

Station Lift Update

The Department for Transport has given approval for the station lifts and we were hoping that the installation would be happening shortly but we are now waiting for government ministerial approval for the funding. Unfortunately we have not been given a timescale for this but we are hoping it won't take too long.

Proposed Introduction of Car Parking Charges at Lickey Hills Country Park

A 4-week informal consultation has begun seeking feedback from park visitors, nearby residents, businesses, stake holders and ward members about the proposal to introduce car parking charges at the Lickey Hills Country Park. The consultation ends on the 4th December 2022. The outcomes of the informal consultation will feed the scheme's Full Business Case and the introduction of charges will be contingent on the outcomes of this consultation and approval of the Full Business Case. This approval will then trigger the legislative process and a formal 4-week consultation on the proposed parking changes (dates TBC). The survey can be found at

<https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/place/lickey-hills-country-park-informal-consultation/> A consultation inbox has been set up to receive news lickeyhillsconsultation@birmingham.gov.uk

Barnt Green Medical Trust

Barnt Green Medical Trust (registered charity number 1183515) is a locally run charity which aims to relieve sickness and preserve the health of the patients of Barnt Green Surgery and those living within 3 miles of the surgery.

The trust is accepting applications from individuals or organisations who are seeking financial support to purchase equipment, facilities or services which they are unable to source from elsewhere. Applications which aim to improve the mental or physical health and wellbeing of both individuals and groups will be considered.

If you would like further information or an application form please email Dr Clarkson at Barnt Green surgery, barntgreen.surgery@nhs.net

Dear Resident,

On page 5, we have reproduced some statistics on Carbon Dioxide Emissions. We've all got differing views on the nuances of climate change, but I encourage you to have a look at the comparative data. Broken down to district council level, Bromsgrove emits above the national average. Barnt Green Parish emits even more. Interestingly, our emissions are very similar to those of Lickey and Blackwell Parish which implies that above average carbon dioxide emissions are linked to our specific lifestyle. Alarming.

Robert Cholmondeley, Chair, Barnt Green Parish Council

NEW Coffee and Chat in Barnt Green starting January 2023
Various venues, details to follow on notice boards/website.
You are welcome to find company and warmth.
WI FI and charging points available.

MP and Councillors' contacts:

- MP Sajid Javid - sajid.javid.mp@parliament.uk
- County Councillor Adrian Kriss - AKriss@worcestershireshire.gov.uk
- District Councillor Charles Hotham - c.hotham@bromsgrove.gov.uk
- Parish Councillors Robert Cholmondeley, Charles Hotham, Joakim Nilsson, Philip Perry, Olivia Polton, Susan Whitehand, Mark Roberts and James Baldwin.
Councillor contact details available via: www.barntgreen.org.uk
- Chairman Cllr Robert Cholmondeley - robert.cholmondeley@barntgreen.org.uk
- Executive Officer Eleanor Choudry - exec@barntgreen.org.uk
- Office Address 80 Hewell Road, B45 8NF

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Welcome Cllr Baldwin

We are delighted to welcome resident James Baldwin to the Parish Council. James has lived in Barnt Green for two years and works for a website company, enjoying spending his spare time with his family. He also directs amateur musical shows, currently working on the production of Shrek the Musical. James is keen to learn the role of Cllr and is committed to looking after and improving Barnt Green.



Pollinator Site



The Pollinator Site has been cut and Yellow Rattle has been planted in an attempt to reduce the growth of grass. Hopefully by Spring the Yellow Rattle will be flowering. The site was used to compost the flowers that were left in Millennium Park following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II. A Worcester Black Pear tree and Bon Christen Pear tree will be planted in remembrance. If you would like to get involved in maintaining the site or share any ideas please contact the EO at exec@barntgreen.org.uk.

Consultation on St Andrews CE First School

The Governors are proposing some changes to the admissions policy for 2024/25. The main change is the proposal to remove faith attendance from the oversubscription criteria. The suggestion for the change has been initiated by the Diocese of Birmingham. The Governors feel that the school's strong Christian ethos would not be affected and remain in place, firmly at the heart of the school's strategy, its teaching and school life. The Governors are encouraging comments from the local community. The consultation closes on the 28th November. Please visit <https://www.standrewsfirstschool.org.uk/Admissions/2024-2025-Admissions/>

Alvechurch Educational Trust

Alvechurch Educational Trust provides funds for young people living in Barnt Green and Alvechurch for educational purposes such as a University Expedition or school uniform. Recipients must be under 25 years of age. Please check the eligibility criteria on the link below:

<https://www.alvechurchgst.org.uk/>

Barnt Green Parish Council has moved, relocating from the front office at 80 Hewell Road to the rear office of the same address. This has improved access for all users and incorporates a dedicated permanent meeting space seating up to 15 people.

