



BIDDULPH TOWN GUIDE

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Welcome to Your Biddulph Town Guide

Hello and welcome to your Biddulph Town Guide, produced by Biddulph Town Council. It's been a number of years since the Town Council last issued a town guide, during which time the town has expanded, lost some of its businesses and services and gained others.

Our aim is for this guide to offer you an overview of what's available in and around Biddulph and to act as an easy reference point in the future. It'll give you a flavour of Biddulph's heritage and it's strong community spirit.

You'll find details of town events, a council responsibilities graphic, maps of the wards, contact details for schools, places of worship, community and support groups and organisations, together with some local shops and businesses.



Please give us your feedback – let us know if you have any suggestions to improve the guide or if there is something you think should be added or amended. Maybe there's content you'd like to see included in the future?

We hope this guide, as well as providing information to residents, also functions as both a visitor's guide and as a welcome pack to new residents who have recently moved to our town and that you find it informative and useful.

Compliments of Biddulph Town Council

Getting Here

Biddulph is part of the Staffordshire Moorlands district in the north west corner of Staffordshire, with Stoke-on-Trent to the south. The A527 is adjacent to the town and provides access to Congleton in the north and Newcastle-under-Lyme and Junction 16 of the M6 to the south via the A500. It's within easy reach of the renowned Peak District National Park.

Parking

Sainsburys (Wharf Road ST8 6AJ) offer free parking for 3 hours for their customers. Staffordshire Moorlands District Council manage a fee-paying car park on Wharf Road (ST8 6AG). There are 137 spaces, open from 8am to 6pm, with a fee being charged from 9.30am to 3.30pm Monday to Saturday (parking is free on Sundays & public holidays). The car park ticket machines accept 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p, £1 and £2 coins, but do NOT give change. Up to 1 hour costs 60p, up to 2 hours 80p, up to 3 hours £1 and up to 10 hours £1.80. Parking is free for disabled badge holders (up to 10 hours).

By Bus

D&G Bus provides bus services to Hanley (No 9) and the Biddulph Circular (No 93). The No 94 goes north to Congleton and south to Newcastle-under-Lyme and Tunstall. Tel 01782 332337 www.dgbus.co.uk
First Potteries also provides a bus service (No 7A) to Hanley. Tel 0345 646 0707 www.firstbus.co.uk. Bus timetables are available in the Town Hall.

By Train

There is no rail service to Biddulph, the nearest stations are at Congleton, Kidsgrove and Stoke.

By Taxi

There is a taxi rank in the High Street, outside the Town Hall.

Public Toilets

Free public toilets are available within the Bus Hub by Sainsburys.

93 Bus Service

Funding a bus service is not usual activity for a Town Council, but Biddulph Town Councillors were so concerned by the proposal to end the 93 bus service in 2017 that, following a County Council consultation and online petition, in 2018, Biddulph Town Council stepped in to offer financial support.

Councillors feel very strongly that a bus that serves the community of Biddulph is a fundamental public service. In areas such as Gillow Heath and Biddulph Moor, many residents are unable to access important services such as GPs, dentists and shops. There is also no safe walking route into town.

The 93 bus also connects residents of the town with wider areas and enables them to access family members living outside the area, work, college and hospitals.

The map below shows the route of the 93:

Biddulph Moor - Biddulph – Biddulph Estates (circular):



93 Bus Timetable

Days of Operation	Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holiday Mondays)				
Biddulph Moor, Rose & Crown	0930	1030	1130	-	1330
Knypersley, Woodland Street	0936	1036	1136	-	1336
Kingsfield Road, Shops	0939	1039	1139	-	1339
Biddulph, Home Bargains (arrive)	0942	1042	1142	-	1342
Biddulph, Home Bargains (depart)	0945	1045	1145	-	1345
Halls Road	0947	1047	1147	-	1347
Gillow Heath, Long Valley Road	0953	1053	1153	-	1353
Woodhouse Lane, School	0958	1058	1158	-	1358
Pennine Way, Roaring Meg	1000	1100	1200	-	1400
Thames Drive, Leisure Centre	1002	1102	1202	-	1402
Biddulph, Wharf Road, Sainsburys (arrive)	1007	1107	1207	-	1407
Biddulph, Wharf Road, Sainsburys (depart)	1010	1110	-	1310	1410
Kingsfield Road, Shops	1013	1113	-	1313	1413
Knypersley, Woodland Street	1016	1116	-	1316	1416
Biddulph Moor, Rose & Crown	1022	1122	-	1322	1422

Route Description:

New Street, Park Lane, Woodland Street, Mayfield Road, Church Road, St John's Road, Lawton Street, Kingsfield Road, Well Street, High Street, South View, Wharf Road, Meadow Way, Station Road, Halls Road, Wedgwood Lane, Mow Lane, Well Lane, Long Valley Road, Ivy House Road, Well Lane, Mow Lane, Wedgwood Lane, Halls Lane, Halls Road, Congleton Road, Woodhouse Lane, Pennine Way, Thames Drive, Meadow Way, Wharf Road, High Street, Well Street, Kingsfield Road, Lawton Street, St John's Road, Church Road, Mayfield Road, Woodland Street, Park Lane, Leek Lane, Wraggs Lane, New Street.



Pay by contactless

D&G Bus accept cash, but prefer contactless payments

Biddulph – A Brief History

The district of Biddulph was created in 1894 and is made up of seven small settlements – Biddulph, Gillow Heath, Knypersley, Biddulph Moor, Bradley Green, Brown Lees and Biddulph Park.

The local MP and industrialist Robert Heath was responsible for the greatest changes in the life and appearance of the valley. Before the industrial revolution

arrived here, there were around 200 houses and the people were generally involved in occupations connected with farming. The development of the pits and iron works (in 1857) created a huge labour market and therefore, a vast house building



programme. Terraced houses for the workers and larger, grander homes for the bosses were built, together with schools, churches and pubs. Shops were opened in Bradley Green – where the High Street is now. Links between Stoke-On-Trent and the canal system in Cheshire were developed in order to bring in raw materials and carry away goods produced here. A new toll road was made to run through Biddulph to Congleton and the Biddulph Valley Railway was opened in 1858.

When the new urban district of Biddulph was created, the villages and hamlets of the Biddulph Valley were brought together under their one name – Biddulph, the town being first marked on Ordnance Survey maps in 1930.

Biddulph - Today

Biddulph is a friendly town with approximately 20,000 residents.

There are numerous shops and businesses in and around the High Street, including restaurants, cafes and pubs, hair salons, barbers, fish and chip shops, estate agents, a florist, gift shops, beauty salons, a post office, takeaways, a butcher's shop, pharmacies and national supermarket chains.

There are a good range of facilities including bus services, doctors, dental surgeries, a library, a bank, leisure centre, parks and countryside walks, schools and many groups, sports clubs and social organisations for both young and old.

Open country and moors are accessible by road within five minutes from any given point in Biddulph, and the town has become known as 'The Garden Town of Staffordshire'.

From Spring right through to late Autumn, Biddulph is awash with colour. Flower beds, troughs and baskets line the streets with thousands of painstakingly chosen plants, all of which are nurtured locally, and maintained by the volunteer resident's group Biddulph in Bloom, which greatly contributes towards the colourful setting of this pretty town.

Biddulph has a rich calendar of community events for both residents and visitors. The town has so much to be proud of and Biddulph Town Council is passionate about working in partnership with the community to keep it welcoming to all.

Biddulph Heritage

Biddulph can boast a heritage dating back to the Domesday Book. Here's just a taster of our local history:

Biddulph Old Hall

Built as a family mansion by Francis Biddulph in the 1580s in local stone. In the Civil War it was attacked by cannon fire, the largest hole made by a cannon known as Roaring Meg. It's now a private home.



