



June 2021

## *Have you heard the BUZZ?*

The Saunton Park residents have planted a fantastic garden along the wide verge on Saunton Road. The aim of the verge is not only to look aesthetically pleasing to the eye but the wide variety of plants also provide a nectar rich stop off for pollinating insects and a habitat and refuge for many beneficial insects. These insects in turn provide birds, bats and small mammals with a much needed food source.

All plants on this verge have been donated by local residents and we would like to thank them and the volunteers who have given their time to plant and maintain the verge for the enjoyment of the wider community.

Braunton Parish Council are encouraging more wildflowers and insects by leaving some verges to grow naturally. This is a pilot scheme being trialled in areas of Braunton with advice from the Bumblebee

Conservation Trust. They particularly want to encourage the now rare Brown Banded Carder Bee and Moss Carder Bee, both once common throughout Devon but whose one remaining strong hold is our North Devon Coast area. These verges can provide a valuable habitat for the growth of wildflowers again, a much needed refuelling stop for our insects. We would also like to thank Knowle Community Group and Love Braunton for their help in planting up other areas in Braunton.

If you would like more information or a free no obligation site visit, contact Cathy on 07951 154530 or [wcb@bumblebeeconservation.org](mailto:wcb@bumblebeeconservation.org)

If you are interested in getting involved with the wildflower verges, please contact the Parish Council.



## Annual Council Meeting

On 4th May Braunton Parish Council held its Annual Council Meeting and the following members were re-elected for 2021/22:



**Cllr Liz Spear**  
*Chair*



**Cllr David Relph**  
*Vice Chair*



**Cllr Marguerite Shapland**  
*Chair of Finance & Admin.*

The Parish Council has 13 elected members. Their contact details and the make up of the Council's Finance & Administration, Parks & Gardens and Property Committees can be found on the Council's website [www.brauntonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.brauntonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

At the Annual Parish meeting, held in April, the Council awarded grants of £11,925 to local organisations. Details are available on our website.

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Hours: The office is currently closed to the public.*

Tracey Lovell, Clerk to the Council  
Angela Corner, Senior Council Officer  
Jane Fewings, Admin Assistant

### **Damage to Seating**

Unfortunately, there have been a number of seats found damaged in the Memorial Gardens over the early May bank holiday weekend. If anyone witnessed anything please contact the Parish Council in confidence on 01271 812131.

Thank you.

