out.

Picture courtesy of The Friendly Bench CIC 2021

Support a cause for Christmas

Burbage Parish Lands Charity is inviting nominations of individuals and organisations across the Parish who might benefit from a charity grant.

Last year, the Charity donated a total of £2,075 to community causes. This year, its Trustees are particularly keen to hear from or on behalf of people who have been badly hit by the Coronavirus pandemic.

To find out more or to make a nomination before the October 31 deadline, either email to grdavis@ntlworld.com or write

to The Secretary, Burbage Parish Lands Charity, c/o 14 Norfolk Close, Burbage, LE10 2LE.



Successful nominees will receive their award at a presentation evening at Burbage Millennium Hall on Tuesday December 7 at 7pm, Coronavirus restrictions permitting.

Burbage Parish Land Charity is a registered charity and terms and conditions apply. Please ask the nominee's permission before nominating.

Contact us: The Parish Office remains open for business but temporarily closed to visitors, as a Coronavirus precaution. The best way to make contact is to email info@burbage-council.co.uk Alternatively, call **01455 637533** between 9am and midday Monday to Friday, or use the post box inside the front sliding door between 9am and 4pm on weekdays.

The next Parish Council newsletter is due out on October 25. For more news, updates, and links to useful sites, please visit our website www.burbage-council.co.uk