



TOWN TALK

Broseley Town Council's Newsletter

Sept 2015/03

Citizens of the Year

This year Broseley has not one, but two Citizens of the Year! Nicky Ashton and Jo Pritchard have been jointly presented with the Citizen of the Year award for organising the Broseley Festival, which took place in June. This was a huge undertaking and a great success for Nicky and Jo along with their many helpers and supporters. We understand the intention was to start small and build up to a large event, so whatever might next year bring?

Councillors agreed that Jo and Nicky should be recognised for their achievement and contribution to the town and its community. The award was presented at the September Council meeting. Well done and we look forward to next year's festival!

Future of the Library and Car Park

The Town Council is continuing discussions with Shropshire Council over the future of the library and adjacent car park. The Town Council is aiming to ensure that both the library service and car parking provision are retained for the town. At the same time, it is hoped that both Shropshire Council and the Town Council might make cost savings if the Town Council were to take over the management of the facilities.

A full set of joint consultation documents is now available from the *Get Involved* page of the Shropshire Council website (<http://shropshire.gov.uk/>). Those without easy access to the internet may prefer to complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it to the Library or the Town Council office. To have your say, survey forms must be completed (and paper ones returned) by **28th October 2015**. Please take a moment to use the website or the enclosed form (there are only two questions) and let us know what you think. If you can, encourage your family and friends to do so as well.

CCTV on Library Car Park

We are very pleased that our local policing team has been successful in obtaining funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner for the installation of CCTV cameras on the library car park. There has previously been significant anti-social behaviour in the area and with the help of reports from members of the public, PC Jane Cowan was able to make a case for provision of the cameras.

The cameras will be used in the following way: when an incident in the area is reported, operatives based in the CCTV offices located in Shrewsbury will be able to dial into

the camera and download the footage from the time the incident took place. The Police can then use this footage to identify and deal with offenders.

If it becomes apparent that incidents are happening during a particular time frame on particular days, operatives can watch the footage live. If they see offenders in the area they can contact the Police directly, who can then resource officers to the area and catch the offenders in the act.

Please continue to report anti-social behaviour and other incidents to the police on 101.

Youth Day – Sunday, 27th September

An afternoon of activities for youngsters will be held at the Birchmeadow Park and Centre on Sunday, 27th September. Between 12 noon and 4.00pm various activities will be on offer including a climbing tower, laser gun battles, orienteering, zumba, cartoon shows, stalls, a fun run and many more. A £1 wrist band allows people to try any of the activities. Please come along with your children and support this event.

Dark Lane Development Update

The Dark Lane development is progressing and the drainage work under the road has now been completed. The developers have opened a sales office on the Square in the High Street for those interested in purchasing one of the houses. It is expected that the first show home will be ready in January 2016.

Birchmeadow Park Gets Even Better!

Facilities on the Birchmeadow Park are getting better and better with several recent and planned improvements. Firstly, the steep footpath at the rear of Broseley CofE Primary School has been surfaced to make it more accessible in wet and icy weather.

We are delighted that a **BMX track** is to be constructed near the top of the park. The course will be built by top track builders, Clark & Kent, who constructed the Olympic BMX track in 2012. Once planning formalities have been completed, it is hoped that work will begin on site in the autumn, with a three to four week build time.

In the coming weeks a selection of **adult gym equipment** will also be installed at the bottom of the field. The equipment will include a selection of items which can be used by people of all fitness levels to exercise different parts of the body. The items will be available to all comers at all times.

The BMX track and adult gym equipment have been funded by S106 money. This is a contribution which housing developers have to make towards the local infrastructure, in this case, the provision of open space facilities in the town.

Christmas Lights

This year's Christmas lights switch-on will take place on Saturday, 5th December. There will be entertainment throughout the afternoon and into the evening at the Birchmeadow Centre, the Victoria Hall and the Social Club. This year there will be a new photography competition – look out for details nearer the time. Following the parade, the lights will be switched on at 7.00pm by a mystery celebrity guest.

The Lights Committee is keen to recruit more volunteers to help out on the day. Please contact Hilary Nelson on 07534 305576.

Do support the fund raising Motown disco being held in Broseley Social Club on Saturday 24th October with A1 Discos. Tickets on the door.

Council Surgeries

Your Shropshire Councillor, **Jean Jones**, will be holding surgeries at the Victoria Hall, between 10am and 12 noon, on Saturdays, 3rd October, 7th November and 5th December.

Shropshire Councillor **David Turner**, who is responsible for Broseley Wood, will be available at Willey Village Hall on Saturday, 10th October and at Much Wenlock Museum on Saturday, 28th November between 10.30am and 12.00 noon on both occasions.

Council Meetings

Full Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at the Birchmeadow Centre at 7.00pm. Public participation is from 7.00–7.10pm. Forthcoming dates are **13th October, 10th November** and **8th December**. Agendas for all meetings are available from the Town Clerk and are displayed on notice boards and on the web site.

Town Councillors	Town Clerk
Mr Michael Burton 07980 419032	Mrs Trudi Barrett
Mr Roy Childs 883510	Town Clerk
Mr Andrew Cooke 884083	Unit 6,
Mrs Lyn Garbett 883412	The Instones Building
Mr Michael Garbett 883412	The Square
Mr Simon Harris 882003	Broseley
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Mr Alan Taylor 07889 939398	www.2shrop.net/BroseleyTownCouncil
Members may be contacted directly or via the Clerk.	The office is open to the public on Tuesdays, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon.

Town Council Audit

The External Audit of the Town Council's finances for 2014/15 has now been completed. In the opinion of the auditor, Mazars, the information contained in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern.

Broseley in Bloom

Thanks to Broseley in Bloom for providing beautiful floral displays in the town over the summer. If you would like to help with the work of Broseley in Bloom, please contact Carol Cooper on 882715.

Successful Play Scheme

Many local children were able to enjoy the Council-funded play sessions held at the Birchmeadow Centre over the summer. A total of 115 children from the three local primary schools attended over the four weeks of the scheme. The Council would like to thank Little Owls for running the successful play scheme.

Highways Issues

Shropshire Council is aware of the highways issues in Broseley and has a programme to deal with these, including the pot holes in Park View and the cul de sac in Bridgnorth Road.

Yellow lines have been applied to the High Street end of Bridgnorth Road as well as along part of Church Street leading from the High Street. This measure was taken to prevent dangerous parking near the junctions.

Please remember that the disabled parking spaces in the High Street are for disabled people only. It is an offence to park in a disabled parking space without displaying a valid Blue Badge.

Planning Applications

The Town Council is pleased that the Broseley Town Plan is now being given more weight in planning decisions. The Site Allocations and Management of Development Plan for Shropshire is nearing adoption, which means that the development boundary and other policies set out in the Town Plan will carry material weight during the consideration of applications for Broseley.

