

Message from the Chairman

The recent Borough elections have led to a major change in the makeup of the new administration. The old RBWM Council with its Conservative majority chose to ignore the residents and paid the price at the polls. Will the new administration be any different we ask ourselves? It is too early to tell but the Lib Dems, who now have a majority, have chosen to include other factions in their administration.

Almost certainly, the new administration will have a difficult task as RBWM is strapped for cash and has been for some time.

Bray Parish Council (BPC) will continue to lobby RBWM on topics dear to the hearts of our residents.

Throughout the Borough Local Plan (BLP) process, BPC has highlighted the oversupply of housing and the lack of concrete infrastructure improvements in the plan. You cannot overload infrastructure with more population and get away with it. Recent national publicity regarding raw sewage discharges into our rivers highlights this fact. Is it climate change or increased population? Probably a bit of both.

A number of developments included in the BLP for our parish are still in the planning process.

AL21 South – 320 houses surrounding the Dedworth ALDI Superstore has been to the RBWM Windsor Panel and approved for access only. Further applications will deal with the design of the area and buildings and will have to be approved.

AL21 North -135 houses adjacent to the old Squires Garden Centre site. This application is also for access only but to date has not gone to the RBWM Windsor Panel for consideration.

AL 26 – 99 houses South of Bray Lake. This access only application is currently being considered by RBWM and has not yet been before the RBWM Maidenhead Panel

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AL 26 - application no 22/01791/OUT – 99 houses South of Bray Lake.

Warehousing on the A308M/A330 Triangle Site has yet to come forward for consultation. It is difficult to see the need to build warehouses on this flood prone site.

We have yet to see all the plans for the whole golf course site (AL13). BPC has been trying to arrange a meeting with RBWM Planning Officers since last Christmas to discuss this site as 600 of the planned 2600 dwellings will be in our parish. We understand that Harvest Hill is the preferred vehicle route to serve the golf course site. RBWM have received funding to make significant changes to the Braywick Roundabout in order to improve access, but we have yet to see details of the scheme. Congestion at the Braywick Roundabout already has a significant impact on traffic in other parts of our parish.

So, you can see that the BLP will add in excess of 3000 new homes in or very near to Bray Parish, all constructed on what was, until a few months ago, greenbelt land.

Other large developments in the parish include the Holyport Film Studio and BPC will continue to resist this further unnecessary incursion into the local greenbelt.

In order to gain more traffic information, the parish council has purchased two Speed Indicator Devices (SID). This is a portable device that will be sited at various locations in the parish to deter speeding and collect offender's data.

A number of Community Speed Watch Groups are forming in the parish, and, with the support of Thames Valley Police, these groups will monitor local problem areas.

The parish Newsletter has been affected by Covid 19 and newsletter deliveries, since the pandemic, have suffered. Not everybody has a computer, and it is our aim to make sure that a hard copy is available to every resident. If you can deliver a few newsletters for us, in your local area, two or three times a year please let us know.

In connection with the increase of traffic in our parish Bray Parish Council has embarked on a second year of Air Quality Monitoring. The results for 2022 can be found on our website or can be provided by our office on request. For comparison, RBWM has five air quality monitoring points in the whole borough. Your parish council monitored twelve points in the parish and in June this year an additional monitor was located on Harvest Hill.

Flooding is a potential problem in our parish and the Parish Council is conscious of the problem and is working with the Environment Agency, RBWM and local interested parties to improve the situation. Recent work has improved the access to the Gays Lane allotments, and this has allowed five new medium sized plots to be created.

The general day to day business of the parish continues with regular grass cutting, playground inspections together with maintenance of our various assets. The parish council maintains St Michaels Churchyard and the outdoor war memorials together with the Chapel and Cemetery on the Windsor Road.

In the last financial year your parish council has donated £10,457 in grants to assist various organisations in the parish

Potholes in the local roads continue to be a problem and recently uncut grass verges have added to the problems. Problems like these should be reported to RBWM, who are the local Highways Authority and the best method to use is the Report It system on the RBWM website.

The parish council is made up of 15 councillors representing the various wards in the parish. Currently we have 12 councillors and are looking to co-opt three new members as follows: -

Two councillors for Holyport & One councillor for Oakley Green and Fifield.

If you would like to be considered for co-option, please contact the Parish Office. Potential candidates must live or work in, or near to, the parish.

Cllr. Ken Elvin - Chairman

Bray Village Hall Centenary

On the 8th of July 2023, Bray Village Hall reached a remarkable milestone, celebrating a century of existence. This momentous occasion brought together a diverse crowd of residents and a few notable figures.

In the morning, families with children gathered in the main hall to enjoy an immersive performance of "Alice in Wonderland" by M&M Theatre Productions. Just outside the venue, passers-by couldn't help but notice the Home Guards Enactors and were tempted by the coffee served by Money Row Beans as well as Breakfast and charcuterie from Bray Cured.



Around midday, residents assembled outside the Village Hall for a special moment – the unveiling of a commemorative plaque by the Rt Hon Theresa May MP and Frieda Hughes. This event was followed by a champagne reception, surrounded by a historical exhibition that vividly presented 100 years of Village Hall history. Theresa May took the opportunity to meet many Bray village residents, including members of the Bray Parish Council.

The day continued with a delightful Cream Tea reception and an inspiring talk by Frieda Hughes, who shared insights into her latest book, "George: A Magpie Memoir."

The grand finale of the day was the evening reception, where attendees danced well into the night to the music spanning the last ten decades, the guests were serenaded by Amelia Williams and enjoyed a show-stopping performance by the Vintage Ruby, making it a truly unforgettable celebration.

Cllr. Joanna Filipczak-Korczak

Relocation & Conservation of the Bray Parish Fire Pump

Since it was donated to Bray Parish in 1737 by the Right Honourable Lady Coleraine of Canon Hill, the Bray Fire Pump has long since been a beloved asset of Bray. It was the largest of Newsham's designs and was a 10-man machine. At some stage, the solid wheels were changed for spoked wheels so that the pump could be horse drawn and it is reported to have served the parish for around 200 years.

The Parish Council took over responsibility for the Fire Pump on 8th May 1900 following on from a change in Government Legislation and records show it has resided in various places within Holyport and Bray, including St Michaels Church and St Michael's House. In 1964 it was loaned to Reading Museum for permanent display although instead remained in storage for 37 years. In 2001 it was returned to Bray Parish where it was transported to and maintained for display at the Fire Service College in Moreton in Marsh in August 2005. After a change in management the Fire Pump was moved back to Bray in August 2021 where it remained in storage until August 2023 when it underwent conservation preservation and was carefully relocated to its new residence at the Maidenhead Heritage Centre, where it will remain on display for the period of loan of 5 years, with the view to renew.



Miss Dawn Hampshire – Assistant Clerk

Help Keep Holyport Litter Free

When you see a piece of litter in the street do you think:

- What's the matter with people? Why can't they take it home with them?
- 'They' really should do something about all this mess
- I'll pick that up and put it in the nearest bin. Our village looks so much nicer without rubbish on the streets.

If you ticked c) then that was the correct answer, and we want to hear from you!

Holyport Litterati was established in January 2018 by a group of residents who definitely ticked c) and who wanted to play an active role in keeping the village litter free rather than just have a moan. The simple fact is that the less litter is out there, the less litter is dropped in the first place. And that's where Holyport Litterati comes in: to keep litter as minimal as possible. After all, even the best-resourced council can't be on the streets all day, every day.

We're ramping up our anti-litter campaign this autumn, and a big part of that will be getting individuals to 'adopt' part or all of their local street and pledge to keep it as litter free as possible. If we can successfully establish a network in Holyport we hope then to extend it to the rest of the parish too.

If you'd like to join in, please email gill.Hudson@holyporthcommunitytrust.org and let me know which street/s you would like to adopt. I will be keeping note of which streets are accounted for so we don't double up too much.

I strongly recommend that all 'adopters' have their own litter picker – there are loads available online and can cost as little as a fiver, but I do have a small number of litter pickers to lend to anyone who isn't able to get hold of one.

Holyport Litterati meet for a group litter picking session at 11am on the first Sunday of every month outside Londis, so do come and say hello and help us keep Holyport looking at its best.

Gill Hudson – Holyport Community Trust

Upcoming events around the Parish

Bray Village Hall

- Friday 29th September - Mel's Big Quiz!
- Tuesday 31st October - Family Halloween Evening -
- Saturday 9th December - 11 onwards - Christmas Market/Fair
- Christmas Eve, Boxing Day and New Year's Day bar opening

Every Friday 6-8pm you can now get a Bray Cured grazing board of charcuterie & cheese at 10% discount and bring to the Hall Bar to complement your drink there.

From the 28th September, the bar will (finally!) be providing an extended offering of some eight lines of ales, lagers and softs for a quality experience. The Bar will also be open on Thursdays and Fridays from 6pm, followed by regular Sunday evening opening as well.

Finally, we remain committed to seeing the Hall become a Community Hub as a regular venue for meeting, networking and socialising and will shortly be canvassing locally to seek residents' ideas and wishes on what they might want to see the hall used for.



St. Michael's Church

Dear Friends,

As the seasons change and we prepare for Christmas please be assured of a warm welcome at St Michaels (come and try out our new Under Pew Heating system!). Our regular Sunday services, open to all, offer a chance to step out of the busy world and find some peace and space. Each Sunday we have services at 8.00 am: A quiet, reflective service of Communion from the Book of Common Prayer (Traditional language) lasting about 30 minutes. 10.00 am: A traditional service with contemporary language, hymns, choir, sermon, lasting just over an hour followed by coffee and tea in the church hall. All are welcome!



Special Services coming up

- Sunday 5th November 4pm – All Souls; Commemoration of the faithful departed
- Sunday 12th November 10:45am – Remembrance Sunday Service
- Sunday 3rd December 4pm – Advent Carol Service
- Saturday 9th December 3pm – Christingle
- Sunday 17th December 4pm – Christmas Carol Service
- Saturday 23rd December 3pm – Crib Service for Younger Children
- Sunday 24th December 11:30pm – First Communion of Christmas (Midnight Mass)
- Monday 25th December 10am – Christmas Day Parish Communion

Rev'd Ainsley Swift

Volunteers needed for Newsletter Distribution

Bray Parish Council are on the hunt for any Residents who might be willing to kindly offer their time to help circulate our bi-annual newsletter within their immediate vicinity.

If you feel that you may be able to help with dispatch along your road, please do contact the Council office.



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Music at Bray – St. Michael’s Church

Our popular Sunday afternoon recitals at 3.00pm resume on 8 October, when cellist Nicola Baxter Tait is joined by pianist Mina Miletić for an afternoon of celebrated chamber works by Dvorak. The on 12 November we present “Spirit of Resistance”. Acclaimed pianist Eva Doroszkowska makes a welcome return with works by Polish, Latvian, Estonian and Ukrainian composers. For both these afternoons admission is free with a retiring collection, and tea and cakes served in the church hall afterwards.

Then on 10 December, we have our annual Community Carol Concert, when you are invited to join St Michael’s Choir, our Community Choir and friends for a Christmas celebration with audience carols and festive songs, in aid of Thames Hospice. The Community Choir is open to everyone who enjoys singing, especially traditional Christmas songs, with no musical experience or knowledge needed, and new members are always welcome. Rehearsals will be held in church on Friday 24 November, Thursday 30 November and Friday 8 December, all between 8.00pm and 9.00pm. If you would like to join us, please email jim@musicatbray.co.uk.

Holyport Community Trust news

2023 has been one of Holyport Community Trust’s busiest and most challenging years. The biggest challenge is how to cover all the village hall running costs as well as constantly upgrade and improve facilities while still keeping hire rates as low as we can for the benefit of local users. The only way to do this is through regular fundraising initiatives. Our current aim is to provide family-friendly seating for our fantastic new Platinum Jubilee Playground, carry out a major refurb of the tennis court and pay our heating bills, which are nothing short of horrendous!

We’re incredibly grateful to The Royal borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, Bray Parish Council and some private donors for their recent donations. Our own fundraising events have really helped boost our coffers, too. So far this year we’ve organised two quizzes, two table-top sales (**the next table-top sale is on Sunday October 22** from 10-1pm, so come along and snap up some bargains!), and, of course, our regular **Cinema Club**, which screens films on the second Friday of the month. With tickets just £5 each (£6 on the door), free parking, and a cash bar, it’s been a real success ever since it launched in 2019. Tickets are available on www.ticketsource.co.uk/holyport-cinema-club and full details of each month’s film are on the What’s On page at www.holyportcommunitytrust.org Or just look out for the posters around the village.

