

# BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL



The end of September marks the half way point through the financial year and is a good point at which to take stock of our plans and finances. Improvements to the facilities at Shakespeare Park is making good progress, a public consultation has recently been undertaken and positive feedback has been received with some slight modifications which we will seek to address as the project is moved forward. Initial conversations have been held with potential funding sources and our proposals have been submitted for planning approval. Currently we are on target to begin work in spring of 2017. Council on 24<sup>th</sup> November will receive a report on the current economic and funding pressures facing the Town Council along with forthcoming priorities for the Town Council's services. The Town Council is in a strong position to face the current uncertainties in the economy, nonetheless we continue to need to plan carefully to ensure we maintain a balance between maintaining services, making efficiency savings and raising Council Tax and fees and charges.

## UPDATE ON FOOTPATH—WATERGATE LANE TO STAPLEHURST AVENUE

During the flood alleviation works in June 2013, access to the footpath between Watergate Lane and Staplehurst Avenue was closed and the gate locked by the landowner.



Following complaints from local residents and users of the footpath who stated they had used the route for well over 20 years, the Town Council formally applied to Leicestershire County Council for a Definitive Map Modification Order; i.e. that the footpath be included as a right of way on the official map of rights of way.

Thank you to residents who have supported us with this application by providing evidence of the route's use as a right of way. Our application and supporting evidence is being considered by Leicestershire County Council who are consulting with land owners and organisations such as the Environment Agency and Severn Trent who have an interest in the land. To date, no objections have been received to the application, which is encouraging. Therefore, the Town Council remains confident that the Definitive Map Modification Order will be confirmed sometime in the new year.

## ARMISTICE DAY

The Town Mayor would like to invite all residents to attend a short Remembrance Day Service at Braunstone Civic Centre on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 10.45. The short service of Remembrance will be followed by refreshments in the Centre.



## EXTENDED HOURS FOR BLABY PAYMENTS

Blaby District payments can now be made 9am – 5pm Monday to Thursday and 9am – 4.30pm on Friday at the Customer Service Shop at Braunstone Civic Centre.



## ANNUAL SURVEY WINNER

Town Mayor presented a £50 cheque to the lucky winner this year Mr Bernard Underwood.



**Congratulations!**



## FRANKLIN PARK COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Franklin Park Community Orchard has now been open to the public for a year and is well used by the local residents who are invited to come along and pick the fruit produced.

Maintenance of the area is undertaken by our ground staff but the pruning of the apple trees in the orchard is due to take place in January 2017. Local residents are invited to come along and help with this annual task and learn a little about caring and maintaining apple trees. The pruning will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 10am – 1pm. If the weather is not suitable for the pruning on this day then it will go ahead on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January. Following the pruning soup and refreshments will be provided at Braunstone Civic Centre. If you are interested in attending on the day to help with the work please contact Mrs Pauline Snow on 0116 2899270 or [pauline.snow@braunstonetowncouncil.org.uk](mailto:pauline.snow@braunstonetowncouncil.org.uk)

## CURRENT SURVEYS

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♦ Braunstone Town Council considers it important that residents have good access to a Doctor's surgery and in particular are able to get an appointment to see a GP. In order to identify and address any issues with GP Provision, it is important to understand residents experience in accessing GP Services to identify whether there are any issues with certain patients or locations. **Short GP Practitioners survey** is available in our centres and on our website. Please take your time to help us to understand the services you need.

♦ Braunstone Town Council has been undertaking a **Customer Survey** with regards to the service provided at our Customer Services Reception at Braunstone Civic Centre. We are pleased to advise that we have extended the survey until 30<sup>th</sup> November. The Customer Survey can be completed on line via our website [braunstonetowncouncil.org.uk](http://braunstonetowncouncil.org.uk) or by completing a form at the Customer Service desk in the Civic Centre.

## What's on

### **'Christmas Joy'**

**Flower Demonstration**  
Friday 18th November  
7.30pm  
Tickets - £8.00  
Braunstone Civic Centre  
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### **Christmas Gifts & Craft Fair**

Saturday 26th November  
11am—3pm  
Tickets - £0.50 Adults  
£0.30 Children & Conc.  
Braunstone Civic Centre  
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### **Christmas Quiz & Games Night**

Friday 2nd December  
7.00pm  
Tickets £5.00  
Braunstone Civic Centre  
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### **Christmas Disco**

Saturday 3rd December  
5-7pm  
Tickets £2.00  
Thorpe Astley  
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### **'30 Years and Still Going Strong'**

Saturday 3rd December  
7.00pm  
Tickets—£5.00 Adults  
£4.00 Children & Conc.  
Braunstone Civic Centre  
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**Customer Service Shop, Braunstone Civic Centre**

**Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm**

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