

BINLEY WOODS PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER No 31



Binley Woods Parish Plan – Can You Help?

The first ever Binley Woods Parish Plan and Village Design Statement were published in October. The response from residents to both documents has been extremely positive.

The Parish Plan sets out a series of actions to improve the quality of life in the village for both residents and visitors, and the Parish Council is keen to start progressing these actions without delay.

However, we need your help:

- Do you have strong views on any of the actions?
- Would you like to see certain actions completed sooner rather than later?
- Do you have any particular skills or experience that would help with one or more of the actions?
- Can you spare a few hours a month to get involved?

Your involvement can be as little or as large as you want.

We are establishing a 'Working Party' of residents, including some Parish Councillors, to address the actions in the Parish Plan. The group will meet on the last Thursday of the month. Under the umbrella of the Working Party, smaller groups will tackle specific actions or groups of actions.

The first meeting of the **Parish Plan Working Party** will be on **Thursday, 30th January 2014 at 7.30pm** in the **Morrison Room**.

If you are interested in the Parish Plan, please come along. No obligation to join, no obligation to get involved – just pop in and find out what's happening.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Dog Fouling

The amount of dog foul on our streets, in the Recreation Ground and in the woods surrounding the village seems to be increasing, in spite of extra patrols by the Rugby Dog Warden.

If you are a dog owner / walker, please pick up after your pet.

And when you pick up, please dispose of it in the bins provided.

If you see a dog walker not picking up, please take a note of relevant details such as a description of the owner, a description of the dog and the vehicle registration number (if the owner has driven into the village) and report the incident to the Rugby Dog Warden on 01788 533857. And if you can do so without antagonising the dog's owner, take a photo.

The Parish Council already has a mandate from residents via the Parish Plan (see action 29) to require dogs to be kept on leads in the Recreation Ground and we will be enforcing this in the near future. However, if the situation does not improve we may be forced to ban dogs from the Recreation Ground and even consider temporarily closing it on health and safety grounds due to the amount of dog faeces.

Nuisance Parking In Binley Woods

The Parish Plan identified that residents are concerned about nuisance parking in the village and includes the following action: "Ask the Police to conduct a series of regular parking patrols over a given period with the aim of ticketing vehicles causing an obstruction or parked dangerously" (see Parish Plan action 8).

The police have now commenced a series of patrols targeting inconsiderate parking in Binley Woods; that is where the vehicle obstructs the footpath, is parked too near a road junction or corner, or is parked opposite another vehicle making the highway too narrow for an emergency vehicle (eg a fire engine) to pass. A number of tickets have already been issued and more can be expected.

Also, drivers are reminded that driving whilst using a mobile phone is illegal. We know that this may be obvious, but the practice appears to be commonplace in the village, particularly around the school at drop-off and pick-up time. The police will be on the look-out for offenders.

You have been warned!

Tree Planting

The Parish Council is continuing our programme of planting trees around the village. If you are particularly keen to have a tree planted outside your property, or alternatively do not wish to have a tree outside your house, please contact Peter Claisse on 02476 543932.

Former Library Building

Warwickshire County Council put the former library building back on the market earlier this year and the Parish Council submitted a bid for the property. We were subsequently told that our bid had not been successful. Although we have received no further information concerning the sale from WCC, planning permission has recently been sought to convert the building into a nursery. Watch this space...



The Kimberley Perrott Memorial Trust

The family of Kimberley Perrott would like to thank all participants and helpers who took part in the Charity Football Day on June 23rd at Binley Woods playing field. This was the ninth year that the event has been staged and on the day £750 was raised for Asthma UK.

Other events in 2013 have included a skittle night in March at the Brandon Club which raised £500 and in early June, twenty people (including some five year olds) ran in the Coventry Fun Run and raised £100 for the charity.

Since the trust was formed some nine years ago, over £17,000 has been raised for the charity.



No Rights of Way

Residents are advised that there are no public rights of way across the field that runs from the western edge of the Back Field out to the A46. Walkers often cross this field from either the bottom end of Birchwood Road to Brandon Wood or from the woods opposite the entrance of the Rugby Club to Piles Coppice. In the process, they damage the hedges and fences surrounding the field and the crops growing there.

Please be more considerate and do not traipse over this field.

Neighbourhood Watch & Rogue Trader Free Zone

When we held our first Neighbourhood Watch road-show back in August 2012, there were just 82 households registered with the scheme; today there are 228, which represents around 20% of the village. This should have been more, but following reorganisations within the relevant authorities in Rugby, a number of application forms are still waiting to be processed.

If you are not yet receiving any messages through Neighbourhood Watch, or would like to join the scheme, please contact any of your Parish Councillors and we will arrange for you to receive an application form. Alternatively, you can request a form via the village website, <http://binleywoodsparish.wordpress.com>, where you will also be able to see recent Neighbourhood Watch and Trading Standards alerts.

When we re-launched Neighbourhood Watch last year, one of our aims was to increase awareness of Trading Standards issues in the village. Many Trading Standards notices have been published on the website, a number of which relate to 'rogue traders' who have conned many people within the Warwickshire area.

Working in conjunction with the police and Warwickshire Trading Standards, we are now seeking to make Binley Woods a 'Rogue Trader Free Zone' to deter criminal activity. This process has already started and a number of you will have received a Warwickshire Trading Standards questionnaire for completion. The questionnaire is short and easy to complete. Completing and returning the forms is important as they will be used by Warwickshire Trading Standards to determine whether the area meets the criteria for setting up a Rogue Trader Free Zone. Once this has been agreed, prominent street signs will be affixed to lampposts in designated areas and door stickers and information booklets will be given to households.

Binley Woods Village Hall

The Village Hall is looking resplendent following a very generous offer by the local Plymouth Brethren Christian Church to redecorate throughout. A new heating system has also been installed, after the Committee were successful in obtaining 50% funding from The Rugby Rural Development Fund.

Lots of interesting classes and events take place at the Hall, which is now so warm and welcoming, so keep a look out on the local notice boards and the village website <http://binleywoodsparish.wordpress.com> for details.

Binley Woods Allotment Association

We have some full and half plots available for rent, and at present we have no one on the waiting list. A full plot is just £25 for the year, or a half plot is £15. If you are interested in an allotment, please contact Emma Bayliss on 02476 540327.

The trading shed is open every Sunday from March to October from 10.30am to 12.00 noon and stocks a range of compost and fertilisers. Non-members can take advantage of our discounted goods for a yearly membership fee of 20p!

Binley Woods Website & Facebook Page

A reminder that we have our very own village website:

<http://binleywoodsparish.wordpress.com>

You will find news and details of events in the village, including a diary of events at the Village Hall, Neighbourhood Watch and Trading Standards alerts and more.

Alternatively, why not visit our Facebook page? Or, even better,  it to receive village news and information posted directly on your wall. Just search for 'Binley Woods' and you'll find us near the top of the list; or follow the link from our website.

Binley Woods Parish Council Information

The Parish Council meets in the Morrison Room of the Binley Woods Village Hall at 7.30pm. Meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of the month, but this may vary at Christmastime and during the summer holiday period.

Members of the public are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings. There is a standing agenda item at the start of each meeting where members of the public can raise concerns and ask questions.

Meetings are advertised on the Parish Council noticeboards around the village. Minutes of previous meetings are available on the Parish Council website (www.binleywoods.org) or by written request to the Clerk.

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