



October 2021

Braunton Parish Council Declare Housing Crisis

Braunton Parish Council is joining with other communities in North Devon to declare a housing emergency. The Council at its meeting on Tuesday 10 August unanimously voted to declare a Housing Crisis in Braunton. Some Braunton Parish residents are unable to remain within the community, causing:

-  families to be disconnected,
-  support networks to be disrupted or destroyed,
-  a loss of community cohesion,
-  detrimental mental health effects on residents and their children,
-  a disruption to the education of affected children, and
-  an environmental effect caused through increased journey lengths

Chair of Braunton Parish Council, Councillor Liz Spear, says: "Calling a Housing Crisis highlights the urgency to provide affordable housing locally. It has become increasingly obvious that there is a growing problem arising out of second homes, and certainly since the Pandemic the issue of affordable homes, particularly for the younger generation, has become an even bigger issue

locally". With more people wanting to visit North Devon, tenants are being served notice and rentals are being turned into holiday accommodation. In addition to this the purchase of housing for holiday homes has created a perfect storm. Local people cannot afford the prices being asked for rented accommodation, and also there are just not enough properties for the number of rentals needed. To help tackle this issue Braunton Parish Council will be contacting North Devon Council to request that they consider the effect that Short Term Lets are having on the ability of the North Devon residents to afford and own their own homes in their home towns/villages. The Chair, Councillor Elizabeth Spear, says: "It is important that the Council works with other local authorities and organisations as it would not be possible to achieve the Council's proposed target by working alone."



Policing in Braunton

The feedback we have received from the Police is that crimes in Braunton may be going unreported. Police resources in the area are assigned according to the figures.

To ensure the level of policing in Braunton represents the demand we all need to ensure that any incident is recorded which means reporting all crimes and antisocial behaviour in Braunton to the Police. There may be multiple incidents seen on social media but this would not increase the police presence and incidents will not be recorded unless reported through the official means.

All non-emergencies can be reported by dialing 101 or:

Report Crime Online –
dc.police.uk/crimereporting •

Email 101 – 101@dc.police.uk

This excerpt was taken from the Braunton Police Newsletter on taking the “Anti” away from Anti-social behaviour.

“Anti-social behaviour, also known as ASB, is linked to how safe people feel. Persistent ASB can have a significant impact on people’s lives.

Groups displaying intimidating, abusive and rowdy behaviours are distressing for others, and will not be tolerated in Devon and Cornwall.

We know there isn’t one simple solution to anti-social behaviour, but you can help us, and our partners take the ‘anti’ away from anti-social by reporting issues. Your reports help officers understand where the hotspots are.”

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Meetings Calendar 2021

Full Council meetings are currently being held in the Parish Hall and additional meetings, to primarily consider planning applications, are currently being held virtually. Please note the change of day of the Full Council meetings.

7pm Tues 12 October 2021

7pm Mon 25 October 2021

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