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Chair's Chat

The Parish Council has been working hard since the beginning of this year to make the village more attractive for residents. We started with maintenance and repainting the old railway benches. There was an interesting article about the refurbishment of the benches in the Chronicle and Echo both on line and in print.

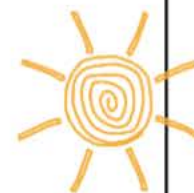


New planters (purchased by the Co-op) have been installed on the verge outside with plants provided and planted by the Parish Council. The box planters signifying entering and leaving the village are next in line for replanting for the summer.

Spratton Road Park is undergoing the process of some updating with the planting of fruit trees for the Community Orchard. Thanks go to the Brixworth Climate Action Group for their hard work in planting a selection of apple, cherry, pear and plum trees. Villagers will be able to pick the fruit for their own use once the trees are established.

The Parish Council are also exploring exciting plans to redevelop Spratton Road Park into an energising wellbeing park complete with herb gardens, wildlife habitats, accessible pathways and an outdoor gym. We will keep you posted as these ambitious plans unfold.

These are all ongoing projects and our thanks go to the residents, friends and councillors who frequently give up their time to help maintain the village. Wishing you a bright Summer.



Northampton Road Bus Stop - Living Roof

We're excited to share the completion of another transformative project at the bus stop on Northampton Road. As part of our ongoing commitment to sustainability and community well-being, a living roof has been installed, featuring lush vegetation that offers many benefits.

Living bus stop roofs act as natural air purifiers, filtering out harmful pollutants and releasing fresh oxygen into the surrounding atmosphere. Through the process of photosynthesis, the plants on these roofs absorb carbon dioxide, a major greenhouse gas, helping to mitigate air pollution and combat climate change. Cleaner air benefits not only commuters waiting at the bus stop but also the broader community. Living bus stop roofs can also retain rainwater, reducing runoff and help manage stormwater.

By absorbing sunlight and retaining less heat than traditional roofs, living bus stops can help mitigate the urban heat island effect, which can lead to cooler temperatures.

Living bus stop roofs create new habitats for plants, insects, and birds. The presence of greenery attracts pollinators like bees and butterflies, essential for the reproduction of many plant species and supporting biodiversity.



All Aboard!

Brixworth Parish Council is thrilled to announce the successful restoration of three iconic railway benches within the village. This initiative, aimed at preserving the rich heritage of Brixworth, underscores the Parish Council's commitment to enhancing community spaces for residents and visitors alike.



The Railway Benches, steeped in history and nostalgia, have been lovingly refurbished to their former glory, breathing new life into their timeless design. Situated strategically across key locations within the village, these benches serve as cherished landmarks, providing a glimpse into Brixworth's storied past.

For more information on Brixworth Parish Council and its ongoing initiatives, please visit www.brixworthparishcouncil.gov.uk.



Brixworth Parish Council has awarded a generous grant of £3,000 to the Brixworth Community Larder. The Community Larder aims to support local people to access good quality food, including fresh fruit and veg, at prices well below those in the supermarkets. Brixworth Community Larder is a not-for-profit, community driven, and community-based organisation and the grant funding will be used to buy stock for the larder for the rest of the year.

You can find out more by visiting the Community Larder's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083431836976>

If you would like to apply for a community grant, visit

<https://www.brixworthparishcouncil.gov.uk/grants/parish-council-community-grants/>



Brixworth Community Larder



Are you passionate about making a positive impact in your community? Do you want to be part of a network that supports and strengthens our community during times of need? Do you have skills that could help during an emergency?

Register your interest to become a Brixworth Community Resilience Volunteer today and be part of something meaningful! <https://forms.office.com/e/m6qY7VwmNt>



Co-op Planters

Josie, the dedicated Clerk to the Parish Council, along with her son Gabriel, has brought new life to the Co-op planters. Despite the unpredictable April showers, they braved the rain and planted a vibrant selection of flowers, including ageratum, verbena, and senetti, provided by the Parish Council. The planters themselves were purchased by the Co-op. Their effort is more than just an act of gardening, it is a gesture of community spirit and a commitment to making our shared spaces more beautiful. The addition of these colorful plants brings a touch of vibrancy and freshness to the village, creating a more welcoming atmosphere for residents and visitors alike. Thank you to all of the residents who stopped and thanked Josie and Gabriel for their hard work.

