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THE MAYOR’S MESSAGE

It is a real honour and privilege to serve as Brackley Town Mayor for 2026/27. Brackley means a great deal to me and my family, and I feel incredibly proud to have the opportunity to represent our community over the coming year.

I first came to Brackley in 2006 through my work at Honda F1, and it did not take long for my wife and I to realise what a special place it is. The town’s strong community spirit, character and welcoming atmosphere made it exactly the kind of place we were looking for to build our future and raise a family, so we made Brackley our home.

My involvement with the Town Council began in 2018 when, as a resident, I attended my first council meeting. I cared deeply about protecting Brackley’s heritage and wanted to better understand the issues affecting the town. After continuing to attend meetings, I was encouraged by members at the time to consider becoming a councillor myself and, in 2019, I was proud to join Brackley Town Council.

Since then, I have learnt a tremendous amount from fellow councillors, council staff, volunteers and residents who all care passionately about Brackley and its future.



Putting on the mayoral chain for the first time was a very special moment, and a reminder of the responsibility that comes with the role. I will do my very best to live up to the excellent example set by my predecessor, Cllr Bernie Tiller, whose dedication to Brackley over the past year has been an inspiration.

One of the things I value most about our town is its people. We are fortunate to have so many volunteers, community groups and residents who generously give their time to support others and help bring the town together. Much of this work happens quietly and without recognition, but it plays a huge part in making Brackley such a welcoming and supportive place to live.

The role of Mayor extends beyond civic duty. It is about representing the whole town and recognising the efforts of all those who help Brackley thrive. I will continue to do my utmost to reflect that same sense of dedication and community in everything I do throughout the year ahead.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome and encouragement I have already received, and I look forward to meeting many more of you as we continue working together for Brackley.

Cllr Jason Kew
Brackley Town Mayor

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Thank you to all who have contributed to this Summer 2026 publication. The next issue will be in Autumn 2026. Until then, please visit our website or social media channels for regular updates, news, projects, events and services in Brackley.

This edition is also available on our website as a PDF copy.

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BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

JULY 2026	
6 th July	Full Council Meeting, Planning Committee
20 th July	Planning Committee / Council Services Committee / Finance Committee / Biodiversity & Environmental Committee
SEPTEMBER 2026	
7 th September	Full Council Meeting, Planning Committee
21 st September	Planning Committee / Council Services Committee / Finance Committee
OCTOBER 2026	
5 th October	Full Council Meeting, Planning Committee
19 th October	Planning Committee / Council Services Committee / Finance Committee / Biodiversity & Environmental Committee

All meetings are held in the Civic Hall (Brackley Town Hall). Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings.

MAYOR MAKING

We are pleased to announce that Cllr Jason Kew has been elected as Brackley Town Mayor, with Cllr Kate Nash appointed as Deputy Town Mayor.

The Mayor Making ceremony took place on a sunny Saturday in May at the Town Hall. The event was full to the brim with friends and family, alongside civic dignitaries including MP Sarah Bool, Deputy Lieutenant John Brownhill BEM, and Leader of West Northamptonshire Council Mark Annull.

Outgoing Mayor Cllr Bernie Tiller opened proceedings with his closing address, thanking councillors, officers, volunteers and the wider community. He also presented awards to Trish Savill for community achievement, and the inaugural Tiller Reading Cup, which will be awarded annually to the winning schools in the Brackley Library reading challenge.



The mayoral chain was then formally transferred to Cllr Jason Kew, who was declared Town Mayor for the year ahead. In his first act, he appointed Cllr Kate Nash as Deputy Town Mayor, marking the start of the civic term. Cllr Kew gave a warm opening address, speaking of how honoured and privileged he felt to serve as Mayor.

We congratulate Cllr Kew and Cllr Nash on their appointments, and look forward to working with them both as they represent Brackley over the coming year.

THE MAYOR'S CHARITIES

This year, the Mayor has chosen two excellent local charities: South Northants Youth Engagement (SNYE) and Men in Sheds Brackley. There will be plenty of opportunities throughout the year to show your support at a range of events, coffee mornings and community activities.



NEW MACE STAND

A huge thank you to Men in Sheds for refurbishing our mace stand. Master carver Tim Glavin and the team have done a fantastic job. To top it off, they have even chosen to donate all the money earned from the project to prostate cancer research. Thank you Men in Sheds Brackley!

