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THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As I write this, I am rapidly heading toward the end of my year as Brackley Town Mayor, and I'm reminded just how quickly time passes. It seems only a short time ago that my wife, Kim, and I had the chains placed around our necks for the first time. Before long, I'll be handing those chains over to the next Mayor. The past twelve months have flown by in a wonderful blur of meetings, conversations, and community events. Every moment has been a privilege, and every day has shown me something new about the heart of Brackley.



My first engagement as Mayor was representing Brackley at the Mayor Making in Buckingham, followed by an invitation from the Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire to Rockingham Castle, where I met fellow newly appointed Mayors from across the county. I also attended several countywide events, including Emergency Services Day, the St John Ambulance Awards and youth events, each highlighting the dedication and community spirit of our young people and frontline services.

However, the real memories that will stay with me long after I've handed over the chain, come from right here in Brackley. I don't have space to mention them all, but here are a few moments that will forever stand out to me.

I had the joy of opening the Charter Fair (something that will always make me smile), enjoying the Skate Jam and Chicken Run, joining the Teddy Bear Picnic from atop the cherry picker, celebrating the Saints Community Project, visiting the Chatty Café, admiring the Classic Cars, marking Armed Forces Day, and taking in the atmosphere at the Round Table Summer Festival and Big Party in the Park. I've also spent time at our wonderful Brackley Library and visited Brackley Care Home, where the warmth of the welcome is always humbling. Each and every event I attended saw the community come together in the most moving and supportive way.

Now, I don't want to sound soppy, but I truly love our community. I love the care shown by the people who love our town. I love that everyone is welcome, that people still say hello when walking down the street,

and that you can always find someone to chat with in one of our cafés. I love that our young people are polite, engaged, and keen to get involved whenever they can. I have been totally overwhelmed by how warm the people of Brackley have been to me throughout this year. At times, it has felt less like serving a town and more like being part of a very large, very loving family.

A few special mentions. I must express my sincere thanks to Trish Savill, whose unwavering support has been invaluable throughout my term. My appreciation also goes to our Town Clerk and all the council staff, whose professionalism and hard work quietly make everything possible behind the scenes. Finally to my fellow Town Councillors, thank you for your good nature, cooperation, and humour while I chaired the council meetings. You made the role a pleasure.

Being Town Mayor is not something I ever imagined would happen in my life, and I truly hope that my term has been of some help to our community. As Brackley continues to grow, I hope we all work together to keep it the warm, friendly, and community spirited town we cherish.

Thank you, Brackley, for allowing me the honour of serving as your Mayor. It has been an unforgettable year.

Warm regards,

Cllr Bernie Tiller
Brackley Town Mayor

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Where copy is supplied we retain the right to refuse, edit: spelling, grammar, any material that may cause offence or upset and non-essential copy in order to fit the space allowed.

Thank you to all who have contributed to this Spring 2026 publication. The next issue will be in Summer 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

APRIL 2026	
13 th April	Full Council Meeting, Planning Committee
20 th April	Planning Committee / Council Services Committee / Finance Committee / Biodiversity & Environmental Committee
MAY 2026	
9 th May	Mayor Making
11 th May	Full Council Meeting, Planning Committee
18 th May	Planning Committee / Council Services Committee / Finance Committee
JUNE 2026	
1 st June	Full Council Meeting, Planning Committee
15 th June	Planning Committee / Council Services Committee / Finance Committee

