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(Photo by Cty Cllr Cosima Towneley)

Your new Parish Council was democratically elected in May this year, with some new faces joining re-elected Councillors. We work together to represent the views of local people and ensure that community interests are taken into account, aiming to improve quality of life and community well-being within our Parish.

Being an effective Councillor requires both commitment and hard work, we are all dedicated to discussing, debating and deciding on matters as a group and are responsible and accountable for all Parish Council decisions. We are supported by our Clerk who provides advice and guidance and is responsible for ensuring that the instructions of the Council are carried out.

Parish councils have a wide range of powers including looking after allotments, and garages, Ground maintenance & other projects. Look further in the newsletter to see some recent work.

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What we've been doing



At Long Last! The Covid Memorial Bench (ordered in 2021) arrived, at the end of August. The suppliers had an enormous number of orders and delays with materials.

It is now in the Duke Street Garden with the cherry tree planted by Burnley Council in memory of people who died during the Coronavirus pandemic and beside the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee bench

The World Health Organisation (WHO) declared the outbreak as a public health emergency of international concern on 30th January 2020 and as a pandemic on 11th March 2020. As of October 2022, the pandemic had caused more than 622 million cases and 6.5 million deaths making it one of the deadliest in history.



Queen Elizabeth II 1926 - 2022

We were deeply saddened by the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 8th September. We all mourned the profound loss of a great monarch who served our country faithfully for all her life and who was loved the world over. She was an inspirational woman who will be remembered and celebrated for a long time.

The Union Flag on Duke St was lowered to half mast. The Briercliffe with Extwistle Parish Council Book of Condolence was put in the Community Centre and almost a hundred messages of sympathy and remembrance were shared and written in the book. Parish Councillors and volunteers staffed the Centre at various times for over 2 weeks.

Floral tributes were also placed at the Platinum Jubilee bench



Contractor work ~ Our contractor has been working hard



Local History Information Board



Now sited at the Woodland Walk viewing platform. Details places of historical interest

Thank you for the contribution of around £700 from Haggate Church, and monies raised at the Hare & Hounds community bonfire.

Briercliffe Garden Competition 2022

A big thank you to everyone who entered the Garden Competition this year!



There were entries in every class except for the Children's Garden and Best Street - where were you?

We all know Roads, Streets & Avenues that are '**blooming gorgeous**' with wonderful, colourful displays of plants and flowers.

Again, a big thank you for making Briercliffe beautiful.

A special entry in this year's competition was a community garden on Gorple Street. A local lady, Anne Hardman, has been tending this space and the transformation is amazing. She has spent time and money planting favourite annuals and perennials for year-round colour and deserves lots of praise. Well done Anne!

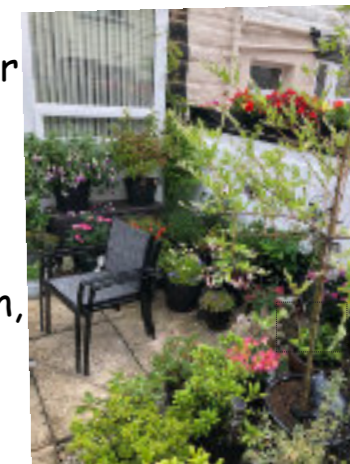
The winners were presented at the Annual Briercliffe Flower Show held Saturday 20th August at Haggate Baptist Church.

The winners were:

- Community Garden - Anne Hardman,
- Vegetable Garden - Linda & Terry Hinton,
- Allotment - Elaine and Al Turner,
- Back Yard - Sylvia Stone,
- Front Garden - Barbara Thompson,

Back Garden - Gwynneth Clarke.
Also winning Overall Best Garden in Briercliffe.

(If anyone with experienced 'green fingers' is willing to judge future competitions, please contact any of the Parish Councillors).



Rats! Bird Feeding and Rubbish

There is no denying that if you feed birds in your garden you run the risk of attracting rats too. We have lots of reports of rats around the Parish.

Rats are clever but they are also lazy. They will take whatever is on offer that takes the least effort



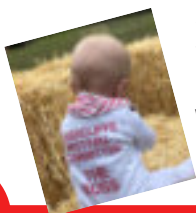
and so food on the floor will be what attracts them at first. Some Bird Feeder tips...

Reducing spillage is essential Using a bird feeder with a spillage tray will prevent small seeds from dropping out. When filling your bird feeders, fill them over a bin to avoid spillage onto the floor. Birds do not have many taste buds and so adding hot pepper such as cayenne or hot chilli flakes to bird food can deter rats. Store bird seed in a plastic box. This will ensure rats don't smell the seed.



Make it hard for rats to access feeders! Ensure the feeder is high enough so rats can't jump up to it. Some feeders come with a pole which are too high for rats to reach. Ensure the feeder is placed away from branches or anywhere else a rat can jump from.

Rubbish - Rats are easily attracted by overflowing bins & easily accessible food waste. They can squeeze through small holes and easily nibble their way through bin bags. Good hygiene will minimise the impact of an infestation. Small changes such as regularly emptying bins, cleaning routines and blocking off any holes, & ensuring all rubbish is disposed of properly.



Briercliffe Festival 2022

What a GREAT day!
Well done to all involved for another great event

100th Birthday Rose Jackson

Rose celebrated her 100 year Birthday on Saturday 15th October. Michael and Pippa visited with flowers and a card from the Parish Council.



Happy Birthday Rose!

Coronation celebration ideas?



We are looking to do something for the Coronation Celebrations - Do you have plans? Let us know if we can help



Any IDEAS we can do?

Remembrance Sunday



13th November 11am
at the War Memorial
by the Bowling Green

Christmas List!

Every year Parish Councillors visit residents who are 80 years young or over, with a small gift and Christmas wishes. If you know anybody in Briercliffe who is an octogenarian or more, please let us know so we can add them to the list



The Friends of Queen St. Mill are to reform. Cosima Towneley, Secretary said, 'We are delighted that Julia Gillen and Christine Stuttard will become Chairman and Treasurer, we can then finally move forward. Contact us on mail@cositowneley.co.uk or 07817725976