OUTGOING MAYOR'S MESSAGE

My time as Mayor of Brackley has come to an end, and I wanted to take the opportunity to reflect on my year, and say thank you to our wonderful community.

If I'm honest, when I first took on this role, I wasn't entirely sure I could do it. I never imagined just how much I would learn. Not about procedures or agendas but about people. How listening can be more powerful than speaking. And how a kind word, offered at the right moment, can mean more than anything.

Being Mayor has given my days a sense of purpose and direction that will be hard to replace. This year has taken me into schools, care homes, clubs, churches, businesses and living rooms. Everywhere I've gone, I've been met with generosity, humour, honesty and care. Brackley is not perfect but it is kind, and it is real, and it is full of people who want the best for one another.

I must add one special thank you, as none of this would have been possible without my wonderful wife, Kim. She has been patient, supportive, and quietly strong throughout, and has truly made it a year I will never forget, the pinnacle of my journey so far.

As this chapter draws to a close, I want to say a genuine thank you to everyone. It has been an absolute honour to serve as your Mayor. I may be stepping down from the chains, but I will still be very much present in the community.



If you take one thing from this final column, let it be this: Brackley is special not because of the buildings or the events, but because of the people who turn up again and again for each other.

Thank you for opening your doors to me Brackley, it has been the privilege of a lifetime.

Cllr Bernie Tiller
Brackley Town Mayor 2025-2026

FUND RAISING GRAND TOTAL

The results are in, and after a busy year of community engagements and events, we are pleased to announce that Cllr Bernie Tiller raised a fantastic **£7,600** for his chosen charity, b yourself. Alongside the fundraising, Bernie helped raise awareness of the group's valuable work supporting young people's mental health in Brackley. In recognition of his efforts, he has even been invited to become a trustee of the charity.

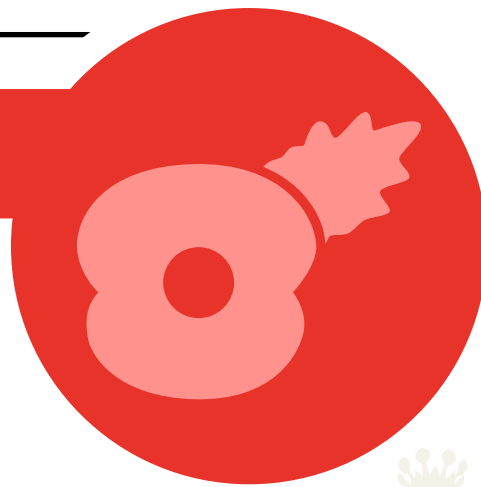


ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Thank you to everyone who came along to see the great environmental presentations, asked questions and got involved in discussions. If you couldn't make it, we've gathered all the helpful energy and money-saving tips from the meeting on the Biodiversity & Environmental News page of our website, found under the Town tab.

POPPY PROJECT STITCHING SESSIONS

Our collection of poppies is growing every day! Thank you to everyone who has knitted or crocheted poppies for our Remembrance cascades so far. Soon we'll be moving on to the next phase of the Poppy Project, where we carefully attach the poppies to the cascade nets. These stitching sessions will take place at Brackley Town Hall from **Wednesday 26 to Sunday 30 August** (times to be confirmed). Everyone is welcome to come along and help create a piece of Brackley history.



BANNER GUIDELINES

We've recently updated our banner guidelines. To display a banner at Poppyfields Park, Zipwire Park, or the junction of Banbury Road and the High Street, simply contact Brackley Town Council. We now only accept not-for-profit, community group and charity banners, with a special exception at Poppyfields Park where banners for commercial events taking place in Brackley may also be displayed.

For more details, visit the 'Parks & Open Spaces' page of our website, or call 01280 702 441, Monday to Friday, 9am - 4pm.

www.brackleynorthants-tc.gov.uk/parks-and-open-spaces

HIRE ROOMS AT EGERTON HALL

Did you know Egerton Hall now has two additional rooms available to hire? The spaces are ideal for meetings, clubs and activities. The building now offers a large main hall, three meeting rooms and two kitchen facilities. It can get busy, so it's best to book early.

To book, visit the Venue Hire page on our website or call **01280 702 441**, Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm, for availability and details.



