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A message from the Leader

Before I introduce this edition of ES News, I would like to draw your attention to the community safety survey. As you can see below, the Council wants to evaluate residents' fear of crime in the area. I would encourage you to complete the survey.

As you would expect, this edition is packed full of information on summer holiday activities taking place across East Staffordshire. As you can see in the double spread on pages 14 and 15 there are a range of activities available for children of all ages and interests.

The lead story this month however is the exclusive news that our Brewhouse Arts Centre has been awarded a grant worth just over £80k. This is fantastic news and this additional funding will allow the venue to continue to grow and attract even more stellar names. More information can be found on page 4.

I would encourage readers to take a look at page 6 as there is very useful information on avoiding rubbish contamination and details of our new small WEEE collection service.

In May, Councillor Beryl Toon was inaugurated as the 25th Mayor of East Staffordshire. For more information on her chosen charities please see page 8. Also on page 8 are details of an event held to mark the 150th anniversary of Stapenhill Cemetery.

Our Horticultural team has been extremely busy recently with the Festival of Gardening and the launch of a new gardening project at the back of Uttoxeter Leisure Centre. Page 9 has more information.

Elsewhere we have an update on Neighbourhood Planning and more information on the Anglesey Neighbourhood referendum taking place on Thursday 21st July. One page 11 you can see who are the latest traders to join the Market Hall.

Elsewhere in this edition you will find stories on new play areas in Branston and BBQ food safety tips.

As always, we have all our regular columns and features, with events listings at the Brewhouse as well as information from our leisure and sport teams.

Councillor Richard Grosvenor
Leader of East Staffordshire Borough Council

Community Safety Survey

The Council would appreciate it if you could provide your thoughts on Community Safety in the Borough by completing a short survey.

The Council wants to evaluate residents' fear of crime in the area, including gathering views on how CCTV cameras are used to help reduce people's fears.

The survey can be completed on our website by visiting:
www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/council-democracy/consultations

Annual Festival of Gardening Hailed a Great Success

Burton's annual Festival of Gardening has been hailed as a great success by East Staffordshire Borough Council.

The event, which took place on Saturday 25th June at Burton Market Hall, attracted over 1600 visitors and included children's activities, bouncy castles, games, live music, family workshops, horticultural stands and gardening displays throughout.

The event also featured the popular School Gardening Olympics and children's gardening demonstrations from Planters at Bretby. In total, 9 schools took part each receiving either a bronze, silver or gold award. Riverview Primary School scored a maximum 25 points for their overall display, making it the most successful school on the day.

Councillor Colin Whittaker, Deputy Leader for Cultural Services, said: "The Festival of Gardening has once again been a great success. I would like to thank the schools that took the time to take part - there were some fantastic displays."

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Brewhouse Arts Centre awarded £82,397

The Brewhouse Arts Centre has been awarded £82,397 by Arts Council England Grants for the Arts. The funding will go towards a 3 year programme which will help see the venue programme go from strength to strength.

The funding comes at an exciting time for The Brewhouse as the venue has been working hard to bring top comedians, live music and quality theatre to Burton over the past 18 months and this grant will enable The Brewhouse to build on this recent success: continuing to develop an exciting and vibrant programme of professional theatre, music and dance.

The grant will also provide opportunities for local artists and residents to perform and create new work through a range of projects and commissions that will be taking place across the borough; as well as continuing our work engaging local families with the arts through our regular family fun days and events, such as the Burton Children's Easter Festival, for years to come.

Councillor Colin Whittaker, Deputy Leader for Cultural Services, said: "This is the first time The Brewhouse has ever been awarded a grant like this, it is a sign of our growing success and reflects the ambition of the venue, to become one of the best live theatre and arts venues in the Region, and to have the support of an organisation like the Arts Council is a real confidence boost."

Arts Council England (ACE) is a government-funded body dedicated to promoting the performing, visual and literary arts in England. ACE invest public money (including National Lottery money) to help bring great art and culture to everyone.

This support from Arts Council England provides a real milestone in the development of The Brewhouse and is a new phase for the Arts Centre, helping to mark its place in the regional arts scene, it will help to make sure the arts centre continues to go from strength to strength over the next 3 years.

As well as development new ideas, the grant will enable The Brewhouse to bring more live theatre to the venue including more theatre and dance aimed at children and families to Burton.

The grant means that there will be lots more exciting performances coming to The Brewhouse, and a whole host of holiday activities for the whole family, from pre-school to teenagers and their adults. Make sure you check out The Brewhouse website to keep up to date with what's on **www.brewhouse.co.uk.**

The Brewhouse was the lead partner for the Burton Children's Easter Festival which happened for the first time this year - you may have seen a 'python on the loose' (a performance by Whalley Range All Stars) in the marketplace and some live theatre happening around the town over the Easter holidays - and this grant means that we can do something bigger and better next year - so keep your eyes peeled for any unusual happenings in Burton over Easter 2017.

The Brewhouse is just at the start of this new phase of its journey and this grant marks the beginning of further success for the venue and its role in making Burton a more exciting place to live, providing a range of arts, culture and entertainment on your doorstep.

Campaign for Responsible Dog Owners

East Staffordshire Borough Council is targeting nine 'hotspot' areas across the Borough in a blitz on dog fouling. The Big Scoop 'Bag it N Bin it' enviro-crime campaign will focus on areas where high numbers of dog fouling issues and complaints have been received from residents.

Officers will increase patrols and engage with dog owners to advise on responsible dog ownership and the new micro-chipping legislation that came in to force in April this year. The Council aims to step up enforcement to raise awareness of the legislation surrounding dogs and issue Fixed Penalty Notices if required. If necessary it will also seek to prosecute offenders.

Councillor Jacqui Jones, Deputy Leader for Regulatory Services, said: "East Staffordshire Council receives over 200 reports of dog fouling each year; it's one of the biggest sources of environmental complaint we receive. The Big Poop Scoop 'Bag it N Bin it' campaign is our commitment to residents that we will take action by educating, raising awareness and taking action against offenders.

"It is frustrating for our communities that there are still a few people who don't take their responsibilities as dog owners seriously. Owners don't realise that the acceptable way to deal with dog waste is to wrap it and then place it in any public highway litter bin or their own grey wheelie bin".

Officers from the Council had stands in Burton and Uttoxeter town centres during June. They engaged with residents and visitors offering advice and guidance on responsible dog ownership.

The areas being monitored are in Uttoxeter, Horninglow, Eton, Stretton, Needwood, Yoxall, Anglesey, Shobnall, Stapenhill, Brizlincote, Winshill and Branston.

Two new play areas for Branston

Regents Park Before

Regents Park After

Shipley Drive Before

Shipley Drive After

Regents Park Play Area

A brand new play area opened earlier this year on Regents Park Road in Branston. The play area was officially opened to the public in March.

The land was adopted by East Staffordshire Borough Council in 2014 and had been designated as a public open space with play when the estate was first built.

The project uses money (£109,000) specifically provided for this purpose from the developers following the adoption of the land.