Biddulph Grange

In 1842 James Bateman developed the Grange into a notable country home and garden. James Bateman left the Grange in 1869 and the house and gardens were bought by Robert Heath in 1872. In 1921 Robert's son gave the house and estate for use as a hospital and it continued as such until 1991. The garden was acquired by the National Trust in 1988 and opened to the public in 1991 after three years of restoration work.

St Lawrence's Church

A church was situated on this site in 1190 AD. During the siege of Biddulph Old Hall, during the Civil War, the parish church suffered extensive damage. The church was largely rebuilt in 1833.



The Bridestones

Built by settlers, around 2,500 BC, the Vikings called this ancient burial site 'Breitha' or 'Broadstones'. We now call this place 'Bridestones' - large, stone uprights can be seen today.

Shepherd's Cross

It's believed the stone cross dates back to the 14th Century. It's about 1.2m high and has a cross-shaped head and incisions on the front. It was probably used as a meeting or marketplace in the Middle Ages. It may also have been a gathering place for worshippers.



Coal Mining

First recorded in the Biddulph Valley in the early 17th century. Robert Heath came to the valley in 1857 and created the Biddulph Valley Coal and Iron Works. The coal mine, named Victoria, provided the main source of employment in the area. The iron works closed in 1928 and the colliery in 1982.

Biddulph Moor Well Dressing

The blessing of wells and water supplies dates back to the Celts or even earlier. Wells are dressed with pictures made of natural products, such as flower petals, mosses, beans, seeds and cones, pressed into clay. Biddulph Moor celebrates Trent Head Well (a source of the River Trent) annually in June with a main dressing on the Village Green Well at the junction of Woodhouse Lane and New Street and other smaller dressings on Chapel Green, at the side of Hot Lane near the Methodist Church.

The White House

A cruck-framed sixteenth century grade II listed cottage off Akesmore Lane in Gillow Heath retains its thatched roof, outer walls of wattle and daub and painted brick infill and original ground plan with opposing entrances. The house is a private home.



Biddulph Town Council

The Town Council is based within the Town Hall and is responsible for the management of the Town Hall, Biddulph Grange Visitor Centre, the 'Bus Hub', burial grounds, allotments, tourism, community events, grant assistance to local groups, etc. Although the smallest of the councils operating in the town, it has a varied workload, impacting the lives of those living in the town. If you wish to contact Biddulph Town Council you can do so by phone - 01782 498480, email - office@biddulph-tc.gov.uk, or via the website – www.biddulph.co.uk.

Biddulph has 22 unpaid elected councillors, representing 5 wards (for a map of the wards, see pages 11 and 12).

North Ward



Cllr G S Adams – Independent

Cllr J Davies – Independent

Cllr D A Hall – Independent

Cllr K Harper – Independent

Cllr A H Hart – Independent

Cllr J Garvey – Independent – Deputy Mayor

01782 517961

01782 514478

01782 512626

01782 861940

01782 379431

07702 499279

South Ward



Cllr J P Redfern – Liberal Democrat

Cllr A C Lawton – Independent

01782 511969

07484 281286

East Ward



Cllr J Salt – Labour

Cllr K J Jackson – Labour

Cllr C Brady – Labour

Cllr S Rushton – Labour – Mayor

Cllr C R Perkin – Independent

Cllr C M Smith – Labour

07949 419647

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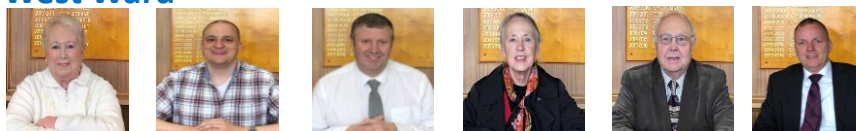
07446 244432

01782 519896

chrisperkin.biddulph@gmail.com

07837 958096

West Ward



Cllr E E Baddeley – Independent

Cllr A J McLoughlin – Independent

Cllr W Rogers – Independent

Cllr H M Sheldon MBE – Independent

Cllr G Swift – Independent

Cllr N R Yates – Labour

01782 513002

alistair.mcloughlin@outlook.com

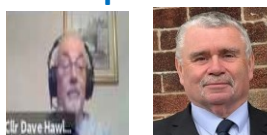
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Biddulph Moor Ward



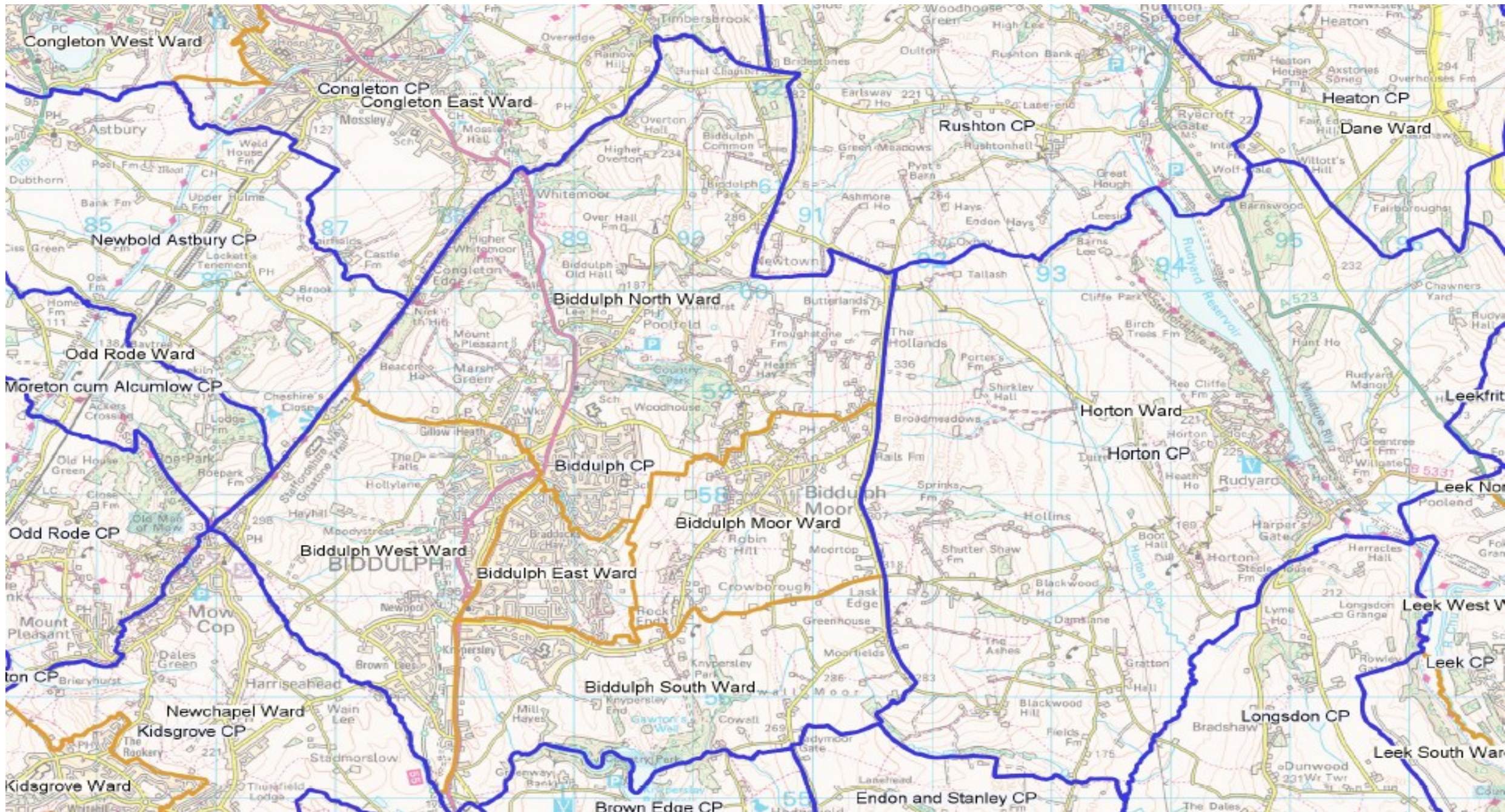
D J Hawley – Independent

John T Jones – Independent

07818 457381

01782 516948/07747 775203





Biddulph Town Mayor

Biddulph's Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor are elected annually by Councillors at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council in May. Each Mayor presides over meetings of the Town Council and serves as an ambassadorial and ceremonial figurehead for the Council in the community, attending engagements and officiating at events. The Town Mayor raises funds for their chosen charities by hosting community fundraising events and an annual Civic Ball.

