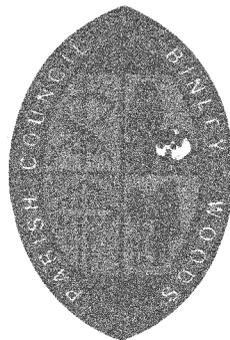


BINLEY WOODS PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Plan / Community Open Day

We are looking forward to an exciting Parish Plan Open Day on Saturday, 3rd November in the Village Hall. Residents can drop in between 10.00am and 4.00pm to catch up with the Parish Plan team; view old maps, documents, press cuttings and photos of the village; and see the results of the Housing Needs Survey.

The Open Day has been extended to include community organisations. This will enable residents to find out about local groups and activities in the village and to sign up if anything tickles your fancy. Plus we will also be joined by some special guests:

1. Binley Woods Village Map

Local artist Lynsey Cleaver will be displaying the partially completed Village Map at the Open Day. Lynsey will be available to answer residents' questions and, time permitting, hopes to continue work on the painting during the day.

The Parish Council would like to make prints of the Village Map available to residents at cost. Residents considering purchasing a copy will be able to register their interest at the Open Day.

2. Neighbourhood Watch Road Show

Following a successful Road Show in August, we will be repeating the event at the Open Day to encourage the expansion of our membership. There is no cost involved, in fact many insurance companies offer discounts for members of bone fide schemes such as we already have in the village.

You will not be inundated with emails or phone calls; you will just get community alerts from the police or councils relating to incidents or security information for our area. For those unable to receive such alerts, we would hope that members would pass on this information to their neighbours and in the near future we would like to confirm NHW coordinators to establish/re-establish these communiqés. At the end of the day, a working scheme can only be of benefit to us all and just remember "Watch out for your neighbours and they will watch out for you".

3. Friends of Brandon Wood

The Friends of Brandon Wood are delighted to be able to join in the Binley Woods Open Day. Come along and find out about what is happening in Brandon Wood this year. See what they have achieved and their plans for the future.

Skateboard Park Opens

It has taken a while, but with the help of a £23,679 grant from WREN and some dry and sunny weather in early September, the Skateboard Park is now up and running. The Parish Council were planning an opening ceremony, but the young people of the village beat us to it – as soon as the safety fence came down they were all over it and having a whale of a time.

One grateful parent posted on our Facebook site *"I am reliably informed by my kids that the new skate park is not only epic, but awesome too. Well done to all involved in the project!"*



Binley Woods' youngsters try out the new skateboard park

Binley Woods Community Drop-ins

Community Drop-ins give residents the opportunity to raise issues with the local police and/or parish councillors over a cup of tea or coffee at the Village Hall (the Gallery). Discussions can be held in private, if appropriate. They are held every three weeks on Wednesday afternoons between 2.00pm and 3.30pm, to coincide with the mobile library's visit.

The drop-in dates for the rest of this year are 24th October, 14th November and 5th December. If you have any concerns, no matter how insignificant they may seem, please come along and chat to the team.

Logs from Brandon Wood

The Friends of Brandon Wood, in conjunction with the Allotments Association, are offering residents the opportunity to purchase logs from the woods, which will be delivered to your home. Prices are dependent upon the size of bag ordered. For further information, please call Tony on 02476 544387 (weekdays) or Barry on 02476 543074 (evenings / weekends), or to view a sample bag please pop along to the trading shed at the allotments on a Sunday morning around 11.00am.

BINLEYWOODSPARISH.WORDPRESS.COM is our very own community website where you can find out what's going on in the village. Sign up and you will receive an e-mail alert each time a new post is added. And if you are organising an event in the village, please post details on the website.

Thank You, Dave & Margaret

We would like to say thank you to Dave and Margaret Ellett for refurbishing the bench on Rugby Road near the junction with Oakdale Road. It was sanded down, re-varnished and reassembled with new bolts, all free of charge. Many residents have commented on how wonderful it looks. Thank you!



Former Library Building

The Parish Council is still hoping to buy the former library building and turn it into a 'Village Centre' which could be put to a variety of uses for the benefit of residents. Our applications for grants to date have not been successful, but we are not about to give up and are still pursuing a variety of options to purchase or lease the building.

If any community groups are interested in making use of the building, please contact Paul Salisbury on 02476 542340.

Binley Woods Community Youth Club

The new Community Youth Club continues to thrive and provide a valuable place for secondary school age young people to meet. They enjoy a variety of games, inside and out, as well as stimulating activities and discussions on topical issues - and just chilling out! If you know teenagers at a loose end, do point them in our direction; to the Youth Centre at the end of Coombe Drive.

We would still appreciate two more volunteers (once a fortnight) to work alongside our youth workers, so why not give it a try? In addition, do you know anyone who would like to give us a second-hand pool table in good condition; ours has seen better days!

For any more information on any of these things, contact Shân on 07799 668800.

Parish Plan Questionnaires

The Parish Plan Main Survey Questionnaires are currently being distributed across the village; hopefully you have already received your copy, filled it in and returned it in the pre-paid envelope. If you have yet to return your completed questionnaire, please do so as soon as possible, and by no later than 16th November. We are also conducting on-line surveys for our younger residents. If you have family members who are under 18, please encourage them to complete the relevant survey by visiting binleywoodsparish.wordpress.com and following the link.

If you require an additional copy of the main questionnaire, or a paper copy of any of the young peoples questionnaires, please contact Ken on 02476 540422.

Reporting Problems in the Village

If you notice a problem in the village, here is a list of who to contact:

Abandoned Vehicles: Please report any abandoned or untaxed vehicles to Car Clear (a partnership between the Fire Service, the Police and the County & Borough Councils) on 0800 169 9900.

Crime: If you spot a crime or a suspected crime in progress, or anything suspicious in the village, please dial 999 immediately. To provide information about a crime that has happened, please contact the local police on 101.

Dog Fouling: If you spot an owner not picking up after their pet, please report this to the Rugby Borough Council Dog Warden Service on (01788) 533859 or by e-mail to dogwarden@rugby.gov.uk.

Fraud: If you have been the victim of fraud, please contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or visit their website www.actionfraud.police.uk.

Graffiti: Please report any graffiti (except that on the graffiti wall in the back field!) to Rugby Borough Council on 01788 533324 or e-mail contactcentre@rugby.gov.uk.

Litter: Please report problems with litter, including fly-tipping, to Rugby Borough Council on 01788 533337 or report it on-line via www.rugby.gov.uk.

Potholes: Potholes in the road, or problems with pavements, should be reported to the County Council by e-mail to countyhighways@warwickshire.gov.uk, by calling 01926 412515 or via their website www.warwickshire.gov.uk.

Rogue Traders: If you wish to report a rogue trader, please contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 08454 04 05 06 or report your complaint via the WCC website www.warwickshire.gov.uk.

Streetlamps: Faulty streetlamps should be reported to the Clerk of the Parish Council. Please e-mail John Cook at binwoodspc@aol.com, or telephone him on 01788 521046, giving the number on the lamppost and the

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 our website (www.binleywoods.org) and by written request to the Clerk.

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