



Braunton Says No to Hate

Braunton Parish Council have signed up to the Devon and Cornwall Police 'Zero Tolerance To Hate Crime' pledge. The Council's action follows the distressing story broadcast on the Jeremy Vine show of Nomi Makin, a young Braunton woman's experiences of racism in Braunton and beyond. The Council also agreed to set up a new action group, **'Braunton Together - Actively confronting ALL discrimination in Braunton, Heanton and the surrounding area'**, to promote this campaign throughout Braunton. The group consists of Parish Councillors, local Head Teachers, Devon and Cornwall Police, Live Well in Braunton, Sunrise and local residents.

Councillor Val Cann, the new group's co-ordinator explained "Councillors were shocked to hear this story and it turns out not to be an isolated case. We want this group to be about educating the public and we also want to make sure that the 'No To Hate' message gets through to local schools. I'm delighted that we have the support of our local Head Teachers. We are also involving all our local businesses and asking them to sign up to the pledge. In setting up the

group the Council wants to provide an opportunity for those experiencing any form of discrimination to be heard and offer them support to take what action may be necessary. "

Councillor Graham Bell added "When I first heard the radio account of what had happened in our community, I was shocked and dismayed that our neighbours were suffering abuse and it took national press coverage to bring it to our attention. While it is only a small

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proportion of our community that suffer discrimination, the impact on their lives is massive. I hope that we can address all forms of discrimination by supporting the “Zero Tolerance to Hate” scheme to highlight that our village is a cultural, diverse and safe community irrespective of your colour, creed or condition.”

Cllr Jean Elliott from Heanton Punchardon Parish Council says “Heanton Parish Council is keen to be associated with **Braunton Together** and looks forward to working with the group.”

By signing the pledge Braunton organisations will agree to work to eliminate unlawful discrimination and unfair treatment; foster good relations by promoting respect; tackle prejudice and report any incidents of hate witnessed within their organisation or on their premises. Organisations will be encouraged to display a sticker to show they have signed up to the pledge.

Braunton Parish Council Chair, Liz Spear said “This is a really important campaign and I’m urging our local community to get behind it. There is no place for any form of discrimination in our village and if we act together, we can ensure that Braunton is a community that promotes respect for all.”

Julie Dixon, D&C Police Diverse Communities Team, said “We’re very pleased that Braunton Parish Council have taken up this initiative. There are more incidents of hate crime than you would think in this area and it is good to see it being taken seriously by the Council. Such incidents are totally unacceptable and can have a significant impact on the victims of this under reported crime. We are ready to offer all the necessary support for this campaign and would encourage other councils to follow Braunton’s example.”

The launch of the campaign coincides with Black History Month in October and the National Hate Crime Awareness Week starting Saturday 10th October.

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Meetings Calendar 2020

Full Council Meetings are held at 7pm on the second Monday of each month and additional meetings, to primarily consider planning applications, are held on the fourth Monday of each month. Meetings are being held online at present until it is safe to hold them publicly again.

Agendas and minutes can be viewed on our website.