You can invite the Mayor to an event – in writing please - by email to office@biddulph-tc.gov.uk or drop a letter into the Town Hall, High Street, Biddulph ST8 6AR. (We request you write to us to ensure the Mayor has all the correct information).

Biddulph Town Crier

The role of Town Crier in England goes back to Medieval times when town criers were the means of communication, as many people could not read or write. These days the town crier makes public announcements about local events, using a handbell to attract attention and shouting 'Oyez, Oyez, Oyez' which means 'hear ye' – a call for silence and attention.

Biddulph's Town Crier, John Robinson, celebrated 25 years of being the town's crier in 2020. You can see – and hear him – at events such as Remembrance Sunday and the Christmas Lights Switch On. To book the Town Crier:
Email - oyezman2002@yahoo.com



Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

Responsible for planning, housing, council tax, refuse collection, electoral registration, licensing, etc. The main office is in Stockwell Street, Leek. For enquiries relating to these issues please contact Staffordshire Moorlands District Council (SMDC) by phone, email or via their website.

Useful SMDC Contacts

Switchboard/General	0345 605 3010
Payment Line	0345 605 3016
Council Tax/Business Rates	0345 605 3011
revenues@staffsmoorlands.gov.uk	
Benefits	0345 605 3012
benefits@staffsmoorlands.gov.uk	
Planning	0345 605 3013
planning@staffsmoorlands.gov.uk	
Environmental	0345 605 3014
Elections	0345 605 3015

Staffordshire County Council

Responsible for major county wide services such as education, highways, police, fire and rescue, social services and libraries. The main office is in Stafford. For enquiries relating to these issues please contact Staffordshire County Council (SCC) by phone, email or via their website.

Useful SCC Contacts

Switchboard/General	0300 111 8000
Disabled Parking (Blue Badges)	0300 111 8000
Registrar	0300 111 8001
Highways	www.staffordshire.gov.uk/reportit
Biddulph Library	01782 485491



**BLOCKED SEWERS
BURST WATER
MAINS**

Telephone
0800 783 4444

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LIGHTING

ROADS &
TRANSPORT



DISABLED PARKING
(BLUE BADGES)



1 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford ST16 2DH

Tel : 0300 111 8000 Email : contactus@staffordshire.gov.uk

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STANDARDS



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& FAMILIES



BUSINESS
SUPPORT



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PARKS



PLANNING
AUTHORITY



POTHOLES



LIBRARIES



COUNCIL TAX
& BENEFITS

Moorlands House, Stockwell Street, Leek, Staffs ST13 6HQ

Tel : 0345 605 3010 Email : www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk

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COMPLAINTS



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PASSES



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Inc Pest Control



ALLOTMENTS



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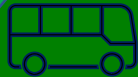
Town Hall, High Street, Biddulph, Staffs ST8 6AR

Tel : 01782 498480 Email : office@biddulph-tc.gov.uk

GRANTS



ELECTORAL
SERVICES

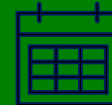


BUS
HUB



TOWN HALL
MANAGEMENT

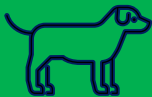
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SPORTS, ARTS &
LEISURE FACILITIES



DOG BINS &
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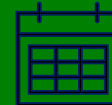


TOWN CENTRE
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TOWN HALL
MANAGEMENT

ANNUAL
EVENTS



COUNTRY
PARK VISITOR
CENTRE



SPORTS, ARTS &
LEISURE FACILITIES



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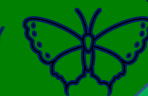


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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING
& planning application recommendations

BUTTERFLY
GARDEN



ANTISOCIAL
BEHAVIOUR



**NEED
SOMEONE
TO TALK TO?**



Telephone 116 123

Telephone
03708 506 506



FLOODING

Staffordshire Moorlands Police

The police station in Biddulph is NOT manned, the nearest manned stations are at :

- Market Street, Congleton
- Brunswick Street, Macclesfield
- Sutherland Road, Longton



In the event of an emergency phone 999. Your call should be answered within 10 seconds. A trained member of staff will ask you what happened and where you are. They may ask if you need any other emergency services, such as an ambulance.

To report a crime or incident such as a stolen item, property damage, antisocial behaviour etc phone 101, send a private message on Facebook or via Twitter or fill in and submit a form online via www.staffordshire.police.uk.

If you've been the victim of a fraud or suspect one is being attempted, report it to Action Fraud by phone 0300 123 2040 or online – www.actionfraud.police.uk.



Action Fraud is the UK's national fraud and cyber crime reporting centre.

If you want to report a crime, but don't want to identify yourself, you can contact Crimestoppers by phone 0800 555 111 (free from a landline) or via their website www.crimestoppers-uk.org.



Crimestoppers are an independent charity – they're NOT the Police.

Biddulph Community Fire Station

Princess Street, Biddulph ST8 6JN

General Enquiries Phone Number

Email: contact@staffordshirefire.gov.uk

For queries regarding smoke alarms contact the Community Advice Team on 0800 0241 999.

In an emergency phone 999

0300 330 1000

National Gas Emergency Service

Call if you smell gas or suspect carbon monoxide. Put out any naked flames and don't smoke or strike any matches.

0800 111 999

National Grid Electrical Emergencies

To report a power cut or damage to overhead electrical lines.

Emergency Free Helpline (24 hour)

0800 40 40 90

Sewer or Water Main Flooding

Contact about water and/or waste services emergencies & supply issues.

Severn Trent Water Emergencies Phone Number

0800 783 4444

United Utilities

0345 672 3723

Stop Loan Sharks

Help given to anyone affected by illegal money lending, not only victims, but their friends and family too. 24 hour helpline.

0300 555 2222

Website URL: <https://stoploansharks.co.uk>

Victim Support

Free, confidential support to victims of crime and their friends or family.

Website URL: <https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/>

0808 168 9111

Biddulph Burial Grounds

Biddulph Town Council manages the Town's Burial Ground at the rear of St Lawrence's churchyard, north of the town centre on the A527 and Woodhouse Burial Ground, off Woodhouse Lane (at the rear of the bowling club on Congleton Road). The Council is also responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the closed churchyard (no further internments in new plots are permitted) of St Lawrence's Parish Church.

The Council takes pride in maintaining it to a high standard and creating an atmosphere of peace and calm.



Links to the following five documents are available via the Council's website:

- Memorial Application
- Interment Application
- Burial Fees
- Site Map
- Bench Policy

The Bateman Walk

There is footpath access between the two sites through the woodland Bateman Walk, once a private walk from The Grange. The pathway is maintained by the Rotary Club of Biddulph.



