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Community Work Hub Plans for Braunton

Caen Street Car Park Resurfacing Works

The resurfacing and realignment of the overflow car park was due to be carried out in January but due to the flood prevention works this has been delayed.

The Parish Council are hoping to get the work completed once the contractors have cleared the compound from the car park.

We will provide further details in due course.



In January, the Parish Council entered into a joint venture with the police by purchasing the Braunton Police Station and providing the local policing team with an 'neutral cost' 15 year rental in part of the building. The main objective of this partnership was to retain a police presence in Braunton which has been successfully achieved.

The Council is pleased to announce that it has now secured £19,382 from the Devon County Council Devon Work Hub fund, subject to the signing of a formal funding agreement, to turn the remainder of the premises into a Community Work Hub.

The Braunton Community Work Hub planned service will include: -

- 4 offices for long-term tenant provision of fixed desk space, filing storage, available weekly/monthly.
- 6 'hot desks' available on a day rate.
- Provision of meeting room.
- WIFI internet access.
- Laser printing facilities.
- Open concept kitchen (social hub/communal area)
- 24/7 access to the work hub
- Fully accessible DDA compliant.
- Amenities including lockers showers, W/Cs.
- Cycle storage.
- Possible access to an electronic vehicle charge point.



Braunton Police Station Entrance

The Chair of the Parish Council Property Committee, Cllr Liz Spear said, "I am delighted that the Parish Council has been successful in achieving substantial funding for the Braunton Community Work Hub. A considerable amount of consultation and planning has gone into making this successful bid. Congratulations and thanks to all those who helped to bring this about, not least our Parish Clerk, Tracey Lovell".

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Energy Saving Help and Advice from Local Organisation

361 Energy CIC is a not for profit social enterprise whose aims are to promote energy efficiency and carbon saving in North Devon with Energy Awareness Events and providing householders with energy advice, assessments and fuel poverty assistance. They are funded by various organisations including the Big Energy Saving Network.

361 Empower is a service started in 2015 offering Energy & Water Saving Advice, Energy Tariff Switching, Fuel & Water Debt Assistance, Benefit Applications for Utility Bill Discounts and Energy Efficiency Funding Applications.

Nearly 14% (5,834 people) are in fuel poverty in North Devon and Braunton's higher older population increases risk of vulnerability. The South West has some of the highest utility charges e.g. PAYG Meters (around £150 more!), water charges and the biggest percentage of those in fuel poverty live in privately rented accommodation (around 21% of properties identified as at risk of being cold homes in North Devon). The likelihood of being fuel poor increases with lower levels of energy efficiency (particularly in homes with electric/oil heating) and with the overall trend for increasing energy bills.

Are you or anyone you know struggling with heating bills?

We can help you save money on fuel and water bills!

You may be entitled to a free home visit by an energy advisor

- Advice on energy and water debt, including debt write-off
- Help finding a cheaper supplier and switching to a cheaper tariff
- Practical energy saving solutions and information
- Energy efficiency funding and benefit applications
- Income maximization checking service

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ENERGY

A community organisation working in North Devon

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Cold or energy inefficient homes can result in:

- Fuel debt and struggling to pay bills, spending more than 10% on energy costs and having to choose between heating and eating.
- Damp, condensation, mould, drafts, inadequate heating levels e.g. only keeping heating on in one or two rooms, This can be due to the building being in poor condition, lack of insulation, single glazing, old boiler, electric heating or no/old boiler.
- Health issues - recurring respiratory illness such as colds. Older people are more likely to suffer from circulatory problems due to cold homes e.g. increased blood pressure leading to risk of stroke and heart attacks.

For free advice or to find out if you are eligible for help contact 361 Energy on 07887 641372 or email info@361energy.org

Exciting Development Plans for the Bakehouse Centre

Initial ideas to develop the Bakehouse Centre have been presented to the public to make the Braunton Museum and Information Centre more visible in the village. The plans were drawn up by architects, David Wilson Partnership in Devon. The main aims being to:

- make the museum more family friendly
- make the museum, Surf Museum and Countryside Centre an all-weather attraction in the centre of the village
- Improve exhibits by displaying less but on a rolling basis
- Make better use of the building

The plans include:

- building a new, more prominent glass entrance, entering straight into the shop and Tourist Information Centre
- blocking off some of the existing windows to allow more exhibition space;
- creating a feature such as a boat extending from the building with a coloured pathway to draw you in

- improving the flow through the building to guide you through the exhibits.
- Create permanent exhibition space showing Braunton's unique selling points e.g. The Great Field, Saxon Village, the Sea/Saunton

A public consultation is being held to collect data to support funding applications.



Derrick Spear, Chair of Braunton Parish Council, presents a cheque for £165.24 to Braunton Museum staff and trustees, proceeds collected at the Parish Civic Service.



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Meetings Calendar 2017

Full Council Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month and additional meetings, to primarily consider planning applications, are held on the fourth Monday of each month.

7pm 13 March 2017

7pm 27 March 2017

7pm 10 April 2017

7pm 24 April 2017

7pm 8 May 2017 (Annual Council Meeting)

Events in Braunton

Did you know we have an Events Diary on our website? We list the events and classes being held in the Parish Hall and our other venues but we can also list any non-profit making events taking place in Braunton. To view the events page from the Parish Council's home page click on a date on the calendar or click 'Event Diary', then you can click on the event name for further information. We can also include a poster so if you wish to list a charitable event please send details including name of event, date, time, location and any other relevant information to angela@brauntonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Contact your Councillors

West Ward:

Cllr Dave Bennett,
Cllr Brad Bunyard,
Cllr Mrs Jasmine Chesters,
Cllr Caroline Chugg,
Cllr Peter Lord,
Cllr Mrs Linda Wellstead,

East Ward:

Cllr Robin Bonds,
Cllr Gwen de Groot.
Cllr Roy Lucas
Cllr Derrick Spear,
Cllr Elizabeth Spear,
Cllr Mrs Trish Parsons,

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Events Diary

Big Summer Bash
Date: Saturday, 08 July 2017
Time: 10:00 to 18:00
Venue: Braunton Recreation Ground

2017 Big Summer Bash
BRAUNTON
Saturday 6th July
10am - 8pm
LIVE MUSIC ALL DAY!
OVER 100 STALLS!
LOCAL CIDERS & ALES
KIDS ACTIVITIES
PRO HOBBY BASH & MORE