

THE BILBROOK BUZZ

THE NEWSLETTER OF BILBROOK PARISH COUNCIL



BILBROOK PLATINUM JUBILEE

Well done Bilbrook! What a fantastic day in Bilbrook to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We have had nothing but positive feedback (see quotes below) A big thank you to everyone listed below who made it a special day!

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"It was fabulous .. well done Bilbrook"

"It was a day to be remembered. The atmosphere in our Village was truly amazing; so much to suit all ages."

"We had a lovely day"

"Thank you to the Parish Council for organising the wonderful Jubilee event."

"Would love to see this become a regular event"

"What a memorable day it was for all who attended the event."

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- Benjamin, Stuart (Peppa) & Earl (Bat Man) who opened the event.
- Roy & Sam Draisey and all of our live music performers.
- Promarco for the stage.
- Mystical Productions for providing security.
- Mr Sparkles for Punch & Judy.
- Leanne from Jammy Splodgers for the face painting.
- Bilbrook and Codsall Firefighters for bringing the fire engine.
- Jimmy the Mower for bringing his mowers.
- The Wulfrun Warblers who lead "Last night of the Proms"
- Holy Cross Church for letting us use the church hall.
- The stallholders and community groups.
- The staff of the Woodman
- Parish Councillors and staff who organised the event
- Volunteers who amongst other things knitted, crocheted, made cups of tea and put up bunting.
- The Bilbrook community for making it a special day!



Thank you for your support for our community groups who had stalls at the event. The Parish Council raised £350 which it has donated to the DEC Ukrainian Appeal.





PLAY PARK CLOSURE

The play park will be closed for 5 weeks during the upgrade. This should be from the 1st September but this date may slip. We will keep you posted.

BILBROOK WILDFLOWERS

Bilbrook wildflowers are looking amazing again this year. A big thank you to the village volunteers who tirelessly maintain these areas which bring so much joy to residents.



CLIMATE CHANGE PRIZE



Bilbrook won prizes in all five categories of the climate prize. Three were for Bilbrook Parish Council and two for Friends of Bilbrook. The Vice-Chair of the Parish Council and a Friends of Bilbrook representative were presented with the prizes by Cllr Bates from South Staffordshire Council. We will be sharing details of the projects in the coming months.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PRIZE DRAW

Well done to Sam who won the £100 Prize draw for the Neighbourhood Plan Survey. Some of the findings from the survey can be found on page 4.



THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY



Thank you to Sir Gavin Williamson MP, Parish Councillors/Staff, Dexter, Lilly & Sam from Bilbrook Play Group who planted an apple tree on the Twentyman playing fields Joeyes Lane as part of the Queen's Green Canopy.

BILBROOK AT CHRISTMAS 2022

We are already planning our Christmas 2022 Light Switch on Event. As always it will be on the last Friday in November.

Follow the link below if you are interested in having a stall.

<https://tinyurl.com/BPCXmas>



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Bilbrook Play Group
Bilbrook Village Hall,
Joeyes Lane, WV8 1JL

Taster Sessions Available.
Please Call - 07976 670218 or email
bilbrook-playgroup@hotmail.co.uk

Established for over 30 years, Bilbrook play group is a safe, fun and engaging environment following the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

Details:
Monday to Friday,
9.15am - 12.15pm
£13 per session; funded places are available for 2 & 3 Year Olds.
Access to a fantastic outdoor play area and field to explore.

Orsted related Good Charity Number: 1001302

WELLBEING WALK IN BILBROOK

The Bilbrook wellbeing walk takes place every other Thursday at 10:00am from the car park on the bend of Joey's Lane, WV8 1JL.



Please call:
Tim 01902 846480 or
Alan 01902 842995

It is graded a progressive walk which is usually more than 90 minutes long and likely to include slopes, steps, stiles and uneven surfaces. New walkers must complete a registration form so should arrive 10 minutes before the start.

