

JOIN BARNT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL IN ITS ANNUAL COMMUNITY WALK



COMMUNITY WALK



SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER
2021



Choice of 3 guided walks, all start from
Millennium Park B45 8NW

8 miles meet at 1.30pm

5 miles meet at 2.30pm

3 miles meet at 3.30pm

Return at 5pm for food, drinks and live music



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Parish Council Makeover

Barnt Green Parish was selected by Ringway as 1 of 2 parishes to receive a makeover. Taking place over the course of a summer weekend representatives from Ringway refurbished and painted bench seating in Bittell Road Playing Field and re-painted and refurbished the bus shelter on Hewell Road whilst carrying out maintenance in other areas within the village boundary.

Are you responsible for clearance of watercourses running

Reports of flash flooding in some parts of the village prompted the Parish Council and Worcestershire County Councillor to take steps to identify the problems. A walkabout discovered that a number of drains were blocked, although some of the flash flooding incidents also related to capacity in addition to those blocked. The Council wish to express thanks to newly elected County Councillor Kriss who has since organised drain clearance but would also like to remind home owners who have riparian responsibility to ensure that they clear watercourses on their property regularly to ensure free flow of water.

Annual Parish Meeting Update

A parishioner at the Annual Parish Meeting held virtually in April of this year requested information regarding the status of the canal cottage adjacent to Lower Bittell Reservoir. District Cllr Hotham made enquiries through the Canal and River Trust who reported that phase 1 of the project in 2019 connected the property to mains drainage, however economic constraints due to the pandemic and an unsuccessful lottery funding bid has placed phase 2 on hold which consisted of refurbishment and installation of sustainable heating. The Trust is open to suggestions of alternative funding and can be contacted <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/contact-us/ways-to-contact-us>

Barnt Green Parish Council remains open for service but the office is currently closed to the general public.

Operating hours are Monday—Thursday

Please correspond by email wherever possible or use the 'contact us' page at www.barntgreen.org.uk



Hundreds of tickets were issued in North Worcestershire on a major crackdown

Speeding



Officers issued hundreds of speeding tickets in a two-week crackdown between 31 May and 13 June. Our Safer Neighbourhood Teams are always looking to set up more community speed watch groups in North Worcestershire which are managed and run by volunteers but coordinated by West Mercia Police. Speak to your local SNT to find out more.



Hate Crime

Dedicated hate crime officers have been introduced to support victims.

Hate crime is completely unacceptable and tackling it is a top priority for West Mercia Police. Two new Hate Crime Officers have been introduced in North Worcestershire to provide specialist support to victims to ensure they receive the maximum level of support while offences are investigated. Hate crime can be reported in a number of ways including via www.report-it.org.uk

Your local policing team contact details.

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Safer Homes

Thieves are targeting allotments and officers are working with associations to assess current security arrangements and taking targeted police patrols in affected areas both night and day. Please report any suspicious activity you see.



www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk

Sign up for our brand new community messaging service



On Saturday 31 July, the 9 piece party band organised an afternoon of entertainment with local businesses Warwick Butchers and Village Vineyards providing food and drink for spectators. The successful event was organised by band member, Sally Tucker, who along with the band delighted the audience with popular toe-tapping tunes.

Picture/s by Keith Woolford



Christmas 2021

Barnt Green Parish Council will be moving office and will re-open to the public in early October.

Re-locating from the front office at 80 Hewell Road to the rear office of the same address will enable facilitation of disability access for all users and will incorporate a dedicated permanent meeting space for Parish Council Meetings which may become available to hire for the wider community.

Usually held on the last Saturday of November the annual Christmas Lights Switch On Event is hoped to go ahead. Equally the Council's collaborative hosting of the Wassail Walk held in the inter-period of Christmas and New Year is also hoping to be planned. Discussion is yet to be brought to a Parish Council meeting but please keep an eye out on the Council's web-site and Facebook page as well as the village noticeboards and banners for updates.

Barnt Green Parish Council is inviting applications from suitably qualified and experienced contractors who wish to tender for a 3 year Grounds Maintenance and Verges Contract 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2025.

Tender document available from the Executive Officer by email exec@barntgreen.org.uk

Completed applications must be received by noon, 5 January 2022

Outdoor Gym Induction



The outdoor gym specialists

On a rainy Saturday in August, the Parish Council in conjunction with Freshair Fitness hosted an induction to demonstrate how to use the newly installed fitness equipment.

Sadly due to poor weather conditions the turnout was low, however the Council would like to take the opportunity in demonstrating how easy and accessible it is to use for all fitness levels.

Resistance zone

All resistance pieces have a dial indicating resistance level as featured to the left. Turning the dial clockwise will reduce resistance, turn anti-clockwise and your workout will be harder.



Resistance Shoulder Press



Resistance Bench Press



Resistance Leg Press

If you have any community news to share, please let us know.

This newsletter is issued each year in Spring and Autumn.

Cardio zone



Self – weighted Rower

Exercise equipment is conveniently spaced to work on your own or with family and friends. The perimeter path is a measured 500m distance, why not incorporate laps into your Workout.



Disabled Arm & Pedal Bike



Double Air Walker



Elliptical Cross Trainer and Air Skier

All equipment QR coded
"Download our Free App for Workout Guides"



Dear Resident

It was a shame that rain ruined the demonstration of the newly installed outdoor gym equipment. I did, though, learn a thing or two.

Beforehand in my capacity as chairman, I thought I ought to try it all out. So, when the park was quiet, I furtively found myself being unable to move the first piece of equipment I tried. On to the next piece and I couldn't fathom out how it worked.

It was the old adage that males never read the instructions. Each piece of equipment does have instructions and, for someone like me who has never been a gym member, take a minute to understand how to use it.

About half of the equipment has a variable resistance setting which is controlled by a dial. On the first item I tried, some rogue had set the dial to the most difficult end of the spectrum which is why I could hardly move it.

In discussion with Freshair Fitness, I said that I'd got fitter by walking a lot during lockdown and so the gym equipment probably wasn't really for me. It was politely pointed out that the equipment is designed to move many muscles, not just those used for walking. Even setting a low resistance on a piece of equipment and using it for a short time will move some muscles which we don't normally use in our daily routines. I couldn't argue with this.

I realise that the outdoor gym equipment is not for everyone, but have a go. Read the instructions, adjust the resistance to suit you and don't make lame excuses like me.

Robert Cholmondeley, Chair, Barnt Green Parish Council

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