

BINLEY WOODS PARISH COUNCIL

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Binley Woods Open Gardens

Sunday, June 26th - Noon to 6.00pm

The popular biennial event where residents open their gardens to raise money for Myton Hospice

Fun for all ages!

It's still not too late to get involved. If you want to help out, for example by making cakes, selling tickets or helping to set up, please contact Lynne or Tony Clifford on 02476 543481.

Binley Woods 'Village Day'

When responding to the Parish Plan questionnaire, many residents asked for more community events in the village. This year, we have the popular Open Gardens event, so we are looking ahead to next year and considering the possibility of a 2017 'Village Day' based at the Recreation Ground with a variety of activities and entertainment.

However, **we need your help and inspiration** to get this idea off the ground. If you can spare some time to get involved, have any relevant skills or experience, or have ideas on the types of attractions you would like to see at our village day, please contact one of these members of the Parish Plan Working Party: Chris on 02476543046, Jan on 02476542971 or Viv on 02476542658

Such events take a lot of organising - we need you to get involved, if this is to take place, and we need to start work now!

Parish Plan Update

Recreation Ground Improvements

The play equipment installed last autumn continues to be very popular and is well-used. With the recent warmer weather, the grass is starting to grow through the rubber safety matting and conditions under foot should improve.

The playgroup which met in the pavilion on weekday mornings has been forced to close due to the low number of children attending. With the closure of the playgroup, we have decided to postpone the installation of the planned fenced play area in front of the pavilion. We will reassess the situation at a future date.

Residents are reminded that the pavilion is available to hire, for example for children's parties. If you are interested, please contact Paul Salisbury on 02476 542340.

The Parish Council is in the process of installing two noticeboards, one by each Craven Avenue gate. These will be used to post information relating to the Recreation Ground and its use, including reminders for dog owners to pick up after their pets and for all users of the Recreation Ground to park considerately!

Village Clean-up

In spite of the poor weather and a mix-up in communications on the day, we had a good turn out for the village clean-up on Saturday, 16th April. A big thank you to everyone involved, and especially to Chris Bowen for organising the event.

Also, thanks to those that regularly keep their grass verges and near-by areas clear of litter. It would be helpful if everyone could do this and keep Binley Woods an attractive place to live.



Village Clean-up Volunteers in April

We are planning another village clean-up on Saturday, 25th June, the day before the Open Gardens event. Litter-pickers, hi-visibility vests and instructions will be provided, but please bring your own gloves. We will meet at the Pavilion in the Recreation Ground at 10.00am and should be finished by 1.00pm. Tea and biscuits will be provided in the Pavilion when we have finished our task.

For further information, please contact Paul on 02476 542340.

Binley Woods Post-code

During the Parish Plan consultation, a number of residents asked if it would be possible to change our postcode to reflect the fact that Binley Woods is in Warwickshire rather than Coventry (as the CV3 postcode implies). After lengthy correspondence with the Royal Mail, which allocated and manages post-codes, the answer is a resounding 'No'.

We tried!

Garden of Remembrance

A number of residents would like to see a garden of remembrance in the village. However, finding a suitable and affordable site has thus far proved elusive. With the possible additional housing in the village proposed in the RBC Emerging Local Plan, there may be an option to work with a developer to acquire some land for a garden of remembrance. We will keep residents informed of progress.

RBC Emerging Local Plan Update

The Parish Council has been waiting for Rugby Borough Council ('RBC') to roll out the latest updates to their Local Plan so we can find out what their proposals are and, in particular, which potential sites have been identified for the proposed 100 houses in and around Binley Woods. The roll out was due in the second week of May.

On 11th May, we received a phone call from RBC to say that because they have not received the landscaping and access documentation from their suppliers, the planned roll out had been delayed by one month until the second week of June 2016. No further information was forthcoming.

We will keep residents informed of progress.

Parking at the Rear of the Village Hall

Residents and their visitors are asked not to park on the pavement immediately outside the rear gate of the Village Hall on Heather Road as this causes problems for disabled users when accessing the gate.

Thank you.

Village Defibrillators

A reminder for residents that we have two defibrillators in the village: one outside the shops in Woodland Road and one at the front of the Village Hall on Rugby Road. These pieces of equipment can be vital in saving a life in the case of a heart attack.

Recently the defibrillator at the shops on Woodlands Road was vandalised. If you see anyone tampering with either defibrillator cabinet please call the police immediately.

Binley Woods Community Alerts

During the last year or so, there have been numerous changes in the functionality and administration of the Neighbourhood Watch (NhW) scheme in the area, including cessation of telephone messages. Whilst the NhW system remains intact and still provides useful information for registered members, we are looking to expand upon the principles of the scheme and have introduced a 'Community Alert' system for Binley Woods. Known members of the NhW were contacted and we now have nearly 150 households on our mailing list.

The alerts obviously include NhW issues, but have been expanded to include Warwickshire Trading Standards alerts (scams, faulty products, etc), road closures and Police reports. Other topics could include Parish / Borough / County council alerts or indeed anything that may impact upon the community.

The feedback we have received from those that are on the mailing list has been most positive and, ideally, we would like to expand the mailing list throughout the village. Obviously, this will not suit all, particularly those that do not have access to a computer, but in these instances alerts could be sent to a relation, friend or neighbour who could pass on the alert if deemed necessary.

So if you wish to be added to the Community Alerts mailing list please email stever2000@sky.com or contact any of your parish councillors. Your details, including your e-mail address, will NOT be passed on to any third parties.

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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