

Community Speed Watch.

The current Community Speed Watch (CSW) group have now been in operation since the end of August. The group was set up following an approach to the Parish Council by the police. It is not the first time a group has been operational in the village – there was one set up in 2004 when CSW schemes were first set up in the County.

CSW volunteers are trained by the police and then authorised to undertake monitoring sessions. The sites chosen are also assessed and approved by the police.

All monitoring sessions are overt. CSW signs, either permanent or temporary, have to be displayed and the group members must wear hi-vis waistcoats. The detector used for recording the speed of vehicles is calibrated both before and after each session. It is not adjustable and should it fail the simple test the session cannot go ahead. The registration numbers of vehicles exceeding the limit are recorded and sent to the police. Letters are then sent to the registered keeper.

Has the operation of the group had any effect? During the first session on the Lichfield Road, just over 40% of the vehicles exceeded the limit. In later sessions this has dropped to an average of 25%. On Bagot Street /Uttoxeter Road 5% of vehicles have been reported and this continues to be the case.

Having regard to our high visibility, and to date, a regular pattern of monitoring, there have been 3 vehicles recorded on 3 occasions and 27 vehicles on 2 occasions. Simple average figures do not give the full picture. Out of 436 vehicles reported on the Lichfield Road 49 were exceeding 50mph – a further 9 were exceeding 55mph – and a further 5 were exceeding 60mph. The maximum speed recorded was 77mph. THIS IS A 30mph ROAD.

Perhaps it is worth pointing out that, in living memory, the only fatality in the village was on the Lichfield Road.

There is often comment either in private conversation or at public meetings about the speed of traffic in the village. We can all do our bit by driving slower

If you would like to contribute to this speed awareness initiative and join the group please contact Sarah Meads – The Clerk to the Parish Council.

DRIVE SAFELY - STAY WITHIN THE SPEED LIMIT



St Nicholas Church Clock

We are almost there!! The Church Tower Clock is now automated!!

It is an impressive piece of kit with battery back up should electric be lost.

It is fitted with fail safe devices to prevent over wind and it should be a "set and go" operation.

St. Nicholas Church has arrived into the 21st Century!!

We had achieved accuracy over the past few weeks since the TLC given to the clock and we will need to tweak further as the auto wind settles in. Please bear with us as we strive to get it right.

Our target of Remembrance Sunday, November 11th, is very much in sight of being achieved.

Once again, **Abbots Bromley**, WE DID IT!!!

Martin Godfrey Chair, St. Nicholas Church Fund Raising



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Other useful numbers

Highways Hotline To report any problems with Highways, Lighting, Signs: 0300 111 8000
<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/transport/home.aspx>

ESBC waste management: To report full re-cycling bins at Schoolhouse Lane: 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): 01283 840836
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Bromley Bulletin



Abbots Bromley is crowned the best kept village in East Staffordshire, for a second year!

Well done everyone - Abbots Bromley has been crowned 2018's Best Kept Large Village in East Staffordshire and has won the Community Council trophy - a repeat of last year's success!

"To win "the double" last year was a fantastic achievement, to repeat the feat again this year was nothing short of stunning - especially as the competition was rearranged this year with the Staffordshire Moorlands being grouped with East Staffordshire, which meant that we faced even greater opposition". Parish Councillor Adela Appleby said

A combined effort from across the village helped to secure the award, with individuals litter picking, sweeping up debris, watering planters and maintaining lovely front gardens and front steps; and local businesses and community groups have also stepped up to help keep the village sparkling!

In their summing up of this year's Best Kept Village Competition the judges mentioned community initiatives like this year's herb planters in the village green donated and maintained the 1st Abbots Bromley Rainbows.

" Everyone helped to keep their own bit of Abbots Bromley sparkling and got into the spirit of the event. Many took part in our village wide Best Kept Village competitions for which we are grateful to ASD Contracts for sponsoring the prizes " Adela continued.

The winners of Abbots Bromley's Best Kept Front Step and Front Garden competition were Janice Rae (School House Lane) and Mrs M Richards of Miresbrook Cottages

Representatives of the Community Council of Staffordshire came to Abbots Bromley at least three times this summer. While judging the Parish Council asked them to consider the village pubs and restaurant and choose one as the 'best kept'.... they selected the Coach and Horses. Well done to Rose and the team!

