



WELCOME TO THE OCTOBER NEWS BULLETIN FROM BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL



October 2024

Welcome to the October bulletin from Brixton Parish Council (BPC).

The Parish Council meets monthly in either the Brixton Community Room (adjacent to St Mary's school) or Sherford Community Hub, with the June meeting held in Carrollsland. The meeting location will be rotated and advertised prior to the meeting. Councillors welcome the opportunity to meet parishioners in the other areas of the parish. Please do come and say hello!

The location of our meetings is constantly reviewed as we are mindful of the safety of parishioners and councillors alike. All working group meetings are continuing via zoom.

Brixton Parish Council has a Business Continuity Plan. This can be viewed on [www.brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk) along with the councils' other policies.

### Highways

BPC Traffic Management Working Group continues to meet remotely with DCC Highways Officer on a quarterly basis and the next meeting will be held in January. If you would like to attend or have any highways related issues or any questions for a future meeting please email [clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### Speed Limits within Brixton

BPC is working in conjunction with our District Councillors and DCC County Councillor Hart to reduce the speed limit between Red Lion Hill / Stamps Hill to Sherford. BPC have also asked for a review of the speed limits within the village. This would be a good opportunity to review the whole parish as speeding is a concern, especially since the reopening of the road between Brixton and Sherford.

### Monkey Lane

The DCC advertisement for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Monkey Lane to be downgraded to a multi-use lane (Pedestrians, Cyclists and Horse Riders) with a prohibition of vehicles except for access has concluded. There were no objections. DCC will be finalising the design and implementing this.

### River Yealm Water Quality Group

This working group with the 7 Riparian Parish Councils in the River Yealm Catchment area together with other interested parties continues to meet to work with Environment Agency and South West Water to look at improving the quality of water in the River Yealm particularly relating to the discharge of sewage into the river at times of heavy rainfall. For more information email [clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### Cost Of Living Crisis

BPC is mindful of the 'Cost of Living' Crisis and a small working group of representatives from the community meets regularly to discuss this. A Community Help Box located in the porch at St. Mary's Church contains cleaning, hygiene products and tinned food funded by BPC, Brixton Feoffee Trust and donations. These items are being regularly used. The warm hub in The Foxhound is popular on Thursday afternoons and will continue as a regular community event to help reduce isolation and loneliness. Pop in for a chat. Please look out for a helpful leaflet coming through village letterboxes soon.

### **Brixton Community Book Swop**

The Brixton Community Book Swop is located in St Mary's Church and is available daily when the church is open from 10am - 4.30pm. There are books for all tastes including a selection of children's books. If you don't have a book to swop please just come and borrow one. There is no membership required or recording of book borrowing - just come along and swop your book. The library of books is expanding daily and well worth a visit.

### **Parish Plan 2012**

At the July parish council meeting the 'Parish Plan 2012' was reviewed and the review document is now available to view on the parish council website [www.brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk). This plan has now been superseded by the Neighbourhood Plan and BPC Business Plan.

### **Land at Cofflete Creek**

BPC owns the parcel of land at the head of Cofflete Creek on the site of the former Cofflete Mill. The aim is to create a community amenity space for the residents of Brixton Parish, through careful consideration of the significant historic and environmental value of this piece of land. BPC is now looking at creating a project plan for the higher section which will be the subject of community consultation, this will be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November at St Mary's Church Fair.

### **Post Office update**

The Post Office is now open in The Foxhound Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am – 12pm

### **Brixton Parish Environment Working Group**

This group continues to meet regularly via Zoom with the next meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. All are welcome to join the meeting and the Zoom details will be placed on the website nearer the time.

Walks around Sherford, the Country Park and Brixton area are being planned for the springtime. These walks will be advertised on the website, Facebook and the noticeboards. Watch this space!

### **Bee Wild Group**

The Bee Wild Group regularly meet to look at how to tackle climate change and protect nature. The autumn project will be the area around the bus stop at the top of Winstone Lane.

### **St Mary's Churchyard**

BPC have met with representatives from SHDC and St Mary's Church to formulate a plan for the cutting in 2025. They are identifying areas that will remain longer with a couple of smaller areas for plants to grow wild. The intention is to reach a satisfactory balance between having a churchyard which is accessible for families and improving its biodiversity.

### **Defibrillators**

Brixton have SIX defibrillators at different locations in the parish. The sites are as follows:

- Outside Venn Court
- Outside the main entrance door to Brixton St Mary's Primary School
- In the former phone box on The Green
- In the former phone box at Fordbrook
- Plymstock Albion Oaks, Horsham sports field
- Entrance to Chittleburn Business Park

### **Forthcoming meetings**

The remaining meetings in 2024 are as follows:

- 6th November – Sherford
- 27th November – Brixton
- December – no meeting

Meeting dates and locations for 2025 will be announced soon.

Any changes will be conveyed on [www.brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk) and the Facebook pages.

There is a calendar of events available on the BPC website.

To keep up to date with the parish council please visit our website, [www.brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk) or by following the Facebook Community pages:

- LOVEBrixton Devon
- Brixton Village

### **Brixton Parish Council website**

Please note that BPC has changed the details of the parish council website [www.brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk). The details of all councillors and their emails can be found on the parish council website. The main change is that all councillor and clerk emails now end in gov.uk

If you have any question or queries regarding the work of BPC, please do not hesitate to contact Kirstie Aldridge, Clerk via email - [clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk)