



Biddulph Town Council Update



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We also add regular updates to our Facebook page: 'Biddulph Town Council' or X 'BiddulphTC'.

It's amazing when you can see months of work come together, and since our last update, three of our projects have come to a close.

On 14 September, we were delighted to host the Classic Vehicle Show in the town. Over 200 vehicles lined the streets of Biddulph, with visitors to the town treated to both nice weather and tasty treats from our local businesses. Our thanks to all the volunteers, judges and exhibitors. Same time next year!



On the same day, we were joined by the Deputy Lieutenant for Staffordshire Judy Scott Moncrieff to open the mosaic bench on Station Road. Biddulph Town Council commissioned Philip Hardaker to design and install a piece of public art. Philip lives locally and is well known for his community work, and for the creation of many important pieces of art around the country.

It was agreed that a bench would celebrate industries that have been prominent in Biddulph, such as nursing, fustian mills and transport. We wanted the bench to remember activities that happen(ed) in the town, such as 'pigeon fancying', bowling, football, tennis, etc. There are also images of some of our iconic buildings and heritage features. These are represented in tiles, which form a seat.

Children and members of a wide range of community groups were tasked with creating tiles that represent Biddulph now, and what it means to them.

The aim of the bench is to celebrate our past, but also the things we love about the town now. There are images of nature, flowers and animals.

We hope you enjoy sitting on the bench and also reflecting on the tiles that have been created by our community.

The following week saw the installation of three mining lamps on the St John's Road roundabout. Mining lamp sculptures were first installed in 2004. They were removed from the site in 2022 due to the need for repair and health and safety concerns. Biddulph Town Council made a commitment to bring back this public art to the roundabout. It is incredibly important to our community that we recognise and celebrate the heritage of our town.



The original lanterns could not be repaired. We worked with a fabrication company in Burslem to create something that people would identify as a mining lamp, whilst recognising the original intention of the lamps. The lamps are powered by solar power and should have a blue glow after dark. Plaques will be installed on the lanterns in the coming weeks.

Thanks to a wide range of partners for their involvement and commitment to this project.

Over the next few weeks, we have lots of events:

Don't forget that the community cinema sessions - Feast and Flicks are happening on Wednesday 9 October and Wednesday 13 November.

Our Biddulph Scratch Cinema continues to grow and we're showing 'Perfect Days' on Friday 4 October.

We're continuing to work with the Arts Culture and Heritage Officer at Staffordshire Moorlands District Council on the development of their strategy. There are a series of opportunities for groups on Monday 30 September- please get involved in this, if you can.

We'd love it if you could join us at our Health and Wellbeing Fair on Friday 18 October, 10-1 in the Town Hall. A wide range of organisations will be there to

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offer support and advice.

We still have some spaces for the Level One and Level Two Mental Health training. If you would like to attend a session, or organise something for a group, please get in touch.

Finally, each of our Town Councillors has a small grant available. Please visit the website for more information: <https://www.biddulph.co.uk/grant-awards-schemes/>

D&G Bus Service

Contained within this publication are the current D&G bus service times. The 93 service (part funded by the Town Council) has been extended

to cover earlier and later times, and a Saturday. Please try to use these services to ensure we don't lose them in the future. Don't forget, all D&G buses are 'hail and ride', which means they can stop anywhere on the route, providing it's safe to do so.

Useful Information: Here are the telephone numbers of other Councils in the area:

Staffs Moorlands District (Council Tax, bins, Environmental Health) 0345 605 3010

Staffs County Council (Highways, Social Services, Libraries) 0300 111 8000

INCLUDING BOOKS, SHOES TOYS

Childrens Pre Loved Clothing Event

FREE ENTRY

SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

BIDDULPH TOWN HALL

BIDDULPH SCRATCH COMMUNITY CINEMA

FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER
BAR FROM 6.30
FILM AT 7.00

PERFECT DAYS

FREE FILM

HEALTH & WELLBEING FAIR

Free Entry & Free Refreshments

Friday 18th October

10.00-1.00 Biddulph Town Hall

Activities include: PCN & MIND, Local Support for Adults & Children, Health Checks, Sign Advice, Council for the Deaf, Dementia Support, All Age Fitness, and more.

For a programme of activities please call us on 01782 498480

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10TH

Commemorating the sacrifices of members of the armed forces and ex-servicemen in times of war. The Biddulph Remembrance Sunday Parade will be assembling at the Town Hall from 10.15 am. Following the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial at 11 am, there will be a service at the Methodist Chapel in Station Road. All are most welcome to attend.

Biddulph Christmas Lights Switch

Saturday 30th November

6.00pm

Feast & Flicks

Wednesday 9th October & Wednesday 13th November

A relaxed lunch followed by an informal film

Free and open to everyone from noon.

Suitable for those living with Dementia.