We are looking forwards to seeing these plants flourish over the next few months and are already planning our next planting project for the numerous entrance planters located around the village.



Developing Spratton Road Wellbeing Park

A huge thank you to all of the volunteers who gave up their time and came out back in March to plant 20 fruit trees at Spratton Road Park. Following the success of the Community Orchard planting last year, we hope the community will be able to enjoy apples, pears, plums and cherries from this phase of planting as we begin exploring and developing Spratton Road Park into Brixworth's very own Wellbeing Park. We aim to transform this underutilised space into a vibrant community hub for all ages.

The proposed park will offer a variety of features to promote leisure, exercise, relaxation, and reflection, while supporting biodiversity with wildflowers, fruit bushes, and a community orchard. The space will also be used for village events and provide a safe area for children to play. The project is expected to cost around £25,000, with some funding already allocated by The Parish Council for the three-year redevelopment. Key features of the Wellbeing Park include an accessible walkway with shrub and herb gardens, an outdoor gym, and picnic benches. The park will also attract wildlife, such as butterflies and birds, through the growth of wildflowers and the installation of hedgehog houses, bug hotels, nest boxes, and bat boxes. These features aim to create a relaxing and enjoyable environment for the entire village to enjoy. More details can be found on our website at

<https://www.brixworthparishcouncil.gov.uk/spratton-road-wellbeing-park/>

To make this vision a reality, we have set up a Just Giving page to raise additional funds. Donations of any size can contribute to the project's success. For instance, smaller donations can help buy wildflower seeds, herb plants, shrubs, and fruit bushes, while larger donations can fund ornamental flowering trees or fruit trees. The group also welcomes volunteers to contribute their time to the project. We invite the community to be part of this initiative by donating through the Just Giving page or by offering volunteer time. Memorial donations, such as planting a tree or installing a memorial bench, are also encouraged. If you're interested in supporting the Wellbeing Park, contact the Parish Clerk for more information or to discuss volunteering opportunities at: parish.clerk@brixworthparishcouncil.gov.uk.



Just Giving
We're raising £3,000 to help fund the redevelopment of Spratton Road Recreation Park into Spratton Road Wellbeing Park

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/brixworthwellbeingpark>

Community Defibrillator Training

Residents recently gathered together to participate in a free training session on defibrillator use. The event, organised by the Parish Council in conjunction with Northants First Responders, aimed to equip attendees with the knowledge and skills needed to potentially save lives during emergency situations.

Under the guidance of knowledgeable instructors, attendees engaged in hands-on exercises and simulations, gaining confidence in their ability to respond effectively in critical situations.

Thank you to everyone who came along and to Northants First Responders for supporting the event.



Host A Councillor - Local Businesses

Are you passionate about engaging with your local community? Would your staff or customers benefit from being able to meet a Parish Councillor to talk about village issues affecting them? We are inviting local businesses and organisations throughout Brixworth to host a councillor.

If you would like more information, or to invite a councillor to your business, organisation or event, contact admin@brixworthparishcouncil.gov.uk for more information.



WNC APP

A new 'Report It' feature has been added to the West Northamptonshire Council app, making it even easier to report littering, fly-tipping and a range of other issues.

The app also contains tools to help you keep on top of your waste and recycling collections, through alerts to remind you to put out your bins, and a handy recycling guide. You can also use the app to connect with your local councillors, find your nearest library or leisure centre, discover local restaurants and their food hygiene ratings, and keep up-to-date with the latest council news.

Download the app for free from Google Play or the Apple App Store.

Contact the Parish Clerk:

To contact the Parish Council please write to:
The Parish Clerk, The Information Point, Brixworth Library and Community Centre, Spratton Road, Brixworth NN6 9DS

Email: parish.clerk@brixworthparishcouncil.gov.uk
Telephone: 01604 347993

Full Council (Thursdays): 27 June, 25 July, 29 August
Planning (Mondays): 10 June, 1 July, 22 July, 12 August
Finance & Personnel (Thursdays): 18 July, 17 October

Please check website & noticeboard to confirm dates and times.

All meetings are held in the Library and Community Centre.

For further information please contact the Parish Clerk.

The Brixworth Parish Council Team

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