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

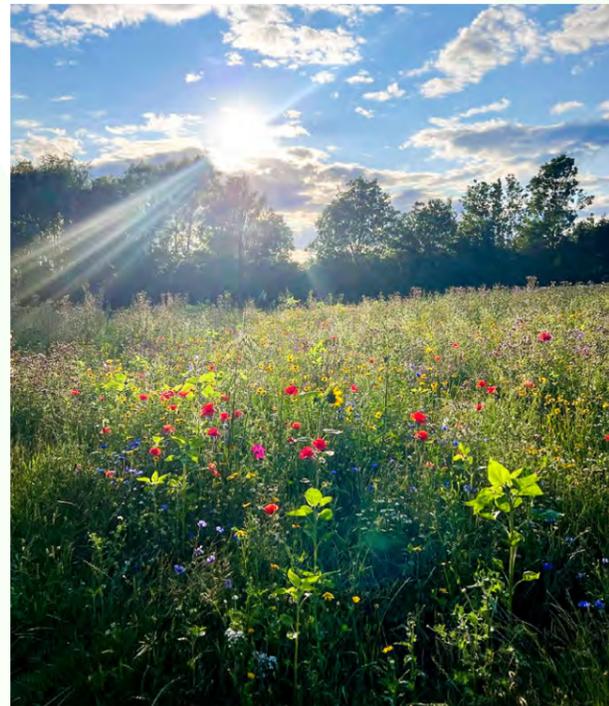
BIODIVERSE BRACKLEY

Caring for biodiversity and the local environment is an important part of the work Brackley Town Council does every day. While you might already notice wildflower areas, new trees or greener spaces around the town, you may not know that there is now a dedicated Biodiversity and Environmental (B&E) Committee working throughout the year to help keep Brackley green, healthy and thriving.

The committee's role is to take a broad, long-term view of Brackley's natural environment, helping to ensure that ecological and sustainability considerations remain firmly at the heart of decision-making. Meeting quarterly, it brings together up to eleven councillors, supported by the Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

A key part of the committee's work is developing and monitoring the council's Biodiversity and Environment Action Plan. This helps Brackley Town Council meet its responsibilities, while also guiding practical steps to improve sustainability, air quality and local habitats across the town.

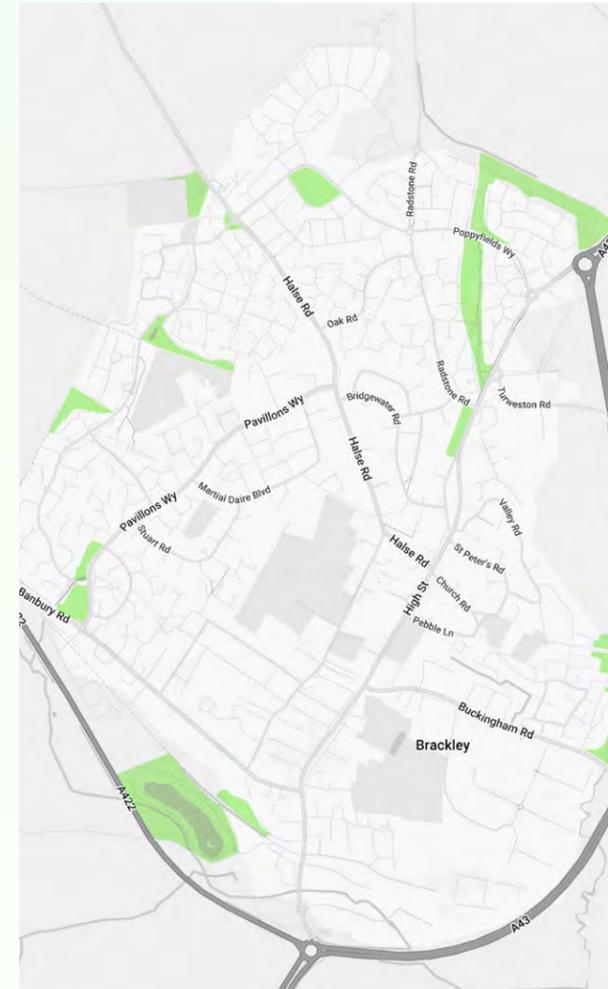
Alongside this, the committee monitors the environmental impact of council activities, advises on new opportunities, and recommends funding for local environmental projects. By working closely with West Northamptonshire Council, community groups and local organisations, the committee supports initiatives such as tree, shrub and wildflower planting, which helps promote wider nature recovery efforts.



To make it easier for residents to stay informed, Brackley Town Council has recently launched new Biodiversity and Environment pages on its website. These bring together information about the council's environmental approach in one easy-to-find place, including details of past and current projects, dedicated biodiversity news, environmental policies and standards, and guidance on how the council's estates team manages land safely and responsibly. The pages also highlight other local groups and initiatives that share similar environmentally friendly aims.

Looking ahead, the council plans to continue creating and improving habitats around the town. Our tree planting project will continue, and wildflower areas will once again brighten Brackley this summer, providing valuable spaces for pollinators and other wildlife.

One issue we are dealing with, is 'ash dieback' a fungal disease that currently has no cure. Some councils have even made the tough choice to cut down every affected tree! To avoid this, we're following a risk based strategy, felling only when trees present a real danger to the users of our open space.