Before construction began, the Council discussed ideas with local residents. From these discussions, different designs were drawn up and after a period of feedback, the final design was commissioned.

During the consultation, some of the adults raised the subject of fitness and also highlighted that it is a popular dog walking area. With this in mind, the designers incorporated an outdoor gym and provided a dog walking area around the perimeter, the first of its kind in East Staffordshire. Further work to improve the landscaping is planned for later in the year.

The new equipment compliments what is available in the other play areas on the estate and provides an active play area for older children.

Shipley Drive Play Area

Another play area in Branston has recently been constructed, again with money from the developers. Shipley Drive Play Area had fallen into disrepair before it was adopted by the Council. Again a consultation was completed and local people were given options as to a preferred layout. The results were quite dramatic and positive feedback has been received from residents.

What's On at The Brewhouse

JULY

24th: Hot House Community Gospel Choir - Summer Concert
29th-30th: Inspiration School of Dance - 'I' Begin

AUGUST

12th: SoundStage Project - Open Mic Nights
13th: The MadHouse - Xander & The Peace Pirates plus support

SEPTEMBER

13th-17th: The Mellow Dramatics - Oliver!
23rd: Vocal Festival Concert
24th: The Madhouse - Megson
30th: Into the Shadows

OCTOBER

1st: Gordie MacKeeman & his Rhythm Boys 17.92 - 27.92
6th: Zest Theatre - Thrive
7th: Mark Watson - I'm Not Here
8th: Stephanie Parrott School of Dance
12th: Tony's Last Tape
14th-15th: Charlie's Angels
18th: MishMash: Hubbub
22nd: Juggling on Tap - Rhythm Town
22nd: The Madhouse - Henry Priestman.
25th-28th: Pat Miller
29th: Mr Long Film

Go to **www.brewhouse.co.uk** for more information on these events and to see what else is going on this summer.

Small Grants for WW1 Projects

As we approach the halfway point in the commemorations of events from the Great War, some communities have embarked on projects that have been relevant to their area. For example, different history groups in Winshill, Stretton, Rocester and Abbots Bromley have collated records and information from local people to create displays with information on the stories behind the names that can be seen on war memorials.

If you have an idea or are involved in an activity that you would like some support with, then there are small grants available up to £500 that could be put toward items such as materials and display boards.

If you want to know more about the funding or more about the projects that have been funded contact the Neighbourhood Team on 01283 508037 or **neighbourhoods.team@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk**

Recycling contamination

Since the introduction of the blue bins for recycling in 2009, residents across East Staffordshire have helped the Council increase its recycling performance from 38% to an overall recycling rate of over 50 percent.

The majority of residents are familiar with the recycling scheme and place the correct materials for recycling in their blue bins. However, despite further efforts by the Council, we continue to experience problems with contamination in some areas.

Once the Council has collected the recycling material it is sent to a Materials Recovery Facility for processing. Recent changes in legislation have required the Council and the facility operator to ensure that the quality of the material is of a high standard and the material which is taken for recycling is closely monitored for quality.

What is contamination?

Basically, contamination is placing the incorrect materials in the blue bin. Significant levels of contamination can lead to an entire vehicle load of about 18 tonnes being rejected by the processing facility which is paid for by the tax payer. We have recently had a load rejected at the processing facility.

Residents can help reduce levels of contamination by following the simple rules below.

The Blue Recycling Bin

It is vitally important that you only place those materials specified below in your blue bin. The Council's refuse collectors are trained to look for contamination, so a failure to do so can result in your bin not being collected.

Particular items that should not be placed in the blue bin include nappies, food waste, clothes, bubble wrap and newspapers. Black bin liners should not be used in the blue bin, even if they contain recycling materials. This is because the contents cannot easily be identified. Your recycling material should be placed loose in the bin, preferably after washing and squashing the items to help maximise capacity.

Items that can be accepted through the blue bin recycling scheme

- ✔ Steel and aluminium cans
- ✔ Aluminium foil and food trays
- ✔ Empty aerosol cans
- ✔ Glass bottles and jars of all colours
- ✔ Margarine and ice cream tubs
- ✔ Yoghurt pots
- ✔ Plastic cups, plates and cutlery
- ✔ Plastic containers and tubs
- ✔ Light coloured plastic food trays and containers
- ✔ Plastic drinks bottles
- ✔ Plastic carrier bags (not black bin liners)
- ✔ Flattened cardboard
- ✔ Toilet and kitchen roll inners
- ✔ Paper based beverage cartons
- ✔ Cereal boxes/food sleeves
- ✔ Greeting cards
- ✔ Cardboard egg boxes
- ✔ Plastic detergent bottles
- ✔ Milk cartons

Blue Paper Bag

Keep your paper separate and present it for collection in your blue bag. If you do not have a bag, please contact 0800 269098 to request one or email **environment@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk**

What can I do to prevent contamination?

If you are unsure about which materials you can recycle through your blue bin, please go to **www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/bins-rubbish-recycling** and click on 'what goes into what bin' link for more information and clarification. If you are still unsure please email **environment@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk** or contact 0800 269098 for advice.

Please remember that if your recycling bin is identified by the collection crew as being contaminated on your collection day, we will be unable to empty it. The collection crew will help in identifying the reason for non collection by leaving a contamination sticker on the recycling bin. We then ask our residents to remove the contamination before the wheeled bin gets emptied on the next scheduled collection day.

Common items of contamination and where they should go

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- Hayfever medicines
- Heartburn and indigestion remedies
- Anti-diarrhoea medication
- Simple pain killers like paracetamol and ibuprofen
- Sore throat, coughs, colds and flu medications

By keeping a selection of essential medications at home you can treat common conditions in a timely manner and avoid unnecessary visits to your doctor and/or A&E.

Do you get your prescriptions free of charge? You may still be able to get medicines from your pharmacy without paying - ask the pharmacy about Pharmacy First.

Landmark anniversary for Stapenhill Cemetery

An Inter Faith memorial service was held on May 25th to mark the 150th anniversary of Stapenhill Cemetery.

The memorial service was attended by the Mayor, the Chief Executive and Councillors of East Staffordshire Borough Council as well as the public, past employees and people with connections to the cemetery.

After the service, the Mayor planted a tree in the new memorial garden in the cemetery and Fountains School buried a time capsule.

The cemetery gateway, which is a grade 2 listed building, has been cleaned and pointed as part of the 150th anniversary. The gates contain the town's coat of arms and the date 1866.

The original 12 acre site for Stapenhill Cemetery was purchased from the Marques of Anglesey by the Burial Board of Burton upon Trent in 1864. The cost of the initial purchase was £4,800.

The consecration of areas within the Cemetery was carried out on the 25th of May 1866 and the first burial took place on the 12th of June 1866. The year 1866 is inscribed on the main entrance to the Cemetery together with the town's coat of arms.

In 1883, the Cemetery was enlarged to 22 acres and now, more than 133 years later, covers an area of 30 acres.

In the 150 years from its opening, 66,000 burials have taken place. The Cemetery currently carries out approximately 200 burials per year.

