

Litter & Dog Fouling

Unfortunately these are two issues that sadly just won't go away. Over the winter period it's been noted that some areas of the village seem to be particularly hit by the littering scourge including Schoolhouse Lane (near to the Crown Car Park), the Church Yard (Cigarette ends) the bus stops as well as the lanes and approaches to the village.

In terms of dog fouling its frustratingly widespread but the usual areas, the Anglesey, the Lowers etc. get targeted. It is illegal to allow your dog, or any dog you are in control of, to foul on the footpath or any other land open to the Public.

As you know we won Best Kept Village last year and we'll be doing everything we can to retain the title in 2018 however if littering and selfish dog ownership continue then we've no chance and we can kiss goodbye to the beautiful trophy that proudly sits on the village green.



WALKING FOOTBALL

ABSA is seeking to establish **walking football** within the community at the new facility on the Lichfield Road.

If anyone is interested in the creation of this new activity which is proven to be both great fun and a significant health benefit, please get in touch and we will help you to get established. This is an inclusive sporting activity and is open to all genders and all ages, capabilities and indispositions.

We are supported in this venture by Staffordshire FA.

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Other useful numbers

Highways Hotline To report any problems with Highways, Lighting, Signs:	0300 111 8000
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 Parish Neighbourhood
Development Plan

Update From the Neighbourhood Planning Group

The new year has brought a period of change in the Neighbourhood Development Plan Group. Two members of the group, Tom Wheeldon and Neal Haywood have taken the decision to stand down. We would like to thank them for their hard work and we wish them well.

This left us with two vacancies to fill on the team. Despite an advertising campaign with posters on noticeboards and in local shops, coupled with the use of local social media platforms we've been unable to fill both roles. This clearly makes the task of getting the plan to the consultation stage even more of a challenge with less helpers but we continue to work hard on the community's behalf.

The draft plan is now really starting to take shape and we are putting together draft objectives and policies in a number of key areas including traffic and parking, housing, employment, communication infrastructure, heritage protection and conservation, safeguarding community facilities to name a few. All really important considerations for both the present and future prosperity of our parish, but as we've said on an number of occasions before we can only do this with both the help and support of the local community, a feat that has now become somewhat harder given the struggle to recruit.

If you would like to find out more then please contact us.

Contact us:

abbots.bromleyndp@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/ABPNDDP/>

http://www.abbotsbromley.com/neighbourhood_plan

Parish Council Grants

There is an opportunity for local organisations and charities to apply to the Parish Council for a small grant. This could be to help fund some new equipment, improve facilities or generally help the organisation to keep operating.

If you would like to apply for a grant then please submit your request in writing to the Parish Clerk at parish.council@abbotsbromley.com before 28th March 2018. Please include as much information as possible about the organisation and what the grants is required for.

We would also ask that if you receive a grant that you attend the Parish Assembly on 23rd May to update the council and residents and the organisation and how the money has helped.

Parish Council

PC Meetings

7.00 pm Wednesdays

In the Village Hall:

- ◆ 28th March
- ◆ 25th April
- ◆ 30th May

PC Surgery

10-11am Saturdays in Church House

- ◆ 24th March

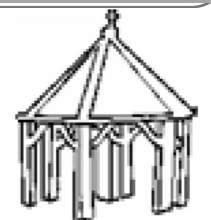
Parish Assembly

- ◆ Wed, 23rd May

In the Village Hall, Main Room, Coffee served at 6.30pm. Meeting starts at 7.00pm.

New Councillor

The Parish Council welcomed a new councillor in January. Mr David Denny was co-opted on to the council at the November meeting and joined the council at the meeting on 3rd January.



Abbots Bromley

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Registered Charity 1165021

Dear Resident,

The Trustees of Abbots Bromley Sports Association would like to convey our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all the community for the interest and support you have afforded the charity during 2017.

We previously communicated to you in May of 2017, within our annual report, that the first Phase of work was near to completion, and indeed the creation of a first class cricket pitch and outfield is now a reality and will be the new home of Abbots Bromley Cricket Club in the 2019 season.

We have acquired good quality temporary buildings to see through the transition before the building of the pavilion\community centre has been completed which we hope will be within the same calendar year. Tree planting is underway, electric services are connected with water underway. Huge progress I am sure you will agree.

Before we get there we have the second Phase to complete in 2018. This phase is the planned creation of a full size adult football pitch and a separate junior pitch, both to FA standards.

The Football Foundation and Staffordshire FA are supporting the phase with an award up to £100,000, however this has to be matched funded for us to get underway with the project, at a cost of circa £200,000. The Trustees are tirelessly working to seek the funds needed, and more and more AB residents, Parish Council, our local Councillor, and Borough Council are helping us to raise the funds through events, donations and funding bodies. For this we are deeply grateful.