Mark Stopps, Operations and Estates Manager of the Brackley Town Council says:

"We are constantly aiming to improve bio diversity and local habitats. We take great care looking after our mature trees and woodland, and always work with our environmental impact in mind. We try (and hopefully succeed) to maintain a green, beautiful Brackley for everyone."

Each one of our trees is inspected by an independent expert every three years to inform our decisions.

In general, Brackley Town Council's tree policy is to only intervene when absolutely necessary, either because a tree is unhealthy, poses a genuine risk, needs thinning to allow other trees to mature, or is causing subsidence. Believe it or not, our approach is actually backed by scientific evidence. A major study published in the journal Science, found some trees are actually surviving die back and building a resistance to the disease.



Helping maintain the balance, the team continue their planting efforts each year to keep Brackley's tree population thriving. New saplings may not be planted in exactly the same spot as their predecessor, but the team will plant in the immediate area wherever possible.

To share our commitment to a greener town with the next generation, we will also continue working with local schools this year, inviting pupils to take part in hands-on environmental activities. Keep an eye on social media to see how they get on.

Overall, Brackley Town Council is fully committed to protecting and enhancing the local environment, and the wildlife that calls it home. The Biodiversity and Environmental Committee helps guide this work, while the new website pages make it easier than ever to follow progress and get involved. A big thank you to everyone doing their part to keep Brackley green.

To explore the new webpages, visit:
www.brackleynorthants-tc.gov.uk/biodiversity-and-environment

Yourself MAYORAL FUNDRAISING
b YOURSELF

As the Mayoral year comes to an end, we would like to thank everyone who has generously donated to **b Yourself** during his term so far.

The charity was founded in 2018 by Dr Jean Coles and Dr Jane Cassidy, two local GPs who recognised a growing gap in mental health provision for young people. Today, with three mental health practitioners and five trustees, the charity supports both primary and secondary schools in Brackley, working directly with pupils.

The specialist practitioners offer support through a range of mediums such as yoga, breathing exercises, wellbeing sessions and seminars, one-to-one counselling, mindfulness and art therapy. The organisation takes a preventative approach, giving children the tools and techniques they need to manage their circumstances early in life.

During an interview, founder Dr Jean Coles explained that parents have described the changes in their children as remarkable, saying they are calmer, happier and more confident, and have shared with the team how vital and transformative the sessions have been. One primary student even offered to help ease their parents' stress by teaching them their newfound meditation skills!

Looking to the future, the team at b Yourself would love to expand their work. Their plans include running sessions at additional local schools, providing toolkits for teachers, supporting children who aren't attending school, and offering specialised guidance to parents. The team has already created a six-week parenting skills workshop, aimed at teaching methods to help affected parents better understand and support their children.



Caroline Moss, the charity's arts psychotherapeutic counsellor, explains:

"Therapy unleashed through art and imagination allows children to understand the correlation between their inner body and mind, connecting to the outer world and their experiences."

Over the eight years since the charity's inception, they have seen a huge improvement in mental health awareness throughout Brackley. Additional funding would be a significant step toward helping the volunteer founders and trustees achieve their aims, sustain their excellent work, and expand to reach more people in need of support.

This fantastic year of fundraising is drawing to a close, but it's not over yet. In fact, the Brackley Round Table recently contributed a whopping £1,000 in a single donation! If you would like to join them in boosting the total, there is still plenty of time to show your support for b Yourself.

Thank you once again to everyone who has donated so far. Let's have one final push for this excellent cause, and invest in the future of local children. Once the final donations are in, we will announce the grand total in the next edition of Town Talk, which will be released this summer, along with the newly elected Mayor's chosen charity for 2026 to 2027.

By **Louise De Oliveira-Steunou**
Work experience student



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

We would like to officially invite you all to our annual town meeting, taking place in the **Brackley Town Hall**, on **Wednesday 20th May at 6:30pm**. A relaxed gathering with fellow residents and members of the town council to reflect on the past year, hear useful updates on local projects, and discuss topics affecting the community. It's also a chance to ask questions, share your ideas, and have your say on matters that matter most to you.



It's not a council meeting, but an annual meeting of the parish electorate, so anyone registered to vote in Brackley is welcome to attend. No booking required, simply turn up and enjoy. We hope to see you there for a friendly and informative natter at the Brackley Town Hall.



We hope to see you there for this friendly and informative gathering. Come along, get involved, and help shape the future of our town!

POPPY PROJECT – FREE WOOL

Free red, black and purple wool is now available from the Brackley Town Council office for anyone who would like to take part in the Brackley Poppy Project.

We're now in full swing, with many residents already donating their knitted and crocheted creations. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has given their time and effort so far.

To catch you up, we're creating new poppy cascades that adorn the Town Hall each November as a symbol of respect for those who gave their lives for our freedom. The Poppy Project has two phases, making the poppies, and attaching them to the nets.

Although we're well underway, we still need as many poppies as we can "get"! Mainly the traditional red, with the occasional purple poppy to commemorate the animals that also gave their lives during the war.

We're accepting both crocheted and knitted poppies. You can find plenty of poppy patterns online, but if you'd like a little guidance, our team is happy to offer advice and point you in the right direction.

As a thank you, and to help everyone take part, the Council recently voted to provide free wool to anyone who would like to get involved. The wool is now available to collect from the Town Council office.

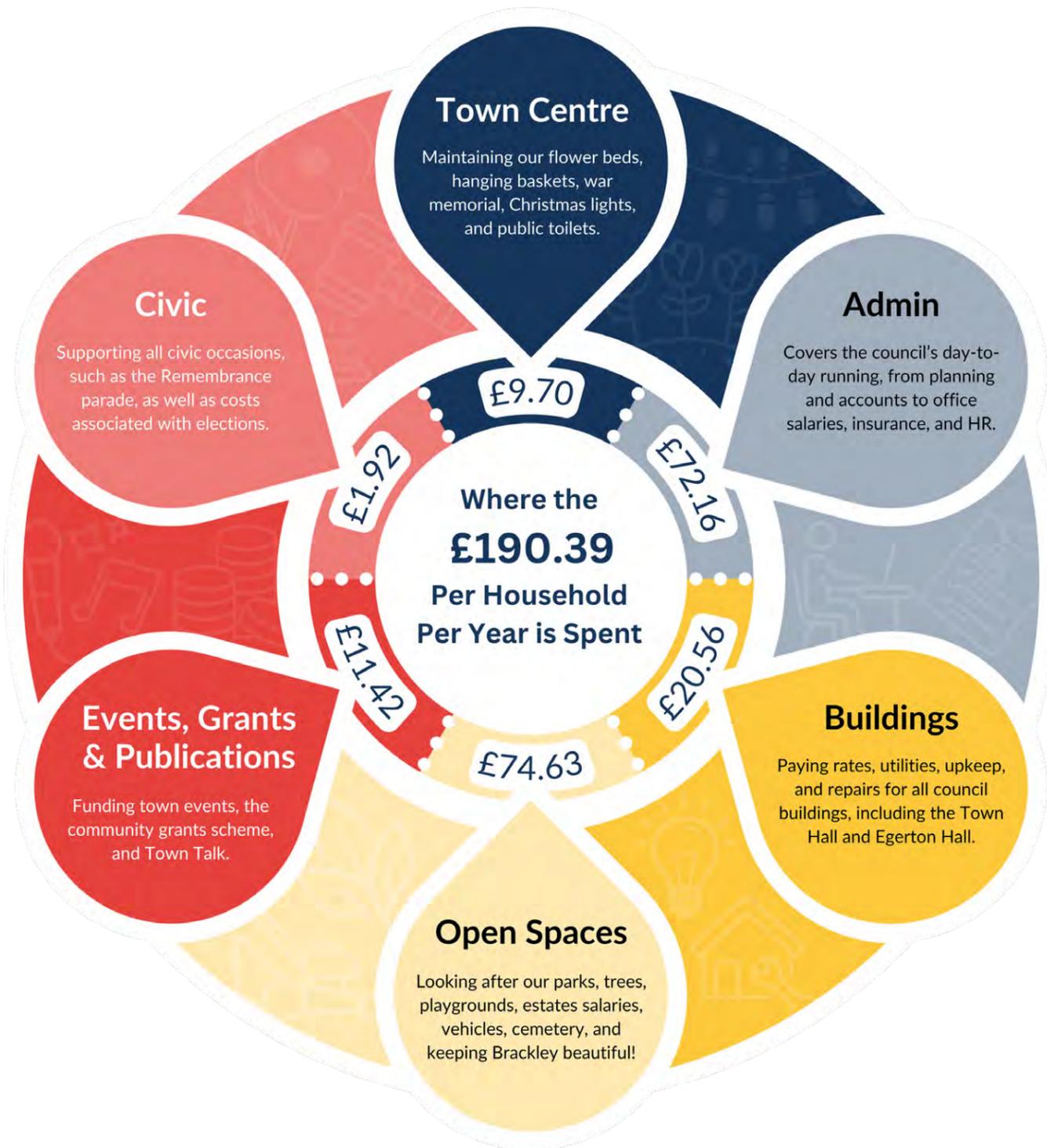
Once we're fully stocked on poppies, we'll be holding sessions at Egerton Hall to attach them to the large nets and create the cascades. Everyone is welcome,

whether you've made lots of poppies or just want to lend a hand. It's a lovely way to keep children busy or enjoy a chat with friends while playing a part in a little slice of Brackley history. If you'd like to join us, look out for the next issue of Town Talk for session dates and times.

Young or old, experienced or just starting out, pop into the Council offices to collect your free wool and let's get making.



2026/27 BUDGET



At its Full Council meeting on 12 January 2026, Brackley Town Council approved the annual budget for 2026–27. The graphic above highlights the six key areas where the funds are allocated. For more detailed information, please visit our website.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Here are the successful organisations receiving funding this year:

- Primary Coding League
- Brackley & District Round Table
- Do It for Defib
- 5th Brackley Scouts
- SNYE
- 1st Grafton SEND Scout Group
- Brackley & District Band
- Brackley Royal British Legion

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



Did you know there's money available for projects that benefit our community?

Awarding over £1,000,000 each year, the Northamptonshire Community Foundation (NCF) is Northamptonshire's leading independent grant-making charity, funding community-based action that improves the lives of real people. It provides grants to local groups for a wide range of initiatives, offering support in areas such as wellbeing, environment, the arts, culture, health, poverty, business, and more.

Community foundations date back to 1914, first established by American lawyer Frederick Harris Goff. His aim was to prevent philanthropic gifts that had outlived their original purposes from sitting unused in old accounts. Goff's solution redistributed these funds in the form of grants, ensuring they continued to benefit the people they were meant to serve.

Over a century later, NCF is now one of over 2000 community foundations worldwide upholding Goff's noble ideals. This year, as NCF celebrates its 25th anniversary, we want to help spread the word, and encourage local groups and individuals to access the financial aid available to them through this excellent foundation.

Whether you're part of an established group or need help bringing a new community-minded idea to life, NCF could help make it happen. For eligibility criteria, application details and a full list of available grants, visit the 'Grants Available' page on their website:
www.ncf.uk.com/grants/grants-available

PRIVATE WASTE COLLECTION – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Following recent changes to booking arrangements at West Northamptonshire Council recycling centres, more residents are turning to private waste collectors. While many of these services are legitimate, not all are licensed, which can put residents at risk. To stay safe, here are two simple things to check.

Any business collecting waste must hold a valid Waste Carrier Licence from the Environment Agency. A genuine collector should be happy to show this, and its validity can be confirmed through the public register online.

You should also receive a Waste Transfer Note (WTN) each time waste is collected. This short document records who collected the waste, what type it is, and confirms it has been passed on responsibly. Importantly, it should include the waste carrier's licence number.

Make sure to keep your WTN, as it demonstrates you took reasonable steps to use a legitimate collector, protecting you from fines or legal action.

These quick checks help keep you and the local environment safe, giving peace of mind that your waste is being handled responsibly and legally.

USEFUL INFORMATION

With so many organisations these days, we understand it can sometimes feel challenging to get things sorted. To make it a little easier, we've put together some helpful information on the topics we're most often asked about.

CITIZENS ADVICE

Call Citizens Advice, or drop in to one of their helpful Community Help & Information Point services (CHIPs) no appointment needed. The phone lines are open Monday to Friday, 9.00am – 3.00pm. Wait times can sometimes be long, so it's worth calling during quieter periods, mornings are usually a good bet.