Our biggest fundraising event, the **Summer Fair** on 3 June, saw a fantastic turnout. It definitely helped that the weather gods were on our side! The big question now, though, is what we do next year. Opinion in the village seems fairly evenly divided about whether to keep the Fair within the village hall grounds (“keeps it more local”) or take it back onto the Green (“it’s part of Holyport’s history”). Or do we even continue to have a Fair at all? The determining factor here is whether we get enough volunteers, not just to help run the stalls on the day but to be part of the organising committee who tackle the list of essential tasks to be carried out in the weeks and months leading up to the Fair. This is especially crucial if the Fair is to return to the Green. The current organising team comprises just a very few volunteers, who are also trustees and are already up to here with the day-to-day running of the hall and its many activities throughout the year. We simply can’t carry on without more help! That’s why we’re holding a **public meeting on the future of the Fair** in the village hall on **Friday 20 October at 7.30pm**. If you want to see the Fair continue, then please come along and tell us what kind of Fair you want in the future and what you can do to help make it happen.

Gill Hudson, HCT Trustee



Let's Celebrate Autumn Together!

As the leaves in Bray begin their stunning transformation, and the nights grow cooler, it's a gentle reminder that the seasons are changing. Autumn, with its cosy evenings and warm hues, is the perfect time for us to come together and celebrate.

Mark your calendars for October 7, 2023, when The Pavilion at Bray Cricket Club will host its inaugural Oktoberfest. Join us to enjoy beer, bratwurst, and groove to the tunes of a live Oompah Band. Tickets are available at the bar for £18 per person.

As October draws to a close, Bray Village will be immersed in Halloween spirit on October 31, 2023. Halloween trail maps will be up for grabs on the day at Bray Village Hall, with prizes awaiting little ones who complete the trail. We extend a warm invitation to all children to take part in the festivities, with arts and crafts and live entertainment awaiting in the main hall. At 7:30 pm, don't miss our special Halloween Pub Quiz – and feel free to dress up, as we'll be awarding a prize for the best fancy dress.

On November 3rd, 2023, Bray Cricket Club will set the night ablaze with a traditional bonfire celebration, featuring a breath-taking fireworks display. For additional details and ticket prices, please reach out to The Pavilion at Bray Cricket Club.

And finally, save the date for December 9, when Bray Village Hall will host its first Christmas Fair. Join us for a feast of food and drinks, shop for unique Christmas gifts directly from local vendors, and be part of the enchantment as we officially light up our Christmas tree. For more information, contact Bray Village Hall or follow its Facebook and Instagram pages.

Cllr. Joanna Filipczak-Korczak

Bray in Bloom

Bray Enhancement Committee has overseen the floral displays within the Bray Conservation Area for many years. We have now joined forces with Bray Gardening Club, formed in 2022 as a result of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. Plants are changed twice per year, early summer and autumn. We often work to a theme or a colour scheme. Pale pinks to dark purples always look attractive; red, white and blue for Royal or national occasions are far more problematic as there are very few blue flowers.

We aim to select plants that are attractive to bees and insects so try to avoid multi-petalled flowers. The plants are also chosen for their position and impact. For many years, we have bought our summer bedding plants from Braywick Heath Nurseries – a not-for-profit organisation that helps people build skills and confidence by building purpose, meaning and structure to their lives.

This year, we had an interesting colour range with the suggestion of colours associated with peach melba, the link being the 100th anniversary of Bray Village Hall since Dame Nellie Melba was involved in the opening ceremony. Depending on your age group, you either think of peach melba yogurt or, if you are in the older age bracket, a 1960s dessert of peaches, vanilla ice cream and raspberry sauce. This provided us with the colours of peach / apricot, white / cream and shades of dark pink. Quite a challenge to source.

Where possible we recycle plants from one year to the next. It is our intention to move, where appropriate, to a more sustainable planting scheme using perennials that will not need replacing each year.