EVENT VOLUNTEERS

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has generously volunteered their time at our events in the past. You are unsung heroes, and we simply couldn't do it without you. We are once again looking for local event volunteers, with a range of roles available for all experience levels. If you'd like to give something back to the community, please get in touch. You can help at a single event or as many as you like. Take a look on the back cover for upcoming dates and let us know if you'd like to lend a hand!

BRACKLEY LAUNCHES DOG BIN QR MAPS

We have recently added new QR codes to dog waste bins around the town, helping residents find their nearest bin while out and about with their four legged friends.

A quick scan with your phone will bring up a map showing the location of every dog waste bin in Brackley. If you come across a full bin, you can easily check where the next one is along your route.

There is a full town map that shows every bin, but if your internet connection is a bit slow, we have also created smaller maps covering the north, east, south and west of Brackley that should open more easily.

All of the maps can be viewed online or downloaded as PDFs so you can access them offline. Simply scan once, download the map to your phone, and it will be ready for future dog walks!

We hope this small addition makes it a bit easier to help keep Brackley's streets, parks and open spaces clean and enjoyable for everyone. For any questions or feedback about the QR codes and maps, please contact Brackley Town Council at:

office@brackleynorthants-tc.gov.uk



**SCAN TO
SEE THE
NEW MAPS**



NEW DOG FRIENDLY STICKERS FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

West Northamptonshire Council, in partnership with Brackley Town Council, has launched new dog friendly stickers for local businesses. If you spot one of these stickers in a shop or business window, you can be confident that dogs are welcome inside.

It is a simple and easy way for residents and visitors to see where they can bring their four legged friends while out and about in town. Keep an eye out as you walk around Brackley to see if you spot any, but don't forget that this is a brand new project, so it may take a little while for all participating businesses to get their stickers.

As always, it is worth being mindful when visiting with dogs, and we kindly ask everyone to be considerate of other customers and the business owners. Even in dog friendly spaces, a muddy, very wet or excitable pup might not always be the best match. We recommend making sure they've done their business before you shop, are kept on the lead, and refrain from tasting the goods!

We hope these stickers make life a little easier for dog owners, and help support local businesses at the same time.



If you would like to request a dog friendly sticker for your business, please get in touch:

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BRACKLEY CLEAN-UP PROJECT

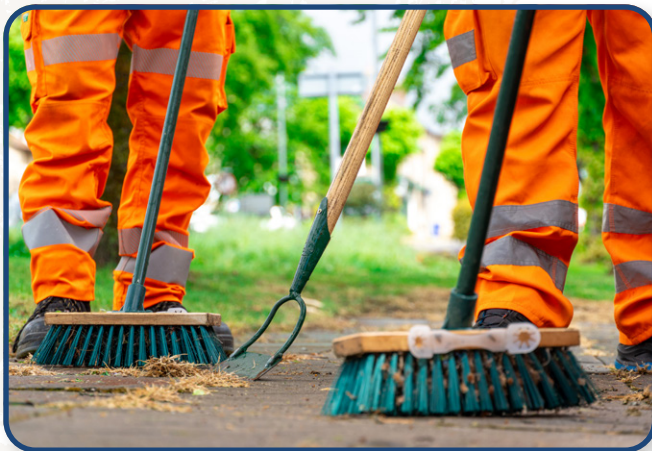
West Northamptonshire Council's (WNC's) Street Cleaning Team is continuing its major clean-up programme across Brackley and the surrounding area.

Working alongside Brackley Town Centre Manager Jacqueline Catton, leader of the WNC clean-up team Daniel Johnson conducted an assessment of the town following feedback from residents and businesses about the cleanliness of Brackley's streets.

The team saw what needed to be done, and so the 'Brackley Clean-up Project' was launched in the first quarter of 2026 as a multi-phase plan to help create a cleaner, more welcoming environment for residents and visitors.

About the project, Daniel Johnson said

"We came together and put a plan in place to create a more inviting and positive experience for residents. I've dedicate 25% of my staff to the area, and have been monitoring the progress ever since. We've had really good feedback from the residents on our work so far, which has been very encouraging."



A key part of the project is the ongoing deep clean of Brackley High Street and town centre. Work is currently taking place from the Market Square to Top Station Road. Earlier phases have included clearing overgrown areas and restoring the full width of pathways to help pedestrians use pavements and walkways more easily.