Councillor Colin Whittaker, Deputy Leader for Cultural Services, said: "The 150th year of Stapenhill Cemetery is a landmark anniversary and I'm pleased that the Council marked the occasion with a special memorial service."

New Mayor for East Staffordshire

East Staffordshire Borough Council's new Mayor, Councillor Beryl Toon, was inaugurated as the 25th Mayor of East Staffordshire at the annual Mayor Making ceremony on Friday, May 13th.

Councillor Toon, ward member for Rolleston, takes over from Councillor David Leese, ward member for Winshill, who has held the post for the last 12 months. Councillor Simon Gaskin, ward member for Tutbury and Outwoods, was nominated to become the Deputy Mayor for the coming year.

Councillor Beryl Toon said: "I'm greatly looking forward to taking on the role as the Borough ambassador for the next 12 months.

"It's an exciting time to become Mayor and I have a great opportunity to promote the good work of our local communities and residents.

"I'm also looking forward to raising the profile of my chosen charities - Rolleston on Dove Almshouses, Age UK Burton and YMCA Burton - through a range of events and functions and promote the great work they do."

If you would like to book the Mayor for an event or function, please contact Susan Siddall on 01283 508474.

Stapenhill by-election Result

Following the by-election in Stapenhill, Councillor Craig Jones (Labour Party) has been elected as Stapenhill Ward Councillor.

Councillor Jones joins Councillor Fitzpatrick and Councillor Legg as Ward Councillors for Stapenhill.

Candidate's Name	Party	Votes	Elected?
Green, Sally Ann	UKIP	348	
Hadley, Thomas	Green Party	24	
Jones, Craig Brian	Labour Party	536	Yes
Paxton, Susan Carol	Independent	74	
Teasel, Michael	Conservative	208	
Warner, Hugh	Liberal Democrat	18	

Taxis targeted in Licensing Enforcement Initiative

In June this year, East Staffordshire Borough Council's Licensing and Enforcement Team's were in Burton Town Centre undertaking inspections on licensed premises and taxi drivers and their vehicles.

The unannounced checks were carried out to ensure compliance with Council requirements. Licensed premises were visited to ensure that there were no breaches of the premises licence and that all was in order.

The initiative also looked to ensure that drivers had their personal badge, that the vehicles displayed council issued licensed plates and door panels, that vehicles carried the right equipment such as fare meters, first aid kits and fire extinguishers, and furthermore, that the vehicles were in a road worthy condition.

In total, ten vehicles were inspected and only two were found to have breaches. The breaches included no fire extinguisher and no door panels on display.

Sixteen licensed premises were inspected, six of which have been contacted regarding minor breaches of their premises licences. Breaches included the requirement for notices reminding customers to leave quietly, the requirement for zero tolerance posters concerning drunkenness and drugs, and the retention of CCTV images. Ongoing action will be taken.

The Enforcement Team would like to thank all those drivers and licensed premises involved in the initiative for their co-operation and will be rolling out the initiative to other areas in the future.

For further information please contact the Enforcement Team on 01283 508480 or email **enforcement@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk**

Digging the plot

Sow summer salad for a succession of vegetables

Although it is mid-summer and most vegetable crops are now maturing in the ground you can still continue to sow a regular supply of salad crops throughout the rest of summer by 'successional sowing' fast maturing crops such as salad leaf, radishes, spring onion and dwarf beetroot. Keep sowing a small amount of seed every couple of weeks and you should have a good supply of salad right up until October.

Save rainwater for your garden

Although sometimes the summer weather may not be very kind it is a fact that water is a very precious resource. Conserving rainwater is a very good solution to ensuring that you have enough water to keep your garden healthy and growing well. Water butts are really easy to fit to a down pipe and will quickly fill up during rainy days. You can buy a low priced water butt from the Potting Shed, Stapenhill Cemetery. Just come along to the centre Tuesday - Thursday between 9:30am -2pm. We'll be happy to advise and help you.

Get ready for next spring!

Although we don't really want to think about winter, Garden Centres will be starting to stock up with spring flowering bulbs during August.

This is a great time to buy and start planting bulbs for a glorious spring display in 2017. There are lots of different types of bulbs available. Daffodils, for example, have different varieties that will flower right through the spring period, heralding the start of the gardening season.

In the meantime enjoy the rest of summer!
Happy Gardening
Paul

Horticultural Team Launch New Gardening Project

The Council's Horticultural team has launched a brand new gardening project. The first stage of the project, aimed to make people more active through gardening, was opened at Uttoxeter Leisure Centre.

The Go Garden project, will give local communities, schools and families the chance to grow their own flowers and vegetables for use in the area.

The Go Garden, at the rear of Uttoxeter Leisure Centre, is made up of two brand new polytunnels as well as dedicated space for flower beds, raised beds and general growing space. The area will be used as a space for schools, community groups and anyone who would like to get involved, to learn more about gardening and plant their own produce. There will be frequent workshops and tutorials available to all who would like to take part.

Different workshops including 'Children's Vegetable Planters' and 'Raised Bed Planting' began in June but for more information about the project and for details on how to take part, contact Paul Steed at **paul.steed@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk** or on 07966 342 198.

Anglesey Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Thursday 21st July

Voters in Anglesey Parish are being urged to turn out on Thursday 21st July for the Anglesey Neighbourhood Plan Referendum. The Anglesey Neighbourhood Plan has been written by the Parish Council and community and was consulted on several times in the Parish over the past two years.

The plan passed Independent Examination in June and now voters are being called on to decide whether or not the Plan should be used to help decide planning applications in the Parish.

The questions asked at the referendum will be:
"Do you want East Staffordshire Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Anglesey to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

The options for voting will either be 'yes' or 'no'.
If the majority of people voting say 'yes' East Staffordshire Borough Council will officially 'make' (adopt) the plan and it will be used to help determine planning applications in Anglesey Parish.

Polling stations open on 21st July are:
Queen Street Community Centre, Queen Street, Burton upon Trent, DE14 3LW and Unity Hall, all Saints Road, Burton upon Trent, DE14 3LS

Neighbourhood Plans in East Staffordshire

Neighbourhood Plans are progressing well in East Staffordshire with seventeen being written or having gone through the whole process.

In July 2015 Neighbourhood Plans in Branston, Yoxall and Outwoods went to the polls and all received a resounding 'yes' from voters. Accordingly the plans were 'made' by ESBC and they are now being used to help determine planning applications.

In January 2016, Tatenhill and Rangemore and Stretton voters turned out in force to approve their plans, with both of them now 'made' and being used to help determine planning applications in their respective Parishes. The next plan to go to Referendum will be Anglesey's, with a referendum date of Thursday 21st July. Voters in Anglesey parish are urged to turn out to vote on whether they would like ESBC to use the Anglesey Plan to help determine planning applications in the Parish or not.

The newest community in the borough to produce a Neighbourhood Plan is Abbots Bromley. A steering group has been formed of parish councillors and residents and they are meeting regularly to progress the plan. Following initial consultation in the spring of 2016 the group are now looking at the main issues which include housing needs and traffic/transport.

