

Cutting of grass verges in our lanes

Those who walk around the Radmore Lane/Radmorewood Lane loop may have noticed that the grass verges in Radmorewood Lane have been left uncut by the county council. This was at the parish council's request, in an attempt to see whether it would encourage the growth of more wild flowers which in turn would attract more pollinating insects, and also to see whether it would provide a habitat for small mammals and other creatures. The parish council would like to extend this experiment to short lengths of other lanes in the parish. All verges will be cut towards the end of autumn (by which time any wild flowers will have seeded) and visibility splays will be maintained where necessary. In addition, the parish council proposes to sow wild flower seeds along some verges, in an attempt to promote the growth of the ecology.

It will not be easy to convince some members of our community not to see uncut lengths of verges as anything but "unsightly"- and if you are one of them please try to see the verges not as an untidy eyesore but rather as a habitat for endangered plant and animal life. Members of the farming community who grow crops that need pollinating (and there are, for example, usually several such fields around Radmorewood Lane) should also welcome any initiative that might encourage pollinating insects.

Please consider the following; 97% of our wild flower meadows have disappeared since the 1930s; 45% of all our wild flowers now grow in the grass verges; 75% of crops are pollinated by insects; the insect population is in decline - especially bees; 1 in 5 species of small mammals that live in hedgerows and verges is in danger of extinction.

This initiative may not have much of an impact on Greta Thunberg's campaign to save a dying planet, but at least we can be seen to be trying.



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Other useful numbers

Highways Hotline To report any problems with Highways, Lighting, Signs: 0300 111 8000

<https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/reportfault/#divSelectionHeader>

ESBC waste management: 0800 26 90 98

ESBC Enforcement Team (Dog fouling):
01283 508576

ESBC Planning Enquiries: 01283 508570

Police: All non emergency calls: 101
Greg Hall (Borough Councillor):
greg.hall@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk

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01889 590922

Bromley Bulletin

Parish Council Round Up

Covid-19:- During recent months the Parish Council has not been able to meet in person due to the pandemic. However, much of the PC work has been able to continue and councillors are now all working via Microsoft Teams. Monthly meetings are now able to take place virtually and any members of the public who wish to attend meetings can request to be added to the team.

The Parish Council has helped to co-ordinate volunteers that have very kindly come forward to help others in the village with requests for help with shopping and collection of prescriptions. The PC would like to thank all those that came forward to help.

Sadly, the Annual Parish Assembly has not been able to run as it would usually in May, however, the Council has still published an annual report which includes updates from many of the village organisations and the County Council. This can be found on the Parish Council website www.abbotsbromley.com/council/documents. A full copy of the Chair's report is also inserted in to this Bulletin.

Parish Councillors :- Sadly Mrs Christine Spratt has decided to stand down as a Parish Councillor. Several residents have expressed their interest in becoming a councillor and it is hoped that co-option of new councillors will take place when the Parish Council is able to meet in person again.

Highways:- The Parish Council continues to work to improve the Highways in the area by reporting necessary repairs, blocked gullies, requesting new signage, broken or missing footpath stiles etc. However, this is not always an easy task and in some instances can take many years before work is done. Most notably are the necessary repairs to Narrow Lane which have now been on Staffordshire County Council system for well over 2 years. The PC will continue to push for this work to be done. The PC would ask that if you see one of these or are aware of one then please report via the Highways website <https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/reportfault/#divSelectionHeader>

Blithfield Reservoir:- The Parish Council is aware of all the concerns that have been raised regarding anti-social behaviour at the reservoir, particularly during lockdown period. The PC is working with the police and other parties in the hope to improve the situation. In the meantime ESBC has provided additional litter bins. Thanks go to all those that have very kindly helped to litter pick during their morning walks.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING POINT:- In order to encourage visitors with electric vehicles, the parish council has been looking into the possibility of having an EV charging point in the village. This would need to be sited where it would attract use but at the same time not detract from the street scene. Estimates of cost have been obtained and, because installation would not be cheap, the parish council is currently engaged in a dialogue with the government minister to establish whether grants might be available.

Parish Council Meetings

29th July 2020
(Virtual)

30th September 2020

28th October 2020

25th November 2020

PC Surgery

10-11am Saturdays at
Church House

26th September 2020

21st November 2020

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Following the resignation of Mrs Christine Spratt the Parish Council currently has a vacancy for a Councillor. The Council would like to thank Mrs Spratt for all her work with the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Development Planning Group.

If you are interested in the role of Parish Councillor then please contact the Clerk via telephone or email parish.council@abbotsbromley.com



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Fellow village members below is information about what your village Community First Responders (CFR) have been getting up to over the last few years, with your family's health in mind.

The village CFR team will have its fifteen-year anniversary on the **21st February 2020**. In that time the team has changed greatly in size, but its passion to serve the village has not. As a team we have attended **4592**, 999 emergency calls in and around our local community.