There has also been an extensive litter-picking operation along the A43 verges from the Barley Mow roundabout, around Brackley, and up to Silverstone.

The next stage of the programme will focus on continuing the clean-up work already underway, replacing old damaged litter bins with brand new ones, and introducing a maintenance programme to help keep the town looking its best into the future.

Well done street cleaning team, we look forward to seeing the progress as work continues!

HOW TO REPORT ISSUES ONLINE

Did you know that issues can be reported online directly to West Northamptonshire Council?

For environmental and street issues such as fly-tipping, graffiti, litter, street cleaning or damaged bins, use **'Report It'**.

For highways and road-related problems including potholes, damaged pavements and blocked drains, reports should be made through **'Fix My Street'**.

You can find both quick and easy to use services to report local issues, along with other helpful information, online at:

www.westnorthants.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/report



MEET YOUR LOCAL POLICING TEAM



Sgt Michaela Simons



PC Owen Sturgess



PC Mohammed Mir



PC Sam Dyson



PCSO Colin Brooks

We would like to introduce you to the local neighbourhood policing team. Sergeant Michaela Simons leads the officers and PCSOs, working closely with residents and the wider community to tackle incidents, respond to concerns and help address issues affecting Brackley and the surrounding area.

If you spend any time in town, there's a good chance you'll see the team out and about. Whether responding to incidents, carrying out patrols or chatting with residents, they maintain a visible presence across the community and work hard to build positive local relationships.

One thing Sergeant Simons and the team have highlighted to us is the importance of reporting incidents through the correct channels. For non-emergencies, **call 101**, and in an emergency always **dial 999**.

Residents are asked not to report crimes directly to individual officers or PCSOs, as all incidents need to go through the Northamptonshire Police Control Room so an official log can be created. This helps monitor patterns, track incidents more effectively and ensure the right action is taken.

The team also hosts regular *Cuppa with a Copper* sessions, giving you the chance to speak directly with officers in an informal setting. They provide a great opportunity to raise concerns, share ideas or simply have a conversation. You can also talk with the team face to face at the many community events they attend throughout the year.

For questions and requests about community engagement, neighbourhood discussions or local events, contact the team directly via email at: nt-southnorthantsbrackley@northants.police.uk

A great way to stay up to date with local incidents and news is via the free e-newsletter *Northamptonshire Talking*, or the team's social media channels. These platforms also allow residents to share information and feedback to assist officers with appeals, searches and other local policing matters.

We're very fortunate to have such a dedicated and approachable local policing presence. Our thanks go to Sergeant Simons and the officers for the great work they do throughout the year to help keep Brackley's streets safe and to tackle local crime.



Northamptonshire Talking is a free messaging service from Northamptonshire Police that keeps you updated with regular email, text or voice message alerts about local policing and safety matters.

Once signed up, you will recieve regular information about crime, crime prevention advice, local policing priorities, and warnings about scams and fraud. Users can choose the types of updates they would like to receive and how they are contacted.

To find out more and sign up, visit:

www.northamptonshiretalking.co.uk

NEW SNYE WEBSITE

A brand-new website for South Northants Youth Engagement (SNYE) officially launched on 1st April, marking an exciting step forward in improving access to information, opportunities, and support for young people and families across the area.

The new site, www.youth-engagement.co.uk, has been developed as a central hub for everything SNYE offers, making it easier for the community to stay informed and engaged with the organisation's work.

Visitors to the website will be able to explore details of current clubs and projects, learn more about the Youth Engagement team, access useful signposting information and resources, discover the *Meet the Team* section, find out how to become a volunteer, and learn more about the active Youth Council.

The launch comes at a particularly positive time for SNYE, following the recent securing of three years of funding through the Big Lottery Fund's Reaching Communities programme. This funding provides long-term stability and will help ensure the organisation can continue delivering vital opportunities for young people across South Northamptonshire.

This is especially significant following a number of years without a dedicated youth service in the area,



ensuring that young people once again have safe, supportive spaces where they can connect, grow, and take part in positive activities.

