

# Branston News

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## WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to our first newsletter for sometime. I do hope this newsletter finds you and families well. The last 18 months has been indescribable and for many of us, things will never be the same again in our lives. Myself and council are keen to work with the community, so please do get in touch with any matters that need to be brought to our attention: branstonchairman@outlook.com

Cllr Mike Ackroyd, Chairman

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR OF EAST STAFFORDSHIRE

It has been a great honour to serve the residents of Branston for the past 14 years as one of the borough Councillors for Branston and now to be made Mayor and First Citizen of the Borough. I look forward to serving this very diverse and expanding community.

During the year, my two charities will be Burton YMCA and Cancer Research UK.

Burton YMCA is an outstanding local charity, working tirelessly with the borough council with the homeless of the borough, providing accommodation in their properties, facing the highest demand for their foodbank service since it was launched 20 years ago, but still "thriving and surviving"

Cancer Research UK is the world's leading cancer charity dedicated to saving lives through research. Their vision is to bring forward the day when all cancers are cured.

Two excellent charities, whose fund raising has been dramatically cut due to the pandemic, and who I know would appreciate any help that we could give them. I would appreciate any help that you could give me in helping their causes.

The pandemic has made this an incredibly challenging time for everyone – not only in our borough or our country but for the world. Now, as conditions ease and life starts to return to whatever the new normal will be, it is becoming possible to get out into the community again and I would appreciate your invitations to join in as many as possible in Branston and also to welcome you to visit our wonderful Town Hall.



Cllr Patricia Ackroyd

Please contact: [julie.byrne@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk](mailto:julie.byrne@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk)

## BRANSTON AND HENHURST COMMUNITY

### SPEED WATCH

The group now has 7 volunteers who are all trained by CSW Staffordshire Police. Community Speed Watch involves volunteers to stand at the roadside with a mobile handheld device which records the speed of passing vehicles, leading to warning letters being sent to those driving too fast.

Watches are only allowed in certain weather conditions and each point is risk assessed for volunteer and passing vehicles. All records are forwarded to Police National Computer HQ who check the information is correct and then if necessary will take further action. If a repeat offender is identified then an escalation process is put in place. First, second time offenders will receive a warning letter, a third will result in the details being passed to Staffordshire Police who will make direct contact. If you are free to volunteer, please contact :

## QUEENS GREEN CANOPY

To mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, the parish council will be organising a 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee' which have been donated by the Woodland Trust.

Everyone from individuals to Scouts, Girl guides groups, local schools, organisations will be encouraged to play their part to enhance our environment.

More information to follow.

If you would like to register your interest in participating, please email the clerk: [clerkbranstonparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:clerkbranstonparishcouncil@gmail.com)

## COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING 27TH NOVEMBER 2021

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust will be hosting a Community Tree Planting on Saturday 27th November 2021 between 10am – 1pm, meeting at the Riverside Inn Car Park.

All tools provided and light refreshments

For more information please

contact Shaun Rimmer at Staffordshire Wildlife Trust  
email: [s.rimmer@staffs-wildlife.org.uk](mailto:s.rimmer@staffs-wildlife.org.uk)

**THE GREAT  
BIG GREEN  
WEEK**

18th - 26th September 2021



**The Peace Wood  
Branston Leas Conservation Area**

**SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup>  
SEPTEMBER**

**10am - 12 noon**

**Come along and join our  
working party to tidy up  
and renew the communities  
Peace Wood  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

Please bring your own tools  
Light refreshments will be available



This event is being organised by Branston Parish Council.  
Supported by many other partners and agencies.

## CANTILEVER SWING—CLAYS LANE PARK

Residents may have noticed that the cantilever swing was removed earlier on in the year due to health and safety concerns.

Due to the popularity of this piece of equipment, the parish council have introduced a replacement.



## ADDITIONAL SID

Speeding around the parish continues to be a problem.

The parish council have recently secured some funding via the Police Commissioners Grant for an additional SID to be installed along Postern Road.

Whilst highways permissions will still need to be obtained, we hope to get this additional equipment installed as soon as possible.



## REGATTA LANE ALLOTMENTS

Regatta Lane Allotments off Burton Road have recently created a new memorial flower planter opposite their association shed.