The children who won a prize in the parish wide children's poster competition were: for age 5-7 years -runners ups: Sam Law and Olivia Reed and the winner Eva Denes; for age 8-11 years - runner ups: Victoria Getley and Ellie (AB School) and the winner Daisy Mae Towns. Olivia Reed and Daisy Mae Towns went on to beat entries in the Staffordshire County poster competition- Olivia came first and Daisy Mae third (in their age groups).

The Best Kept Village competition is about a community coming together to show their pride in the place they live, and we were commended on representing the value.

Whether as an individual or organisation, please contact the Parish Council to volunteer to help in next years' competition and with any initiatives to help us to stand out against the other large villages in the County.

E-Mail: abbotsbromleybkv@outlook.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Abbots-Bromley-Best-Kept-Village-164224254067053/>

Website: <http://www.abbotsbromley.com/best-kept-village>

Parish Council Meetings

7.00 pm Wednesdays

In the Village Hall:

- ♦ 28th Nov 18
- ♦ 30th Jan 19

PC Surgery

10-11am Saturdays in Church House

- ♦ 24th Nov 18
- ♦ 30th Jan 19

December Dates for your Diary from St Nicholas Church

Thurs 6th - 7.30pm - The Birchwood Choir Music for Christmas, tickets (£10.00) to include mulled wine and mince pies (proceeds to St. Nicholas)

Sun 9th - 2-5.00pm - Christmas Tree Festival

Sun 6th - 4.00pm - Christingle

Sun 23rd - The Uttoxeter Town Band leads carols under the Buttercross from 5.30pm and then the Carol Service at 6.00pm, followed by seasonal refreshments

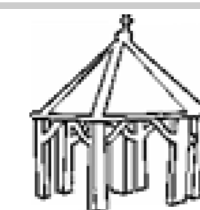
Mon 24th - 6.30pm - Carol Service at Blithfield Church

Mon 24th - 11.00pm - Midnight Holy Communion

Tues 25th - 9.15am - Christmas Morning

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Abbots Bromley Neighbourhood Development Plan Update Autumn 2018

Every step of the way

This Autumn Abbots Bromley Parish Council has restarted its engagement work on a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the parish.

Following the Parish Council meeting held in May, a review of all the work undertaken to date has been commissioned and a new Neighbourhood Development Plan Group (NDPG) has been established. The NDPG, made up from volunteers who attended the PC meeting, are tasked to get the process started again and more importantly, to ensure everyone in the community is fully informed **every step of the way** - allowing all of the community to be involved in the creation of our Neighbourhood Development Plan.

What needs to happen?

A Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) provides the opportunity for a community to have a say in its own future. It is primarily about the use and development of land but can also look at other issues impacting the village such as heritage, tourism, employment, transport etc. The parish of Abbots Bromley now needs to get to the stage where there is a NDP created **by the parish, for the parish**, on which everyone can vote (by the holding of a referendum), with the parish ultimately in control of informing the planning decision makers on how we wish the village to be shaped.

For full details of Neighbourhood Development Plans please visit:

www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning and <https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/toolkits-and-guidance>

When does this need to happen?

Many of our neighbouring parishes have been to referendum and now have established NDPs in place. Whilst there is no specific cut-off date, the sooner the parish has its agreed plan, the sooner we are able to assure the future for the parish.

Where are we in the process?

The following is now underway:

- ◆ An external consultant has reviewed all the work, undertaken since our NDP consultation launched in 2015, in order to assess and check whether we've followed the correct processes and to recommend where we may need to revisit any activity undertaken so far.
- ◆ New Government guidelines on Neighbourhood Development Plans are being examined by the new NDPG.
- ◆ Engagement with ESBC Planning Department for advice, support and recommendations on our next steps has been undertaken.
- ◆ The new NDPG has been working hard to familiarise itself with the processes required for the delivery of a NDP. The NDPG was ratified by the Parish Council at the end of September 2018.

What are the next steps to get to a referendum?

