



the NEWS

Bradford on Avon Town Council
Summer 2024



Play area improvements to start soon

The latest plan for improving the play area in Poulton Park has been unveiled, and the new design reflects what people have said to us about the types of play opportunities they want to see - and the materials they would prefer to be used in constructing and equipping the play area.

The new design, which you can see over the page, is more ambitious than the plans we shared last September. However, it is also more expensive, and because of this, we have to split the project into phases.

The first phase is scheduled to start in early June and should be finished in time for the school holidays.

We are also going to be working on designs for a sand pit and a mud kitchen, and will be planting new trees in and around the play area this autumn.

The rest of the design will be carried out in phases, and we are working hard to secure additional funding to complete the project.

● We take a detailed look at what is planned on page 3.

Veterans sleep out to help out



Photo: Trevor Porter

■ Armed forces veterans slept out overnight in Westbury Garden at the end of March to raise much-needed money for homeless comrades. The Great Tommy Sleep Out - a Royal British Legion national appeal - was organised locally by the Bradford on Avon Armed Forces and Veterans Club. Club spokesperson Christine Giles said: "We've raised £1,450 already and will keep the collection open until the end of April. There shouldn't be one war hero or veteran homeless, let alone 6,000." Any veterans who would like to join the club, please contact Christine on 07729 808548.

Talk of the town: news in brief

■ For updates on progress following the Bradford on Avon traffic modelling study, please keep an eye on the website or make sure you are signed up for BoA Snippets - our email newsletter.

■ The town council has continued attempts to reach a settlement in the dispute concerning Becky Addy Wood, with the High Court trial due at the end of April, after this newsletter goes to print. For updates see the town council website: bit.ly/3TnZCx6

■ In April, we submitted a planning application for a new pavilion at Culver

Close. This will be on the site of the old pavilion. There is more information about the pavilion project on our website: bit.ly/43Psi5K

■ In an initiative aimed at allowing people to 'try before they buy' the council has set up a low-energy cooking appliance loan scheme. This scheme was launched in collaboration with Climate Friendly BoA to let residents try out low-energy appliances - including air fryers and pressure cookers - before buying. If you're interested in borrowing one of our low-energy cooking

appliances, please fill out the Google form at: bit.ly/3U9Uopl

■ The town council has purchased an e-bike for residents to borrow for 1 or 2 weeks to see if an e-bike might work for them. E-bikes are becoming increasingly popular as a healthy and low-carbon alternative to cars. They can be expensive though, so if you're thinking about buying an e-bike but are a little hesitant, why not try out ours? The scheme isn't up and running yet but you can register your interest at: bit.ly/3U9Hesg

Sign up to BoA Snippets, our email newsletter, at bit.ly/3zkl6Rb

Lots to do in Great Big Green Week

It's walks, talks and getting hands-on with nature as Bradford on Avon's Great Big Green Week returns, with plenty of events across the town for all ages.

From Saturday 8 June to Sunday 16 June people will be able to explore the town's green spaces, find out more about local wildlife and check out the many volunteering opportunities in Bradford on Avon. The library is also hosting some activities. Some of the events have limited spaces; you can reserve your space at: [tickettailor.com/events/bradfordonavontowncouncil](https://www.tickettailor.com/events/bradfordonavontowncouncil) Events include:

Saturday 8 June

BoA Join In! St Margaret's Hall and Westbury Garden (*More about BoA Join In! on the back page*)

Nature Volunteers Barton Farm Country Park - 10am to 1pm

Sunday 9 June

Nature Volunteers The Strips - 10am to 1pm

Dr Ben Adiss 'Should we be afraid of Wasps' - St Margaret's Hall - 6pm to 8pm

Monday 10 June

Avonleigh Orchard tour - 10am to 1pm

Thursday 13 June

Nature Walk (led by Roger Jones) - starts at the Tithe Barn - 10.30am

Friday 14 June

Pond Dipping - starts at the noticeboard by Barton Bridge - 4pm to 6pm

Bat Walk - starts at the noticeboard by Barton Bridge - 9pm

Saturday 15 June

Repair Café - Wallington Hall - 10am to 12.30pm

Avonleigh Orchard tour - 10am to 1pm

Tree Walk - starts at Westbury Garden - 2pm to 4pm

Sunday 16 June

Swift Walk - starts at Westbury Garden - 8pm

Remember, remember ...

After the success of 2023's display, we'll be having fireworks at Poulton Park again this year. Full details in due course - but this year's event will be on **Sunday 3 November**.

Summer music festival comes back to town

Great news for fans of live music, from rock to classical, jazz to folk, as the Live Music Festival returns to Bradford on Avon from Friday 31 May to Sunday 2 June.