SPEEDING IN BILBROOK

Following our request in the last Buzz, we are delighted that a number of residents have signed up for the Bilbrook community speed watch. A training day will be arranged shortly at Bilbrook Village Hall. There is still time to join up. michelle.shaker@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk, Tel: 01785-232702



BILBROOK VILLAGE HALL



Bilbrook Village Hall is owned by the Parish Council however, it is set up as a charity and run by a management committee.

They always need volunteers to help if you have spare time or skills you can share.

You can help as little or as much as you like. It can be in a committee role such as the chairman, treasurer or bookings clerk or you can help with doing odd jobs and painting around the village hall.

Please contact the chairman:

Tel: 07511 339598

or email:
bilbrookvillagehall@hotmail.com

Bilbrook Village Hall

Always dreamed of running your own group or class?

We have spaces available for regular hirers both weekdays and weekends.

Available for regular hire

Facilities:

- Capacity for upto 120 people
- Spacious wooden floor
- Car park
- Kitchen

Address: Joeyes Lane, Bilbrook, WV8 1JL

Contact Us: 07511 339598 www.bilbrookvillagehall.co.uk
www.facebook.com/BilbrookVH/

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Celebrating something?

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MEET YOUR LOCAL PCSO

Hi, I'm Louise, one of your South Staffordshire PCSOs and Rural & Wildlife Crime Officer based in Codsall council offices.



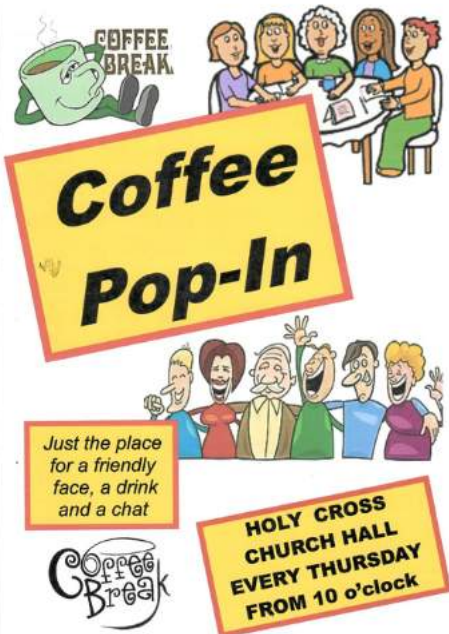
I have worked for Staffordshire Police for 16 years, covering several patches in South Staffordshire including Wombourne for several years. Before that, I worked for West Midlands Police for eight years, where I was an Operations Centre Officer. I worked in a team who covered the front office, call taking and despatching – both of which were based in the control room. We worked earlies, lates and nights. (I am glad not to be working through the night anymore!)

I have covered Codsall and Bilbrook for a number of years and my passion is preventing crime, especially rural and wildlife crime. I think that those residents who live further out in the small villages and hamlets deserve exactly the same attention and service as those in the bigger villages and towns. I have developed links with plot holders at the allotments in Bilbrook and Codsall and in the outlying villages of Codsall Wood, Gunstone, Oaken, Pattingham and Burnhill Green, regarding my rural crime role.

I carry out drop-in surgeries every so often at different locations, which vary. Come along and say hello and see what crime prevention goodies I've managed to get hold of, for you. Follow me on Twitter @PCSOLouiseJones for all things relating to Bilbrook and rural crime. Also, follow South Staffs Police on Twitter @SStaffsPolice.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES BATON RELAY

The Commonwealth Games Baton Relay will pass close to the edge of Bilbrook on Saturday 23rd July. It begins in Suckling Green Lane at 1.14pm, before moving through to Wolverhampton Road. It will then be taken to Codsall Middle School at 1.28pm. The relay will conclude at the South Staffs Council Community Hub at 1.45pm. Follow the link below for more details. <https://tinyurl.com/BilbrookGames>.



