

# Burton Latimer *sounding board*

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Burton Latimer Town Councillors' Newsletter

## Important Update Developing a Parish Plan

Following the successful presentation of the draft plan Burton Latimer has secured a £1,000 grant from Northamptonshire ACRE towards the finalisation of a Parish Plan. This means that we can now press ahead with the next stage of this important community project - which is to reflect on how the town has developed over recent years and more importantly how we would like it to develop in the future.

Elsewhere, people have found that developing a Parish Plan encourages a sense of pride in their local community and its heritage. More practically, it has provided evidence to influence decision makers about the community's needs, wishes and aspirations for the future.

To gather the necessary information, our local steering group is developing a questionnaire to be sent to all households in the town during February. This will ask for your views on a number of key topics, but will also give you the

chance to say what you value about living in Burton Latimer and how you think the experience of living and working in Burton Latimer may be enhanced in the future. The responses will also provide an up-to-date picture of the make up of our community.

Please help us in the development of the Parish Plan by filling in the questionnaire as fully as possible. All completed forms will be entered into a prize draw, with £50, £25 and £10 for the three lucky winners.

There will be other opportunities to give your views before the Parish Plan is finalised in November - so look out for these events on the Burton Latimer website [www.burtonlatimer.org](http://www.burtonlatimer.org). In the meantime, if you would like further information about the Parish Plan and how you can get involved, please contact Fergus Macdonald on 01536 725922.

### Burton Latimer Charity Dinner Dance

Saturday 5th March 2011

Kettering Park Hotel

Entertainment provided by Nigel Adair  
& Ross Farr Pro disco

Meal and entertainment £31  
(carriages 1am)

For tickets please call or text  
Jan Smith on 01536 721261 or  
07774 588652



# Greener Borough Service

## Project Aims and Objectives

Groundwork Northamptonshire is working in partnership with Kettering Borough Council to deliver projects free of charge as part of the Greener Borough Service.

The main aim of the project is to provide members of the public and local organisations (business, public and voluntary sector) with advice and access to green 'eco' services to achieve the following overarching objectives:

- Reduce the carbon footprint of the borough
- Improve biodiversity within the borough
- Reduce the adverse impact of individuals and organisation on the environment.

Groundwork Northamptonshire can deliver a number of different services to residents, schools, voluntary and community groups and businesses, dependant on their need or interest.

Groundwork Services on offer include:

- Green Doctor - advice and information on saving energy and water in the home.
- Composting -what can be composted, benefits of composting, how to use your compost.
- Love Food Hate Waste activities - reducing the amount of food thrown away in the home - using up leftovers, portion control, smart shopping - which can help to save money on food bills.
- Green Team - making physical improvements to Green Spaces eg pocket parks, community gardens.
- Sustainable Schools - An annual event held in March for schools to attend and engage with organisations that support schools to carry out sustainable actions. Support can also be provided on a one-to-one basis in the school.
- Greening Your Organisation - helping not-for-profit organisations and community groups to reduce their energy bills and environmental impact.
- Community Development and Training - Groundwork can work with volunteers to develop mini environmental projects within their own communities, and provide training to create community environmental champions.

Support can be provided to anyone interested in reducing their environmental impact either individually or as a group, and services can be tailored to suit individual needs.

For more information:

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## Christmas Lights

The Christmas Lights Committee would like to thank all the stall holders and helpers, and those who attended, and for the enthusiastic support of the school children and their parents on the night; once again from the responses received we believe it was again a great success, it is considered to be one of the best in the Borough and one we should be proud of.

## It is with sadness...

### Cllr Sheila Walden

Sheila Passed away in December after a short illness, she had been a Town Councillor for over 14 years was passionate about the town and the residents, and strived to make a difference.

A founder member and treasurer of the Pocket Park also a Committee member of the Community Association and Twinning Committee, Sheila was Chair of the Town Council when the twinning Charter was signed at the Town Ball.

Sheila was a member of Civic Centre Management Committee and was one that supported the Council fully in the resurrection of the building for the use of the community.

Her last public duty was to attend the official opening and I know she was proud of the achievement.

Sheila will be missed greatly by her many friends and colleagues and will be remembered fondly for the work she did for the town and its residents.

### Brian Arthur Mutlow

I first met Brian when I joined the Town Council in 2002 and we seemed to hit it off immediately. Both of us said what we thought of certain things, we didn't always agree, but respected each others views.

The one thing we did agree on was the Farmers Market, Brian was passionate about it and when I had problems with retaining it, Brian suggested we set up a committee of local people, this we did and of course the result is that the market will be 5 years old on 1st April.