Funeral Directors

C McGough & Sons, 69 High Street, Biddulph

01782 515155

Dolven Funeral Services Ltd, 31 Congleton Rd, Biddulph

01782 379191

John Garside & Son, 2 Cross Street, Biddulph

01782 515210

Bereavement Support

A Child of Mine

01785 283434

Provide practical information, guidance & emotional support after a baby or child has died
<https://achildofmine.org.uk>

Bereavement Advice Centre

0800 634 9494

Practical help when someone dies <https://www.bereavementadvice.org>

Cruse Bereavement Care

0808 808 1677

Offer support, advice & information when someone dies. Work to enhance society's care of bereaved people <https://www.cruse.org.uk>

Grief Encounter

0808 802 0111

Provide support to bereaved children & young people
<https://www.griefencounter.org.uk>

Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide

0300 111 5065

National charity providing dedicated support to adults who have been bereaved by suicide
<https://www.sobs.org>

The Dove Service

01782 683155

Offer counselling & support to people who have experienced a bereavement or significant loss
<https://www.thedoveservice.org.uk>

Biddulph Allotments

Biddulph Town Council owns an allotment site at Park Lane and leases a site on Moorland Road. There are just under 40 allotment plots. The larger of the two sites being Park Lane, with 15 sites at Moorland Road. Facilities are installed on site to allow allotment tenant's access to water.



All plots are currently occupied, but a waiting list is maintained. If you'd like to add your name to the waiting list you need to fill in an application form, obtainable online via the Council's website, or from the Town Hall. Allotment holders are not allowed to keep livestock, but a small shed is permitted with permission. Links to the Council's Allotment Policy and an Allotment Tenancy Agreement are available on the Council's website.

If you want to know more about taking on an allotment, visit the National Allotment Society website <https://www.nsalg.org.uk/>



Twin Town

Fusignano

Since 1987 Biddulph has been twinned with Fusignano, a small town in north east Italy, close to the Adriatic coast.



Aims of Twinning:

- To promote social, educational, cultural and sporting links with the people of Fusignano.
- To develop strong ties which will lead to a better understanding of the people of other countries.
- To institute regular exchanges between individuals and groups of all ages from the two towns.

History of the Twinning

Biddulph Town Council first discussed the possibility of twinning the two towns in 1987. In August the same year, the Mayor of Biddulph at the time, the late Councillor Eddie Sutton signed a Twinning Charter with the Mayor of Fusignano at that time, Signor Oriano Pirazzini, to maintain permanent bonds between the two towns.

Many lasting ties and friendships have been created through town twinning. Hopefully, exchange visits can resume post COVID-19 and we can welcome visitors from Fusignano to Biddulph again.

Biddulph Twinning Committee

Meetings are usually held every third Monday monthly in the Town Hall at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Jacky Nevill (Chair). Email: jacky@nevill-home.co.uk 07787 810447

Community Events

Many events take place in Biddulph throughout the year. Here's a taster:

Artisan Market & Fresh Food Friday

First Friday of the Month May to December – High Street – 9am to 3pm

Biddulph has held a market in the town, in various formats, for many years. Our neighbouring town of Congleton is a Charter Market, a status which was granted in 1272. This prevents Biddulph from having a market on a Saturday. Therefore, Biddulph's market is on the first Friday of the month, between 9am and 3pm. Traders line the central part of the town outside the Town Hall, to complement the High Street offering.

To book a stall, contact Biddulph Town Council – more information and an online form is available on the Council's website.

Biddulph Festival – June/July

Annual community festival, which began in 1997, held over 6 weeks from the end of June and throughout July. Supported by residents, local businesses, schools and organisations. Events usually include a launch day parade, dancing, concert, BBQ, 'Family Fun Day' and 'Biddulph by the Sea' with donkeys, sand, fair rides and ice cream.

Classic Vehicle Show – September

Over 100 vehicles joined Biddulph's first classic vehicle show in September 2019. Plans had to be postponed in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions, with a welcome return from September 2021.



Remembrance – November

A town centre event, led by the Royal British Legion - commemorates those who served in all wars. A procession through town and a Service, wreath-laying ceremony and two minutes silence at the Cenotaph is followed by a service at Biddulph Methodist Church.



Biddulph Sainsburys & Argos Toy Appeal – November/December

The annual toy appeal supports local children facing difficult circumstances. Donate gifts in Sainsburys, Argos or at the Town Hall. Your kindness has a positive influence in the Biddulph community at Christmas.



Christmas Market & Lights Switch On in Biddulph & Biddulph Moor

Festive street market with stalls selling crafts and gifts, cakes, wreaths and street food. Fair rides, dancing, a lantern parade and carols on the Town Hall steps before the Mayor is joined by our Town Crier, Santa and special guests to light up Biddulph and the following week, Biddulph Moor.

Biddulph Local People's Group Blue Badge Drop-In

The 'blue badge' (parking concessions) drop-ins run by Biddulph Local People's Group at the Town Hall have been a huge success and have helped several people apply for or renew their blue badge.

Blue badges are for drivers, passengers or children with severe mobility problems and for those who are registered blind. The scheme allows badge holders to park close to their destination but applies only to on-street parking. They usually last up to 3 years and you must reapply before your current badge expires.

A group volunteer helps you submit your application to the Government website - gov.uk. A new blue badge application and a renewal take between 30-45 minutes. This time is reduced if you're in receipt of higher rate mobility for Personal Independent Payment (PIP) and Disability Living Allowance (DLA), War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement and Armed Forces Compensation Scheme.

You're automatically entitled to a blue badge if you:

- receive the higher rate of the mobility component of the DLA.
- receive a PIP because you can't walk more than 50 metres (a score of 8 points or more under the 'moving around' activity of the mobility component).
- are registered blind (severely sight impaired).
- receive a War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement.
- have received a lump sum benefit within tariff levels 1-8 of the Armed Forces & Reserve Forces (Compensation) Scheme and have been certified as having a permanent and substantial disability which causes inability to walk or very considerable difficulty in walking.
- receive the mobility component of PIP and have obtained 10 points specifically for descriptor E under the 'planning & following journeys' activity, on the grounds that you are unable to undertake any journey because it would cause you overwhelming psychological distress.

What you'll need to take with you:

- proof of your identity (passport, birth certificate, driving license).
- proof of your address (dated within the last 12 months – a council tax bill or government letter).

If you're not automatically entitled – as well as the documents above, you'll also need to bring:

- proof of benefits (if you get any).
- any documents related to your condition, if you have them (such as diagnosis letters or hospital correspondence).

You'll also need:

- your National Insurance number.
- your contact details (phone number and email address).
- a recent digital photo of your face and shoulders (a photo can be taken for you).
- your existing blue badge number (if you are re-applying).
- ability to pay £10 by debit or credit card for the blue badge.

You'll need to provide further details if you:

- use any mobility aids.
- take any medication for your condition.

Renewal applications take approximately 4 weeks to process and new applications may take up to 8 weeks.

Contact Biddulph Town Council to arrange an appointment.

Location: Biddulph Town Hall – Main Foyer

Time: Appointments available between 10am-12.30pm





Apply, Renew or Replace a Bus Pass

Staffordshire's older or disabled residents can get free 24/7 bus travel in the Staffordshire County Council area (excluding the City of Stoke on Trent). The bus pass also allows for free travel in the rest of England between 9.30am and 11pm Monday to Friday and all day on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays.

All bus passes are issued by **Staffordshire County Council**.

You can apply, renew an expiring pass or replace a lost (£10 cost) or stolen pass online at <https://staffordshire.smartcitizen.net/public>

To apply you'll need:

- a valid email address (with their approval, this can be a friends or family members email address)
- a digital camera or an existing digital image
- a scanned or digital copy of proof of identity (passport or driving licence with photograph)
- a scanned or digital copy of proof of residency in Staffordshire (a utilities bill less than 3 months old, a bank or building society statement, benefit statement, pension statement, council tax bill, etc)
- a scanned or digital copy of proof of your disability if you're applying for a disabled pass
- your old bus pass if you need a renewal

You can also renew passes or replace a lost or stolen pass by phoning the County Council's contact centre on **0300 111 8000**.