Free and ticketed events will be spread out across 7 venues, with Mickey Ace and the Wildcards opening the festival on the Friday evening. If you're all about that classic 50s and 60s rock'n'roll scene, you won't want to miss out on this classic gig.

Jazz aficionados will rejoice as Louise Parker - who captivated audiences at The Hall last year - returns to Bradford on Avon, this time paying a soulful tribute to Nina Simone and Billie Holiday.

And they are just 2 of the acts booked



for your entertainment this summer - a terrific line-up of local bands and nationally acclaimed performers is



■ Headline acts: U2MND, above, Louise Parker, right, and Mick Jogger, top right



poised to offer music across a wide range of genres, with something for everyone.

The venues confirmed for the festival are: St Margaret's Hall, Wiltshire Music Centre, Westbury Garden, Lamb Yard, the Dog & Fox, the Castle Inn and the Rising Sun.

So don't miss out on a weekend of brilliant live music - you can buy tickets for the events through Wiltshire Music Centre's website: wiltshiremusic.org.uk

Our thanks go to festival sponsors H2 Creative, Lerica Tax Accountants, Ti2 Titanium Jewellery and Kingstons Estate Agents.

The full festival programme ...

Friday 31 May

ST MARGARET'S HALL
Mickey Ace & the Wildcards - 7pm (£13.50/ £10 concessions)

WILTSHIRE MUSIC CENTRE
Yale Schola Cantorum: Mass in B Minor/J S Bach - 7.30pm (£26/ £14 concessions)

Saturday 1 June

WESTBURY GARDEN
Jess Chivers - 3pm
Ruby Darbyshire - 4pm
Strange Folk - 5pm
Courting Ghosts - 6pm
Banter - 7pm
Concrete Prairie - 8pm
Mick Jogger & the Rolling Stones Experience - 9pm

LAMB YARD
Ed Dyke/MEG - 3pm
Jackie & Felix Byrne - 4pm

Dr Zebo's Wheezy Club - 5pm

Jess Chivers - 6pm
The Real Cheesemakers - 7pm
Strange Folk - 8pm
Banter - 9pm

THE DOG & FOX
The Water Thieves - 3pm
Sian & Rob Colquhoun Blue Grass Duo - 4pm
Ed Dyke/ MEG - 5pm
Jackie & Felix Byrne - 6pm
Dr Zebo's Wheezy Club - 7pm
Courting Ghosts - 8pm
The Real Cheesemakers - 9pm
Concrete Prairie - 10pm

WILTSHIRE MUSIC CENTRE
Zone Club - 2pm
Youth jazz groups from Wiltshire Music Centre &

Wiltshire Young Musicians - 2.30pm
Dennis Rollins' Funky-Funk - 7.30pm (£24/ £13 concessions)

Sunday 2 June

Louise Parker - St Margaret's Hall - 7pm (£16/ £12 concessions)

THE CASTLE INN
(Programme subject to change)

This stage is being headlined by **U2MND**, pictured above, a band raising funds for motor neurone disease. To date, the band has raised over £3,000 by playing gigs at iconic venues such as The Half Moon in Putney and Moles in Bath.

Fungus Licks - 1pm

Rockport Blues - 2.15pm
Lee Broderick - 3.30pm
Mark Green's Blues Band - 4.45pm
The Karport Collective - 6.15pm
TBC - 8pm
U2MND - 9pm

THE RISING SUN
(Programme subject to change)

Lee Broderick - 1pm
Joe Hunt - 2.15pm
Fungus Licks - 3.30pm
Poppa Shep - 4.45pm
Hay Days - 6.15pm
Adrian Long - 8pm
Mark Green's Blues Band - 9pm

Find out more about the festival on the Explore BoA website: bit.ly/3vgsAWN

Poulton Park play plans unveiled



The town council is actively fundraising for Poulton Park play area and we would welcome donations from individuals and businesses. If you or your business would like to make a substantial donation to the fund, please contact Bradford on Avon Town Council at office@bradfordonavontowncouncil.gov.uk

The Bradford on Avon Playing Field Association charity has been set up to help safeguard Bradford on Avon's green spaces, including Poulton Park, and you can donate to the Poulton Play area project here: bit.ly/3JkDIKV or scan the QR code.

The first phase will include:

- the bigger climbing frame shown in the illustration above
- a new roundabout
- a new basket swing
- new seats and general refurbishment for the existing swings
- multi-height bars and a zig-zag twister
- new seating.



Get going on growing, baking and making



The 2024 Bradford on Avon Flower and Produce Show takes place on Sunday 8 September, so there's plenty of time to start planning and growing for the popular event.

There are 99 categories to enter: from old favourites - including the most amusing vegetable, of course - to some intriguing new ones, all contributing to a wonderful display of fruit, flowers and vegetables, jams and jellies, cakes and bakes, and all kinds of creative crafts.

