

Burbage Parish Council NEWSLETTER



Let the council know your views on merger of 'early help' schemes

THE public's view on a new service that would roll four departments into a single structure to support vulnerable children and their families is being sought by Leicestershire County Council.

It wants to know what you think about its plans to merge a range of "early help" schemes into a unit under the title Family Wellbeing Service. The four services the council proposes should be linked – they include children's centres, 24 of which could close – currently tackle family difficulties at an early stage in an effort to prevent problems growing, reducing the need for social care or police to be involved.

A consultation exercise to gather community opinion runs to 22nd April and one of several information exchanges takes place at Green Towers, Richmond Road, Hinckley at 6.30pm on Tuesday, 17th April.

Visit www.leicestershire.gov.uk/earlyhelp to learn full details of what's proposed, read the consultation document (full or easy-read summary) and join a survey online or printed hard copy.

Library's first successful year owes much to many who volunteered

VOLUNTEER labour, offering both brain and muscle power, has played a big part in the successful rescue and revamp of Burbage Community Library.

The flourishing Church Street venue is functioning well inside and looking good outside, thanks to supporters who rolled up their sleeves over the past year. Last summer Burbage folk planted flower beds, cut grass and trimmed hedges and now ongoing maintenance is needed to keep things smart. If you can spare an hour to help, pop into the library to enlist.

- THE hands-on leadership of Ray Watkins during the all-important first year of the Burbage Community Library earned the chair of its management committee the 2018 Burbage Parish Council Chairman's Award. Presented annually to someone who has made Burbage a better place, the trophy was handed over by council leader Stan Rooney at the annual parish meeting.

COUNCIL and committee meetings at the Millennium Hall in Britannia Road normally start at 7.30pm and follow this rota, subject to change if clashing with Bank Holidays:

First Monday of month – Parish Council; second Monday, Planning Committee; third Monday, Finance & General Purposes Committee; fourth Monday, Planning Committee.

Meetings in the weeks ahead: Monday, 9th April, Parish Council; Monday, 16th April, Planning; Monday, 23rd April, Finance & General Purposes; Monday, 30th April, Planning. Monday, 14th May, Parish Council (annual general meeting); Monday, 21st May, Planning (6.30pm) and Finance & General Purposes Committee (7.30pm).

THE elected membership of the Burbage council is:

Sketchley ward: Stan Rooney (chairman), Mike Hall, Amanda Wright, Christopher Ashton.

Lash Hill ward: Ann Hall, Howard Wilkins, Stuart Bray, Mark Nickerson, Roger Johnson (vice-chairman).

Stretton ward: Peter Morris, Liz Rooney, Keith Lynch, Paul Williams.

Tilton ward: Richard Flemming, Lucie Hoelmer, Noel Robinson, Tony Iliffe.

St Catherine's ward: Peter Wallace, Mary Sherwin, Andrew Clayton