



BURNHAM ON SEA AND HIGHBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER August 2009

Some general information on how to contact us, and keep in touch with what we do.

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Here you will find agendas of all Town Council meetings, and the meetings of its committees (so that you can find out what is being discussed) and once approved, copies of the minutes from all our meetings.

All our agendas are also published on our public notice boards at the following locations:

- The Council offices in Jaycroft Road, Burnham
- The Princess (opposite the library) in Burnham
- The Community Hall, Market Street, Highbridge.

All council and committee meetings **are open to the public**, and provided that you give proper notice to the Clerk, you may address the council for three minutes on any issue of local concern.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act the Town Council's **Publication Scheme** can also be viewed on the Town Council's website. As well as details of your local Councillors and staff there is also a short section on history and some useful links to other sites. Please do check it out!

Councillor Roles

As part of its on-going commitment to improve efficiency, the Town Council is currently looking at ways in which councillors can play a bigger part in the day to day operations of the Council, with each member taking a special interest in particular areas of the Council's work, for example, the environment, regeneration, planning, community issues, tourism and economic development. It is hoped that this will speed up the consultation process. For example individual members will take on the role of reading and summarising the ever increasing amount of paperwork which arrives in the Council offices and subsequently report back to the appropriate committee, leaving the Town Clerk and the office staff time to focus on implementing Council decisions. At the same time the Council is also reviewing the responsibilities of each of its committees.



Public Seats in Burnham-on-Sea and Highbridge

The Town Council is always pleased to consider requests for public seating in our towns and indeed will shortly be placing three new seats, one in Pepperall Road, Highbridge, one in Westmere Crescent, Burnham-on-Sea (to replace a damaged one) and one in Love Lane (by the bus stop at the far end).

The Town Council's budget for such seating is limited and these three seats will exhaust its funding for the current financial year 2009/10. However the Council would be delighted to accept contributions for the cost of a new seat (for example in memory of a loved one) and should you wish to do this, please contact the Town Clerk's office in writing, or e-mail, or by telephoning (see contact details above). For information, the cost of a seat, including a suitably inscribed plaque and the provision of a concrete base for the seat to rest on, is in the region of £750.



Bank Holiday Household Recycling and Refuse Collection Day Changes

Unless we are informed otherwise your revised collection day will be the day after your usual day. Please put out before 7am on the day of collection.



For more information visit www.recyclesomerset.info

Safer
Stronger Neighbourhoods



Have Your Say! Partners and Communities Together (PACT)

Neighbourhood Teams in Burnham-On-Sea and Highbridge are dedicated to making your community safer and stronger by finding local solutions to local problems. Please support us in this by taking time to speak to us about community concerns, their causes, and possible solutions. It is only by all working together that we can really make a difference.

Next Meeting Dates:

Highbridge—Wednesday 21 October
(venue to be confirmed)

Burnham-on-Sea— Thursday 22 October
The Old Courthouse, Jaycroft Road, Burnham-on-Sea

For more information please contact your
Safer Stronger Neighbourhoods Team

Making the communities of Avon and Somerset feel safe and be safe



Farmers Markets



Somerset Farmers Markets at Burnham-on-Sea the last Friday of the month—in the High Street.

www.somersetfarmersmarkets.co.uk

Aug 8 & 29, Sept 26, Oct 17 & 31, Nov 14 & 28
support if you can!

PROFILE

In the coming months we will be producing a short profile of each of our committees and councillors. This issue we are continuing with:-

Deputy Mayor Cllr Danny Titcombe



I moved to Highbridge from Rugby in Warwickshire in the year 2000 and have lived in Burnham and Highbridge ever since. I am 42 years old with three daughters from my previous partner and now live with my current partner Jo and her four children. I was lucky enough to be elected as a councillor for Highbridge at the last elections for both Town and District which has enabled me to take an active role in our community.

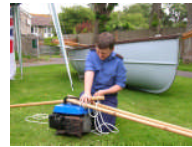
I have been the chairman of the Policy and Finance committee for the last two years, a role that has had its fair share of challenges but which has been a privilege to undertake and been extremely satisfying when the challenges have been overcome to the benefit to the community.

I have also had the honour this year of becoming Deputy Mayor and already in the short time I have held this position, I have gained a greater insight into the make-up of Burnham and Highbridge and the outstanding work, that ordinary members of the community do to improve all aspects of the towns that we live in.

I am sure that the rest of my time in office will be just as rewarding and hope that my ability to put something back into the community remains.

Burnham-on-Sea & Highbridge Youth Town Council

This summer, one of our major achievements has been to organise the ‘Youth Fest’ for the youth of our towns. We worked in partnership with the Burnham branch of Lions International, who provided funding for the event which took place in the Manor Gardens on June 21st. A variety of organisations took part in the Festival, many of them youth-based. We are already planning another event next summer, which will be bigger and better!



We are currently recruiting new members and we will be visiting schools to aid this process.

Our next meeting will be sometime in mid September (visit our website for more information and confirmation of date and time) and we hope to hold it at the Shed Youth Café.



Chris Burrige Barney (YTC Chairman)

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PACKED FULL OF LOCAL INFORMATION FOR YOUR REFERENCE



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Name	Ward	Contact
P Burrige-Clayton*	North	780130
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K Smout	North	786003
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Mrs P Pollard	North	780311
J Morgan	Central & South	785466
M Clarke	Central & South	788826
A Thorogood*	Central & South	785454
M Mansfield *	East	783271
M Lloyd	East	783085
Mrs P Harling	West	789874
J Leach*	Burnham Marine	785379
Mrs P Burge	Highbridge	788134
Mrs J Keen	Highbridge	782909
D Cooper	Highbridge	789773
C Williams	Highbridge	787274
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**Denotes also a member of Sedgemoor District Council*


“RLT3 Money” How to Apply for Outdoor Sports Funding



Sports Clubs and Community Groups can now apply for money for providing facilities for outdoor sports, thanks to a review of a Sedgemoor District Council policy for “RLT3 money”

When developers build housing, they are required to make a contribution that sets money aside for provision of additional facilities for outdoor sport in an area local to the new houses. This is called RLT3 money.

The RLT3 money can now be spent on providing new facilities and upgrading existing outdoor sport facilities such as land acquisition, ground drainage, provision of grass pitches and associated equipment, artificial playing surfaces, tennis courts and bowling greens, pavilions/changing facilities and skate parks for example.



One of the schemes in Burnham-on-Sea and Highbridge which has received funding from this “pot” is the project for new changing room facilities at the BASC ground and the Town Mayor was delighted to join others in the recent turf cutting ceremony, as reported in the local press.

An application for funding from Burnham United Football Club to improve its changing facilities is currently under consideration.

Groups can apply for funding by requesting an application form from Sedgemoor District Council’s Parks and Open Spaces Services by calling 01278 435389 or by visiting Sedgemoor District Council’s website at www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/rlt3 for downloading.

