



Burbage Parish Council Newsletter December 2023

Meetings for the month ahead

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

At the time of printing, the following meetings, all set to start at 6.30pm, were scheduled:

- **Parish Council**
December 4, January 8
- **Planning Committee**
December 18, January 15
- **Environment Committee**
No meeting scheduled
- **Administration & Finance Committee**
January 22

Contact us ...

The parish office is usually open from 9am to midday, Monday to Friday.

The office will be closed from midday on Thursday December 21 until 9am on Wednesday December 27 and from midday on Friday December 29 until 9am on Tuesday January 2.

The best way to make contact is to email info@burbage-council.co.uk or to call **01455 637533**.

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Carols Round the Tree

The Mayor and Mayoress of Hinckley & Bosworth, Cllr Scott Gibbens and Cllr Cathie Gibbens, are to attend a Christmas service hosted by St Catherine's Church at the Coronation Tree on Church Street on **Friday December 15**, which will include a collection for the mayor's chosen charities, Hinckley Area Foodbank and Cat Action Trust Nuneaton & Hinckley. **The service starts at 7pm and a road closure will run from 6pm to 9pm.**

Charity grants presentations

Organisations and individuals who are to benefit from Christmas grants from Burbage Parish Lands Charity are to attend a presentation evening in Millennium Hall on **December 5**. The Parish Council has agreed free use of the venue for the event.

Helping Hands pop-up shop

Burbage Helping Hands will next be at Millennium Hall on **Wednesday December 13 from 2pm**. To donate food or funds, please call Teresa on 07785 246086.



Christmas Market thanks

Thanks to all who helped to make the Christmas Fair & Market on **November 24** such a success. The Council is especially grateful to the Royal British Legion Burbage branch for organising the market, to village community groups, churches and businesses who joined the event and to Parish Volunteers who helped Council staff on the night.

Remembrance thanks

The Council is grateful to the Rector of Burbage, the Revd Andrew Hall, the choir of St Catherine's Church, cornet player Alex Baldwin, piper Rhys Fitter and musicians from Royal Spa Brass, for leading and performing at Burbage Remembrance parade and service which was livestreamed and recorded by Cande Group.



Parish plants new Coronation Tree

Pupils from Burbage Infant and Junior Schools, Sketchley Hill Primary School and Hastings High School buried time capsules on Far Lash green space as a young oak tree was planted by the Parish Council to mark the Coronation of King Charles III.

Council Chairman Cllr David Bill was joined by the Mayor of Hinckley & Bosworth, Cllr Scott Gibbens, in digging-in the new specimen on November 14, the monarch's birthday.

In attendance were, among others, Parish Councillor Stephen Attenborough and parishioner John McNaughton both of whom had witnessed the planting of the Coronation Tree in Church Street, which commemorates the 1953 coronation of the late Queen Elizabeth II.

The oak adds another focal point on the regenerated Parish Council-managed green space, which also features a parish beacon lit to mark the Platinum Jubilee celebrations for the late Queen in June 2022, new public seating, and 70 Himalayan birch trees planted as part of the Queen's Green Canopy.



A message from the Chairman

"With trouble abroad and so many difficulties at home there has never been more need for the true spirit of Christmas.

"Let us all try to come together and help engender that spirit here in Burbage and everywhere. Have a truly enjoyable Christmas, everyone, and a peaceful and prosperous New Year."

Cllr David Bill MBE, Chairman of Burbage Parish Council

