

BURTON JOYCE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

FIREWORKS NIGHT

Our annual fireworks display at the Poplars Sports Ground was a great evening and our system of issuing pre-paid tickets worked well in helping the queues move quickly and efficiently on the night. A big THANK YOU to The Post Office, Bumbles Tea Room and Rhubarbs Tea Room for selling them on our behalf; we couldn't have done it without you! We are also incredibly grateful to our dedicated team of staff and all the councillors and volunteers for helping us get the 900 spectators through the gates. Also to the great concessions who kept everyone and fed and watered, and of course to First Galaxy Fireworks for the fantastic display!



Fireworks Night 2024

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Representatives from the Parish Council marked Remembrance Day by joining the community in laying poppy wreaths at our war memorial, in honour of those who have fallen in the line of duty. This important and solemn occasion was also marked with assistance from the children of Burton Joyce Primary School, who made this fitting display for the Community Garden at the Old School Building. The red poppy is a symbol of both remembrance and hope for a peaceful future and is worn and displayed as a show of support to the Armed Forces community.



Burton Joye Primary School Display in the Old School Building Garden

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

We are looking forward to our annual Christmas Lights Switch on, which will be taking place in the village centre from 3:30pm to 6:00pm on **Saturday 7th December** with Burton Joyce Community Brass once again creating the Christmas atmosphere with their seasonal musical arrangements, along with some new musical entertainment! Food and drink stalls and the children's fair will be available whilst we await the arrival of a *very special Christmas person* and his elves!! We look forward to seeing you there!



Christmas Lights at the Old School Building

POP-UP FOOD FAYRES

We were delighted to enjoy the warm and sunny day in October for our last Pop-Up Food Fayre and are looking forward to welcoming you to the next ones on Sunday 24th November and 29th December 2024.



October Pop-Up Food Fayre

NETWORK RAIL – CHESTNUT GROVE CROSSING

We continue to seek a stakeholder meeting and request information from Network Rail to be convinced that thorough research has been undertaken on the cause of rail crossing incidents at the Chestnut Grove crossing, before consideration of any possible closure takes place. In particular we wish to see:

- Research on causes of rail crossing incidents; including human factors, crossing design, design-induced errors. If there is no research, then we make an urgent call for initiation of a research project to understand the reasons both locally and more widely.

- More information and public education regarding impact on train crew and the network of unsafe or inappropriate crossing behaviour.
- Improved signage at Chestnut Grove and Criftin Farm (Lee Road), including on-gate 'STOP' signs, large clear guidance on when to cross if trains are in sight and the installation of traffic light system.
- Improvements to the St Helens Crescent underpass, to include a ramp on the river side. To consider the building of an underpass or bridge, but in conjunction with consideration of the above to ensure proper cost and benefit analysis.

OLD SCHOOL BUILDING

The small meeting room is now available to hire from 4pm onwards each day (or any time in school holidays) at a cost of £12 per hour. It seats up to 8 and is ideal for small community groups. If you are interested in hiring it, please contact the Parish Council office on 0115 931 40 84 or email us at admin@burtonjoyceparishcouncil.org.uk.

COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

We await the decision from FCC Communities on 11th December to find out if we were successful in our grant application for a further £100,000 towards the development of the Community Garden. In the meantime we have been liaising with a project management firm with a view to engaging them to help deliver this important project and continue to investigate options and suppliers.

VOLUNTEERING

As the year draws to a close, we would like to recognise the contribution volunteers make within our community and say a big THANK YOU. If you don't already do so, please consider giving some time to the many activities, groups or individuals in the village.

We wish you a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas, and a very happy New Year.