PHONE NUMBERS

- 0800 144 8848** - Citizens Advice - National Adviceline
- 0808 812 6901** - Citizens Advice - West Northants
- 0333 038 3221** - Citizens Advice Administration - West Northants

LOCAL CHIPS

Brackley

Fridays: 10:00 - 12:00
Brackley Library
21 Manor Rd, Brackley NN13 6AJ

Northampton

Wednesdays: 9:30 - 12:30
West Northamptonshire Council Offices
One Angel Square, Angel St, Northampton NN1 1ED

It's always worth checking first, as CHIP times can change. To find local CHIPs in areas such as Banbury and Bicester, and for updates to these sessions, visit the Citizens Advice West Northants and Cherwell website:

www.cawnac.org.uk/access-our-services

ROAD ISSUES / POTHOLES

The best way to report issues with local roads and streets is via the West Northamptonshire Council Fix My Street portal. You can report all kinds of problems, including potholes, blocked drains, and obstructions. It's best to include a photo of the issue if possible, and providing a

'what3words' location with your report can also increase the chances of it being fixed. It's also worth noting that the more often an issue is reported, the more likely it is to be resolved quickly.

Access the WNC reporting portal at this web address:
fix.westnorthants.gov.uk

NEW OR REPLACEMENT BINS

You can order new or replacement bins directly from West Northamptonshire Council. The fastest way is to apply online. Find the application form at:

www.westnorthants.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-waste

If you prefer to do things over the phone, you can order new or replacement bins by calling 0300 126 7000 and saying 'bins' or 'waste' when prompted. Alternatively, stay on the line and press extension 8 to reach the waste team.

IN-PERSON HELP SESSIONS

For general help from West Northamptonshire Council, head to Brackley Library on the last Friday of the month for a free drop-in session. Speak to a member of the WNC team in person, right here in Brackley.

WNC Drop-in Sessions
(no appointment needed)
Brackley Library
Last Friday of the month
10:00 – 12:00

West Northamptonshire Council host a number of 'drop-in' or 'appointment only' sessions from their One Angel Square office in Northampton (now accessible via the new 88 or X88 bus service), with both their own teams and partner services including:

- Adult Social Care
- Wellbeing
- Citizens Advice
- Jobcentre Plus work coach
- Community Law Service
- Migrant Help
- Domestic Abuse Service
- Smoking Cessation Clinic
- Commsave: Credit Union

To find out more about the services and appointment times, visit the West Northants Council website:
www.westnorthants.gov.uk/one-stop-shop-drop-sessions.

If you would like to book an appointment, call 0300 126 7000 and ask to be referred to the team you need.

APPLY FOR A BUS PASS

Looking to renew or apply for a bus pass? If your current bus pass was issued by West Northamptonshire Council, you can renew it. If not, you will need to apply for a new one.

You can apply for or renew a bus pass at Brackley Library. Visit the library first to book an appointment and find out which documents to bring. Applications for older persons' and disabled persons' passes differ, so let the team know which one you need when you book.

If you prefer, you can also apply for or renew your bus pass online at:
live-concessions-westnorthants.unicard-uk.com

APPLY FOR A BLUE BADGE

When making an application, it's best to include clear, relevant evidence. This can reduce the chances of the council asking for further information, which can slow down the process.

For your application you'll need:

- A recent digital photo (head and shoulders)
- Proof of identity (passport or driving licence)
- Proof of address from last 12 months (council tax bill, utility bill or bank statement)

- Medical evidence showing how your condition affects mobility (recent letters or reports from consultants, specialists, therapists, etc.)
- Benefit award letters if you're automatically eligible (e.g. PIP or DLA)

Once complete, it will usually take between 6 and 8 weeks to receive a response. If you're not confident online, or need help with your application, you can make an appointment at Brackley Library, where a member of staff will help walk you through the process.

The first step in applying for a blue badge is to check your eligibility. You can do this on the West Northamptonshire website: www.westnorthants.gov.uk/blue-badges-individuals



THE FUTURE OF THE BLACK AND WHITE STARTS AT THE SOCCER SCHOOL

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Halse United, a Brackley based non-profit football club, has a few spaces left in their Soccer School. The volunteer run grassroots club offers expert weekly coaching for 4-6 year-olds in a fun and engaging environment.

Soccer School lessons give your child the chance to learn, grow, and enjoy the beautiful game with qualified and DBS checked coaches. Sessions are held every Saturday during term time at Brackley Junior School, 9am – 10am.

If you would like a free taster session, get in touch to find out more and register your interest.