Neighbourhood Planning legislation has been in force since 2012 and communities in East Staffordshire were amongst the first to become designated and start writing their plans.

Neighbourhood planning is a permanent feature in planning now so there is still an opportunity for other communities to get on board. If you or your parish are keen to find out about Neighbourhood Plans please telephone Corinne O'Hare, Neighbourhood Planning Policy Officer in the first instance for an informal chat on 01283 508645. Alternatively there is lots of information on our website: **www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-plans**

Stay Safe this Barbecue Season

The summer has arrived, which means many of us will be getting out in our gardens to enjoy a barbecue when we're lucky enough to get a sunny day. What better way to enjoy the British summer than gathering friends and family for some food and drink in the sunshine? But how would you feel if you knew you could be putting your loved ones at risk by leaving food safety in the kitchen.

Suffering from food poisoning is not the way to enjoy the summer, whether we have glorious sunshine or torrential rain. So here are some hot tips to stop your summer turning into a barbecue nightmare:

- Always wash your hands thoroughly before preparing food, after touching raw meat and before eating.
- Raw meat can contain harmful bacteria and should be separated from cooked and ready-to-eat food. Do not put raw meats near salad or burger buns.
- Use separate utensils for raw and cooked meat. Never put cooked food on a plate or surface that has been used for raw meat.
- Don't add sauce or marinade to cooked food if it has already been used with raw meat.
- Barbecued food may look thoroughly cooked when it isn't. To be sure that it is safe to eat, check that it's piping hot all the way through, that none of the meat is pink and any juices run clear.
- Thaw food thoroughly before barbecuing
- Pre-cook food inside before finishing it off on the barbecue for added flavour
- Wait until the charcoal is glowing red with a powdery surface before you start to cook

Market Hall goes from strength to strength

Officers from East Staffordshire Borough Council presented an update on Burton Market Hall to the Council's Cabinet meeting in June.

It has been two years since the Burton Market Hall reopened to the public after an extensive £1.6 million refurbishment and the Council's Cabinet were given a comprehensive update on recent and proposed developments.

In preparing the report, officers compared rates with other retail units in Burton upon Trent, examined footfall levels at the Market Hall and explored trader movements in and out of the Market Hall.

An overview of the usage of pop up stalls was presented in the report as well as an outline of events that had taken place throughout the past year. The report also highlighted the amount of marketing that has taken place to promote both the Market Hall and its traders.

Councillor Colin Whittaker, Deputy Leader for Cultural Services, said: "This is an important update not only for Councillors, but for our residents and the businesses that operate in the Market Hall.

"By approving the recommendations in the report, the Council has been given the opportunity to find ways in which to encourage even more traders to the Market Hall.

"We've seen a consistent increase in footfall over the last two years and an increase in the number of traders and occupancy levels. It's great to see that some of those traders who began with a pop up stall have now expanded to a fixed unit. I hope that inspires other traders.

"I was delighted to see the number of diverse events that have taken place over past twelve months. These events encourage and attract a range of people to the town and the market hall.

"Finally, I would also like thank the officers involved in the running of the Market Hall. It's no surprise that due to the tremendous amount of marketing we do, we are attracting more shoppers, more traders and hosting more events."

The report recommended that the Council:

- Undertake a review of the level of charges for indoor unit lettings with a view to reducing charges which will be benchmarked against similar retail establishments.
- Explore alternative letting terms, including the option of short-term lets as opposed to the leasing arrangements currently in place.
- Explore opportunities available with the Enterprise Team to provide support to starter businesses in the form of income/risk sharing with new unit lettings.

What's happening at Burton Market Hall

Everything is set for a busy summer at Burton's Market Hall as we welcome a range of new and exciting traders.

May saw the opening of Obsessed by Home Decor, a beautiful new shop selling a range of unique home decor items. Istanbul Kebbab House recently opened as well and they will provide tasty meals to take away.

May also saw The Abbots Deli expand into a new unit at the front of the Market Hall. This extension will increase their superb range of cheeses, cooked meats, pork pies and fine foods.

Take away food outlet Grill2Go have expanded into a second unit, giving customers the opportunity to enjoy eat in meals with a new dining area, whist continuing to offer their popular take-away service.

Looking further ahead this summer, East Staffordshire Borough Council has recently approved plans for the further expansion of Summerhouse Bakery into a third unit, which will host a milkshake and ice cream bar!

Learn to Ride

Balanceability

Learn how to ride a balance bike
Ages 5-7 - 9.00am-9.45am
(balance bikes are provided)

FREE

Learn to Ride

Learn how to ride skills and games
Ages 8-10 – 10.00am-10.45am
(own bike required)

FREE

Bikeability Level 1

Skills and games for those who can ride a bike
Ages 5-10 – 11.00am-1.00pm
(own bike required)

FREE

Bikeability Level 2

Learn how to ride a bike safely on the road
Ages 10-15 – 2.00pm-4.00pm
(own bike and helmet required)

FREE

Sessions held at Shobnall Leisure Complex on Wednesday 27th July and 24th August

Sessions held at Uttoxeter Leisure Centre on Wednesday 3rd August and 17th August

For more information or to book your child's place, contact, Cyclist Training Ltd 01785 818193.

Staffordshire County Council

CYCLIST TRAINING

Summer Holidays 2016

'Summer Holiday Highlights' for a full brochure visit **www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/holiday-activities**

DISCOVER ACTIVITIES IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS DASH

Learn to Swim

The perfect holiday activity for children wishing to try our lessons for the first time or those already in our swim scheme wanting a little extra practice over the summer holidays!

Meadowside LC
5 day course
Mon 22nd - Fri 26th Aug - 4 - 6pm
Price - £25.00 or £16.75 Leisure Pass

Uttoxeter LC - 3 day course
Week 1 - Mon 15th - Weds 17th Aug - 4 - 6pm
Week 2 - Mon 22nd - Weds 24th Aug 4 - 6pm
Price - £15.00 or £10.05 Leisure Pass

Contact the leisure centres for more details or to book your space!

Meadowside LC - 01283 508865

Uttoxeter LC - 01283 508160

Enjoy 3 for £5 at Shobnall Leisure Complex this Summer

This summer, local families are being given the chance to enjoy a range of outdoor facilities at Shobnall Leisure Complex with their 3 for £5 offer. **The offer which runs from 25th July until 4th September, includes entry to** Crazy Golf, Tennis and Bowls **all for just £5 per person, making Shobnall Leisure Complex the perfect affordable day out.**

For more information visit,
www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/shobnall-leisure-complex

Summer Holiday Space Programme

Staffordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis, is bringing back the popular Space programme for Summer 2016.

The Space programme was originally an activities scheme led by police in Staffordshire during the 80s and 90s to provide fun activities for young people during the school summer holiday with an aim to improve engagement with young people.

The new version of Space, coordinated by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, has similar objectives and will be aimed at 11 - 17 year-olds.