I considered Brian to be my friend, he was outspoken and controversial at times, but I and others always respected him for his views and the work he did for the town, and its people, who are indebted to Brian.

This town will be much the poorer with the passing of Brian, but he will never be forgotten.

# Corby Kilns

56 High Street - Telephone 01536 726361

You may have noticed our new shop on the High Street, and even wondered whether it would last. Whilst we admit that a shop selling potters' supplies is of limited interest, you may be surprised to hear that many people are interested in making ceramics and indeed there are several potters in Burton Latimer, within the local area and also further afield. Our customers come from all walks of life, some having taken up pottery after attending evening classes. Others are teachers and university students.

Corby Kilns has been in business since 1997, originally operating out of workshops in Corby. However, this did not give us a 'shop front', and when 56 High Street became available last year we decided that as our lease in Corby was due to expire, we ought to take the opportunity to move. So we now have a shop unit where we sell all manner of potters' tool and equipment, clays and glazes, and there is also space at the front of the shop to showcase our customers' talents. These items are all for sale, at less than gallery prices, and will provide an ever changing display of ceramic and glass pieces and jewellery, all made by local artists. This is where we hope local people will be interested and come into the shop, even if it is just to look around. Look out for our



next new display which will be all hearts and flowers for Valentines Day and Mothers' Day.

Our main business is servicing and repairing school pottery kilns and equipment, so in that respect it does not matter where we are based, but it is a lot more pleasant being on Burton High Street than tucked away in an industrial estate!

Corby Kilns is run by Bob Aves, engineer, and Julie Houghton, secretary. We would be pleased if you would pop in and say hello. We are normally open Monday to Friday, 9am - 12 noon and 1pm - 4pm, except Thursdays when we are closed for the afternoon. We are also open on the Farmers' Market Saturdays (the first Saturday in the month) from 9am - 12 noon. We can be open other times by arrangement.

## BLAST- youth group

The new drop-in centre at the Civic Centre is due to officially open in February, we have secured a set up grant from the County Council which will enable us to employ two youth workers; they will liaise with the youth of the town and bring forward their ideas for the running of the centre.

Initially it will operate on a Wednesday and Friday evening, first of all to gauge the interest and if successful the number of times it is open can be increased, for more information contact, Peter Hill on 01536725281 or 07752969970 email. pjhill7@hotmail.co.uk

## Highways

I realise this is a bone of contention with a lot of residents, but I can assure you that our highways representative is striving to get the remedial work completed, however the latest inclement weather has not helped the situation.

You may have noticed that the pelican crossings in the High Street have recently be replaced; and hopefully they will operate more reliably in the future.

The parking restriction plan of the Town Council has been approved by the Highways Authority and the order has now been placed by the County Council and should be put into operation within the next couple of months.

## Burton Latimer Cemetery

For those who are not aware, there has been a great deal of work carried out at the cemetery recently, the roadway within the cemetery has been hard surfaced and the railings re-painted, the overall appearance has been greatly improved.



All this has been achieved through partnership working with both Kettering Borough Council and the Probation service under the Community Payback Scheme, and the Friends of the cemetery.

## Planning

We have had a couple of setbacks recently, however because of the laws that were put into place by the last government the Borough Council find it difficult to refuse applications for all new large scale development.

The Town Council will continue to make representation on your behalf, to try and get these restrictive planning rules changed; and allow the residents to have a say in the development of their town for the benefit of all its residents.

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## Grant Settlement

KBC have been informed that the grant settlement from central government has been reduced by 15.7% and this will be handed down to town and parishes.

Whilst these will be challenging times we can assure you that we will be striving to work with the Borough Council to continue to achieve a cost effective Borough Council in the future and maintain a balanced budget, with hopefully no reduction in front line services.

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## Council Meetings

Full Council: February 1st, March 1st and April 5th

Finance: February 10th, March 10th and April 14th

Planning: February 21st, March 21st and April 18th

## Civic Centre

The new Civic Centre was officially opened on the 12th November 2010 and the accommodation is being used by BLAST, Heritage Museum, Henley Centre and Titan Atlas Limited and all have parking spaces allocated to them. At this present time we are awaiting the correct signage to be delivered, therefore we are requesting you not to park in the spaces directly behind the civic centre.

Please leave them available for the use of the civic centre.

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## Ward Walkabout

Following the ward walkabout in September the remedial work that was identified has been rectified, which included the accumulation of rubbish behind the shops in Churchill Way, the relining of the car park in Church Street, the deep cleaning of the toilets in Churchill Way car park, and the signage relating to HGVs is in the process of being corrected.

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## Dates for your diary

Council & Borough elections: 5th May

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