Artisan Market

First Friday of the Month May to December – High Street – 9am to 3pm

Biddulph Town Council's market returned in May 2021, in a safe and secure way for all involved. Here's some of our regular stallholders:

Scrumbles – cupcakes, brownies and cheesecakes

LJB Plants – perennial plants

Aphrodite Designs – unique gemstone jewellery and crystals

Select Fish – variety of fresh from the market fish

Flash Brewery - craft ales and ciders

Staffordshire Savoury Eggs – homemade scotch eggs with a variety of flavours. Vegetarian, vegan and gluten free intolerant options available

Bernard's Farm – homemade beeswax candles, natural soap, beeswax melts, tweed scrunchies, sheep's wool throws, wax melt burners, etc

Biddulph Local People's Project - book exchange and services/activities

To book a stall, contact Biddulph Town Council – more information and an online form is available on the Council's website.



Biddulph Town Council Grants Schemes

Council grants enable organisations, voluntary groups and individuals access to funding to support projects, activities, educational experiences, new opportunities and innovations which benefit Biddulph residents.

The Council's current priorities for funding are:

- Young people (aged 13-19)
- Carers
- People at risk of loneliness and isolation
- Opportunities providing educational experiences
- Provision to improve social welfare and community cohesion

Applications are welcome for grants between £30 and £2,000. They may be submitted at any time, those received by May are considered for grant allocation in June the following year. Larger amounts are only considered in exceptional circumstances. Only 1 application should be submitted per organisation.

Town Councillor's Community Grants Fund

Applications should be submitted between August and January each year. Grants awarded are up to £250 per Town Councillor, although a number of Councillors' may combine their allocations to create a larger award.

The Council's 'Grants Policy' and a 'Grant Application Form' is available on the Council's website, together with details of grant recipients. Download a form, save and complete it in Microsoft Word and either email it to us or print it off and post or drop it into the Town Hall. For more information, view the Council's website, or contact Biddulph Town Council on 01782 498480.

Grants Scheme Evaluation

Biddulph Town Council monitors the success and impact of every grant awarded from our funds. It's from evaluations that we learn about how successful projects have been. This knowledge helps us to be accountable and to consistently improve our grant-making process.

Here's just a selection:

Moorlands Voluntary & Community Transport



Aim: to provide transport to local people who would otherwise struggle to attend appointments. **Delivered:** This vital grant went towards the continued operation of our Biddulph office, its rent, utilities and telephone, as well as a percentage of running costs of the scheme. Without this funding we would find it extremely difficult to be able to keep the office in Biddulph running. We've been able to help individuals from the Biddulph area to access primarily health appointments. This has been vital in ensuring people can get the help they need, when they need it, especially during such worrying times.

Biddulph Lifeline

Aim: to provide and maintain 22 Automatic External Heart Defibrillators (AED) on public access sites throughout the Biddulph area. **Delivered:** Ongoing maintenance – involving checking and replacement, where required, of the batteries and defibrillation pads.



Citizens Advice Staffordshire North and Stoke on Trent



Aim: Citizens Advice aims to provide free, independent and confidential advice and information that people need for the problems they face. Additionally, we aim to influence the policies and procedures that affect people's lives. **Delivered:** The grant received assisted 592 unique clients dealing with 1,734 advice issues and dealt with 83 'quick queries' where the client just required a quick signpost to another organization.

Biddulph Local People's Project



Aim: the two main aims of the group are to reduce isolation and health and social inequalities of over 50's in Biddulph and increase social capital within the older community. **Delivered:** We gave out 45 gift bags to older residents from across Biddulph. Some of the recipients had been shielding because of the pandemic and had limited contact with society, family and friends.

Dementia Friends

The Dementia Friends programme is the biggest ever initiative aiming to change people's perceptions of dementia.



What is a Dementia Friend?

A Dementia Friend is someone who learns about dementia so they can help their community. Many people affected by dementia feel society fails to understand the condition they live with. Dementia Friends help by raising awareness and understanding.

Dementia Friends Champions

In 2018, Sarah & Jodie from Biddulph Town Council volunteered to become Dementia Friends Champions and subsequently ran several information sessions, creating 136 Dementia Friends in the town.

We'd like to increase this figure. If you'd like to become a Dementia Friend and support this target, please contact Biddulph Town Council on 01782 498480.



A Dementia Friends session, designed by the Alzheimer's Society, lasts about an hour, is free to attend and is open to everyone. Sessions can take place within the Town Hall or a group session can be arranged at your workplace/venue.

Dementia Friendly Community

We plan to continue to work towards Biddulph being a Dementia Friendly Community, where people with dementia are understood, respected and supported.

In a Dementia Friendly Community people will be aware of and understand dementia, so that people with dementia can continue to live in the way they want to and in the community they choose.

Dementia Friendly Cinema

We screen a great or classic film - often a musical, with tea and homemade cake served in the interval.

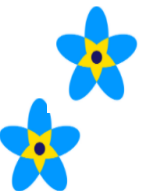
We ensure our screenings are dementia friendly by:

1. creating a sociable, relaxed environment
2. keeping our lights on low during the film
3. providing clear signage
4. having a quiet space available
5. making sure our staff and volunteers have completed Dementia Friends training

Personal care or supervision is not provided. A friend, family member or carer must also attend.

Although these cinema sessions are particularly designed to be accessible for people with dementia, they are open to the public – everyone is welcome.

The Town Hall is wheelchair accessible, with appropriate facilities.



The Great Outdoors

National Trust Biddulph Grange Garden, Grange Road, Biddulph

A quirky Victorian garden, created by James Bateman for his collection of plants from around the world. Divided into a series of theme gardens, including a Chinese temple, Egyptian court and a Himalayan glen. Open 7 days a week, 10am to 5.30pm. Book in advance for weekend, holidays & morning visits. Guided tours available for groups upon request & subject to tour guide availability. Volunteers to help in all areas are welcome. Phone number: 01782 517999 www.nationaltrust.org.uk biddulphgrange@nationaltrust.org.uk



Biddulph Valley Way

Opened in 1860, built to transport coal and iron ore to the Potteries and beyond. The last freight train to work through Biddulph ran in 1968. Now part of the national cycle network (route 55), this traffic free trail can be explored on foot, cycle or horseback, a distance of about 10 miles (16 km). The Way has interesting features, such as small copses, hedgerows and ditches which encourage a wild range of wildlife.

Biddulph Moor

At nearly 1,000 ft this village has superb views over Biddulph and the surrounding countryside. Look out for Mow Cop and the Cloud and, on a clear day, Manchester, Jodrell Bank and even the Welsh Mountains. Just out of the village to the south is an unusual and attractive rocky outcrop, Rock End, with views to the southwest.

Greenway Bank Country Park & Knypersley Pool

Located to the south east of the Biddulph Valley, 1 mile from Biddulph Town Centre. Walks around the water and to the head of the River Trent. Open all year round, closes at dusk.

Biddulph Grange Country Park

Originally part of James Bateman's Grange estate, with way marked trails, fishing and walks. A hydroelectric scheme (reinstated in 2000 provides sustainable power for local use). Some easy paths (with wheelchair and pushchair access), others more difficult including steep climbs. You can fish in the lake, but must buy a fishing day ticket from Biddulph Town Hall (Monday to Friday) or 'The Hideaway' café (weekends and bank holidays). Day tickets cost £7. The Country Park was purchased by Staffordshire Moorlands District Council (SMDC) in 1988, it remains under their control, with plans to transfer the management of the site to Staffordshire Wildlife Trust. The management of the Visitor Centre was taken over by Biddulph Town Council in August 2020 and the building refurbished to provide a base for a local business, with 'The Hideaway' café opening in August 2021, drawing visitors to the area, providing both a resource for the community and an attraction for tourists.



Footpaths & Bridleways

Biddulph has over 160 public footpaths. A full list of them all and a link to the County Council's interactive mapping facility are available on Biddulph Town Council's website, together with a checklist should you wish to support a survey of the footpath network to provide an up-to-date picture – to either flag up any issues to the County Council for action (as the highway authority, they are responsible for the maintenance of public rights of way) or for Biddulph Town Council to address, if able to do so.