A team of volunteers plants and maintains the tubs and troughs. Local businesses also support in their own way. Paula at Bray Hair Studios supplies and looks after the planters in the Throat whereas the restaurants make their own arrangements in order to make their premises look colourful and appropriately "dressed". Another local resident has contributed by sponsoring the four new planters by the benches in St Michael's Churchyard.

We are very grateful to Bray Parish Council who provide us with a grant that pays for most of the plants, hanging baskets and watering. This is carried out in the early mornings by Richard Crucefix. As with any form of gardening there is always something to do – deadheading, filling in gaps, tidying and planning "what next".

Mrs. Julie Graham

Braywood Memorial Hall

Like many similar places, the Braywood Memorial Hall has struggled to recover after the lock-down but now, it is getting a bit of a make-over. To make it more appealing we have put baskets around the outside and the inside has had new cladding around the walls and has been completely repainted in a soft green and white. It now looks a lot brighter and more up to date.

The new fresh look will be enhanced by a collection of paintings by local artists which will be displayed around the walls and will be available for sale. The hall is now ready and available to receive a variety of bookings; adult and children's parties, meetings, workshops and events.

The Hall committee, in partnership with OGAFCA (Oakley Green, Fifield & District Community Association), have the following community events coming up and everyone is invited;

HALLOWEEN QUIZ NIGHT FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER
£15 per head including a fish & chip supper

CHRISTMAS FAIR SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 1-4PM
Craft stalls, raffle and tea and cake sales. If you would like a stall, please contact the committee.

All details and booking information can be found on the website:
Braywoodmemorialhall.org.uk



Mrs. Barbara Frame - OGAFCA

Allotment Competition 2023

The annual Parish Allotment Competition took place in July and was welcomed by so many glorious colours, blooming flowers and thriving produce in abundance. The plots were judged on best use of space, variety of plants, edibles, flora and herbage. The competition was judged by Councillor Margaret Pierce and Councillor Jackie Phillips, and Bray Parish Council would like to extend our warmest congratulations to the following winners who were presented with a personalised certificate and a £25 gardening voucher from John Train at Oakley Green Nursery, and runners up who received a personalised certificate featuring photos of their allotment plots in bloom.



Bray

Winner – Kathy Bishop plot 8a
Runner Up – Tim Cook Plot 9a
Special Commendation – Clare Stuart-Adams
& Joanna Filipczak - Korczak Plot 4c

Gays Lane

Winner – Tai-Tai Tsang Plot 20
Runner Up – Jutta Armitage Plot 12

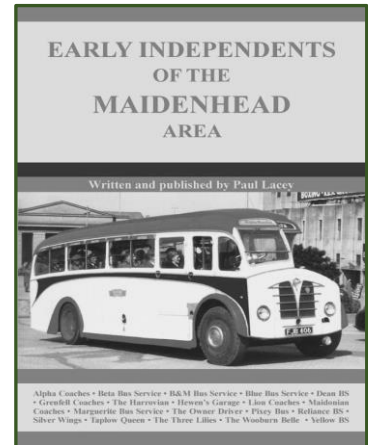
Miss Dawn Hampshire – Assistant Clerk

New Local History Book – ‘Early Independents of the Maidenhead Area’

In his recent book *Early Independents of the Maidenhead Area*, local transport historian Paul Lacey explores the origins and development of the local operators who provided coach and bus operations in the town and neighbouring settlements, with a story starting after the Great War and through to the 1960's and beyond.

This interesting 96-page A4-sized volume is fully illustrated with 122 black and white local photographs, along with maps and fleet lists of the vehicles owned by those local operation firms.

It can be obtained through good booksellers or direct from Paul at £15 (free postage). Please make cheques payable to Paul Lacey, 17 Sparrow Close, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG41 3HT.



Parish Council Meetings & Committees

Bray Parish Main Council meetings are held every six weeks and Planning Committee meetings are usually held every four weeks, with allowances for bank holidays.

All meetings with the exception of Finance & HR Committees are open to the public and copies of the agendas are posted on the Website and noticeboards at Holyport War Memorial Hall, Londis Stroud Farm Road, Bray Village Hall, Entrance to Tithe Barn Drive, Bus Stop on Fifield Road, John Train Nursery and Braywood Memorial Hall.

