

# The Bugle



*Resounding for a better Burton*

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## Calling all villagers about the phone box



*Report by Burton Community Association Secretary Chris Bennett*

BURTON Community Association will soon be seeking residents' views on the future of the village's public telephone kiosk. The key questions concern: 1. The position of the kiosk, and; 2. Whether there is a need to keep it.

Some residents see the kiosk's position as a hazard for drivers turning right from Nettleton Road onto the busy Street. They say the view along the road towards Acton Turville is partially blocked by the kiosk.

Also, the kiosk has started to look unkempt and dirty, both inside and out. I checked its condition in May and June, and found it to be in a very poor state of cleanliness. Although the telephone works, the handset and equipment were covered in a thick layer of dust, indicating the phone had not been used for some time.

BT was contacted and an engineer visited to clean the equipment and kiosk.

On behalf of the community association, I have submitted a report to Wiltshire Council for the Chippenham Area Board to investigate the potentially hazardous position of the kiosk as a community issue. If it is found that the kiosk needs to be kept, the proposal would be to move the kiosk to a safer site in the village.

Nettleton Parish Council received a report on the matter and discussed it at its September meeting. It voted to support BCA pursuing the matter. However, Burton residents have yet to be consulted and no decision will be made until this happens.

## Tidy Up welcomes new volunteers

*Report by Burton in Bloom champion Trystan Hitchens*

ANOTHER Tidy Up Day in Burton was accomplished in October, building on the success of similar events in the Spring and 2014. Perfect weather helped encourage support from across the village, including some new volunteers. As with previous events, the main focus was on the clearance of weeds, debris and rubbish from the pavements and public areas throughout the village and the cutting of grass verges.

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## Tidy Up welcomes new volunteers

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The event, organised by Burton Community Association, saw around 20 villagers working throughout the day and finishing at the Old House at Home for well-earned refreshments. The impact of a Tidy Up Day is immediately noticeable, but as always there is more to be done throughout the village.

As previously highlighted, while a targeted event always delivers results quickly, we are also keen to encourage involvement of the whole community outside of these events and at times convenient for those who would like to contribute to the overall effort.

With that in mind, the Burton in Bloom team have identified a number of zones within the village for which we are beginning to seek volunteers to “take responsibility and manage”, as part of our vision to keep our village clean, tidy and presentable. Anyone interested should contact a member of BCA.

Locations that got the Tidy Up treatment included parts of Nettleton Road, The Street including The Triangle, Church Hill, Hill Side and Toll Down Way.

**363 and counting:** Burton's Community Speed Watch team has now completed 33 speed gun sessions since the initiative started in the village in May. Of the 13,650 passing cars and vans, 363 have been reported for exceeding 35mph through the village – a 30mph zone. Burton - which now shares the speed gun with Luckington, two weeks at a time - has a new team member, Cynthia Walsh, who was trained in November. The scheme is overseen by Wiltshire Police.

# Play area plans progressing

PLANS for the children's play area off Nettleton Road, on the edge of Burton, are moving forward.

The Castle Combe owner of the site has very kindly granted Burton Community Association a 125-year lease at a peppercorn rent. Also, as the photograph right shows, the site has been levelled for the village by Tormarton-based Cotswold Homes, builder of the neighbouring Grange development of seven new homes.



To progress the project further, BCA has been talking to: playground equipment suppliers; housing organisation Green Square, which owns the adjacent land close to homes at The Meads; Wiltshire Council's play area specialist; and villages in the area which have developed play areas.

In the coming months, BCA aims to consult Burton about the choice of equipment and layout for the play area, and launch an appeal for funds to help pay for it.

## Fond memories of popular Pat

THE Warburton family thank the many people who joined them to say farewell to popular Pat Chiddy (pictured right), who died while on holiday in Portugal. Nephew Mark Warburton said: "It was testament to her kind and caring nature that so many took the time to see her off at Westerleigh Crematorium. She spent many years working with us at The Old House At Home. So many of you fondly remember my aunty.



"Thank you to everybody for their kind charity donations. We managed to raise a fantastic £574.52. The family have decided to donate 50% to cholesterol charity Heart UK and the other 50% to help fund the acquisition of a village defibrillator in Burton."

Burton Community Association chairman Al Caie added: "The village is very grateful to Pat for her participation and encouragement with community events and activities. She always gave a warm welcome. She will be very much missed."

### Burton briefs...

**TREASURER HUNT:** Burton Community Association is looking for a new treasurer to take over from Pip Gilbert, who will stand down when someone new is found for the role. BCA says previous experience of such a role is not essential. Anyone interested should contact BCA Chair Alistair Caie on [acaie@burtonwilts.org.uk](mailto:acaie@burtonwilts.org.uk)

**LOCAL VOTE:** Jenny Minney was elected onto Nettleton Parish Council with 131 votes against 80 for David Staincliffe, both from Burton, in a turnout of 37% of voters.

**GOOD HARVEST:** St Mary's harvest festival and supper in October raised more than £300 for the church, with almost £60 coming from a highly-entertaining auction by Ian Chapple. Also, the event gave a barrow-load of foods to Chippenham food bank.

**CAKES GALORE:** The MacMillan Cancer Support coffee morning hosted by Judith Bird at The Orangery, Burton, in September raised almost £140, most gift aided. The few cakes left from the event raised another £30 at Yate's St. Paul's Church.

# £1,000 appeal for life-saver

BURTON Community Association has launched a £1,000 appeal to help buy a defibrillator for the village. The association has already been given a British Heart Foundation grant towards the cost of a defibrillator, an electrical device which tries to return the heart to its normal rhythm after a heart attack.

Villager Pip Gilbert, who is managing the appeal, explained: "We have the grant, which is also towards training in the CPR first aid technique and how to use a defibrillator. So far, we have received kind donations of £757.31, but still need about a further £700 to obtain the equipment, buy a suitable case to store the defibrillator outside, and to have the equipment installed by a qualified electrician. The association will arrange training for anyone in the village interested in CPR and how to use the defibrillator." Donations can be made in different ways, including posting it in a sealed envelope to Burton Community Association, 6 Toll Down Way, Burton, stating your name, address and whether you are a UK taxpayer for gift aid purposes. To find out more, email [pip\\_gilbert@hotmail.com](mailto:pip_gilbert@hotmail.com)

## Well, just fancy that at Halloween...



BURTON Halloween party saw an excellent turnout - and some of the adults photographed above just might have out done the children in the fancy dress stakes! There was plenty to do alongside the BBQ, including fancy dress competitions, limbo dancing and a spooky treasure hunt. One of the organisers, Pete Coyle, said: "Thanks to everyone for their support, especially the Chatfields for all they did beforehand and at the party, and to Jamie Sell for donating a keg of beer." The event at New House, Church Hill, made a modest profit in aid of the village defibrillator appeal.

### Most of Burton opts for plan to shape the village

ALMOST eight in every ten households had their say in the Burton Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire in August. Findings identified Burton's support (74% of respondents who completed the questionnaire) for development of a Neighbourhood Plan for the village. Only 10% were not in favour of a plan.

Other results showed most people in Burton would like more control over: the type and size of any further new housing/development in the village; the village's rate of growth; and provision of adequate facilities to support any growth. The rural character of Burton (91% of respondents) and access to footpaths/bridleways (90%) were also identified as key priorities. And a recurring theme was pedestrian safety and the provision of footpaths, particularly between Burton and neighbouring Acton Turville.