

BINLEY WOODS PARISH COUNCIL

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Binley Woods Open Gardens – Sunday 22nd June 2014

Sunday, 22nd June is Binley Woods Open Gardens. Plans are well ahead to make sure it's a fabulous day and one which hopefully will have something of interest for everyone.

Although we have plenty of people who are looking forward to opening their gardens on the day, it's still not too late to join in and share yours. The whole experience is very rewarding and enjoyable, with all the proceeds going to the Myton Hospices, an organisation which I'm sure has touched many families in the village. Again, we're delighted to welcome the pupils of Binley Woods School who will be showing people around their gardens and another firm favourite is the Friends of Brandon Woods Woodland Walk. On the day tickets/maps will be available from the school lay-by, Village Hall, Woodlands Road shops and the former library and will cost £3 per person.

There will be a wonderful selection of things to buy on the day – from cream teas, beer & wine, ice creams, plants, hanging baskets and allotment produce to jewellery and handicrafts. We will have live music, the Coventry Morris Men and even vintage cars to transport you around the village.

The gardens are open from noon until 6pm – so please come along and enjoy this brilliant day. For further information on how you can get involved, please call Lynne & Tony on 02476 543481 or Linda on 02476 543449.

Binley Woods Allotment Association

Our Trading Shed in Woodlands Road is now open every Sunday morning from 10.30am until 12.00 noon and offers the opportunity to purchase garden supplies at very competitive prices.

The Shed is open to all members of the community (not just plot holders), so please feel welcome to pop along any Sunday morning and check us out. There is ample parking and we would be happy to arrange delivery of any bulk purchase within the village location.

Parish Plan Update

Since the start of the year, a 'Working Party' has been beavering away addressing the priority actions in the Parish Plan. We are making good progress, but could proceed even faster if more residents came forward to help. If you are interested, please contact Ken Short on 02476 540422 or come along to one of our regular meetings at 7.30pm on the last Thursday of each month in the Morrison Room. We look forward to seeing you there.

Improvements to Public Open Spaces

Improving our public open spaces - the Recreation Ground (including the Back Field) and the Village Green - were a priority in the Parish Plan.

We have installed a new litter bin by the skateboard park and have ordered extra dog bins for the Recreation Ground. Plans are in hand to install two new benches by the skateboard park to enable parents to sit and watch their children. We would like to install more benches - if residents wish to sponsor a bench, for example in memory of a loved one, please contact Paul Salisbury on 02476 542340.

We will be enforcing the rule that dogs must be kept on leads in the 'Top Field', the area of the Recreation Ground containing the pavilion, football pitch and play equipment. New signs will be installed shortly and we have requested additional patrols by the Rugby Dog Warden to monitor the situation. For the time being, dog owners will be able to let their dogs run free in the Back Field, but if the situation regarding dog mess in the park does not improve, we will extend the rule to cover the Back Field as well.

We are looking to improve the play equipment in the park, and possibly introduce some adult exercise equipment. The project will also cover fencing off the play equipment and an area in front of the pavilion. We will be seeking residents' input in the near future. Watch this space!

Dog Campaign



Championed by resident Vicki Loughran, we are running a campaign to encourage owners to pick up after their dogs. With the full support of the Parish Council and the Friends of Brandon Wood, Vicki has organised 'poo



bag' days when free poo bags are handed out to dog walkers. Our thanks to the Dogs Trust and the Rugby branch of Pets At Home for supporting our campaign with donations of poo bags and other materials.

With the help of the Dogs Trust, we will be installing poo bag dispensers in the park. Residents are asked to use these dispensers responsibly and to top them up if you have any spare poo bags at the end of your walk.

Volunteers to Operate a Speed Gun

Speeding is another high priority Parish Plan item and in the questionnaire responses some 30 residents indicated they would be prepared to operate a speed gun in the village.

We would now like to establish a speed gun team in Binley Woods, as they have done successfully in Brandon, Brinklow and Wolston. We need a team of at least six residents. Full training will be given by Warwickshire Police, who will provide the speed gun, high visibility vests, etc.

If you are interested, please contact Steve Roberts on 02476 543308.

Parking Blitz

Since the autumn, Warwickshire Police has been targeting inconsiderate parking in the village and a number of cars which obstruct pavements or park too near road junctions have been issued with parking tickets. Please ensure you park considerately, or you too may receive a ticket!

Binley Woods Community Youth Club

In the Parish Plan questionnaire, a number of residents requested the Youth Club operate a session for younger children and the Youth Club has previously indicated they would be prepared to do so if there were sufficient volunteers to help run it.

If you are interested in a youth club for the younger children of the village, please contact Shân Dobinson on 07799 668800.

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## **Broadstreet Rugby Football Club**

Congratulations to Broadstreet Rugby Club which has won promotion to National League Two (Level Four) for next season. This league includes the likes of Birmingham & Solihull, Leicester Lions and Stourbridge and will provide some interesting watching for members and enthusiasts alike.

The squad comprises a mixture of home grown talent and aspiring players from other Warwickshire clubs, giving it a local composition and providing a pathway for young talent to progress to higher honours. Traditionally, Coventry and Warwickshire has produced a constant stream of talented players who have gone on to reach the higher levels of the sport.

Broadstreet is grateful for the support it gets from the Parish Council and the residents of Binley Woods and looks forward to developing an even closer relationship with the community through its provision of business, social and sporting services available to all.

‘Try’ to come and see us – many already do!

For more information, please call 02476 541070 or 07436 790943.

## No Rogue Trader Zone

Last autumn, questionnaires were distributed to 368 households in a proposed 'No Rogue Trader Zone' comprising Woodlands Road, Heather Road, Ferndale Road, Coombe Drive, Daneswood Road, Friars Close, Rowan Close, Ashdale Close and Spinney Close.

176 residents responded to the survey, a 48% response rate:

- 74% considered doorstep sellers are a nuisance in the area.
- 68% are wary of unknown callers and 17% feel vulnerable in such situations.
- 85% had people knocking on their doors in the last year asking them to buy something or offering to do work for them.

Comments made by residents reveal aggressive, intimidating, persistent and intrusive behaviour on their doorsteps. There were also several references to "ex-offenders", "ex-prisoners", and "unemployed" people selling a variety of household goods door to door. The Police reported there were 52 incidents of bogus callers reported in 24 months in this area.

The survey reveals that this part of the village is a 'hot-spot' for rogue trader activity and the nine roads listed above are being designated a No Rogue Trader Zone. Residents living in the Zone will receive further information through their letterboxes in the near future and arrangements are in hand to hold a formal press launch of the scheme.

If it is successful in reducing unwanted callers, it is hoped the No Rogue Trader Zone can be extended to cover the rest of the village.

### **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](http://www.binleywoods.org)) or by written request to the Clerk.

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