A range of activities are being held across East Staffordshire organised by East Staffordshire Borough Councils Sports Development team, including,

- **Sport in the Hood:**
  27th July-31st August
  Wednesdays at Queen Street Community Centre
  Ages 6-16, 11am-3pm
  Free

- **Sport in the Hood Extra Time:**
  25th July -1st September
  Mondays at Heath Road Community Centre
  Wednesdays at Anglesey Recreation Ground
  Thursdays at Uttoxeter Community Centre
  Fridays at Carver Road Community Centre
  Ages 10-17, 4pm-6pm
  Free

- **Brewhouse Arts Centre activities**
  28th July-25th August
  Workshops include Breakdancing, Art, Fashion Design, Film Production, Graffiti, DJ Skills, Animation and Streetdance
  Each Thursday at the Brewhouse
  Ages 11-17, 10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm
  Free

- **Space will start in East Staffordshire with a dedicated day of free and fun arts and sports activities in Burton's Market Place**
  Saturday 23rd July, 11am-3pm
  Burton Market Hall and Place
  Free

Space 2016 has been launched, by Police and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire Matthew Ellis, to increase young people's skills, improve their health and wellbeing, and create opportunities for young people to take part in positive activities to help make communities safer.

During the summer holidays, there are a range of activities taking place throughout Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent as part of Space 2016. You can find out more at **www.staffordshirespace.uk** follow Space 2016 on Twitter **@StaffsSpace** and find us on Facebook.

Triathlons

Meadowside and Uttoxeter Leisure Centres will again play host to a series of GO Tri events this autumn as East Staffordshire Borough Council signs up to England Triathlons Go Tri concept.

GO TRI is a fun way to access triathlon for the first time. Join in swim, cycle or run training sessions or take part in your very first triathlon event. Both GO TRI training and events are available locally, reasonably priced, with manageable distances which have been purpose-designed for beginners.

Two Aquathlon events will be hosted by Meadowside Leisure Centre and Uttoxeter Leisure Centre. Aquathlons are a great way of combining the run and swim aspects of a triathlon to give you a taste of the main event. Both Aquathlon events will be a real challenge, great for novices and triathlon veterans alike, consisting of a 400m swim in the pool, followed by a 5k run. Junior and family reduced distances also available.

Meadowside Leisure Centre - Sunday 4th September
Uttoxeter Leisure Centre - Sunday 25th September
Entry for both events costs just £15 an adult and £10 a child (14 - 16 years old). But be quick, places are limited and they're set to fill up fast. Visit the Council's website at **www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk** to book online.

play day 2016

East Staffordshire Borough Council's D.A.S.H children holiday programmes is back this summer; with its biggest ever range of activities, following the programme's ongoing success which saw attendances rise to over 10,000 in 2015.

This summer's programme sees an action packed line up of activities and events on offer at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Shobnall Leisure Complex, Uttoxeter Leisure Centre, The Market Hall and The Brewhouse Arts Centre. In addition to these East Staffordshire Borough Council's Sports Development team will be offering a range of activities across the Borough.

A full brochure can be viewed on our website by visiting **www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/holiday-activities**

3 August 2016

The national day for play

Date: Wednesday 3rd August 2016
Time: 12.00pm - 3.00pm
Where: Shobnall Fields

Free activities for children including:
Circus skills, balloon modelling, a magician, face painting, inflatables movement and music sessions, art and craft and much, much more.

Free Community Transport with Mobility Link

Brewhouse	Shobnall
11.30am	12.00pm
12.15pm	12.30pm
1.00pm	1.30pm
2.00pm	2.30pm, 3.00pm

For further information please contact:
Patricia Newman, Health Development Officer,
East Staffordshire Borough Council on (01283) 508191
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East Staffordshire Borough Council

East Staff Sports Development
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ANNUAL PUBLICATION OF COUNCILLORS

Details of Councillor basic allowances and special responsibility allowances can be found in part 6 of the Council's Constitution (Part 6 Councillors Allowance Scheme)

It can also be found on the Borough Council's website: **www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk.**

Additional Payments

COACH HIRE FOR SITE VISITS	150
COACH HIRE FOR SITE VISITS	190
COACH HIRE FOR SITE VISITS	110
COACH HIRE FOR SITE VISITS	145
COACH HIRE FOR SITE VISITS	90
COACH HIRE FOR SITE VISITS	95
Total	**780**

Name	Audit & Standards Committee	Explanatory Notes
Jones	151.75	Independent layperson Audit Committee
Johnson	119.83	Independent layperson Audit Committee & Standards Committee Independent member
Cooper	211.00	Standards Committee Parish Council member
Bachada	35.17	Standards Committee Independent member (stood down May 2015)
Parkin	226.75	Standards Committee Independent member
Keen	211.00	Standards Committee Parish Council member
Totals	**955.50**	

Totals

Total payments direct to councillors (including Audit and Standards Committee) **£265,207.92**

Total Payments (direct to councillors and on behalf of councillors) £276,569.16

East Staffordshire Borough Council

	Payments Direct to Councillors					
Name (Ward)	**Basic**	**Special**	**Broadband**	**Car Mileage**	**Training Expenses**	**Total**
Ackroyd P L (Branston)	4,539.96	6,600.46		59.85	101.00	11,301.27
Allen G A (Uttoxeter Heath)	4,088.41			547.20		4,635.61
Andjelkovic S (Eton Park)	4,539.96	866.31				5,406.27
Ball P L	512.58	519.81				1,032.39
Barker E W R (Weaver)	4,088.41			838.35	14.90	4,941.66
Barrett M J	512.58	866.31				1,378.89
Birnie N	512.58	103.98		158.76		775.32
Blencowe M	512.58	727.78		100.80		1,341.16
Bowering M J (Branston)	4,539.96	792.26				5,332.22
Builth K J (Horninglow)	4,539.96	207.97				4,747.93
Carlton R L (Stretton)	4,539.96					4,539.96
Carruthers M	512.58					512.58
Chaudhry A A (Anglesey)	4,539.96					4,539.96
Clarke R J (Eton Park)	4,539.96			226.35		4,766.31
Dyche S T	4,088.41					4,088.41
Faulkner R (Winshill)	4,088.41	1,584.52		33.75		5,706.68
Fellows J	512.58	207.97				720.55
Fitzpatrick M T (Stapenhill)	4,539.96	7,466.77				12,006.73
Fletcher D F (Winshill)	4,539.96	866.31				5,406.27
Ganley B A	51 2.58					512.58
Ganley W (Shobnall)	4,539.96					4,539.96
Gaskin S P (Tutbury and Outwoods)	4,088.41	1,584.52				5,672.93
Goodfellow D H (Tutbury and Outwoods)	4,088.41					4,088.41
Grier S	488.17					488.17
Grosvenor R G W (Branston)	4,539.96	15,388.43			39.00	19,967.39
Haberfield K (Uttoxeter Town)	4,088.41	6,600.46				10,688.87
Hall G W (Bagots)	4,539.96	5,544.98				10,084.94
Hardwick R C	512.58	866.31				1,378.89
Hussain S A (Anglesey)	4,088.41					4,088.41
Jessel J (Needwood)	4,539.96	6,600.46	15.00	883.35	15.00	12,053.77
Johnson A (Yoxall)	4,088.41					4,088.41
Johnston R (Horninglow)	4,539.96					4,539.96
Jones J M (Needwood)	4,539.96	6,600.46				11,140.42
Killoran J A (Stretton)	4,088.41					4,088.41
Leese D C (Winshill)	4,539.96	207.97				4,747.93
Legg A (Stapenhill)	4,539.96				57.20	4,597.16
McGarry S J (Uttoxeter Town)	4,088.41			742.20	4.40	4,835.01
McKiernan S M (Shobnall)	4,088.41			153.45		4,241.86
Milner L (Stretton)	4,539.96	1,584.52	15.00	134.10		6,273.58
Mott J H (Horninglow)	4,539.96	1,906.03				6,445.99
North I R	512.58	103.98				616.56
Peters B G (Brizlincote)	4,539.96	3,960.46	17.55	61.20	231.76	8,810.93
Riley A D	512.58					512.58
Rodgers M J (Burton)	4,539.96					4,539.96
Shelton L (Uttoxeter Heath)	4,088.41			187.20		4,275.61
Smith C S (Churnet)	4,539.96	1,584.52		807.30		6,931.78
Smith S J (Crown)	4,539.96	1,792.49				6,332.45
Staples E J	512.58					512.58
Toon B (Rolleston on Dove)	4,539.96					4,539.96
Whittaker C V (Abbey)	4,539.96	6,808.43				11,348.39
Wileman C D (Brizlincote)	4,088.40					4,088.40
Totals	**176,863.28**	**81,944.47**	**47.55**	**4,933.86**	**463.26**	**264,252.42**