It is also an option for members of the public to speak at these meetings, although a request to do so must be submitted in writing to the Parish Clerk, and the content must not exceed a duration of 3 minutes. Contact the Parish Clerk for more information clerk@brayparishcouncil.gov.uk

Should you wish to attend, the meeting dates and times are listed below.

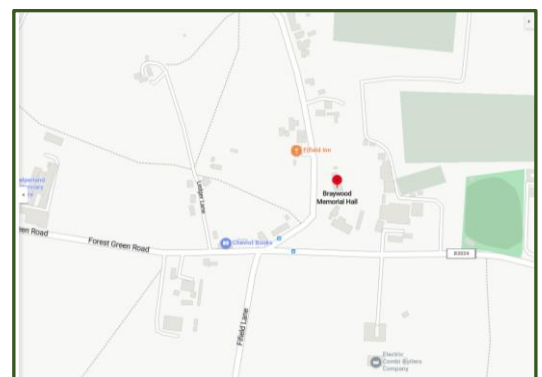
Main Council Meetings

- Monday 25th September 2023 @ 19:00
- Monday 13th November 2023 @ 19:00
- Monday 15th January 2024 @ 19:00
- Monday 19th February 2024 @ 19:00
- Monday 15th April 2024 @ 19:00
- Monday 20th May 2024 @ 19:00

Planning Committee

- Monday 9th October 2023 @ 19:00
- Monday 6th November 2023 @ 19:00
- Monday 4th December 2023 @ 19:00
- Monday 8th January 2024 @ 19:00
- Monday 5th February 2024 @ 19:00
- Monday 4th March 2024 @ 19:00
- Monday 8th April 2024 @ 19:00
- Monday 13th May 2024 @ 19:00

Meeting Dates for all Committees can be found on our Website [Meetings & Committees – Bray Parish Council](#)



Remembering Robert “Bobby” Claude Howes 02/09/1928– 05/08/2023

Robert lived a long life in his beloved Village of Bray, throwing himself wholeheartedly into its activities, including sporting and charitable. Bray would have been a lesser place without him. In 2007 he was thrilled to be invited to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party in recognition of his services to the Village.

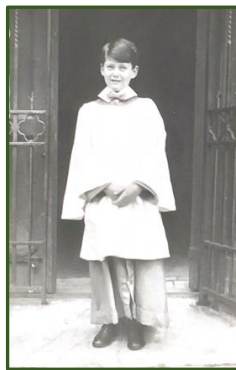
Robert served as a Parish Councillor for twelve years, was involved in the “save Jesus Hospital” campaign and was a Trustee of Bray Lich Gate Trust for thirty-three years, including fifteen years as its Chairman.

In 1944 aged only sixteen he volunteered to be a trustee of Bray Village Hall as he felt so strongly about the importance of such institutions in small rural communities. He spent an incredible seventy-three years in that role, with the last forty-one as Chairman. He was a memorable figure as Master of Ceremonies on numerous quiz, skittles and race nights and Christmas parties. When he finally retired, the remaining committee members renamed the Village hall bar “Bobby’s Bar” in recognition of his many years of service.

Robert's talent and charisma met with a wider audience when he appeared on TV on “The One Show” and was interviewed by Matt Baker and Alex Jones about his time in the Home Guard, interest in which had been prompted by “The Dad’s Army” film. Robert had joined the Home Guard in World War II at just fourteen and got used to carrying a wooden rifle in the Village Hall before going off on manoeuvres to practise the defence of the Bailey Bridge on the Upper Bray Road from a potential invasion by the German Army.

Camaraderie, friendship and community were very much a part of Robert’s personality. He leaves a beloved family behind. So many recollections live on of someone who came to represent the village at its best.

Donations in his memory can be made to Bray Lich Gate Trust.



Cllr. Margaret Pierce

Planning applications considered by Bray Parish Council during 2023

- January 2023 – 19 (including Holyport Studios)
- February 2023 – 8
- March 2023 – 8
- April 2023 – 12 (including 215 new dwellings near Kimbers Lane and 135 new dwellings near Water Oakley)
- May 2023 – 20
- June 2023 – 11
- July 2023 – 17
- August 2023 – 11 (including Fifield Polo Club)
- September 2023 – 10 (including 99 new dwellings on land near Bray lake)

All planning applications are considered by Bray Parish Council as a consultee of RBWM. As a Parish Council we provide recommendations for acceptance or refusal of all planning applications within the Parish to RBWM.

