

**BCA AGM 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 - (for year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022)**



**Agenda:**

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of 2021 AGM
4. Actions arising from 2021 AGM
5. Trustee's Annual Report for 2021-22
6. Election of 2022-23 BCA Trustees (see below)
7. Focus on the Year Ahead – open forum



- Chair: Paula Coyle
- Treasurer: Cynthia Walsh
- Secretary: Christopher Bennett
- Trustees: as above and Trystan Hitchens, George Hockin, Lydia Thornton & James Pearse
- Committee: as above

**Chairmans's report:**

Reminder of our purpose:

1. Establish and maintain children's play area
2. Preserve and protect health
3. Promote improved liaison with the police

The activities of the BCA in 2021-2022 were again affected by COVID restrictions which ended on 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022.

**Play Area**

The play area continued into its fifth year, providing an open space for children to visit for recreational purposes. Indications are that this continues to be used on a daily basis by the local community. The BCA maintains the site by way of funding the associated insurances and inspections to ensure the safety of the site and upkeeping the site (grounds maintenance and fences).



## Speed watch

Speed watch: Following authorisation by Wiltshire Police and familiarisation with revised reporting arrangements, the Burton speed watch team restarted activities in early June 2021.

In October we recruited two new team members and they underwent CSW training. There was also a change of team leader, with Judith Bird standing down. Since that time, we have tried to achieve two one-hour sessions each week with a team of three or preferably four for each session.



In total for the year ending 31 March there were 32 sessions with 6612 passing cars. 174 cars were reported to the police for exceeding the reporting threshold (35mph for a 30 limit; 46mph for a 40 limit). This is 2.6% of passing cars, an average of 5 cars each session. It is notable that in 31 out of the 32 sessions at least one car was exceeding 40 mph. in the year 9 cars were reported for exceeding 45mph.

A notable feature is the behaviour of some drivers when they pass a team in session, who show their contempt for the work of the team by driving aggressively when they have gone past the team – little realising that the speed monitor works just as well for cars going away from the team as towards it.

## Looking forwards

In the short term it would be helpful to increase the number of trained volunteers. Firstly, with two or three more volunteers it will be possible to increase to three sessions per week with individual team members still doing only two hours per week. Secondly the team loses members from time to time for various reasons.

Wiltshire police are now much more active in supporting Community Speed Watch, having recently appointed a County CSW coordinator; promoting communications through a Team Leader's WhatsApp Group and linking CSW teams to the existing Community Policing Team structure. The Burton CSW team are participating in these communication channels.

One topic which is live in the CSW community is the possible use of Auto Speed Watch. This is a new type of automatic speed camera with a supporting service that process the data to match it against DVLA records, and transmit the data to the police, thus reducing the volunteer workload considerably. It enables frequent offending cars and hot-spot times to be identified. The full introduction of Auto Speed Watch will create a vast increase in speed watch data presented to the police, and because of the changes this is likely to entail, the possible introduction is still very much a subject for discussion. If it becomes possible to introduce this in Burton, it should achieve a very significant reduction in traffic speeds.

Neighbourhood watch - James Pearse has taken over as neighbourhood watch coordinator and is responsible for circulating relevant updates from the police.

## Defibrillator and CRP training:

The association continues to maintain the defibrillator, through visual checks and purchasing new pads / batteries as required. The status of the equipment is reported monthly to the new national register 'The Circuit' to confirm serviceability and readiness for any medical emergency. The equipment has (thankfully) not needed to be used during the past year for any emergencies. No CPR training has been conducted in the last year, but a list of 25 trained volunteers are still active in the community.

### **Village appearance group:**

The association continues to use a group of volunteers to form the village appearance group which has taken the lead to encourage the community to improve the overall appearance of the village and seek to improve the overall wellbeing through its actions. Last year (2021) the village also held an 'open gardens' event which proved very popular and encouraged a greater opportunity to meet other residents.

### **Social committee**

The social committee were a little bit restricted on the events, but supported a village BBQ and organised the Christmas party. This year the committee have also supported the jubilee party by providing the transportation and a number of other events including the dog show. Date for your diaries: this year's Christmas party is on 2<sup>nd</sup> December at the Salutation Inn.

### **Village 100 club lottery**

The lottery club was formed in May 2015, following the on-going success of the club it was agreed to continue promoting the lottery club as a village activity, and use this as the primary source for securing funding for village projects and activities, as defined by the BCA constitutional objectives and as registered with the Charity Commission

As part of the lottery licensing process the BCA completed an annual return for the seventh year, (2021-22) which included details of the membership subscriptions and total value of monthly prizes. The BCA made an application for a licence renewal through Wiltshire Council, which was granted on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The licence is valid for a further 12 months whereupon prior to the expiry date a renewal application must be made for a further 12 months. The current membership renewal is due on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at a cost of £20

In line with lottery club rules, the BCA again decided to split the subscription payments: 50% used for cash prizes and 50% to be used for community/association projects

Details of the proposed continuation of the lottery club were circulated to all the residents of Burton, which resulted in a total of 52 residents remaining or some becoming new members. This number is the similar to last year's average of 50 residents. Members could again elect to subscribe for either 6 or 12 months, at a cost of £5 per month. At present the majority of members pay via online banking. However anyone wishing to pay subscription in person by cheque/cash is still afforded this facility.

For this (the seventh) year, the lottery club has collected membership fees of £3,175, of which £1,430 was paid out in prize monies, and £20 paid to cover the annual licence renewal. The remaining £1,725 made available for on-going community projects such as the play area maintenance, the public access defibrillator and supporting the work of the 'village appearance group'. In comparison, last year (2020/21) the lottery club collected £3,000, of which £1,540 was available for funding village activities, which last year stood at approx. £1,600. Full details of BCA expenditure are included within the Annual Financial Statement

The monthly draw continues to take place during 'happy hour' on the last Friday of each month at the Old House @ Home public house. The monthly prize money is split into three on a sliding scale of approximately 1<sup>st</sup> (50%), 2<sup>nd</sup> (30%), and 3<sup>rd</sup> (20%), which to simplify the payments is 'rounded up' to the nearest five pounds.

The lottery club remains a key part of providing regular funding for BCA activities and the committee is hopeful that residents will continue to subscribe to the lottery (now in its eighth year) and ensure that funds remain available for on-going community projects, future maintenance of equipment and to look at new ideas/projec

### Financial update

Receipts	£3,928 (donation £103, lottery £3,165, Christmas party £660)
Payments	£3,009 (play area inspection £156, defibrillator pads £46, legal fees for playarea lease £447, insurance £383, lottery licence £20, lottery prizes £1,410, Christmas party £600, paint for play area fence £77, bbq meat for £232, lawnmower service £130, power-washer £95)
Funds available	£3,798 unrestricted and £2,721 restricted

### Election of 2022-23 BCA Trustees

5 existing trustees remain as elected in 2021

2 trustees are seeking re-election for 2022-23: James Pearse & Cynthia Walsh