Our projections put us about £20,000 short of what we need by May 2018 when we would like to start the work. So any suggestions, insights, or particularly any donations would be hugely appreciated. Please contact us for forms to ensure donations carry appropriate tax relief.

Watch this space again in the New Year when we turn our attention to the third Phase, building the community centre, and focussing on the provision of tennis, hockey, netball, rugby, dance, running, rambling and other activities which you, in the community wish to see provided.

May we again reiterate our gratitude for your support and the hope you will continue to demonstrate it with even greater vigour in 2018 and beyond. This is you're a community project, your project and we aim to do everything we can to deliver as much value to the village and wider community as we can muster.

Chris Wood

ABSA Chair

“The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago, the second best time is now”

ABSA is actively seeking support from the local community to assist in our endeavours to effectively access money from funds such as Sport England.

There is great competition for these funds, and to be successful we need to demonstrate there are endorsements from the community and evidence the benefits the completed project will bring to the individuals, clubs and institutions of Abbots Bromley.

I am therefore requesting letters of support from those administering clubs, institutions, and activities in the village and surrounding area, as well individual parishioners. The letters need only express your backing for the project and if you are able some explanation of the value it will bring to your organisation, children, wider family or community as a whole.

Letters can be forwarded by email: chris_wood53@live.co.uk

or by letter to:

Abbots Bromley Sports Association
Manor Farm
Abbots Bromley
WS153DG

Abbots Bromley Best Kept Village

As the days get longer and the evenings get lighter it's time to start thinking Best Kept Village! Roll up your sleeves as we have our titles to defend - East Staffordshire's Best Kept Village 2017' (large village category) and 2017 winner of the Community Council of Staffordshire's Trophy, which stands proudly on the village green - so let's get ready...

Judging starts on 1st May and we need to have Abbots Bromley sparkling by then....

Some Simple Ways To Help:

Display an A4 BKV poster– We get 5pts for awareness of the competition, so this is an easy way to help.

We deliver them to everyone on the main roads through the village in April, but you can request one at abbotsbromleybkv@outlook.com

Don't walk past litter – you may not have dropped it, but please pick up any litter you see and pop it in the nearest bin.

No butts – most of our litter is cigarette butts. Please do not drop them on the floor put them in an ashtray.

Empty your car butts into a bin and not the roadside.

Bag it – Most do, but if you are one of the inconsiderate few that do not pick up after your dog start to do it now. Your dog's mess was one of the reasons we lost points last year

Your garden, step and kerbside – look after your little bit of Abbots Bromley, put out a tub or hang a basket of flowers; weed and mow your garden, sweep the pavement and kerb at the front of your house.

Join in:

With other volunteers help with litter picking, weed removal from kerbsides, sweeping up of leaf litter and debris, removal of branches from paths and grassy areas. Bring brushes, trowels, cloths and bucket, shears etc. and wear gloves.

Annual Spring Clean - Sunday 22nd April 10.30am – 12 noon. Meet at the Buttercross. It's later this year so more people can get involved!

Wednesday Evening Tidy Ups – Starting Wed 2nd May. Meet at 7pm at the Buttercross and spend an hour tidying an area of the village. We may do one or two in April if any one volunteers! Details posted on www.facebook.com/Abbots-Bromley-Best-Kept-Village or email abbotsbromleybkv@outlook.com

If you can't make these please get together as a family or with friends and do it on the best date and the best time for you.

Adopt an Area:

Last year village clubs and organisations came up trumps by looking after their own area of abbots Bromley.

Please help again let us know which part you want to adopt... it needn't just be clubs a family or group of friends can do this too.

Village Green, Children's Park, Bus shelter, Notice Boards, Churchyard

Have Fun! It's Competition Time

This year as well as our children's poster competition, which is run through the schools, there is a "Spirit of Best Kept Village" painting and photography competition for adults. Find out more at <http://www.abbotsbromley.com/best-kept-village> and www.facebook.com/Abbots-Bromley-Best-Kept-Village

If you are interested in helping with our entry for the 2018 competition please contact Cllr Adela Appleby by email at www.abbotsbromleybkv@outlook.com

THE 'NOSTALGIA' TEAM

REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY AT OUR ANNUAL EVENT
WE ARE READY TO GO AGAIN WITH DISPLAYS OF LOCAL MEMORABILIA / PHOTOGRAPHS AND MUCH MORE

THE VENUE

SPORTS HALL, ABBOTS BROMLEY SCHOOL & INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE
(LOCATED NEAR SWIMMING POOL)

SAT MAY 5th and SUN MAY 6th
(10am - 5pm both days)

REFRESHMENTS AND GOOD COMPANY AVAILABLE

FREE ENTRY

DONATIONS IN SUPPORT OF OUR CONTINUED WORK IS WELCOME