Community Speed Watch Update

September has seen the Bray Parish Community Speed watch sessions start after a summer of identifying monitoring sites, training operators and procuring the equipment. We have been very fortunate that Bray Parish Council has funded our kit which will be deployed through the various villages within the parish. We have 22 approved sites currently across Bray, Holyport, Fifield, Oakley Green, Money Row Green and the various roads linking them, such as the A308 and Forest Green Road.

We have 15 CSW Operators in the group and we are always looking to increase our number, as this provides us with greater flexibility in terms of timings and also, the ability to run concurrent sessions. If you would like to join our happy band, then please either email me at csap@me.com or, go to www.communityspeedwatch.org click the Register button and then Join Existing Scheme on the left-hand side. You can select Thames Valley, then Berkshire, then Bray Parish.

Once you've registered you can do the online training which takes under an hour. On completion I will be notified and will contact you to get you trained on the equipment. It's all very straight forward and we arrange our sessions via WhatsApp and email.

I've included some of our stats to date below. Most drivers are aware of speed limits, but the numbers show that many either do not know what it is or, choose not to comply. For those non-compliant drivers, a letter will be sent from Thames Valley police. If the offending vehicle is recorded three times, the registered keeper will likely have their letter hand delivered by a police officer.

Following sessions in Money Row Green, Thames Valley Police have deployed an ANPR van in Holyport. Being caught speeding by an ANPR device has more serious consequences for drivers so with all of this, we aim to educate drivers to reduce their speeds. Department for Transport figures show that a 1mph reduction in speed can reduce the likelihood of a casualty by 5% and with the average cost to the UK economy standing at £112,000 for a minor injury, prevention is the watch word.

Sadly, we've had a few choice words shouted at us during sessions but anything like that, including rude gestures have also to be reported to TVP. We will always smile or give the thumbs up to compliant drivers and we love to hear the words of thanks from cyclists, pedestrians and drivers as they pass. Knowing we are volunteering for our community and knowing that we are making an impact for good, really does make it worthwhile.

Any questions at all or if you'd like help joining the scheme, please email me at the address above.

Best wishes
Clare Stuart-Adams

Community Speed Watch Group Co-ordinator Bray Parish

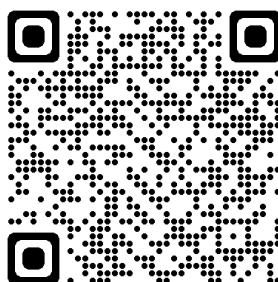
08/09	Oakley Green (40mph)	236 vehicles	6 speeding 2.5%	Highest speed 59mph
08/09	Holyport (30mph)	258 vehicles	8 speeding 3%	Highest speed 40mph
08/09	Bray (20mph)	334 vehicles	18 speeding 5%	Highest speed 33mph
13/09	Bray (20mph)	186 vehicles	40 speeding 22%	Highest speed 40 mph

Clare Stuart-Adams

Community Speed Watch Group Co-Ordinator for Bray Parish

Electronic Subscription

While we are aware that some of our residents prefer to receive our newsletters via a more traditional medium, we are also aware that some may prefer to receive a copy electronically. If you would like to sign up to receive an electronic copy of our bi-annual newsletter via mailchimp, please visit our website or scan the QR code.



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RBWM Watercourse Factsheet for Riparian Ownership

Watercourse responsibilities factsheet

Guidance for landowners when maintaining a watercourse on or next to their land or property

A watercourse includes all rivers and streams and all ditches, drains, cuts, culverts, dikes, sluices, sewers passages, through which water flows. This does not include public sewers. Landowners who own land that a watercourse runs through or next to are known as riparian owners.

www.rbwm.gov.uk

Designation of watercourses

There are two designations for watercourses in the UK:

Main rivers are usually larger watercourses but can also be smaller watercourses. Main rivers are designated as such by the Environment Agency (EA) you can see these on the main river map. The EA are also the risk management Authority for flooding associated from main rivers (fluvial flooding).

