



# Burbage Parish Council Newsletter

March 2025

## 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

- **Planning**  
March 24, April 14
- **Administration & Finance**  
April 7
- **Environment**  
March 17

## Contact us ...

The parish office, at Millennium Hall on Britannia Road, is usually open from **9am to midday, Monday to Friday**.

The best way to make contact is to email [info@burbageparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@burbageparishcouncil.gov.uk) or to call **01455 637533**.

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## Rail Freight hub REFUSED

As this newsletter was going to print, the Secretary of State for Transport announced that development consent for a National Rail Freight Interchange near Junction 2 of the M69 had been refused. For the latest news and reaction please visit our website and social media channels.



### VE Day 80 street party

Burbage residents are invited to pack a picnic and join a celebratory street party to mark the **80th anniversary of VE Day, on Sunday May 11**, on Grove Road. The event, with live music, will run from midday to 4pm, with a road closure between the junctions of Twycross Road and Love Lane to be in place between 10am and 6pm. Tables for six cost £30. **Expressions of interest should be made to the Council before April 13**, by phone, email or in person using the contact information listed left. If interest exceeds availability, names will be drawn at random and successful applicants notified by April 17.

## BCAF support

Tickets for **Burbage Festival (BCAF)** events, which run from **May 1 – 18** this year are on sale now via [www.bcaf.net](http://www.bcaf.net). The Parish Council is donating £1,500 towards the cost of staging the festival and offering free use of Millennium Hall and Pughe's Paddock for some of the organised events.

## A Helping Hand

Burbage Helping Hand will next hold pop-up shops at the Millennium Hall on **Wednesdays March 19 & April 16 from 1.45pm**. To donate food or funds, please call Teresa on **07785 246086**.

## Farmers' Market

The next Burbage Farmers' Market will be held on **Saturday April 5** on Burbage Methodist Church car park on Windsor Street, when the Ukulele Ladies will be performing.

## Meet our top award winners

Parish Council Chairman, Cllr David Bill presented two special awards at the **Annual Parish Meeting** on March 3.

Members of the Royal British Legion Burbage branch were presented with the **Chairman's Award** for 2025 together with the **John Moore Community Vase** to hold for a year in recognition of their support for the Council and the community.

Cllr Bill said: **"The branch has supported the Council for several years, volunteering**

**at events and carrying out gardening work across the parish. Many of our events would be unable to run without their support. Three years ago, the branch offered to take over the organisation of the Christmas Market, which is a mammoth task. We are extremely grateful for their hard work and ongoing support."**



Members of the Royal British Legion Burbage branch won the 2025 Chairman's Award



Pat Armstrong Allotment Award winner Wayne Hayes with some of the winning plaque designers

**The Pat Armstrong Allotment Award** for the 2024-25 season was won by **Wayne Hayes** who has tended **Plot 2** at the Council's **Woodland Avenue** allotment site, with his wife Sandra, since 2014.

Members of the Council's Allotments Working Party, together with the two previous award winners, judged plots for maximising potential and tidiness.

Mr Hayes received a £20 voucher donated by **Sapcote Garden Centre**, plus a £50 voucher for a garden centre of his choice and plaques to mark his achievement featuring designs by Burbage Infant School pupil **Elsie McWilliams**, Burbage Junior School pupils **Rosie Jones** and **Blake John**, and Moat House residents **Lily Sharratt** and **Robert Payne**, who received certificates in recognition of their contributions.