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council have 14 downloadable maps on their website:

- Brown Edge Green Vale – a 6 mile walk
- Centuries of Coal – 6 miles from Cheadle to Dilhorne
- Churnet Country – 4 miles from Kingsley to Consall
- Caldon Connections – a 4 mile walk around Froghall
- Furnace Forest – 4 miles around Dimmingsdale, Alton
- Leek & Caldon Canal via Ladderedge Country Park, 3 miles
- Leek Landscapes – 9 miles around Leek
- Leek to Peak – 7 miles around Tittesworth
- Longsdon Walk – 4.5 miles from Leek to Longsdon
- Moors Edge – 4.5 miles around Ipstones
- Rudyard Lake – 4-5 miles round Rudyard Lake
- Styles in Stone – 6 miles east from Cheddleton
- Western Edges – 10.5 miles around Biddulph
- Woods & Ways – 3 miles around Oakamoor

Here's their link:

<https://www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/article/901/Self-guided-walks>
Biddulph Ramblers website also suggests circular walks within the Biddulph District at <https://www.biddulphramblers.org.uk/>

Biddulph in Bloom

A voluntary unpaid group, with charity status, first set up over 30 years ago to try and improve the environment of Biddulph and it's surroundings. The group transform our town's public spaces for the better; planting trees and bulbs, creating and restoring hedgerows; caring for an allotment and small nature reserve and creating flowerbeds, containers and borders. They also maintain a fruit orchard within Biddulph Grange Country Park and paint and varnish nearly 50 memorial seats (given in memory of loved ones), as well as weeding and litter picking across the area.

Biddulph was awarded Gold in the regional and national Britain in Bloom gardening competition in 2019, being the large town category winner and the only entrant achieving Gold in all the three sections of Horticultural Excellence, Community Participation and Environmental Awareness. There was no Britain in Bloom competition to enter in 2020, due to Covid-19. However, the group continued to maintain the displays adhering to social distancing and government guidelines. All volunteers are welcome, meeting every Monday and Thursday, mostly outdoors, whether rain or shine. Meetings are held in the Town Hall Council Chamber bi-monthly and an AGM is held at the end of January each year. For more information, contact Hilda Sheldon, MBE
hildamsheldon@gmail.com 01782 514993 07891710674



Play Parks

Biddulph has a number of play parks, offering children's play equipment, football pitches and a skatepark. Parkwood Leisure manage and maintain the playing pitches at 4 of the sites on behalf of Staffordshire Moorlands District Council (SMDC). To book a football pitch - contact Parkwood Leisure. Report any problems to Parkwood Leisure and SMDC.

Biddulph Valley Park, Thames Drive, Biddulph

Area of open grassland with Biddulph Brook flowing through it. Play area for children aged 0-12 near the leisure centre.

Brown Lees, Biddulph

Supported by Brown Lees Residents Association, a play area for children aged 0-12 within a popular family housing estate.



Halls Road Playing Fields, Biddulph

Area of open grassland with a children's play area, multi use games area, football pitches, tennis courts, outdoor gym equipment & surfaced circular path, providing easy access around the site & onto the wider footpath network.



Uplands Play Area

A play area for children aged 0-12 within a popular family estate.

Mill Hayes Playing Fields, Tunstall Road, Knypersley

Area of open grassland with football pitches and a skatepark. Car park with spaces for 40 cars.

Church Road Playing Fields, Biddulph

Area of open grassland with play area for children aged 0-12 years, multi use games area, football pitches and community garden.



Hawthorn Grove, Biddulph

A play area for children aged 0-12 within a popular family estate.



Paddock Play Area

Provides opportunity to access the Town centre via a non-road walkway.

Hot Lane Playing Fields, Biddulph Moor

Supported by Biddulph Moor Community Association. Area of open grassland with football pitches and a play area for children aged 0-12. On-street parking.



Contacts:

Parkwood Leisure – Biddulph Valley Leisure Centre
Staffordshire Moorlands District Council (SMDC)

01782 515005
0345 605 3010

Station Road Community Garden

When Sainsbury's was developed, Staffordshire Moorlands District Council was given Section 106 monies, to be used to develop a community area/facility. Money was received for the garden area on Station Road, which could only be spent in this area.

Biddulph Town Council worked with a local architect to develop a community garden with seating and planted areas, fountains and a monument to commemorate those that lost their lives during the years when mining was an important part of our town's history. Planning permission was given in 2018 and the building work on phase one completed in 2019-20.

The next stage of the project will include the remaining seating circles and the installation of a mining memorial.



Pocket Parks

Biddulph Town Council was awarded funds from the Ministry of Communities and Local Government to develop a 'Pocket Park' – to transform a neglected area.

The area between Craigside and Dorset Drive was chosen, as this area routinely flooded and despite the efforts of residents, who created drainage channels, there were times in the year when the footpath was impassable.

The area is owned and maintained by Staffordshire Moorlands District Council who are involved in the delivery of this project. The Town Council is matching the funding and overseeing the day-to-day management of the improvements.



The first stage – improving the paths and drainage has been completed.

Planting of a community orchard and wetland plants (willows, bulrushes and other perennials) is planned throughout the Summer and into the Autumn.

Places of Worship

All these churches extend a warm welcome to anyone looking to share in worship or find out about Christian faith. Details about service times and the large range of other activities offered by the Town's churches can be found by following the links to individual church websites

Christ Church Biddulph Moor

Church Lane, Biddulph Moor ST8 7HU

01782 512240

<https://www.biddulphmoorparishchurch.org.uk>



St John's Church, Knypersley

St John's Church, Knypersley

Tunstall Road, Knypersley ST8 7AA

01782 512240

<https://www.stjohnsknypersley.co.uk>

Hill Top Methodist Church

Chapel Lane, Biddulph Moor ST8 7JZ

01782 513218

<https://www.danetrentmethodist.org.uk>

Biddulph Methodist Church & Victoria Centre

Station Road, Biddulph ST8 6BJ

01782 513218

<https://www.biddulphmethodists.org>



Biddulph Methodist Church & Victoria Centre

St Lawrence's Parish Church, Biddulph

Congleton Road, Biddulph ST8 7RG

01782 513891

<https://www.biddulphchurch.org.uk>



St Lawrence's Parish Church, Biddulph

Life Stream Church

Newpool Road, Knypersley ST8 6NN

01782 515122

<https://www.lifestreamchurch.uk>

Oasis Community Church

Biddulph Park Road, Biddulph ST8 7SJ

07736953860

<https://www.oasisbiddulph.org>



New Road Methodist Church

Hot Lane, Biddulph Moor ST8 7JT

01782 513218

<https://www.danetrentmethodist.org.uk>

English Martyrs' Catholic Church

Church Road, Biddulph ST8 6NE

01782 782121

<https://www.partnershipparishes.org>



English Martyrs' Catholic Church

Education

Staffordshire County Council is the local education authority, operating a Middle School system in Biddulph. Biddulph has one high school (ages 13 to 16) with a sixth form (ages 16 to 18) and two middle schools (ages 9-13). These are fed by several first schools.

First Schools

Kingsfield First School

Gunn Street, Biddulph ST8 6AY 01782 973800

Knypersley First School

Newpool Road, Knypersley ST8 6NN 01782 973810

Moor First School & Nursery

School Lane, Biddulph Moor ST8 7HR 01782 512350

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy & Nursery

Woodland Street, Biddulph ST8 6LW 01782 512644

Oxhey First School

Pennine Way, Biddulph ST8 7EB 01782 513000

Squirrel Hayes First School and Nursery

Springfield Road, Biddulph ST8 7DF 01782 973820

Middle Schools

James Bateman Middle School

Park Lane, Knypersley ST8 7AT 01782 973900

Woodhouse Academy

Woodhouse Lane, Biddulph ST8 7DR 01782 973600

High School

Biddulph High School

Conway Road, Knypersley ST8 7AR 01782 523977

Biddulph Moor Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers

Where young people make new friends, have amazing adventures and learn new skills. View the Potteries North Scout District website to see the huge range of activities, competitions and adventures each age range gets up to.

