



THE BRAUNTON EXPRESS

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The Parish offices will be closed from Mon 24 December 2018 and will reopen on Wednesday 2 January 2019 at 9am.



Braunton Parish Council is offering free parking on two weekends in December. Shoppers can park for free in Caen Street Car Park:

15/16 December

22/23 December



Village Green Enhancements Project

The Parish Council are pleased to be able to share their plans with you for the village green and would like to see what you think. We have two great artists impressions which were kindly done with thanks to Lorna Childs and Gary Stainer. We have taken into account ideas which have previously been suggested, worked with some local organisations and considered what is essential, popular, its location, size, ground conditions and funding.

In August 2017 the Norway Maple tree on the village green was removed due to compaction and subsequent infection with honey fungus. The village green is within a conservation area and the Council must replant a tree in the same location having given the ground at least a year to recover. An Elm 'New Horizon' has been chosen which suits the location and conditions and is fitting as a tribute to the historic 'Cross Tree Elm' which once stood in the village. It has an early pollen season and is a newly developed species which is also resistant to Dutch Elm Disease and has good resistance to Honey Fungus.

A circular bench has been selected to provide ample seating whilst helping to protect the base of the tree from compaction. The seat has wood composite slats (FSC timber offcuts and recycled

plastic) with a galvanized steel base. For mobility access we plan to install reinforced grass pathways around and to and from the bench. The base of the tree behind the bench will be edged and mulched.



Wifi - a leased line has already been supplied to the nearby Community Work Hub by Braunton Parish Council and therefore it may be possible for transmitters to be put in place to provide wifi to the village green. An electrical supply may also be installed with power for lighting around the tree, phone charging point and a supply point for events.

An Interpretation Board is planned giving some details of the project and thanking supporters. The base will be made using wood locally crafted from the old Norway Maple.

Great consideration has been given to sustainability with recycled materials and local contractors/craftspeople being used where possible.. (cont....)

Village Green (...cont)



Obviously the scope of the project will be limited by funding available once all the quotes have been obtained.

We would love you to show your support for the project and would welcome any comments.

Home Improvement Loans

If your home is in need of essential repairs and you can't afford to get it done, you can apply for a Home Improvement Loan from Wessex Resolutions. This is a not-for-profit organisation working on behalf of North Devon Council to provide low-interest loans. Subject to means testing, it is potentially available to North Devon residents for the purpose of housing repairs.

The money available is a loan not a grant and therefore must be repaid. However, the payment of interest goes towards both other loans and management costs, whilst repayment allows the same funds to be recirculated. This is not an alternative to the High Street banks and building societies, nor can it compete on rates. Rather it's directed towards those who, through older age or credit history, are unlikely to be accepted by the more traditional lenders. The loans (currently 4.2% but with no set up fee) are more expensive than the banks but safer and considerably less expensive than other alternatives to which those in need might resort. www.wessexresolutions.org.uk

Parish Grants 2019/20

Grants of £9700 will be awarded to the following organisations in 2019/20 as follows:

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| Christ Church | £500 |
| Braunton Lights | £200 |
| St. Anne's Chapel, Saunton | £250 |
| Torrige, North Devon and Mid Devon Citizens Advice Bureau | £400 |
| Rotary Club of Braunton | £300 |
| Braunton Volunteers | £800 |
| Braunton Museum and Information Centre | £1250 |
| Caen Rotary Club | £500 |
| Braunton Twinning Association | £200 |
| Parochial Church Council of Braunton | £1,750 |
| Military Wives Choirs | £500 |
| Knowle Community Group | £1,000 |
| Braunton Bowling Club | £500 |
| Braunton Youth Club | £750 |
| Visually Impaired Club | £150 |
| Chaloners Womens Institute | £150 |
| Friends of Braunton Library | £500 |

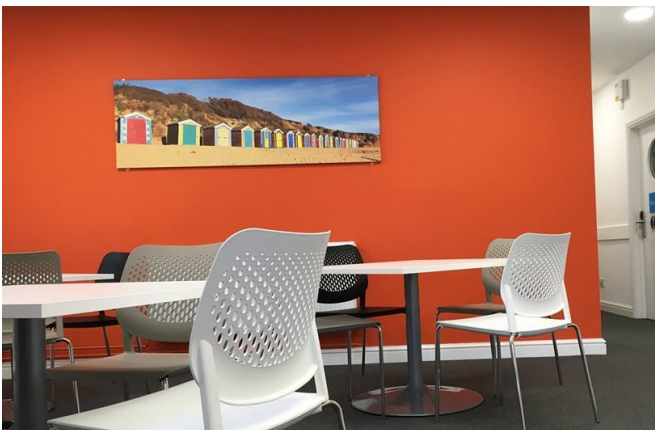
Braunton Community Work Hub Opens

Braunton Parish Council is delighted to announce that it's new Community Work Hub in Braunton is now open for business.

Following the closure of the Braunton Police Station in 2016-17 the Parish Council purchased the building for two reasons: -

- To keep a police presence in Braunton, and
- provide a Community Work Hub for small start-up businesses, home-based and mobile workers.

The police have retained an office within the building, and the remainder of the building has been turned into a community work hub providing four fully furnished modern offices and 6 affordable hot desks from £10 per day.



The 'social hub' area is a place to meet and greet clients, exchange information and network with like-minded people. Providing fresh bean coffee this open planned area can be used for relaxation or collaborative working. Office space hire starts from £54 per week and the hot desks can be booked for half a day at £5 or all day £10. Prices include utilities, business rates and cleaning.

Tracey Lovell the Parish Clerk says, "This is a fantastic facility for Braunton bringing the community and local business sector together. With a growing number of people becoming self-employed the Braunton Work Hub provides affordable professional office

space, with no binding contracts or penalties. Enabling small businesses to invest their time and money into the growth of their business."

The project to create the Braunton Work Hub was funded by Devon Work Hubs and Braunton Parish Council. The Council used local businesses and trades to create and furnish the building.



Facilities include: -

- 50/100 Mbps fibre dedicated broadband.
- Four modern fully furnished offices
- 6 flexible hot desks
- Laser printer, photocopier and scan facilities
- Sit-stand desks
- Fresh bean coffee
- Shower and bike storage
- Kitchen facilities
- Car parking

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Flood Contacts

Who to contact if you experience flooding:



Devon County Council Highways 0345 155 1004 Mon—Fri 8am – 8pm & Sat 9am to 1pm (outside of these hours contact 01392 383329). To report flooding of the highway and blocked drains.

South West Water 0344 346 2020 (24 hours service). To report flooding from sewers and water pipes.

Environment Agency's Floodline 0345 988 1188 (24 hours service). For advice and enquiries about flood warnings.

SANDBAGS

Don't forget the Parish Council has bags available for filling. Just call in at the office during opening hours (9am -12 noon Monday to Friday). Sand can be obtained from local builders merchants. It is advisable to be prepared and not to wait until bad weather is forecast.

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CONTACT

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Meetings Calendar 2018/19

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

7pm 10 December 2018

7pm 14 January 2019

7pm 28 January 2019

7pm 11 February 2019

7pm 25 February 2019

Contact your Councillors

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