The planter was created by Plot Secretary Brian Fice as a replacement to the previous memorial garden which had to be removed due the flood bank strengthening works being undertaken by the Environment Agency.

The previous garden was created several years ago as a tribute to Gary Hobson who was tragically killed in a hit and run accident on his way home from the allotment.

The new flower planter has spaces for plaques commemorating the memory of past plot holders who enjoyed their time at Regatta Lane.

## DEDICATION WAR MEMORIAL - 100 YEARS 26TH JUNE 2021



Due to Covid restrictions the Mayor of East Staffordshire, Vicar of Trent side Church and the Chairman of the Parish Council acknowledged this significant event.

## ACTION REQUIRED?

As "normality" returns the Council is looking forward to being able to meet residents again. Our recent survey confirmed that residents had pride in the parish as they were particularly unhappy with the increased litter, dog foul that was being created around the parish.

The Council is now looking for your input into its work further. How can we retain the Community Spirit generated during the pandemic? What is great about the parish, what is not so good and ideas on how we can collectively change things.

## CONSERVATION AREA— NOW RE-OPENED

Following the environmental agency flood defence works, the Toad Hole is now open for local residents to enjoy. We are currently exploring what wildlife we have in this conservation area.

Please do make the parish council aware of any interesting wildlife you see in our beautiful conservation area.

As always please only take photographs and of course please do not drop litter.

## NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

### ANDREW RILEY

The parish council have recently co-opted

Andrew Riley to the parish council. The parish council still has a vacancy. Any residents who are interested in being considered for co-option, please contact the Clerk who will explain the procedure.

## PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

Residents are aware that there are several tiers of local government who have various statutory responsibilities.

Branston parish council is the 1st tier of local government. The parish council are responsible for the following:-

- \* Some bus shelters
- \* War memorial, Main Street
- \* Notice boards
- \* Some public benches
- \* Clays Lane Play Areas, Playing Field and MUGA
- \* Waste collection on parish land
- \* Tony Ford Memorial
- \* Toad Hole
- \* Acorn Green
- \* Peace Wood, Branston Leas
- \* Emptying of dog bins on parish land
- \* Grass cutting on parish land

## MEMORIAL BENCH—CLAYS LANE

The parish council have introduced a bench for everyone. It is located outside the Cemetry, Clays Lane. It is in memory of those who lost their lives or suffered during the Covid Pandemic.



## HENHURST RIDGE ACADEMY

The school has grown during the last 12 months and have now around 150 pupils attending each day.

The school aim to give all the children 11 adventures before they are 11.

One of the adventures is reaching out and doing 10 good deeds. If you have something the school could do, please do get in touch.

[head@henhurstridgeacademy.org](mailto:head@henhurstridgeacademy.org)

## Macmillan Coffee Mornings

Macmillan coffee mornings that are being hosted within the parish are:

**Friday 17th September, 10.00 to 1.00 p.m.  
Clays Lane Sports Pavilion**

**Friday 24th September, 8.45 to 10.00 am  
Henhurt Ridge Primary Academy**

## PARKING

Schools have now returned following the summer recess.

Can we please ask residents and members of the public

to please park considerately when parking near to the local schools.

Thank you for your Co-operation it is appreciated.



## Branston Parish Council Councillors

**Cllr M Ackroyd (Chairman), Cllr F Smith (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr P Ackroyd, Cllr P Palmer, Cllr Nigel Slater  
Cllr J Pike, Cllr N Gaunt, Cllr A Riley, Cllr M Hussain  
Cllr N Hussain**

**Parish Clerk— Kay Lear**

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**UPCOMING PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS,  
Commencing 6.30 p.m. Clays Lane Sports Pavilion**

**28th September, 26th October, 23rd November 2021**

## Branston Baby Bounce & Rhyme

with Burton Library



FREE sessions for 0-3s (older siblings welcome during the holidays). Numbers limited. Booking essential.

Please book through Eventbrite  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/branston-baby-bounce-and-rhyme-with-burton-library-tickets-164818786427>  
or call Burton Library on 01283 881204

Clays Lane Sports Pavilion,  
Branston

Tuesdays 2pm—2.30pm

17th and 24th August then  
every week from 7th September

**YOUR**  
LIBRARY  
Staffordshire  
County Council