ALLOWANCES FINANCIAL YEAR 2015/16

Payments on Behalf of Councillors							Cllr Attendance Financial Year			Cllr Attendance Municipal Year May 15- May 16			
NI	Superan	Travel & Subsidence	Conference & Events	Courses & Seminars	Courses Attended	Combined Costs	Possible	Actual	%	Possible	Actual	%	Explanatory Notes
513.99				331.00	2	12,146.26	60	47	78.33%	66	53	80.30%	
						4,635.61	31	23	74.19%	33	24	72.73%	
47.16		78.25				5,531.68	19	11	57.89%	20	12	60.00%	
11.87						1,044.26	5	2	40.00%	5	2	40.00%	stood down May 2015
				394.00	2	5,335.66	36	31	86.11%	39	34	87.18%	
47.16						1,426.05	0	0		0	0		stood down May 2015
						775.32	2	1	50.00%	2	1	50.00%	stood down May 2015
46.96						1,388.12	2	2	100.00%	2	2	100.00%	stood down May 2015
						5,332.22	36	31	86.11%	38	33	86.84%	
						4,747.93	33	29	87.88%	35	31	88.57%	
						4,539.96	22	6	27.27%	23	6	26.09%	
						512.58	0	0		0	0		stood down May 2015
	77.92					4,617.88	28	20	71.43%	29	20	68.97%	
						4,766.31	46	35	76.09%	49	38	77.55%	
						4,088.41	27	9	33.33%	27	9	33.33%	stood down April 2016
				195.00	1	5,901.68	45	40	88.89%	47	42	89.36%	
						720.55	0	0		0	0		not re-elected May 2015
547.22		55.00				12,608.95	28	25	89.29%	29	26	89.66%	
47.16						5,453.43	23	8	34.78%	25	9	36.00%	
						512.58				0	0		stood down May 2015
						4,539.96	26	8	30.77%	27	9	33.33%	
						5,672.93	46	36	78.26%	49	38	77.55%	
						4,088.41	31	18	58.06%	32	18	56.25%	
						488.17	0	0		0	0		passed away April 2015
1,621.98	209.59		440.00			22,238.96	47	42	89.36%	51	45	88.24%	
500.06						11,188.93	47	31	65.96%	51	34	66.67%	
354.41						10,439.35	31	23	74.19%	33	25	75.76%	
47.16						1,426.05	1	1	100.00%	1	1	100.00%	stood down May 2015
						4,088.41	21	19	90.48%	22	19	86.36%	
608.58						12,662.35	55	45	81.82%	60	49	81.67%	
						4,088.41	37	31	83.78%	22	15	68.18%	
						4,539.96	21	15	71.43%	40	33	82.50%	
500.06						11,640.48	65	55	84.62%	70	60	85.71%	
						4,088.41	27	26	96.30%	28	27	96.43%	
	109.52					4,857.45	38	30	78.95%	40	30	75.00%	
						4,597.16	54	49	90.74%	58	53	91.38%	
						4,835.01	26	25	96.15%	27	26	96.30%	
						4,241.86	36	31	86.11%	38	33	86.84%	
						6,273.58	33	29	87.88%	35	31	88.57%	
123.39	367.62	14.40	440.00			7,391.40	37	27	72.97%	40	29	72.50%	
						616.56	3	3	100.00%	3	3	100.00%	not re-elected May 2015
167.76		584.60		1,788.95	11	11,352.24	33	26	78.79%	36	28	77.78%	
						512.58	2	0	0.00%	2	0	0.00%	stood down May 2015
						4,539.96	31	29	93.55%	32	30	93.75%	
						4,275.61	26	19	73.08%	27	20	74.07%	
22.47				95.00	1	7,049.25	58	45	77.59%	62	48	77.42%	
				95.00	1	6,427.45	24	22	91.67%	25	23	92.00%	
	77.92					590.50	0	0		0	0		stood down May 2015
						4,539.96	53	48	90.57%	56	49	87.50%	
500.06				299.00	1	12,147.45	62	55	88.71%	67	58	86.57%	
1.02						4,089.42	26	15	57.69%	28	16	57.14%	
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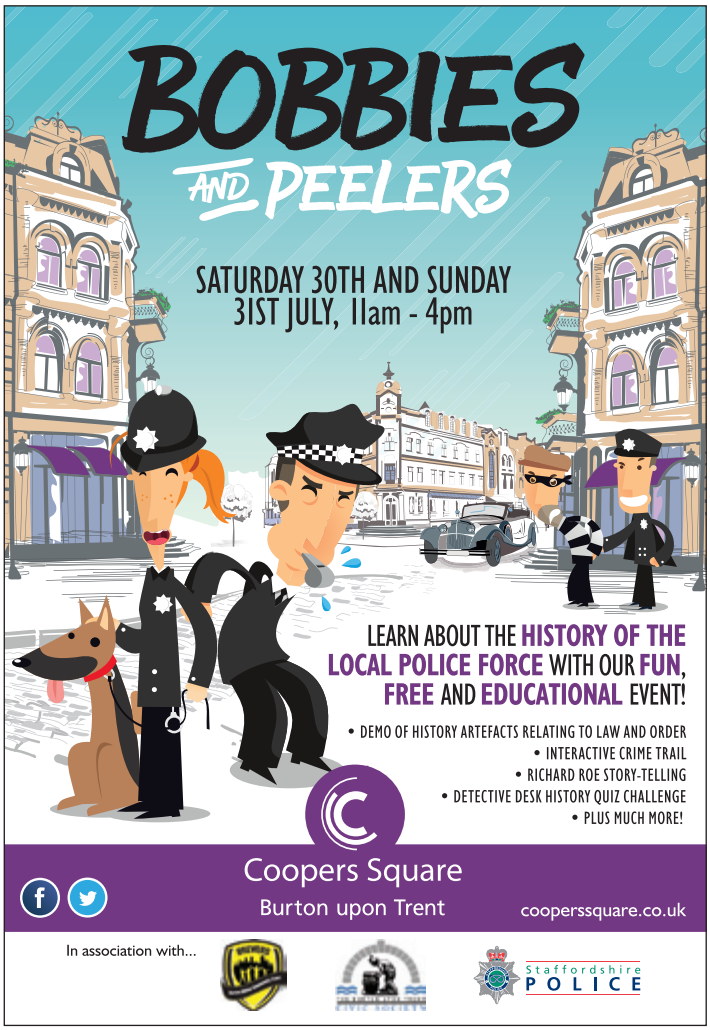

