

BURTON JOYCE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

THANKS TO THE 'GARDEN HOLDERS' ASSOCIATION' (GHA)

Over the past few months we have been working collaboratively with the GHA to ensure the Trent Lane Allotment plots receive more of the tender loving care they deserve! Led by the Chair of the GHA, James Sylvester, we have enjoyed significant improvements to the site as a whole and would like to extend our sincere thanks to him and his band of gardeners who have helped drive these improvements through close liaison with the Parish Council. As well as more frequent inspections and some upcoming minor modifications to our tenancy agreements, James and his team of volunteers have worked hard to improve the pathways and headlands to uplift the appearance of the site as a whole.



LIAISON MEETINGS WITH GEDLING BOROUGH COUNCIL OFFICERS (GBC)

We have recently instigated quarterly meetings in conjunction with the Chief Executive and Director of Place at GBC to ensure closer collaboration with borough-wide activities and to begin to open conversations regarding issues relevant to our village. To date we have had 2 productive meetings, with discussions about the potential impact of local government re-organisation, upcoming funding streams and possible effects locally on changes to planning policy nationally. We look forward to our next meeting with the officers in April.

POP DOWN TO THE POP-UP!

Since the last edition, we have held 2 further Pop-Up Food Fayres at the Old School Building, with the next one taking place on **Sunday 30th March 11am-4pm**. We encourage you to pop down to catch up with friends, relatives and neighbours and enjoy some hot tasty food and drinks. *Meet...Eat...Chat!*

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Work continues in the background as we await news on the tendering process from the contractor. We should have a decision by the end of March and the aim is for work to start in June 2025. In the meantime, we will be taking delivery of 3 benches and 2 bins this month,

funded by a £5k grant we successfully applied for from GBC's 'Towns Fund'. These will be located at the front of the building to provide seating to support our local take-aways and shops as well as the Pop-Up Food Fayres.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY ISSUES?

Applications are warmly invited to fill a Councillor position that has arisen on the Parish Council. The role of a Parish Councillor is to represent the interests and wellbeing of the whole community whilst taking an active role in the decision-making process. (To be eligible you need to be 21 or over, on the electoral role of the parish and during the whole of the past 12 months have either lived in the parish or owned or leased land in the parish, worked in the parish, or lived within three miles of it). If you are interested in joining the team of Councillors now, or possibly in the future, please get in touch with Jessica Sherrin at parishclerk@burtonjoyceparishcouncil.org.uk or call into the office at the Old School Building for a chat.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

We would like to welcome you to the next Annual Parish Meeting, which will be held at **6:30pm on Tuesday 6th May** at the Old School Building. This is an occasion for all local clubs and societies to meet and report on their activities during the year and is an excellent networking opportunity. It is also a chance to co-ordinate plans for those who run and organise activities in the village. It is open to all members of the public and we encourage you to attend. Please get in touch if you run a club, group or society and have not come along in the past, we would love to hear from you!

ROOMS TO HIRE

Just a reminder that we have 3 rooms available to hire for meetings, parties or events – if you are thinking of holding a birthday party, the **Poplars Pavillion** is available to hire for children's parties or with a staffed bar for over 18yrs events. **The Main Hall** in the Old School Building can also be hired for events, parties or gatherings. Alternatively if you need a small space, our recently refurbished **Small Meeting Room** is available for groups, societies and clubs and can accommodate up to 8 people. More details of all these facilities can be found on our website at <https://www.burtonjoyceparishcouncil.org.uk/room-bookings/>

NO MOW MAY

Every year we collaborate with the BJ Climate Action Group to work on our Environmental Policy. One of the schemes we support with them is 'No Mow May' when some of the verges on the A612 will have sections left uncut for the month of May to encourage bees, butterflies and other pollinators. The sections will be marked with wooden signs produced by the Group. Our thanks are extended to them for their excellent voluntary work on this.

TRAIN SERVICES

In other news, the Chair of the Parish Council Cllr Laurence King recently attended two workshops with the BJ-Train Action Group' run by East Midlands Railways to discuss significant timetable changes being developed for later this year. We continue to seek better services at Burton Joyce, and are hopeful there will be improvement. Our thanks go to representatives of the Friends of Lowdham & Burton Joyce Stations for their dogged work in the background on this.