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# The BCA is now a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

BCA Secretary Chris Bennett says, "Burton Community Association continues to evolve and importantly more recently become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, which is a registered charity with the Charity Commission. Therefore the structure and management of the association has changed to meet some legal requirements. I thought you might like to know what the current structure is, and which residents are trustees and/or committee members "

If you would you like to become more involved in the activities of the BCA and perhaps join one of our committees, then please email chriswatkinbennett@supanet.com or contact a BCA Trustee or Committee member and we will make suitable arrangements to contact you.

### The trustees:

Grant Cambridge – Chair, James Towers – Treasurer, Chris Bennett – Secretary, Judith Bird Al Caie, Trystan & Victoria Hitchens, Glynis Morris, Rachel Scott, Steve Symons

### General committee

Grant Cambridge - Chair James Towers - Treasurer Chris Bennett - Secretary Judith Bird Trystan & Victoria Hitchens Glynis Morris Rachel Scott Missy Sell Steve Symons

### Play area committee

Grant Cambridge - Chair James Towers - Treasurer Alistair & Marje Caie Paula Coyle Olivia Hamilton Glynis Morris Lisa Suchet Steve Symons

### **Events** committee

Judith Bird Rachel Scott Missy Sell

# A new chair for the BCA

After a trailblazing 2 years as the BCA Chair, Al Caie has decided to stand down from the position to focus on other commitments to his time. Al has been an absolute powerhouse during his tenure, driving forward and completing many significant initiatives the community has raised for action, as well as ensuring the Committee has remained a cohesive unit to deliver on those commitments to you, our fellow villagers. I would like to thank Al personally for his passion, dedication, and unstinting service - he will be an impossible act to follow. Al will continue to be involved in the Association, but in a more laid back capacity, which he certainly deserves!

But follow, someone must, and thanks to Al and the Committees enormous efforts, the BCA has now attained status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and with that status comes a number of benefits, both financial and constitutional. Administratively, we have required to reorganise from our former Committee setup to that of a Board of Charity Trustees. It is into the role as Chair of the BCA Trustees that I step.

So a little about me; I have been a Burton resident with my wife, Sally, since 2010 and both of my boys, now 3 and 6 are

Burtonians through and through! Building the community atmosphere, sympathetically enhancing our amenities as the village grows and passing shared on values and friendships is one of my kev



I am a great believer in making a difference and expressing opinions through proactive involvement rather than from the armchair or behind the keyboard. I encourage all to get involved in our great little community, even if it is through participation in just one event or meeting a year. The BCA is here to listen and to try our level best to improve and achieve positive outcomes for Burton. We need your support!

## A busy season for the BCA events committee

The BCA Events Committee has been busy all year round organizing (and attending!) multiple gatherings. We've had a hand in the village fete, ladies' nights and gentlemens' evenings, working in conjunction with The OHH for the childrens' easter egg hunt and local residents dinner promotion.

For a list of upcoming events, please see the "What's on?" section on the back page. As always, the BCA thanks you all for your continued participation and support!



# A 100 Club update

Lottery promoter Chris Bennett says, "As we begin the third year of our lottery club (June 2017- May 2018) I thought you might like to see how things have gone during the past year"

Last year membership of the lottery club has averaged 54 members, peaking at 62. This is about a 30% reduction on membership from 2015-16 but this has primarily been as a result of some people leaving the village.

The total prize money for last year has been £1,635; the remaining cash of £1,820 has been used to fund the children's play area project or remains in the bank to be used for ongoing expenditure and future initiatives which are available to view in the 2016-17 BCA Annual Report. In the report, money was earmarked for the following:

• £182.05p for annual insurance to cover *arrangements* to contact you. BCA activities and equipment

- £20 to renew the lottery licence with Wiltshire Council
- £3,037.87p for supply and fixing of fencing and gates on the future play area site

As you can see a lot has been achieved and more is yet to come, primarily the completion of the village children's play area.

"On behalf of the BCA we say a very big thank you, and hope you continue to support the village in this way and sign up for membership"

Would you like to renew membership or join the village lottery club?

Then please email chriswatkinbennett@ supanet.com or contact a BCA Committee member and we will make suitable arrangements to contact you.

Are you on Facebook? Join us at facebook.com/BurtonVillage

## The BCA's new logo

You may have noticed in the last couple of editions of this newsletter that there is a new logo on the front page; with the charitable status looming, the BCA felt it would be beneficial to have a bit more of a brand identity.

Suitable elements for a logo were discussed and it was decided that, being the first thing you see on approaching the village, it was important to include the church. The wheat was added to represent the important role farming plays and finally the horse was chosen as these are a common sight when walking around and driving through the village.



## What's on?

Upcoming events include the **village BBQ** on the 19th of August, a **wine around the world night** in September and as usual, October sees the return of the annual the **Halloween party** on the 29th and **Trick or Treat walk** on the 31st.

Do you have any event suggestions? We are looking for new ideas to get more people involved in community. Please contact Chris with your suggestions chriswatkinbennett@supanet.com

## **Burton Briefs**

As a result of a nationwide review **the BT phone has now been removed** from the telephone box, and we hope the unsightly and dirty box will also soon be removed. Enquiries with BT have established it could take a further 6 months to disconnect the electricity supply. The removal will improve the visibility for drivers at the main road junction as well as improve road safety.

If you feel you've been affected by unwanted approaches from charities, you can now block calls, text messages, emails and personally addressed letters asking for money, following **the introduction of the Fundraising Preference Service**. Call the FPS on 0300 3033 517 or register online at public.fundraisingpreference.org.uk