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Small Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment (WEEE)

From the 5th September, residents will be able to recycle small electrical equipment at the kerbside.

WEEE is the UK's fastest growing waste stream. As technology evolves at such a fast pace, older electrical and electronic items are often made redundant.

The vast majority of electrical items, such as mobile phones contain valuable plastics and metals which can be recycled and turned into new products.

What is small WEEE?

Small WEEE is classed as small handheld items that require a plug or battery to use such as:

- Small kitchen appliances (kettle, toaster, iron etc)
- Hair dryers, hair straighteners, hair clippers
- Clocks, watches, calculators and torches
- Remote controls, laptops, mobile phones, cameras and chargers
- Radios, mini hi-fis, CD and MP3 players
- Electric toothbrushes
- Small electronic toys, e.g. remote control car
- Small electrical DIY tools

How will the small WEEE be collected?

Please place all small WEEE items, ideally in a bag or otherwise loose, by the side of your blue bin by 6.30am on your recycling collection day. Collection cages have been fitted to the underside of our collection vehicles to enable us to collect the small WEEE on your collection day. Please leave cables and plugs attached to items and remove the batteries.

Large electrical items

Large electrical items such as fridges, TVs and washing machines are not acceptable through this kerbside collection scheme. If you have larger electrical items these can be taken to the local Household Waste site in Burton upon Trent or Uttoxeter. Alternatively you can contact East Staffordshire Borough Council on 0800 269098 and arrange for a chargeable bulky collection to be made from your property. Details can also be found on our website **www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/bins-rubblish-recycling/**

Newspaper recycling

Under the terms of the Council's recycling contract, the paper we collect from residents has to be kept separate from other recycling materials. To enable this, our collection vehicles have two compartments which keep the materials segregated.

The Council receives income for the amount of newspapers and magazines collected which helps with the cost of providing the service and keeping down the level of your council tax. You can help save money on your council tax bill by keeping your paper separate and presenting it for collection in your blue bag.

If you do not have a blue bag please contact 0800 269098 to request one or email **environment@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk**

Notice of meetings

Notice is hereby given of forthcoming meetings of the Committees and of the Council, which, unless otherwise specified, will be held at the Town Hall, Burton upon Trent.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

Please note that there could be items towards the end of the meeting, which by law, require the press and public to be excluded. Copies of agendas, minutes and reports are available on the Council's website **www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/council-democracy.**

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Democratic Services on 01283 508306 or 01283 508608.

Date	Time	Committee	Venue
Monday 18th July 2016	6.30pm	Cabinet	Coltman VC Room
Tuesday 19th July 2016	2.00pm	Planning Committee	Coltman VC Room
Tuesday 26th July 2016	6.30pm	Audit committee	Coltman VC Room
Tuesday 9th August 2016	10.00am	Licensing General Sub Committee	Coltman VC Room
Monday 15th August 2016	6.30pm	Cabinet	Coltman VC Room
Tuesday 16th August 2016	2.00pm	Planning Committee	Coltman VC Room

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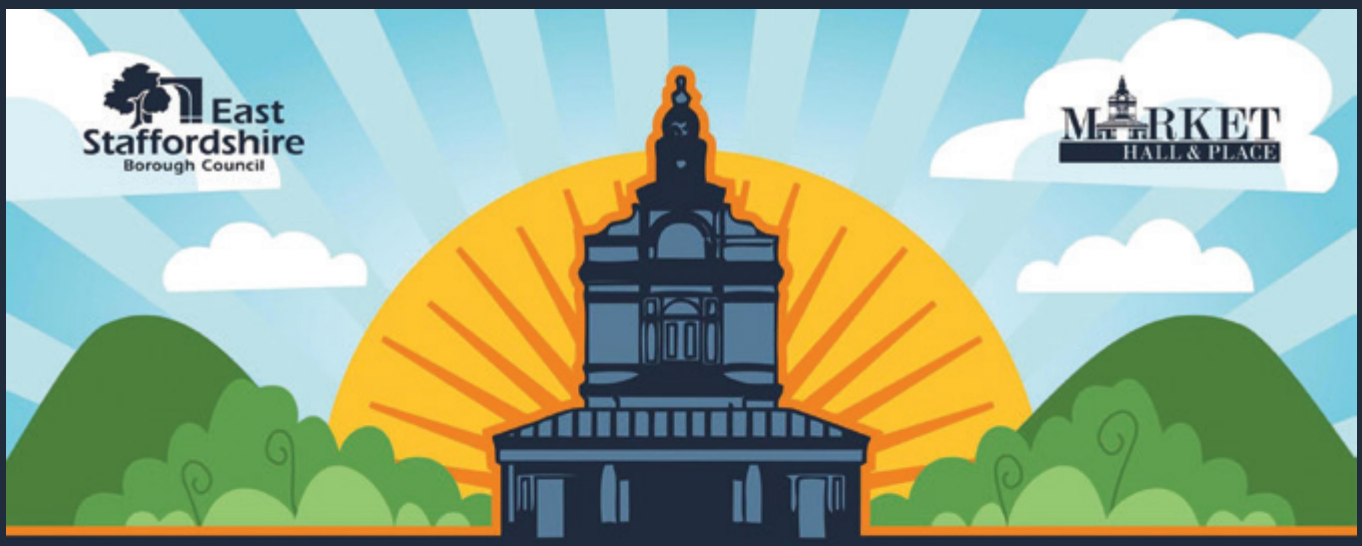