After fifteen years of service a major update of all equipment was required, so after several years of fund raising and donations, the teams largest upgrade has taken place.

A special thanks to all members of the community for participating in all the quiz's, cake bakes, and the Wild West night.

A thank you to the following companies for their generous donation:

- 1, **Henry Foundation Trust** 2, **The National Lottery** 3, **Tesco's**
4, **The Help Appeal** 4, **JCB**

A New Response Vehicle has been purchased though the help of **Volvo UK**, New storage solutions and emergency equipment have been installed along with a New Emergency Navigation system.

The village now has a state of the art emergency response vehicle.

West Midlands Ambulance Service have made the decision to change the working practise of all CFR's within Staffordshire. From the 1st April 2020 all enhanced CFR have been deskilled and their advance drugs and equipment removed. WMAS have also withdrawn our use of the blue lights and sirens when attended a incident and have stopped them been used when at the scene. We have fought these changes and do not understand the thinking behind these changes after 15 years of success responding.

NEW RECURITS West Midlands Ambulance Services have been holding a review and developing a NEW training programme for all potential new CFR's. This process is drawing to a close and dates for new training course are due to be released within the next few months. WWW.jobs.nhs.uk

If you are interested and have thought about joining our team, please get in touch on the detail below to register your interest with me and on jobs.nhs

Heart Attacks

As a team of volunteers, we cannot be on duty all the time, so we have installed around the village a number of Public Access Defibrillators, Six in total, + 1 at the Fire Station. You should know where your closest is located and know what to do,

"Every Second Counts"



To learn how to perform CPR, follow these simple steps:

Step 1: Shake and shout

Step 2: Check for normal breathing

Step 3: Call 999

Ask someone for a **public access defibrillator** (PAD),AED.

Step 4: Give 30 chest compressions

Step 5: Give two rescue breaths

Step 6: Repeat until an ambulance arrives

<https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/how-to-do-cpr>



LOCATION of Public Access Defibrillators

Top Shop, Richard Clark First School, Village Hall, Uttoxeter Road Bus Stop, Yeatsall Lane, Seven Trent Water Building and Fire Station



Abbots Bromley Parish Neighbourhood
Development Plan

Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

The Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is very much a reflection of the wishes of the community about how it sees future development in the parish. However, these wishes have to be in general conformity with the government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and ESBC's planning policy (The Local Plan). Compromise has therefore been necessary in order to create the Abbots Bromley Neighbourhood Plan policies.

The community was first consulted about production of a parish Neighbourhood Plan in November 2015. As a result, a Neighbourhood Plan Development Group (NDPG) was set up by the parish council. An initial parish-wide questionnaire followed in March 2016. Since then the gathering of public opinion has regularly continued, culminating in a series of open meetings in 2019. Upon gathering all of the evidence, in September 2019 a parish wide distribution of an information pack/questionnaire was sent out informing about proposed policies and proposed designation of Local Green Spaces (LGS).

Based on the community's feedback, and with the guidance of a professional consultant, the NDPG started to develop the required policies for production of a Draft NP in the autumn of 2019.

At this time the submission process of the Draft NP to ESBC, and ultimate call for a referendum on acceptance of the Draft Plan, has been suspended due to the current pandemic. The earliest opportunity to carry out a referendum is now May 2021. However, the government has advised that Draft Neighbourhood Plans should carry weight in the authority's planning decisions once the local authority (ESBC) has issued a Decision Statement. (see 'Local Government and Police and Crime Commissions (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020').

The NDPG are continuing to work towards completion of the Draft NP with all public information/feedback at its core, in order for it to be presented to the Parish Council and onward passage to ESBC in the very near future. This should ensure that the wishes of our community are taken fully into account in any development decisions, whilst awaiting the democratic process to be resumed in 2021.

Dog Fouling

It wouldn't be a Parish Bulletin without an article on dog fouling!

Sadly this issue has still not left us and has become notably worse during lockdown. Most dog owners are completely responsible and it is just the mindless few that don't seem to care. There have been many reports to the PC and mentioned on social media and have been noted by councillors whilst out walking as well. There seems to be an urban myth that if you're outside of the 30mph signs then it's ok to let your dog go anywhere, this is not right and not acceptable! It is also not acceptable to let your dog foul in a farmer's field or a playing field or to pick up your dog poo and then hang the bag on the nearest bush!

Most recently dog fouling has become an issue in the fields leading down to the new sports ground. Farmers no longer want the grass off these fields as they are contaminated.

The Parish Council recently met with East Staffs Borough Council and has managed to access some additional bins to be located near to the sports field and also on the entrance to The Lowers. This means there should be no excuse to not clean up after your dog in this area. There are also lots of other bins that can be used in the village.

Please do not hesitate to report anyone that you see not cleaning up after their dog.

