

Chairman's Report 2023

In this year's report I am pleased to report progress in several areas.

Firstly I wish to congratulate BPC Councillor Margaret Footner on her receipt of the British Empire Medal. This is a well deserved reward in respect of Margaret's contribution to Brampton as a resident and parish councillor over almost 40 years.

The last year has presented several challenges notably the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The implementation of the many protocols contained in "Operation London Bridge" was carried out immaculately by BPC personnel and I would like to give my sincere thanks to all staff involved. BPC also responded to the national initiative to provide "Warm Spaces" by providing facilities at the Brampton Community Centre.

The local branch of the Royal British Legion(RBL) organised and implemented the remembrance parade in 2022. BPC wish to give our thanks to the RBL team for a very successful event. Planning is well under way for the 2023 parade which I believe will be the biggest yet.

The Bramshed project is continuing from strength to strength. Membership numbers continue to rise.

The Lady Olivia Centre (LOC) fit out is now complete apart from a few tweaks to the sound system prior to commissioning.

The acquisition of the play area and sports fields at Brampton Park is still awaited. These facilities are subject to a S106 agreement between HDC and the developer. Despite repeated requests by BPC and District Councillors, at the time of writing HDC have yet to provide a handover date.

Hall bookings continue to rise post pandemic and are now at a higher level than 2020.

Card payment for bookings and other BPC services is now available. Please contact the parish office for details.

Following BPC's successful LHI (Local Highways Initiative) a pedestrian crossing has been installed outside The Hare on the Green to provide a safer crossing to Brampton Primary School. I am sad to report "school run" drivers continue to park on the zig zag line within the crossing area, this is illegal and could result in penalty points on your licence and a fine.

The boundary to the West side of the Memorial Fields has been replaced with new fencing and hedging whips planted.

BPC continue to hold regular meetings with the Police Neighbourhood Team. This allows residents' concerns raised with BPC to be passed directly to the enforcement team. This has resulted in regular speed checks and parking enforcement.

The Sports and Recreation committee is working well maintaining the sports facilities in Brampton. In addition to BPC Councillors, representatives of the sports groups also attend the meetings allowing them to contribute to the development of our sporting facilities.

BPC continue to support the Village Hub, financially and in kind, with their social support programme. Projects include Library, Civic Group, Good Neighbours Scheme, Volunteer Car Scheme, IT mentoring, Dementia Group, Health Walks, Christmas lights and Quiz Evenings.

Finally, there are vacancies for Parish Councillors on the Brampton Parish Council. It is your village. Do you feel you could help develop the future of your village by becoming a Parish Councillor? Please contact the Parish Clerk for details of how to apply.

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