If you would like to hire the meeting room please contact the office for terms of hire and a booking form. Email exec@barntgreen.org.uk or call 0121 447 9893.

Facilities include: set meeting style table layout for 8 people, toilet facilities, kitchen available upon request, internet provision with conference screen to enable power point presentation / video conferencing etc.

*Barnt Green Village Christmas Lights Switch on 2022**

Arrow Valley Brass Band

The Theatre Workshop Choir

Saturday 3rd December 3.30pm to 5pm

Meet Father Christmas

Come and support your local traders supplying food and drinks

Organised by Barnt Green Parish Council, 80 Hewell Road, B45 8NF email: exec@barntgreen.org.uk Tel: 0121 447 9893

**Come and join us for our
2022 Christmas Countdown!**

Bittell Road Playing Field

The tarmac footpath at the playing field has been a great success with many more people using the area for exercise and socialising. Unfortunately the area surrounding the children's play equipment has suffered with drainage issues making it wet and muddy and often unusable in the winter months. Investigations have taken place to establish the drainage problem and contractors have completed work to rectify the issue so hopefully the equipment can now be used all year round. We are very grateful to Barnt Green Medical Trust for funding the drainage works.



Troop Aid

Once again the Parish Council Office has offered to be a drop in Centre for donations to Troop Aid who are in urgent need of Shower Gel, single toothbrushes, toothpaste, stick deodorants and razors for their grab bags. When our military get injured or fall ill, Troop Aid grab bags are waiting for them on their hospital bed, whether at home or abroad in their Field Hospitals where we are still active.

Our nation has a military presence in many countries and whether in action, advising or training, injuries and illness still occur. We would like to thank everyone for their previous donations as your support enables us to carry on.

Platinum Jubilee Celebration

It seems a long time ago now that we celebrated the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. The celebration was held on Sunday 5th June in Bittell Road playing fields and despite the weather and non attendance of a food vendor it was a great chance for people to enjoy getting together with the children having lots of fun on the inflatable slide and obstacle course!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER
2022**

**BARNT GREEN VILLAGE XMAS
LIGHTS SWITCH ON**

3.30PM—5.00PM , Village Centre.
Entertainment from Arrow Valley
Brass Band and The Theatre
Workshop Choir. Come and meet
Father Christmas!

King Charles III Proclamation



Following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II the Proclamation for the reign of King Charles III was held on Sunday 11th September in Millennium Park. Local dignitaries attended along with residents and £49.06 was raised from the donations received for black ribbons. The amount will be rounded up to £50. This is to be donated to The Lickey Hills Society towards the cost of more beaters which will be kept with the bowser to help tackle the early stages of fires on the Lickeys.

IMPACT Community Carbon Calculator

Impact is an estimator of a community’s carbon footprint. Impact has been designed to help the community to access, analyse and act on your community’s carbon footprint and to give you a better idea of where efforts could be targeted for the greatest impact in tackling the climate emergency.

How does Barnt Green compare?

Here is what the average consumption footprint for your area looks like per household, and how this compares with the district average and the national average. Note that these per household footprints are averages. Within a larger (e.g. local authority) area you may have neighbourhoods with very different per household consumption footprints. Information at <https://impact-tool.org.uk>

Energy Consumption per Household in Tonnes of CO2							
	Energy	Car	Air	Public Transport	Meat & Fish	Food & Drink	Goods & Services
Barnt Green	5.7	1.7	2.3	0.5	2.5	2.3	8.2
Alvechurch	4.3	2.5	1.6	0.6	2.2	1.9	6.6
Lickey & Blackwell	5.8	1.8	2.3	0.5	2.5	2.4	8.2
Bromsgrove	4	1.7	1.3	0.5	2.1	1.8	6.3
National	3.5	1.6	1.1	0.5	2	1.6	5.4

