

What a wonderful day we had at the Grand Opening of the pavilion on the 14th of September. Great fun was had by all, and the weather stayed dry and fine. Well done to all the children who took part in the races and the tug o' war, and we hope everyone enjoyed the donkey rides, music from Kingsbury Episcopi Silver Band and the birds of prey display from Sharandays.

A special thank you to Tony Capozzoli for opening the pavilion. Tony was our district councillor with SSDC and was instrumental in helping the parish council with the planning application, various site meetings between the Planning Department and the National Trust, and the s106 funding application. Also, thank you to everyone at the National Trust who have supported this project.

Thank you to all of you who had a stall on the day, and to those who provided everyone with food and drink; we hope you managed for raise some funds for your chosen charity or village organisation. Thank you to Parc Ponies for giving a donation to the parish council for the pavilion and to the Cake & Jam Stall for the donation towards the defibrillator. Also, thank you to Louise and Andy for running the bottle stall. They have donated £140 to the pavilion.

Finally, a huge thank you to Terry Harper who has worked incredibly hard fitting out the pavilion and to everyone who has been involved with the project from the start. It has taken us ten years to bring this project to fruition and we should all be proud that we have such a fantastic asset in our village!

Other Items of News

In the last magazine, we mentioned that HeartStart were donating a 'Bleed Kit.' Unfortunately, they have been unable to provide this, so the Parish Council decided to purchase one instead. We did mention that the bleed kit would be situated on the new pavilion but at the last Parish Council meeting, it was agreed that it would be more beneficial if it was situated in the defibrillator kiosk in the Borough.

No doubt you will have seen that Highways have now replaced the damaged barrier outside the recreation ground in Bishopston, and a new gate has been installed just inside that entrance to the recreation ground. This new gate was provided by the National Trust with the aim to give better accessibility for wheelchair and motability vehicle users.

At our meeting in September, it was suggested that we set up a Youth Council. It is still very much at the initial stages, and we are looking into how this can be achieved. If there are any younger members of our community who are interested in having a say in what goes on in our village and what improvements can be made for our youth, then please let us know. We will have more information on this in the coming months.

It has been brought to our attention that the recycling lorry was unable to make a collection from Townsend due to the inconsiderate parking at the Yeovil Road end of Townsend. The road is very narrow so, please can we ask vehicle owners to check that there is enough room for larger vehicles, especially emergency vehicles, to be able to pass before parking. Thank you.

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

If you are witness to any incident, it is important for you to report it directly to the police by telephoning the numbers listed below. Any reports given will be dealt with in confidence and your details will not be divulged. Also, you will receive an incident/crime number. Unfortunately, the Parish Council cannot report incidents to the police on your behalf as it would be considered as hearsay (third-party reporting).

For any advice and further/up-to-date information on incidents please go to the website: www.police.uk. If you are a witness to or the victim of a crime, then it is imperative that you report it to the police immediately whether it is during the day or at night. When reporting an

incident please telephone either 101 for non-emergencies or 999 for emergencies only.

Parish Council meetings are held in the Village Hall on the third Wednesday of every month with the exception of August and December. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, 16th October 2024 at 7pm**. Parish Council meetings are open to the press and public, so residents are welcome to come along and listen to what we have to say. There is also a short public session at the beginning of every Ordinary Parish Council meeting.

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