Meet at Biddulph Moor 1st School, School Lane, Biddulph Moor ST8 7HR

Beavers (age 6-8): Tuesdays 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Cubs (age 8-10): Wednesdays 6.30pm to 8pm

Scouts (age 10-14) & Explorers (age 14-18): Tuesdays 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Contact : Rob & Amanda Arrowsmith (Group Scout Leaders)

Phone Number: 07934 437971

Email: ar925@btinternet.com or ajj247@hotmail.co.uk

Website URL: <https://www.pnscouts.org.uk>



Biddulph Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

Empower girls to be their best and face the challenges of modern life, through adventure, friendship and fun, in a safe environment, following the programme and ethos of girlguiding. Rainbows (age 5-7), Brownies (age 7- 10) and Guides (age 10-14) meet on various evenings at venues in Biddulph and on Biddulph Moor. Parents should register their interest online, but a local contact number is available for additional queries.

Contact : Sue Watts

Phone Number: 01782 518158

Website URL: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk>



Support Groups & Services

Age UK – supports the elderly and their carers to enhance the quality of their lives. www.age.uk.org.uk Advice Line 0800 678 1602

Carers UK – advice and support for carers and the people they care for
Helpline available Monday to Friday 9am to 6pm 0808 808 7777

North Staffs Carers – information & advice; emotional support; practical help, etc. www.carersfirst.com info@carersfirst.com 01782 793100

Citizens Advice – advice & information on a range of issues, such as housing rights, welfare rights & benefits, money & debt, consumer issues & employment rights. advice@snsCab.org.uk www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Biddulph Citizens Advice, 10 Tunstall Road, Biddulph ST8 6HH

Local Advice Line 0808 278 7876

National Advice Line 0800 144 8848

Staffordshire Advice Line 0300 3309 062

Help to Claim Service (help applying for Universal Credit) 0800 1448 444

National Debt Line – charity giving free independent advice. 9am-8pm
Monday to Friday. www.nationaldebtline.org 0808 808 4000

The Green Tree Food Club & Tea Room, 72 High Street, Biddulph – a volunteer run, community café supporting a food club scheme. Biddulph residents can collect up to 10 food items weekly for £4.50, 20 items for £9 or 30 items for £13.50, after signing up for membership (proof of address required). The club runs on Wednesdays 10am to 3pm and Saturdays 10.30am to 2pm.

ththfoodclub@gmail.com 01782 852131

Stoke on Trent Foodbank – Biddulph & Knypersley - gifts of in-date, non-perishable food items can be donated at the collection points inside St. Lawrence's Church or at Sainsburys. A foodbank voucher code is required to receive food. 11-1pm Mondays – St John's Church, Tunstall Road, Knypersley. 6-8pm Thursdays - English Martyrs RC Church, Church Road, Biddulph. Money/Debt Advice is also available on request.
www.stokeontrent.foodbank.org.uk 01782 317942

Biddulph Youth & Community Zone, Church Road, Biddulph - £3.50 fruit and veg bags available every Thursday 12.30pm-5.30pm – they must be ordered in advance (Tuesday cut off). Call to place your order or message via Facebook. Free Food Thursday – 11.30am-1.30pm – first come, first served basis – no referral needed. 01782 244288
admin@bycz.org www.bycz.org

Moorlands Voluntary & Community Transport, 10 Tunstall Road, Biddulph – volunteer drivers use their own cars to offer transport to those in need (with no transport and unable to use public transport). A contribution is charged towards the cost of the driver's expenses.
www.mvct.co.uk 01782 511659

The Samaritans – face to face branch visits are currently suspended due to COVID-19, you can still get in touch by phone 24 hours a day, every day.
www.samaritans.org.uk 116 123

Support Staffordshire – provide support to local voluntary & community sector, encouraging community participation. Link volunteers with voluntary groups. Email: esther.jones@supportstaffordshire.org.uk
<https://www.supportstaffordshire.org.uk> 01538 381356

Domestic Abuse Support

National Domestic Violence 24 hour Hotline – talk confidentially and find out your options. Freephone – 24 hours 0808 2000 247

Men’s Advice Line – a helpline for male victims of domestic abuse
Freephone Monday to Friday 9am-8pm 0808 801 0327

Staffordshire Women’s Aid – 24 hour helpline offering support to victims of domestic and sexual violence 0300 330 5959

Wellbeing/Mental Health Support

Alcoholics Anonymous – if you need help with a drinking problem.
www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk 0800 9177650

Anxiety UK www.anxiety.org.uk 03444 775 774

Childline childline.org.uk Freephone 0800 11111

NHS Staffordshire & SOT Wellbeing Service – a team of NHS professionals trained to specialize in offering effective, evidence-based treatments for a wide range of common problems. 0300 303 0923

NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children)
Helpline for adults concerned about a child 0808 800 5000

SANE – helpline (6pm-11pm) offering specialist emotional support and information to anyone affected by mental illness, including family, friends and carers. www.sane.org.uk 0845 767 8000

Health Care

GP Surgeries

Biddulph Doctors, Wharf Road, Biddulph
www.biddulphdoctors.nhs.uk 01782 828508 or 0300 404 2988

Biddulph Valley Surgery, Wharf Road, Biddulph
www.biddulphvalleysurgery.nhs.uk 0300 404 2987

Chemists

Biddulph Pharmacy, 1-3 Tunstall Road, Biddulph 01782 523567

Well Pharmacy, 62 High Street, Biddulph 01782 512334

Well Pharmacy, 396 New Street, Biddulph Moor 01782 397206

Royal Stoke University Hospital, Newcastle Road, SOT
www.uhnm.nhs.uk 01782 715444

Douglas Macmillan Hospice
www.dmhospice.org.uk 01782 344300

Dentists & Orthodontics

Horizons Dental Practice, 67 High Street, Biddulph 01782 515805

Keen Dental Care, Unit 2 Well Street, Biddulph 01782 517686

Synergy Dental Care, 106 Tunstall Road, Biddulph 01782 983833

Opticians

SW Cotton Opticians, 75 High Street, Biddulph 01782 519956

Scrivens Opticians, 49 High Street, Biddulph 01782 514425

NHS 111 Service www.nhs.uk
Call if you require urgent medical help or advice - 24 hours 111

Clubs, Groups & Societies

Biddulph's many community groups, clubs and societies offer support to the more vulnerable members of our community, opportunities to learn new skills, meet new people and contribute to the vibrancy of our town.