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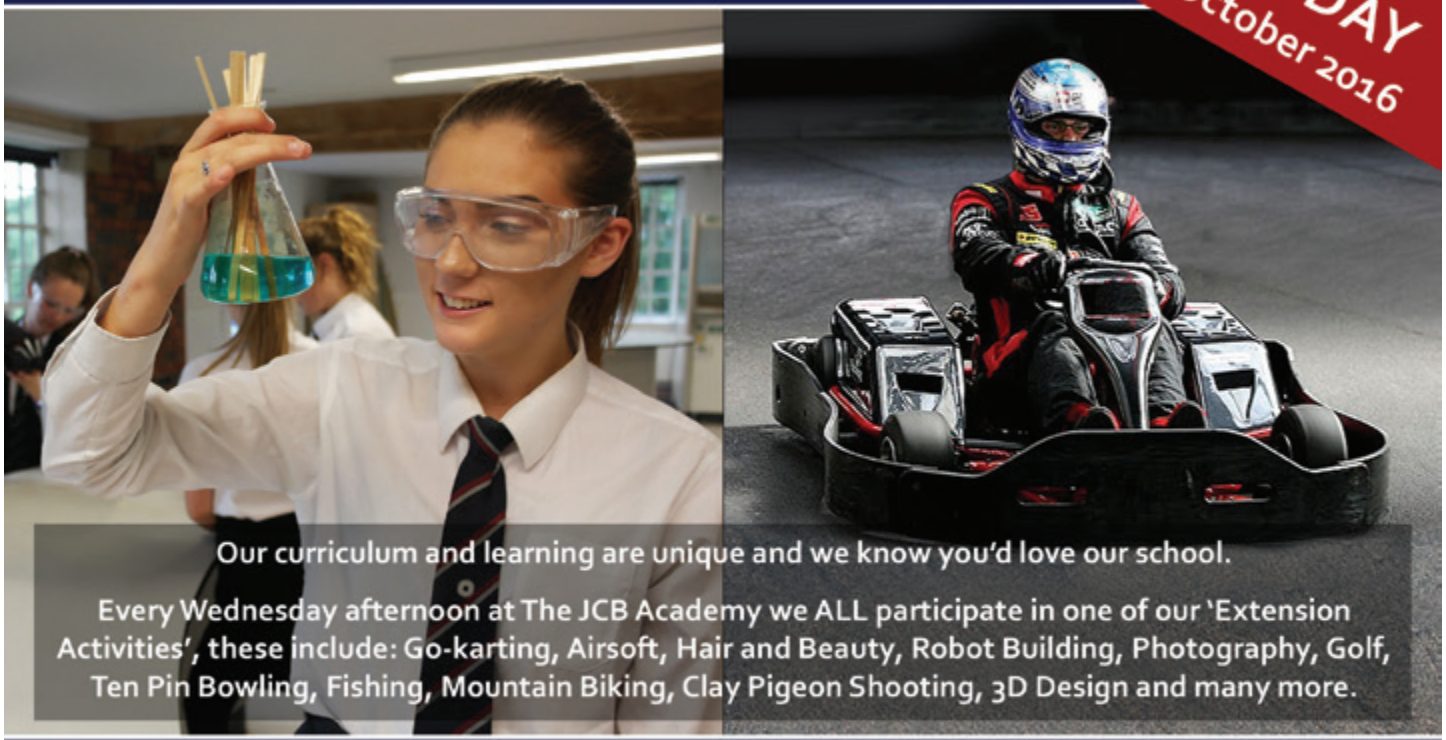

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Burton upon Trent Tree Survey

Working in partnership with THE NATIONAL FOREST

An exciting community project is about to start in Burton upon Trent to assess the value trees contribute to society. East Staffordshire Borough Council together with Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, Burton Conservation Volunteers, the National Forest Company and Staffordshire County Council have come together to co-ordinate the project.

We know very little about the benefits urban trees provide to society, as a result they may be overlooked and not given the priority they deserve. This project aims to quantify tree benefits such as air quality improvement and carbon dioxide removal in Burton.

This project will use trained volunteers to carry out the field survey and is a great opportunity to make new friends and learn some new skills. No previous experience is required and volunteers will be given training in how to carry out the surveys to gain the skills and knowledge needed to gather the data. Volunteers will work in small groups to assess the quantity and age of trees at various points around the town.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the project should contact Victoria Liu at the Wildlife Trust, by emailing **v.liu@staffs-wildlife.org.uk** or calling 01889 880100.

This project has received funding from the National Forest Company.

East Staffordshire adds burial records to national family history website

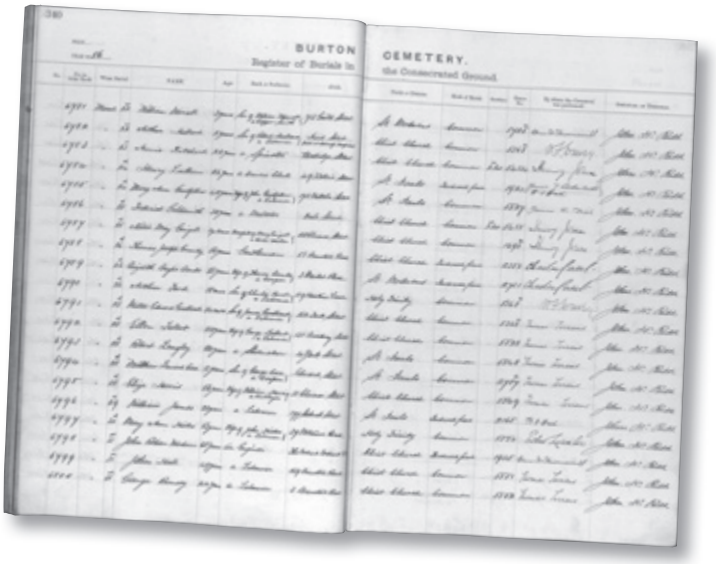
East Staffordshire residents, or those with family or historic ancestral connections to the West Midlands area, are now able to go online to access burial records held by the Council.

East Staffordshire Borough Council (ESBC), in partnership with Deceased Online, **www.deceasedonline.com**, have scanned and created digital versions of all burial records going back to the 1860s to enable easy and fast searching for family and ancestors' records.

ESBC is only the 3rd council in the West Midlands to include its records on the website, which already contains records for 150+ UK councils and other archives. Users may search the website free of charge and digital copies of records may be downloaded for a small fee per document.

Until now, anyone searching for these records would have needed to apply to the Council. The availability of the online records means that individuals are able to search the data themselves 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This will improve accessibility for the users, reduce the demand on Council resources, substantially reduce costs charged to the public for this service and the speed of access to the records. The online records will also be available to global users and visiting tourists who have an interest in the region and local family connections.

Under statutory legislation, burial and cremation records need to be managed and preserved by all local authorities. These improvements reflect the need to make records available to a growing number of online users and ensure that ESBC protect the records (in large old paper registers which may now be archived) for future access.



The digital records available are as follows:

- Stapenhill (formerly Burton) Cemetery, Burton upon Trent: 59,000 burials, 1866 to 1997
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People searching the site will be able to find:

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Councillor Colin Whittaker, Deputy Leader for Cultural Services, said: "I am delighted that East Staffordshire is one of the first Councils in the West Midlands to have embraced the use of digital technology to ensure these vital records are safeguarded and made easier to access and at a lower cost than before.

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