



Bray Parish Council

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The number of Councillors per ward is representative of head of population on the electoral role for each area.

Police Surgery Dates

Below is the next schedule of dates for the surgeries held in the shared area outside the Parish Office at Holyport Memorial Hall between the times of 6.30pm to 8.30pm as follows:

23rd October 2007

27th November 2007

11th December 2007

If you have a problem or local issue to discuss with the police, please pop along.

Visit our Website at:

www.brayparishvillages.com

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

My name is David Coppinger and I was elected as Chairman of Bray Parish Council in May this year. I have lived in Holyport since 1995 and have been a Councillor for 6 years. I have a specific interest in reducing traffic speeds and reducing the number of heavy vehicle movements. The work of the Parish Council involves both its day to day running and also driving longer term projects. This year we have set up a specific working group to examine the strategic direction of the Council over the 4 year period of our office. The Council has now adopted these proposals and we will be developing objectives and action plans over the next few months. The specific strategies are:-



Communications

We intend improving communications in both directions with residents, suppliers and the Royal Borough.

Local Plan

We will investigate the opportunities to drive a local plan within one of the Wards. This plan will set out the specific requirements of that Ward and become a blueprint for the future. To be a success this plan must be written by the residents not the Parish Council.

Local Design Statement

Within the Parish we have a number of specific planning issues e.g the haphazard development along the A308. We believe that this Statement, if adopted by the Borough, could enable us to manage this situation which we cannot at the moment.

Relationship with the Royal Borough

We will improve the relationship between the Parish and the Royal Borough to ensure that we are aligned to better meet the needs of residents.

I look forward to updating you on our progress over the coming months.

David Coppinger - Chairman

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO PROTECT THE A308!

A number of sites along the A308 Windsor Road have received or are in the process of applying for planning permission to build new housing. These include the old Mazda site, 190 and land at the rear of 248-260 Windsor Road. All of these sites have densities of, or close to, 32 dwellings per hectare, far denser than any existing housing in the area. These developments are having a very significant negative effect on the environment for local residents, on the traffic along the A308 and, in the opinion of the Parish Council, is changing the area for the worse.

The Parish Council is examining the potential for creating a Village Design Statement as a framework which, when adopted by the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), can be used by Planning Officers as additional guidance on the type of developments that are acceptable within the area covered by the

Village Design Statement.

The Parish Council is planning to arrange for presentations on what it means to create a Village Design Statement from Planning Aid and from The Community Council for Berkshire. These presentations will be at the start of scheduled Council meetings and will be open to members of the public. Look out for notices of these sessions on our noticeboards and website.

The key to a successful Village Design Statement is the involvement and leadership, managed and delivered by Residents. This means that we need Residents to come forward and be prepared to be an active part of this critical project to protect the environment of the Parish of Bray. Please contact Councillor Chris Graham, Chairman of Planning through the Parish Clerk – details overleaf.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Neighbourhood Watch now has its own official website. Every week, I send out Community Messages to over 2,000 people already on the database by telephone, fax or email. I circulate details of all the burglaries, car crime (usually Sat Nav's) and laptops (when, where and what was stolen). Plus a lot of crime prevention advice, on how not to be a victim of current crimes. Every single resident in the Royal Borough can now register to receive these informative messages. It doesn't matter whether or not you are in a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. The Police want this information and prevention advice to be circulated as widely as possible. Simply go online at www.tvpcommunitymessage.org and register.

Once you receive messages, you will see how important it is, to phone the police with reports of all suspicious people and cars that circulate in your local community. It's the jigsaw puzzle principle. If you feel something is suspicious – it usually is! Anyone going door to door selling anything, should be reported to the police on the 0845 8 505 505 number if they alert your suspicions. Roofers, tarmacers, double glazing salesmen, Nottingham Knockers (young lads selling household products door to door) etc should all be reported as soon as possible, so that the police can come out and have a word with them and remember the Neighbourhood watch motto: **WE DO NOT BUY GOODS AND SERVICES AT THE DOOR !**

The policing of Fifield, is being transferred from Windsor Police Station to Maidenhead to be included in PC Pete Johns Beat of Bray/Holyport. Neighbourhood Watch is no longer a bunch of nosey neighbours, but a well informed source of information and liaison with the police, RBWM and local people. Displaying both street signs and door signs, does deter opportunist thieves. Through the messaging system, you will hear about all their methods they use, why and how they chose target houses, cars and most particularly how not to be a victim. The first priority it to make sure you are not inviting crime! Join us and become aware.

Jeffrey Pick, Watch Administrator RBWM
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Not willing to talk to the Police?

CRIMESTOPPERS are completely independent. Call anonymously with information about crime and you could receive a reward.

CRIMESTOPPERS
0800 555 111

PRIORITY SERVICE REGISTER

Are you missing out on free services and many other benefits? If you are a domestic consumer and one or more of the following applies to you then you can choose from a selection of free services:

- Of Pensionable Age
- Have a Disability
- Have Long Term ill Health
- Are Blind or Visually Impaired

The choice is entirely up to you. Every gas and electricity supplier provides a range of free services, so don't miss out on a service you are entitled to.

Every gas and electricity supplier is obliged to provide these free services under a scheme called the Priority Service Register. The range of free, optional services is designed to make your life easier. To find out what you are entitled to, please call EnergyWatch on 08459 06 07 08.

COMMUNITY POLICING

Bray Parish is hoping to have the benefit of two Police Community Support Officers to join our Beat Officer PC Pete John. PCSO Amy Shah is currently maintaining a regular presence around our local streets. This is all part of the new Police Initiative towards Neighbourhood Policing which shortly comes into force and aims:

- To provide an effective and timely response focused on the needs of the citizen.
- To conduct policing in a neighbourhood policing style.
- To equip front line staff to deliver on police objectives.
- To improve police performance.
- To better protect the public from the risk posed by predatory offenders.
- To be ready and equipped to deal with major crime and critical incidents.

You can meet Pete and Amy at the regular Police Surgeries advertised overleaf.

NEW YOUTH SHELTER IN GAYS LANE FIELD

The Parish was fortunate enough to be offered free a shelter to be used as a young people's focal point. This is an offer we could not refuse and have installed it in Gays Lane field, near to the bench and bin already located there and well away from all the residential properties, for a trial period of 6 months. Early indications are that this facility has been welcomed by the young people of the area and that it is being used regularly.

The construction is very simple and solid and may be painted as desired by those who use it. Are there any other sites in the Parish where the young people would benefit from another Shelter? Let the Parish Council know - contact details

YOUTH WEEK IN HOLYPORT



Once again Bray Parish Council joined forces with the Royal Borough to provide a Summer Play Scheme for a week of the school holidays for the youth in Holyport and surrounding areas.

This Newsletter is published by Bray Parish Council and distributed voluntarily by our local residents.

All queries and suggestions should be passed to:

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