Biddulph & District Probus Club

Contact David Ludlow (Secretary) 01782 516111

Biddulph Art Forum

Email Eric Cox (Secretary) mysterycox@ntlworld.com

Biddulph District Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

Contact Sue Watts 01782 518158

Biddulph Festival

Email Jacky Nevill (Chair) biddulph.festival.secretary@gmail.com

Biddulph Grange Country Park Friends

Contact John Jones 01782 516948 / 07747 775203

Biddulph in Bloom

Contact Hilda Sheldon MBE 01782 514993 or 07891 710674

Biddulph Local People's Group 07898 322998

Biddulph Male Voice Choir

Contact Dave Walley (Chairman) 07803 124768

Biddulph Moor Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers

Email Rob Arrowsmith (Group Scout Leader) ar925@btinternet.com

Biddulph Moor Community Association

Contact Anne Gadsden 01782 523573

Biddulph Moor Evergreen Club

Contact Beryl Walton 01782 514915

Biddulph Trefoil Guild

Email Linda Fayers-Hallin (Chair) lindafh@live.co.uk

Biddulph Twinning Association

Contact Jacky Nevill (Chair) 07787 810447

Biddulph Up in Arms Email Nick Barber elvisfontenot@gmail.com

Biddulph Youth & Community Zone 01782 244288

Brown Lees & District Community Association

Email Ann Lally annlally@yahoo.co.uk

Dan's Dancing Devils – Line Dancing

Contact Daniel J De-Steunder 079232 03346

Friends of Biddulph Valley Way

Email Andy Ashery (Secretary) fobvw.sec@gmail.com

Friends of Newpool Meadows Contact Ellen Faulkner 07837 622823

G.E.M's (God Encouraging Mums)

Contact Elizabeth Nicosia 01782 519828

Inner Wheel Club of Biddulph

Contact Ailsa Clewlow 01782 518641 / 07866 286674

Kingsfield Singers Ladies Choir 01477 500815 or 07884 157012

Rotary Club of Biddulph

Contact Mike Broom (President) 07786 008901

Staged: Theatre for the ages Contact Ange 07725 547521

The Biddulph Ramblers

Contact Frank Simpson (Group Secretary) 01782 784011

The Biddulph Ukulele Group Contact Kath Dean 07595 723598

The Royal British Legion Contact Elaine Rice 01782 512870

U3A (University of the Third Age) Email secretary@biddulphu3a.co.uk

For more information browse our directory at www.biddulph.co.uk

Accommodation

Sky View CL (Certified Location) Top Road, Biddulph Moor 07746 566854

Animal Care

Aqnew Equine Ltd, Hot Lane Farm, Biddulph Moor 01782 510502

Best K9 School 01782 515667 / 0787 6271463

Blue House Veterinary Centre, Princess Street, Biddulph 01782 522100

Charter Veterinary Surgeons, 51 Congleton Road, Biddulph 01782 513077

Chicco's Canine Design, 16 High Street, Biddulph 07749 417659

Darwin's Pet Supplies, 2b Tunstall Road, Biddulph 01782 698769

Shampooches Dog Grooming Biddulph 07971 194522

Warrendale Veterinary Care, 46 Park Lane, Knypersley 01782 513366

Banks & Building Societies

Hanley Economic Building Society, 51 High Street 01782 255000

TSB, King Street, Biddulph 01782 439996

Bus & Coach Travel

D&G Bus Ltd, Mossfield Road, Stoke-on-Trent 01782 332337

First Potteries 0345 646 0707

Hollinshead Coaches, Wharf Road, Biddulph 01782 512209

Care & Nursing Homes

Park Lane Care Home, St Davids Way, Knypersley 01782 482730

Springbank Nursing Home, Mill Hayes Road, Knypersley 01782 516889

Tall Oaks Care Home, Charles Street, Biddulph 01782 482720

Florists

Biddulph Flower Shop, 17 High Street, Biddulph 01782 514555

Estate Agents

Belvoir, Biddulph Town Hall, High Street 01782 478444 / 01538 493150

Carters Estate Agents, 101 High Street, Biddulph 01782 470391

Priory Property Services, 61 High Street, Biddulph 01782 255552

Whittaker & Biggs, 34 High Street, Biddulph 01782 522117

Local Media

BBC Radio Stoke 01782 208080

Biddulph Chronicle 01260 273737

Churnet Sound Email: info@churnetsoundradio.co.uk

Taxi Services

Biddulph Taxis, 47 Albert Street, Biddulph 01782 523366

Grange Private Hire, 275 Congleton Road, Biddulph 07833 071885

Chappell Travel Private Hire, Coopers Way, Biddulph 07486 920338

Ve Travel Ltd 07725 527765

Sports

Biddulph Amateur Swimming Club

Contact Peter Abbott BASC Director of Swimming 01538 306090

Biddulph Bowling & Recreational Club

Contact Daniel Sutton (Secretary) 01782 512988 / 07748 863440

Jump 2 It Coaching & North Staffs Trampoline 07732 814510

Knypersley Bowling Club 01782 522981

Knypersley Cricket Club 07908 037302

Knypersley Knights Football Club

Email admin@knypersleyknightsfootballclub.com

SLF Taekwon-Do & Little Pumas Contact Sam Finch 07530 031857

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Housing

Biddulph Town Council and Staffordshire Moorlands District Council do not own any council housing. Social housing tenancies in the Staffordshire Moorlands are allocated through Home-Options.

Home Options www.home-options.org

You can also apply directly to housing associations.

Adullum Homes Housing Association Ltd 0121 500 2828

Sanctuary Housing 0800 131 3348

Staffs Housing 01782 744533

Your Housing Group 0345 345 0272

If you're at risk of becoming homeless, contact Staffordshire Moorlands

District Council's Housing Team for help.

www.staffordshiremoorlands.gov.uk 0345 605 3010

Citizens Advice – Housing Advice 01782 408690

The Macari Centre, 4 Regent Road, Hanley 07500 771 682

YMCA, Harding Road, Hanley 01782 222376

Recruitment & Job Information

Indeed <https://uk.indeed.com>

Find a Job <https://www.gov.uk/find-a-job>

National Careers Service <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk>

Jobsite <https://www.jobsite.co.uk>

Kidsgrove Jobcentre, The Avenue, (for residents of Biddulph, Knypersley, Brown Lees, Gillow Heath & Mow Cop) 0800 169 0190

Biddulph Directory

The Biddulph Network met in 2019-20 to discuss the development of a Biddulph Directory – to be published within the town and accessible on Biddulph Town Council's website. The project was postponed due to Covid-19 but you can now browse the Biddulph Directory at www.biddulph.co.uk.

It lists over 200 entries - all types of business, shops, organisations, clubs, groups, charities and societies within our district.

If you have any queries relating to a particular shop, business or group please contact them directly.

It's not an exhaustive list and will be regularly updated. If you'd like to be listed, you can submit your details to Biddulph Town Council by emailing office@biddulph-tc.gov.uk.

We've taken care to ensure the accuracy of the information contained in this guide, however no responsibility can be accepted for errors or omissions, neither do we necessarily recommend any of the shops, businesses, services or organisations listed.

If you feel some information is incorrect or details have changed, please let us know.

Front page images

Top Left – Biddulph Grange Country Park

Top Right – Woods at Knypersley Pool

Bottom Left – The Clough

Bottom Right – Biddulph Valley Way

Biddulph Town Council Room Hire

Hall

- large open area, suitable for many activities – events, exhibitions, family occasions, etc
- accommodates up to 150 guests - various room layouts – formal dining style, seated audience, party, etc
- dance floor
- fixed stage – for presentations and concerts
- adjoining kitchen facilities

Council Chamber

- ideal for smaller meetings, business lunches, training sessions, seminars, etc
- accommodates up to 50 guests
- lift to first floor
- large windows flood the room with natural light

Meeting Room

- ideal for small professional or informal meetings

No charge for meetings in which the Town Council is a partner (Biddulph in Bloom, Sports Council, Fairtrade, Biddulph Community Festival, etc. This list is not exhaustive).

Discounts for charities/not for profit organisations, together with introductory offers for new bookings.

We'd be pleased to discuss your requirements and show you around, then you can decide if it's the right place for you.



Biddulph Town Council ROOM HIRE

Biddulph Town Council offers room hire in the Town Hall. The Council Chamber, Hall and smaller Meeting Rooms are all available. Ideal for parties, conferences, celebrations, exhibitions, concerts, informal or professional meetings, training courses, interviews, etc.

- Town Centre location
- COVID-19 secure building
- Separate entrance & exit
- Wheelchair accessible
- Lift to 1st floor Chamber
- Relaxed & friendly
- Reduced rate for charities
- Kitchen facilities
- Projector & screen
- Nearby parking
- Flip chart
- Free wifi

From
£10
an hour

To book or enquire, please call **01782 498480**
or email office@biddulph-tc.gov.uk