Ordinary watercourses are simply any watercourse not designated as a main river and may not be mapped. The Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead (as the Lead Local Flood Authority) are the risk management authority for flooding from ordinary watercourses and have powers to ensure watercourses are kept clear of obstructions to the flow of water.

Ownership

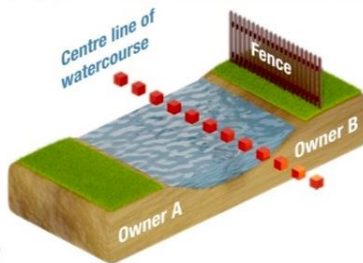
If a landowner has a watercourse running along the boundary of their property, it is usually assumed that they are responsible for maintenance up to the centre of the channel, with the other adjacent landowner being responsible for the other half. This differs for watercourses next to the highway where the adjacent landowner is typically responsible for all maintenance.

If a watercourse runs through a landowner's land, they are also responsible for all maintenance.

Rights of a riparian owner

A riparian owner must allow water to flow freely through their land without obstruction including times where the watercourse may break its banks, come from another person's property or the downstream capacity of the watercourse is exceeded. Riparian owners should not do anything which causes pollution to watercourses or affects how water will flow.

You have the right to protect your own property from flooding and your land from erosion as long as it doesn't impact the rights of another landowner however you will need consent if works affect the flow or storage of water within the channel of the watercourse.



Responsibilities

Landowners responsible for a watercourse must:

- ◆ Maintain the bed and banks of the channel, keeping them clear of obstructions to the flow of water which could increase flood risk. However, some work may require consent or a permit.
- ◆ Maintain the flow of water through any culverted or piped watercourses on or next to their land.
- ◆ Keep any structure free of debris, including trash screens, weirs, culverts and mill gates.
- ◆ Not cause any obstructions, temporary or permanent that would stop fish passing.
- ◆ Not allow the watercourse to become polluted. This includes putting garden waste into the channel.
- ◆ Control invasive species (such as Japanese knotweed)
- ◆ Make sure any work is in keeping with the natural river system – work must not damage wildlife and every opportunity should be sought to improve habitats.

Who is responsible for what?

Bridge structure

Responsibility of adjacent landowner to ensure watercourse can flow freely through

Verge

Responsibility of highways authority for maintenance

Roadside hedges and trees

Responsibility of adjacent landowner for maintenance

Piped ditch

Responsibility of adjacent landowner for maintenance

Ditch on boundary of two properties

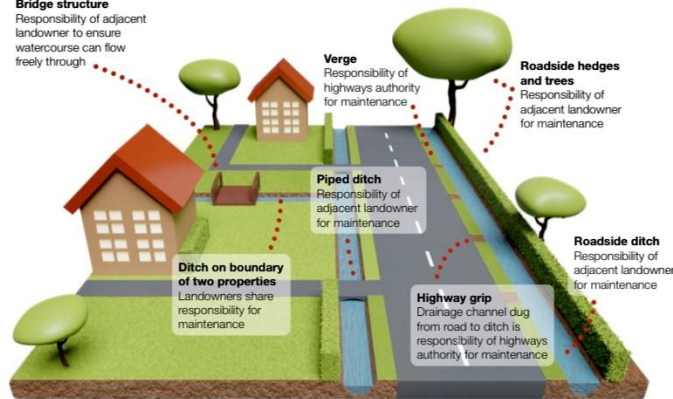
Landowners share responsibility for maintenance

Highway grip

Drainage channel dug from road to ditch is responsibility of highways authority for maintenance

Roadside ditch

Responsibility of adjacent landowner for maintenance



Did you find this?



This post-box topper can be found on Bray High Street.

Where is this?



This can be found around the Parish – do you know where?

Bray Parish Council Office Christmas Operating days & hours

The Parish Office will be closing on Wednesday 20th December and re-opening on Wednesday 3rd January at 09:30. Staff will have limited access to email during this time, however emergencies will be tended to.



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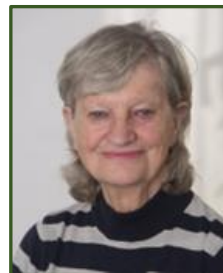


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