Email: clubwelfareofficer@halseunitedfc.com

Phone: 07540 227 340



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE BRACKLEY

The Women's Institute or WI is a unique organisation shaped by its members. Formed in 1915 it set out to give women a voice and be a force for good in the community. Today it is the largest women's organisation in the UK and is an environment for women of all generations to share experiences and learn from each other. A WI membership offers the opportunity to meet women in your local area to make friends and make a difference in your community.

Brackley WI was founded in 1918 and has continued to support local women and the wider community by providing life-long learning and self-development opportunities to its members. This is achieved via our monthly meetings with speakers covering a wide range of topics from learning to belly dance, the history of Northampton theatres, the Repair Shop show to Stargazing the solar system.

Social events to meet new members and share with old friends such as afternoon tea, quiz nights, theatre trips and Divas that Dine! We held a dinner in the Town Hall (see picture) to celebrate the King's Coronation as well as decorating 100 stones that were distributed around the town with 10 golden stones to win our Coronation competition.

We have supported the local community events taking part in the Carnival Parade to highlight the WI National campaigns such as stopping plastic in oceans, climate change, clean up rivers, volunteer helpers at the Beer festival and Remembrance. More recently selling cupcakes at the VE Day celebrations and Classic car festival. So it's not all jam and Jerusalem, it's fun and friendly. So please visit us on the second Monday of the month at the WI and Girl Guide Hall opposite Waitrose, follow us on Facebook or contact us on Brackleywi@gmail.com.



MEN IN SHEDS BRACKLEY – 3 YEARS ON

This coming April, Men in Sheds Brackley (MISB) will be celebrating its 3rd anniversary and, with over 25 active members, its role in supporting the mental and physical wellbeing of the members has been firmly established. So much so, MISB was specifically mentioned by the MP for South Northamptonshire (Sara Bool MP), in a BBC Politics Live broadcast, promoting the importance of the charity in supporting men's mental health.

Situated in the tranquil surroundings of Evenly Wood Garden, MISB provides a welcoming and well-equipped woodworking facility, where activity focus has been engagement in individual and community projects. The community projects have ranged from creating military silhouettes for Remembrance Day events to accepting a commission, from Brackley Town Council, to design and build a removeable wreath cradle for the Brackley war memorial.

In addition, a plinth was made for the Perpetual Challenge Bowl, presented at the Evenley Village Veg and Craft Show. Within Evenley Wood, they have been active in helping build a classroom for the Forest



School, constructing picnic tables and fabricating sliding doors for the café; activities that have enabled the members to develop new skills.

The past three years have proven to be a busy time for MISB. The benefit, in terms of wellbeing for their members and practical assistance to local councils, charities, and communities, is now becoming evident.

If you are interested in joining Men in Sheds Brackley, please go to their website meninshedsbrackley.uk for further information.



NAB – SIGHT SUPPORT FOR NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Do you know someone struggling with sight loss? It could be a neighbour, a friend or even yourself.

We rely on sight for so many things and it can be tough to adjust to life without it. At NAB, we want to help everyone with sight loss get access to the best support and live life to the full.

Loneliness can be a common problem, so we run social groups across Northamptonshire, including Brackley. They're a great place to meet likeminded people and make new friends. Join us on the third Thursday of every Month at Café Fusion on Top Station Road from 2pm until 3:30pm. It's a laid-back and friendly meet-up where we chat, share tips, and swap stories – and sometimes just have a good old vent, which we all need from time to time!

Need a bit of help or advice? Come along to our Mobile Sight Centre (MSC)! You'll find it at the Piazza in Brackley Town Centre on the fourth Wednesday of each month, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Whether you've got questions about sight loss, need a bit of guidance, or want to be referred to the right support, our expert team is there to help. No need to book, just drop in. It's free and open to everyone.



Our Brackley area Support Worker, Nicky Dillon, also runs the social group and is always happy to chat. Whether you want to know more about upcoming events or book a home visit, just give her a ring on 07842 413958 or drop her an email at nicky@nab.org.uk.

Brackley PHOTO COMPETITION

Wow, what a creative bunch you all are! We had no idea we would be inundated with so many brilliant photos of our lovely town. Congratulations to Lee Turvey for the winning photo seen on the cover, a stunning shot of a hot air balloon floating just above Brackley Town Hall on a summer's morning.