The new website represents an important step in strengthening communication and accessibility, helping ensure the local community can easily stay connected with SNYE's ongoing work and future developments. Supporters and visitors are encouraged to subscribe via the website to receive the latest updates, news, and opportunities as they arise.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED



BRACKLEY AREA VOLUNTEER CAR SERVICE

For over 20 years, our Volunteer Car Service in Brackley has been a lifeline for local residents who need help getting to health and well-being appointments.

What began as a small community initiative has grown into an essential service, supporting hundreds of journeys each year and ensuring that no one misses important appointments simply because of a lack of transport.

The service is built on kindness, reliability and community spirit. Volunteer drivers give their time generously, often going above and beyond to provide not just a lift, but reassurance and friendly conversation. Their commitment makes a real difference to people who may be older, vulnerable,

or facing temporary difficulties. For many passengers, the journey itself is just as valuable as the appointment, offering connection, independence and peace of mind.

As demand for the service continues to grow, SNVB are always keen to welcome new volunteers and connect with members of the community who would like to know more.

We are delighted to announce that a new information hub was launched at Brackley Medical Centre on 26th February 2026, between 9am and 4pm, and weekly thereafter. The hub will provide an opportunity to meet the team, learn more about how the service works, ask questions, and find out how to sign up as a volunteer driver.

Whether you are interested in volunteering, referring someone, or simply learning more about the service, they would love to see you there. Together, we can continue to keep Brackley connected and ensure residents can access the care and support they need.

To inquire please telephone 01280 841099 between 9.00am & 1.00pm, Monday to Friday or email: bavcs@snvb.org.uk

LOCAL MAN BREAKS ANOTHER WORLD RECORD

Brackley resident Tony Hopkin has once again pushed the limits of endurance, taking on a new Guinness World Record challenge to raise money for charity.

Between February and April, Tony completed an indoor sprint triathlon every single day for an incredible 80 consecutive days, beating the previous record of 77. He is raising money for three charities close to his heart: SOS!SEN, Ambitious About Autism and New Leaf Learning.



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CHARITIES



The challenge was designed to reflect the resilience and determination shown every day by children with SEND and their families.

So far, Tony has raised over £750 for the three charities. Remarkably, this is only one of four record attempts he has planned this year. His next challenge will see him attempt the record for the most sprint duathlon legs completed within 24 hours.

A huge congratulations from all of us at the council to Tony Hopkin on another incredible achievement. Not only has he once again demonstrated extraordinary determination and endurance, but he has also raised money and awareness for some truly important causes. Brackley will no doubt be cheering him on as he continues his record breaking campaign.

EPIC COAST-TO-COAST WALK FOR CHARITY

Brackley resident Daniel Harrison is preparing to take on an incredible challenge this summer, walking 192 miles across England in support of mental health charity Campaign Against Living Miserably (CALM), a charity that provides life-saving mental health support, helplines and guidance for people struggling with loneliness, anxiety, depression and suicidal thoughts, particularly among men.

On 4 July, Daniel will begin his Coast to Coast journey at St Bees on the Irish Sea, travelling across the country before finishing at Robin Hood's Bay on the North Sea around 12 to 14 days later. Carrying all of his equipment on his back, the challenge will see him face steep climbs, unpredictable weather, and plenty of blisters along the way.

Speaking about the challenge, Daniel said he hopes not only to raise funds, but also to encourage conversations within the local community. Residents may spot him training around Brackley ahead of the walk, often carrying a full hiking pack as he prepares for the demanding journey.

We would like to wish Daniel the very best of luck as he takes on this inspiring challenge for such an important cause. You can support Daniel's charity by

scanning the QR code. Every donation will help fund vital mental health support services and potentially life-saving conversations.



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DAN'S
CHARITY



UPCOMING EVENTS

Teddy Bear Picnic in the Park	Wed 5 Aug
Brackley Classic Car Show	Sun 16 Aug
Poppy Stitching Sessions	Wed 26 - Sun 30 Aug
Brackley Firework Display	Sat 31 Oct
Remembrance Parade & Service	Sun 8 Nov
Christmas Lantern Workshops	Fri 20 - Sun 22 Nov
Christmas Market, Lights & Lanterns	Sat 28 Nov
Tractor Run	Sun 6 Dec
Winter Classic Car Show	Sun 27 Dec

For more information and details, visit the events page on our website:
www.brackleynorthants-tc.gov.uk/events-listings

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