



Burbage Parish Council Newsletter

August 2024

Meetings for the month ahead

Council meetings are usually held on Mondays at Burbage Millennium Hall and members of the public are welcome to attend. Agendas are published three working days ahead of each meeting and can be viewed on the Council website. At the time of printing, the following meetings, starting at 6.30pm unless otherwise indicated, were scheduled:

- **Parish Council**
September 2
- **Planning Committee**
August 5 & 19
- **Administration & Finance Committee**
August 12

Contact us ...

The parish office is usually open from 9am to midday, Monday to Friday.

The best way to make contact is to email info@burbage-council.co.uk or to call **01455 637533**.

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Rugby Road revamp

Play equipment and multi-use sport facilities at Rugby Road play area have been given a full upgrade in time for the school summer holidays, as part of ongoing improvements to the Parish Council-managed public space, including the installation of an exciting new children's climbing wall and new infant and junior swings. The next phase of the project, now underway, will see groundworks including the creation of a new grass pitch. Look out for a further update in next month's newsletter.



Happy campers!



Young people from across the parish enjoyed some summer fun at Millennium Hall thanks to a school holiday activity camp run by the Leicester Tigers Foundation. A total of 60 youngsters took part in a mix of indoor and outdoor

sessions run across two weeks, with the Parish Council securing a £1,250 National Lottery Community Fund grant to help cover costs.

Wildlife welcome in parish green spaces

Wildlife is in trouble, with numbers of many once-familiar species of birds, insects and wildflowers falling at an alarming rate.

The Parish Council is doing what it can to protect and enhance biodiversity, managing areas of wildflowers and grasses in many of its green spaces to provide forage and shelter for wildlife, as well as planting trees and hedges to boost biodiversity across its land.

Residents and visitors to these public spaces can also do their bit by recording species of flora and fauna found there, to help build up a picture of how wild things are faring in this area.

The online wildlife data collection initiative www.naturespot.org.uk encourages people across Leicestershire & Rutland to record as many sightings as possible of even the most common species – and Council-managed green places across the parish are the perfect place in which to start.

The Council's wildflower area at **Sketchley Hill Farm (Tilton Road)** park even has its own section on the NatureSpot website.

Other Parish Council green spaces worth a wildlife walk around this summer include:

- **Britannia Road recreation ground**
- **Hinckley Road recreation ground**
- **Canberra Way green space**
- **Pughe's Paddock on Grove Road**
- **Colts Close recreation ground**
- **The Horsepool on Church Street**

"Effective conservation relies on knowing the status of each species," says the NatureSpot team. *"If you care about wildlife, record it! We need data on all species, common or rare."*

If you are unsure about what you have seen, there are online links to images for a wide range of species, or, if you are still puzzled, you can upload a photo to the NatureSpot website and ask for help.

Show sponsor

Burbage Gardening Club's 76th annual open show is to be held at Hastings High School on **Saturday August 17**. Doors open to the public at 4.30pm, with donations invited towards the club's chosen charity, Leicestershire & Rutland Blood Bikes. The Parish Council is sponsoring the Floral Art classes and the show's renowned Dahlia Championship.



A Helping Hand

Burbage Helping Hand pop-up shop will next be at Millennium Hall on **Wednesday August 21 from 2pm**. To donate food or funds, please call Teresa on **07785 246086**. The Parish Council has agreed to provide free facilities for this volunteer-led community support scheme for a further six months.