



# The Bugle

*Resounding for a better Burton*



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## Play Area open for business!

On the 21st of December 2017, Burton Play Area passed its final inspection and was signed off as ready for use. The e-mail from Chris Bennett, the BCA secretary, went out at 2pm and within the hour several families were already putting the area and apparatus to good use.

Access to the Play Area is via two pedestrian gates and we encourage where possible more use of the one accessed via the pathway alongside 3 The Meads. This will be a safer route to avoid walking along the narrow and sometimes busy Nettleton Road.

There are still some finishing touches being undertaken - more matting is being laid to

maintain safer passage, the pieces for the gaming bench will be available once a suitable storage box has been built and we have 2 beautiful oak benches to install; one generously provided by Cotswold Homes and the other purchased in the memory of Sallie Belcher, who was a founder member of the BCA and Champion of the Play Area.

A formal opening event will take place in the next couple of months once we can gather all the sponsors and involved parties; until then, as Chris declared in his e-mail -

*“Get out there and enjoy it!”*

# Halloween 2017

Halloween party this year was a huge success, what an amazing turnout! So many wonderful costumes and so much fun!!

For the 3rd year in a row we were blessed with great weather and the children were all so precious! Plans for 2018 party are underway - save the date - Sat 27 Oct! We will keep the start time earlier as we did this year so that it's most conducive to families

with younger children. As always, trick or treating will be held on the evening of Halloween itself.

Thank you to all the donations of time, money, prizes, food, energy, and spirit! You are all much appreciated!!

*By Missy Sell*

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## Street lighting proposal

Resident Paul Lortal asks:

*"Could I ask for the BCA to investigate/ consider a wooden bollard light for the Burton triangle - most useful on the Nettleton Rd side of the triangle.*

*It is at this time of year when we are reminded of how dark/ dangerous some parts of the village are. With an increasing number of young children living here, and the fact that many have to wait on the triangle to take them to primary and secondary schools, it would help all concerned.*

*I envisage something around 3ft high - shining light down on to the road (perhaps with a solar option for certain times of the year) - minimal light pollution but more safety for what is a busy part of the village.*

*It may be that other parts of the village now feel that there is a need for a little extra light - it's not about changing the 'feel' of the area but providing safety for those that have to walk on the road as there are no paths and equally it is about safety for commuting car users.*

*The village has changed because of new housing and yet there remains little pedestrian consideration. All residents of new houses (for example every house that has/ is being built in the past 10 years) can only get to the their local pub by walking along a road at some stage"*

What are your thoughts?

Please contact Paul on [lortel01@hotmail.com](mailto:lortel01@hotmail.com) or at 7 Church Rise who would welcome your views.

# The early days of the BCA

**Editor's note: The article below aims to augment some of the information regarding the formation and the early days of the BCA mentioned in the last issue of the Bugle (Issue 16 - July - Sept 2017), that article only contained more recent developments and was not intended to be misleading.**

Back in 2010 questionnaires were circulated to the whole of our civil parish to enable a Parish Plan to be drawn up. There was a particular initiative led by the late Sallie Belcher and Marje Caie to make sure the needs and views of Burton and its children were captured. For Burton, the top items in the plan were speeding traffic (a concern for 90% of adults) and the need for a play area in the village (two thirds of adults and 100% of youngsters).

The Parish Plan was finalised and formally adopted by the parish council in 2011, Nettleton Parish Council and Wiltshire Council are obliged to treat the contents and conclusions of the Parish Plan as a 'material consideration' when assessing future proposals affecting the physical, economic and social development of this community.

It became apparent in late 2013 that the Parish Council did not wish to develop and operate a play area itself, nor did it wish to set up and operate a Community Speed Watch Scheme. The idea of the Burton Community Association (BCA) arose as a way of identifying and addressing residents'

concerns such as these, and the BCA was launched in March 2014.

An important benefit of the Parish Plan emerged when The Grange development was planned. The Plan's conclusion on the need for a Burton Play Area, accompanied by the BCA commitment to delivering a play area, enabled Wiltshire Council to negotiate a Section 106 payment from the Grange development of over £10,000. This can be contrasted with the earlier Church Rise development where there was no Section 106 payment. This Section 106 funding gave a lot of confidence that capital funding for the project could be achieved.

The further development of the play area was reported in the last edition of the Bugle.

In the absence of a Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish Plan is still a valid and formally recognised expression of the community's concerns, and six years later there are still many actions in the Plan that have yet to be addressed by the community, the Parish Council, Wiltshire Council and other stakeholders. The Parish Plan can be downloaded from:

[http://burtonvillage.org.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Parish\\_Plan\\_final-incl.-signed-preface.pdf](http://burtonvillage.org.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Parish_Plan_final-incl.-signed-preface.pdf)

By Al Caie



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## Santa Claus came to town

A very big thank you to Judith Bird and members of the BCA Events committee for arranging a visit from Santa to join a number of village children at a Christmas Party held on the 17th December at our local church.

The children enjoyed playing a number of games and listening to a humorous festive story read by Judith. The story captured Santa's visit to the village and it surprised a number of adults and children when they found themselves starring in it. After a lot of giggling, all 'tucked into' tasty sandwiches, snacks and cakes.

The highlight was clearly the arrival of a very busy Santa who ensured all the children received a present and the memory of the occasion.

Thank you to all the parents and friends who provided the refreshments for the children, and adults who came along to join in. We hope to build on the success of this event and plan to make this a regular feature for the future.

*By Chris Bennett*

## What's on

- Automated Defibrillator Training and Refresher Sessions in early February
- Pancake Supper will be held at The Old House at Home pub on Tuesday 13th February
- Valentines dinner at the Old House At Home pub on Wednesday 14th February
- There will be a wine tasting evening in February, date to be confirmed
- Official Opening Ceremony for the Burton Children's Play Area in early March
- The AGM is to be held on Monday 23rd April