You can pick up a copy of the schedule/entry form from the town council offices in Kingston Road or download from the town council website.

Contact us by phone on 01225 864240

Get in touch via email at office@bradfordonavontowncouncil.gov.uk

Join in and make a difference

This June we'll be celebrating the wide variety of community groups, charities, clubs and social groups that Bradford on Avon has to offer.

BoA Join In! is an opportunity for not-for-profit groups across the town to showcase themselves to local residents of all ages.

Nearly 40 groups and organisations are currently signed up to take part and will be offering information, and in some cases, a little taster of what they do.

Whether you're looking for new clubs for the kids, volunteering opportunities or just a way to meet new people, there's sure to be something for everyone...

Enjoy tea and cake with one of Saxon Group Riding for the Disabled Association's ponies.

Take part in Arts Together's drop-in map-making workshop, enjoy a free hand massage from Karen at the BoA Community Church, toast marshmallows with the Girlguiding group or try your luck at the Lions Club tombola.

A host of other activities will be on offer from BoA Youth, U3A, the Swift Group, Alzheimer's Support and the Men's Shed,

plus bowls and croquet taster sessions at the Bowls Club. There will also be information and displays from many other clubs and organisations.

West Wilts Radio will be broadcasting live from the event between 1pm and 2pm, giving attendees a chance to make a request live on air.

The event coincides with the end of Volunteers Week, and there will be a chance to discover the wide range of volunteering opportunities in the town from BoA Youth Football and Dorothy House, to the Bradford on Avon Museum and Wiltshire Link Community Transport.

The date also marks the start of this year's Great Big Green Week (see page 2) and Climate Friendly Bradford on Avon will be there to help you upcycle your old clothing by block printing with environmentally friendly inks - so do bring along those faded items at the back of the wardrobe waiting for a new lease of life.

More details, including a full list of participants and a map of the event will be published on the town council website nearer the time.

Secret Gardens open their gates

The Secret Gardens of Bradford on Avon will be open to visitors again this year, on Sunday 26 May and Sunday 30 June, from 2pm to 6pm, with more than 20 gardens open over the 2 days.

The popular event attracts hundreds of visitors and raises money for garden-related schemes that benefit the whole community.

In the past year, Secret Gardens has made substantial donations to:

- each of the town's three schools for gardening equipment and planting
- Bradford on Avon Preservation Trust for planting projects and a new bench in the Hens' Orchard
- the town council for replanting the large raised beds outside the swimming pool.

Tickets and maps for this year's events will be on sale in Westbury Garden, outside the Tourist Information Centre, on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 May, and Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 June.

Who does what

The Town Council has taken over a number of services previously provided by Wiltshire Council - but not all of them.

The County retains responsibility for HIGHWAYS (including pavements), FOOTPATHS, REFUSE COLLECTION and STREET LIGHTING.

The Town Council looks after PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS and OPEN SPACES, LITTER BINS and STREET CLEANING, the CEMETERY and council-run ALLOTMENTS.

For queries about Wiltshire Council services, please contact Customer Services via wiltshire.gov.uk

or phone 0300 456 0100

You can keep up to date with local news, and contact your town councillor, by visiting our website at bradfordonavontowncouncil.gov.uk

Save the date

Town Council meetings at 7pm in St Margaret's Hall

Town Development
Tuesday 14 May

Annual Gathering
Tuesday 28 May

Resources
Tuesday 4 June

Sustainable Travel
Tuesday 11 June

Environment & Green Spaces
Tuesday 25 June

Full Council
Tuesday 9 July

Community & Wellbeing
Tuesday 16 July

Town Development
Tuesday 23 July

Sustainable Travel
Tuesday 27 August

Full Council
Tuesday 3 September

Resources
Tuesday 10 September

(Meeting dates are provisional)

Events

Sunday film: Little Women, St Margaret's Hall, Sunday 26 May, doors 2pm

Secret Gardens, across the town, Sunday 26 May, 2-6pm

Live Music Festival, across the town, Friday 31 May to Sunday 2 June

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Great Big Green Week, across the town, Saturday 8 June to Sunday 16 June

BoA Join In! St Margaret's Hall & Westbury Garden, Saturday 8 June

Secret Gardens, across the town, 2-6pm, Sunday 30 June

BoA Walking Festival, across the town, Friday 6 September to Sunday 8 September

BoA Skate Jam, Poulton Park, Saturday 7 September

Bradford on Avon Flower & Produce Show, St Margaret's Hall, Sunday 8 September, 2-4pm

Fairtrade Fortnight, Monday 8 September to Sunday 15 September

Heritage Open Days, Town Bridge, Thursday 12 September to Sunday 15 September

BoA Fireworks, Poulton Park, Sunday 3 November

Christmas Lights Switch On, across the town, Friday 29 November