The panel of judges had such a tough time choosing a winner. With so many impressive entries, it seemed impossible to pick just one! We knew there were some talented folks in our community, but we had no idea we'd receive so many high-quality submissions.

This competition was created to encourage us all to look at our beautiful town through a different lens. To take time to notice the scenery we're so lucky to live within, and to slow down, even if just for a minute, to capture a snapshot of life in Brackley. A huge thank you to everyone who participated. The level of creativity is remarkable.

Lee received his trophy from the Mayor on an unusually warm and sunny February afternoon, with the sky as clear as the day he took his winning photo. A long-time Brackley resident, and a veteran at Brackley Rugby Club (as you can see from his hoodie!), he seemed genuinely touched to have been selected as this year's winner. As his door opened to see a photographer and the Mayor, he said, "I can't believe it... I've actually won something!". He thanked the Mayor and councillors for the award, chatting about Brackley, rugby, motorsport, and life as the sun cast a golden glow over the town.



Winner Lee Turvey receives his trophy from the Mayor of Brackley, Cllr Bernie Tiller.



Suzanne Make



Joanna Stump



Alex Halasz



Kelly Craven



Simon Bath



Robin Seddon



Martin Honey



Haley Dawkins



David Rickwood



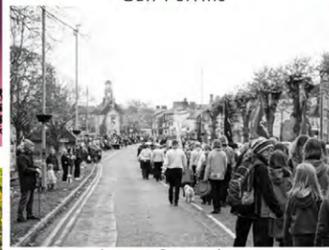
Charlotte Smith



Gail Perrins



Jinto Joseph



Laura Cangialosi



Suzi Lee



Beverley Savage



Dominik Skowronski



Colbie Mendenhall



Harry Morgan



Annabel O'Shea



Nathan Braithwaite



Katherine Burden



Lily Goss



Sharon Grist



Sarah Credland



The Editor's Choice award goes to Kobie Back-house for this beautifully composed shot of St James' Lake.

We've also selected an 'Editor's Choice'. With so much creativity and skill on display, we had to make special mention of our favourite photo. This year, the Editor's Choice award goes to Kobie Backhouse, a young Brackley lad who has shown real talent and motivation behind the lens. Often catching up with us at Brackley Town Council events with camera in hand, we felt Kobie's photo was truly deserving of the Editor's Choice award.

Of course, we simply cannot feature all the entries here, but with so many remarkable shots that deserve attention, we have put together a small collection of notable mentions. Seen in the centre gallery, each photo has the entrant's name. If one of your photos made it into this selection, you might like to know that the judges singled out your shot as particularly impressive, and it was in the running for the top prize.

The contest is now finished. However, we can still take a moment every now and then to capture a picture of our wonderful town. Wildlife, landscapes, macro, portraits, there are so many unique moments to capture, and new ways to see our little market town.

This was the first... but you never know, it might not be the last Brackley Photo Competition!

**KEEP SNAPPING
NEXT TIME YOU COULD
BE THE WINNER!**



SAVE THE DATES

FOR OUR 2026 EVENTS!

Don't miss out on the events coming up in 2026. For full details, keep an eye on social media and the noticeboards at the Town Hall, Egerton Hall, and Council Offices. Updates will be posted ahead of each event.

If you'd like to get involved, whether as a volunteer, stallholder, entertainer, or in another way, pop into the Brackley Town Council offices or give us a call, Monday to Friday, 9 am to 4 pm, on 01280 702 441.

Armed Forces Day SATURDAY 27 JUNE

Teddy Bear Picnic in the Park WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST

Summer Classic Car Show SUNDAY 16 AUGUST

Fireworks (10th Anniversary!) SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER

Remembrance SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER

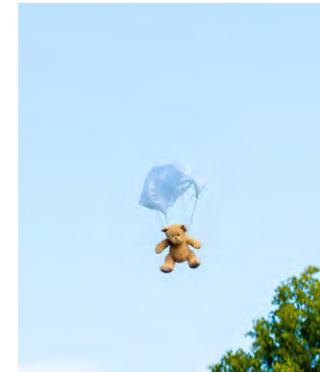
Armistice WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER

Lantern Workshops 20/21/22 NOVEMBER

Christmas Market, Lights & Lanterns
SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER

Tractor Run SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER

Winter Classic Car Show SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER



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