Although work to date produced for the creation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan has been positively commented on by the consultant, there is still a lot more to do in certain areas, in order for a successful referendum and submission :

- ◆ Vision and Objectives - We need to ensure everyone in the parish has the opportunity to partake in creating a clear vision and set of objectives for the Abbots Bromley NDP.
- ◆ Housing Needs analysis - the previous housing needs analysis produced requires updating. There is a need for us to benchmark the parish's housing needs against both East Staffordshire and the West Midlands.
- ◆ Site Assessment - we need to consult with the parish and bring in technical support to ensure we deliver transparency in any selection process.
- ◆ Additional consultation - we need to ensure anyone who has an interest in the parish has been consulted with during the process.
- ◆ Technical advice and support – The NDPG will be applying for funding from a central government agency for project management and delivery support - which other neighbourhoods have used to good effect.

The NDPG in action. The group will put together a timetable to deliver this and will publish it before the end of the year.

The NDPG meets regularly with all minutes published on the website. At the first meeting of the month, the public is invited to attend – to listen, participate and comment. The dates will be advertised on the website, social media and noticeboards.

For full details of members and terms of reference please visit: http://www.abbotsbromley.com/neighbourhood_plan

The Village Needs You! This is Your Chance!

We do require volunteers to help with the consultation and to help keep the community up to date. If you have some time to spare we would be pleased to have your assistance: you may wish to become a member of the NDPG, provide local knowledge, help with your expertise or support us with communications on our social media channels.

We want to make sure everyone is involved, particularly younger residents, all family members, local groups and organisations. So please get in touch if you want to contribute your views and maybe join with groups of people on issues that are of particular interest to you.

Neighbourhood Development Plan Drop-In

Saturday 24 November

10.00am -11.00am

Unsure what the Neighbourhood Development Plan is? Don't understand the process? Interested in how it impacts you?

Come and meet members of the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Development Plan Group if you have any questions, concerns or comments. Speak directly to the team or pop in to leave a comment in our suggestions and comments box.

Keep in Touch

All work on the Neighbourhood Development Plan is currently available at http://www.abbotsbromley.com/neighbourhood_plan.

Follow us on Twitter..... @AbbotsPlan

Follow us on Facebook search for 'Abbots Bromley Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan'

Email us at abbots.bromleyndp@gmail.com

We have a notice board located by the Buttercross which will be updated regularly

HS2 Power Supply Proposals

On 19.10.18 HS2 presented their proposals for installing power lines from Newborough to Colton to support HS2. Unfortunately they relied on social media to publicise this event which was held at the village hall, so many of you might have missed it.

To perhaps state the obvious, HS2 will need to be powered by a connection to the national grid. Originally the scheme included a connection to a substation on the brown field site of Rugeley Power Station. Various reasons were given why this was no longer practical, none of which could be reasonably challenged without detailed technical knowledge, which very few people in Abbots Bromley will have.

A clue to the decision making process can be found in the expensive glossy leaflet produced for this one-off event (so obviously cost is not a major issue!):

"...the alternative proposal means that the Rugeley Power Station site would no longer need to be used by HS2. There are separate redevelopment plans for the Rugeley Power Station site, which are supported by the local authorities".

So why not ruin a beautiful part of Staffordshire. From Newborough to Colton there will be two parallel lines of 30 pylons, each pylon being between 23 and 38 metres high. Work will start in 2023, and take around two years to complete.

In the meantime the Parish Council will be working with other concerned Parish Councils and residents to form a steering group with the view to challenging these proposals. If you would like to be part of this steering group then please contact the Parish Clerk as soon as possible.

For further information there is freephone 08081 434 434, Email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk, and Website www.hs2.org.uk. The Parish Council will provide regular updates at Parish Council meetings, via the website and the Bulletin

URGENT - HELP NEEDED

Abbots Bromley Branch of The Royal British Legion needs immediate support to help maintain its function as the Custodian of Remembrance within our community.

Royal British Legion rules require certain roles to be filled in order for a Branch to function. Failure to meet this requirement will bring about the inevitable closure of the Abbots Bromley Branch. With a noble history stretching back to the years immediately following the 2nd World War, this is a disheartening prospect.

Find out if **YOU** can help us by attending our first meeting in 2019 at Church House on Monday 18th February at 8pm. Just an hour of your time! Put the date in your diary. We look forward to welcoming you. Alternatively, please contact the Branch officers below at any time.

Note: It is NOT a requirement for Royal British Legion Branch Members to have served in the military (most haven't).

'Lest we forget'

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