SOUTH STAFFS DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS



Sign up online now for your green bins to be emptied for the year starting 4 July 2022. www.sstaffs.gov.uk/gardenwaste

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PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr M Adams - West Ward
Cllr S Adams - West Ward (Chairman)
Cllr M Barrow - East Ward
Cllr G Burnett - West Ward (Vice-Chair)
Cllr V Chapman - East Ward
Cllr A Hill - West Ward
Cllr D Hutchinson - East Ward
Cllr P Hutchinson - East Ward
Cllr S Leedham - West Ward
Cllr J Michell - East Ward
Cllr B O'Connor - East Ward
Cllr G Price - Lane Green Ward
Cllr D Williams - East Ward

All councillors can be contacted via the Parish Office. (see details on page 4)

PARISH MEETINGS

Full Parish Council Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm (except in August) at Bilbrook Village Hall

KEY CONTACTS

South Staffordshire District Council
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District Cllr G Burnett
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District Cllr I Sadler
i.sadler@sstaffs.gov.uk

Staffordshire County Council
0300 111 8000
www.staffordshire.gov.uk

Staffordshire Highways
0300 111 8000

County Cllr Bob Spencer
bob.spencer@staffordshire.gov.uk

Member of Parliament Gavin Williamson
gavin.williamson.mp@parliament.uk

OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

Staffordshire Police - 111 for a non-emergency or 999 for an emergency. www.staffordshire.police.uk

CrimeStoppers - report crime anonymously on 0800 555111

Staffordshire Smart Alert - Sign up for Police Alerts - www.staffordshiresmartalert.co.uk

Bilbrook Medical Centre - 01902 847313

Bilbrook Village Hall bookings: 07511 339598

Holy Cross Church Hall bookings: 01902 212405

QUICK LINKS

No. 5 Bus timetable - <https://tinyurl.com/Bilbrook5>

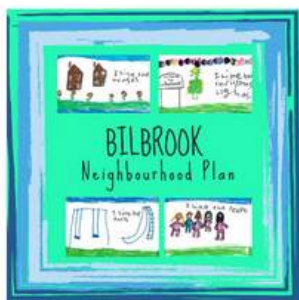
South Staffs Council Blue Bags - <https://bit.ly/37y6AdP>

Report a pothole - <https://bit.ly/SCCHighways>

Allotment waiting list - <https://bit.ly/AllotmentWaitingList>

News on Bin Collections - www.sstaffs.gov.uk/waste

Grant Funding - <https://bit.ly/BPCFunding>



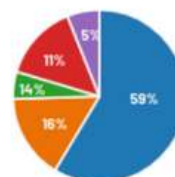
Bilbrook Neighbourhood Plan Survey Results

A big thank you to the 314 people who returned our Neighbourhood Plan Survey. By completing the survey you've helped to provide evidence and rationale to help Bilbrook Parish Council draft policies and write the plan, which will be subject to further consultation within our Community at a later point. Neighbourhood Plans were introduced by the Localism Act 2011 and are produced by local people for their own areas. The plans are only brought into being after a local referendum with a majority vote by residents. We are currently analysing the full results of the survey and they will be published in due course, but here are some of the headlines from the survey.

59% of respondents think the best thing about living in Bilbrook are the rural surroundings.



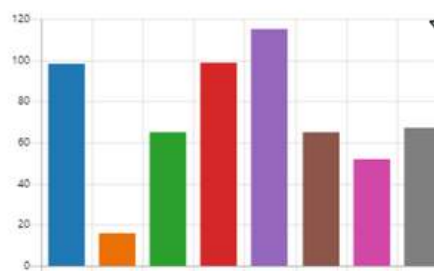
The rural surroundings	184
The people / community	50
The village centre	16
Ease of commute/travel to oth...	45
Other	19



Down-sizing options came out top when we asked what type of future housing development in Bilbrook would be relevant to you.



Starter homes / First Time Buy...	98
Shared Ownership	16
Social Housing / Housing Ass...	65
Family Housing	99
Down-sizing options	115
Sheltered Housing/Assisted LI...	65
Building specifically designed ...	52
Other	67



93% of respondents said that Local Green Space designation is important to them.



Yes	293
No	6
I don't know	15



We've also had some fantastic ideas put forward, and constructive suggestions regarding development and infrastructure. While not all improvements and requirements are within the remit of the Parish Council, we will ensure that all comments are fed through to the appropriate organisations.

You can learn more at <https://bilbrookparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>