

Town Centre and The Parks News

COUNCILLOR UPDATE
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Roy Bailey

Borough and Town Councillor,
Town Centre and the Parks



Megan Wright

Borough and Town Councillor,
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**Kwabena
Adutwum-Quaye (Adu)**

Town Councillor,
Town Centre and the Parks

What a busy first half of 2024!

As well as all the Borough-wide initiatives, we have been active in our ward too. Please get in touch if you have any concerns. 01344 353371 or email us.

Come and see us in our drop-in sessions!

We are in the Parks Community Centre every third Saturday of the month from 10 -11:30am (except December) and in Bracknell Town Centre Library every first Saturday of the month (except January) also from 10-11:30am. This is a good time to meet your councillors and talk about local issues. We are here to help you and to follow up on problems you may be having, as well as hearing your ideas about how to make where we live better.



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Litter picking near
the Horse and
Groom and
Elizabeth Close



DO YOU LIVE IN THE PARKS? HAVE YOU JOINED THE RA?

The Parks Residents Association has many functions, but the most important one is to ensure you get value for money. When over 60% of the residents are members, the association has more powers and can see the accounts of First Port (your current management company) and can also chose to change company. We have had a breakthrough in that Clarion Housing Association, who own 88 properties in the Parks have joined. This brings the membership up to 55.9%, so they just need a few more members to get them over the line. If you would like to learn more, please email TheParksRA-bracknell@outlook.com

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Councillors and staff at Coopers Hill



Housing update in Town Centre and The Parks

The keys for affordable housing at Coopers Hill were handed to the council. The development includes homes for private sale and 13 affordable homes managed by Abri. More homes are being built and refurbished across the borough, reducing the housing waiting list by 10%. With 1743 local households still on the waiting list, new developments on the unused land at the old council depot and Bracknell Beeches will be welcome.

OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

The QR Code on the left will lead you to our Facebook page for the ward, where we share news and provide a platform to message your Councillors. Even if you are not a regular social media user, we encourage you to join. For instance, during the **Traveller Encampment** in the Parks in June, the Facebook page was instrumental in keeping residents informed and addressing concerns. We managed to update everyone promptly, and after two days, the travellers were escorted off the premises. We appreciate everyone's patience during this time. To enhance security, the Parks and Countryside team have placed large tree trunks to block access and are considering a more permanent structure to prevent future entry.



Making the Town Centre a 'Thriving Community' for its residents

Bracknell Forest Council has been lucky enough to secure a grant from the Better Care Fund to run a project focused on community health and wellbeing. Based on local health data, the Town Centre part of our ward has been identified to pilot this Thriving Communities Programme. Many people come to the town centre for work, shopping or leisure. But what is it actually like for the people that live there? How can we build community spirit and improve the health and happiness of a community? This project will work with you to jointly identify ways to improve health and wellbeing and support your community to find solutions to boost wellness. We will be setting up a series of workshops in October to hear more about where you think we should start. More information will be shared nearer the time. If you would like to be sent information about these workshops, please contact Hannah.dix@bracknell-forest.gov.uk
Visit: www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/engaged-and-healthy-communities to find out more