

# Burbage Parish Council Newsletter



March 2022



## Allotment Award

First-time plot-holder Emily Norton has won the Pat Armstrong Allotment Award 2021, presented by the Council in memory of its former Project Officer.

Emily's parents Anne and Tim, who work with their daughter on Plot 22A at the Council's Woodland Avenue site, received a keepsake plaque from Council chairman Cllr Keith Lynch on Emily's behalf at the Annual Parish Meeting on March 7. A staked version will be displayed on the winning plot.

Burbage Junior School pupil Ella Jordan, who won a competition to design the winner's award,

also attended and received a certificate of achievement from the Chairman.

The Council's Allotments Working Party carried out four rounds of judging through the year, scoring plots for productivity and presentation.

Members praised Emily's plot as being **"well-planned, well-organised and set out, with an attractive mix of flowers and veg"**.

Tenants at both Woodland Avenue and Blackways Meadow sites have again been invited to put themselves forward for judging for the 2022 award.

## New speed signs

Three new mobile vehicle activated signs are being put up around the parish in a bid to encourage drivers to cut their speed. They will be used across nine locations identified by the Council's Traffic Issues Working Party, which secured Government funding for the provision through the County Council's highways department.

## Meetings for the month ahead

**Council meetings** are held on Mondays at Burbage Millennium Hall. Agendas are published 3 working days ahead of each meeting and can be viewed on the Council website.

At the time of printing, meetings were scheduled as follows:

- **Parish Council** April 4
- **Finance & General Purposes Committee** April 11
- **Planning Committee** April 25

**The Parish Office** will be closed from midday on Thursday April 14 until 9am on Tuesday April 19 for the Easter bank holiday. Phone messages and emails left during this period will not be attended to until the office re-opens. Normal office hours are 9am to midday, Monday to Friday, and the best way to make contact is to email [info@burbage-council.co.uk](mailto:info@burbage-council.co.uk) or to call **01455 637533**. If you need to deliver documents, a postbox inside the front sliding door at Millennium Hall is accessible between 9am and 5pm on weekdays.

## Green spaces

The Council is drawing up a Green Space Strategy to guide future management of and investment in its public open spaces and would like to hear your views on initial proposals. There will be a display at Millennium Hall until April 29 and a short feedback form can be accessed online at [www.burbage-council.co.uk](http://www.burbage-council.co.uk) or a paper copy printed on request.

## Rail hub date

A public consultation on Tritax Symmetry's proposals to develop a National Rail Freight Interchange at Junction 2 of the M69 near Burbage ends on April 8.

Please visit [hinckleynrft.co.uk](http://hinckleynrft.co.uk) or click the link via the homepage slide on the Parish Council website to give your feedback.

## Chairman's Award

Burbage Parish Council's 2022 Chairman's Award has been presented to Steve Daly of Burbage Charity Bikes, which upcycles and sells donated cycles to raise money for Cure Leukaemia.

Since January 2020, after being moved by the diagnosis of a young family friend, Mr Daly and his family have raised a staggering £76,000 for the charity, which funds specialist nurses to run clinical trials of new blood cancer drugs.

Mr Daly also received the John Moore Community Vase to hold for a year when he attended the Annual Parish Meeting on March 7 with his daughter Jessica, who started the fundraising for running the London Marathon.

In 2021, Cure Leukaemia named Burbage Community Bikes its Community Fundraiser of the Year.

Parish Council Chairman Cllr Keith Lynch said that, as well as its phenomenal fundraising, the charity's contribution to its home community



could not be underestimated: **"They got people back out on their bikes during the pandemic. Families on tight budgets were able to go and trade in or up. Giving people the chance to recycle, save some money, get out there on their bike and make a difference with a charity donation all has a really positive impact."**

Mr Daly said he was grateful for **"a lot of very generous donors and a lot of help from the people of Burbage"**.

## Jubilee party draw

There are just a few days left to add your name to the draw for a table at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee street party to be held in Church Street on June 5. Email [info@burbage-council.co.uk](mailto:info@burbage-council.co.uk) or call **01455 637533** before April 1. Successful applicants will be notified. Tables for 6 cost £30.

## Parish Volunteers

A meet, greet and planning session for Parish Volunteers will be held at Millennium Hall at 10am on Friday April 1. Please come along for a cuppa and a chat with members of our staff team and other volunteers to find out what volunteering opportunities are on offer and how you can get involved.

## Waste survey

Leicestershire Waste Partnership is consulting on how waste and recycling collections could be changed to reduce the amount of waste which ends up in landfill.

Options include • a new collection of food waste • a return to separating recycling into different containers • reducing the size of black bins for rubbish or • reducing the frequency of black bin collections.

Residents are encouraged to read the draft strategy and to give their feedback, which can be done online via a link on [www.burbage-council.co.uk](http://www.burbage-council.co.uk) before April 25.

The next Parish Council newsletter will be published on April 25. For more news, updates, and links to useful sites, please visit our website [www.burbage-council.co.uk](http://www.burbage-council.co.uk)