



# *Brizlincote Parish Council Newsletter*

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## ***Good Neighbour Award 2016***

Brizlincote Parish Council is looking for nominations from individuals in the Parish for our new initiative, the Good Neighbour Award. The Good Neighbour Award will recognise the inspirational people who live within Brizlincote who dedicate some of their time to helping others and help make our community a better place to live.

Have you got a neighbour who is considerate and thoughtful, who goes out of their way to be helpful?

For example, someone who:

- Helps with the shopping.
- Does some gardening.
- Puts out and brings in the bins.
- Or is just there to talk to when you need some company.

We would like to give you the opportunity to give that someone special, whose help has made a real difference to your life, the recognition that they deserve.

The person nominated must live in Brizlincote. They should be people who give up their time on a voluntary basis and are not paid to provide help or support and they must not be a relative of the person nominating them.

The closing date for nominations is 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

Entry forms are available from the Parish Clerk, Barbara Roe, at the address below and completed entries should be submitted to the same address either by email or post:

Barbara Roe (Parish Council Clerk):

Telephone: 01283 814648

Email: [clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk)

Post: Barbara Roe, (Parish Council Clerk),  
47 Hall Road,  
Rolleston on Dove,  
Burton upon Trent,  
Staffordshire,  
DE13 9BX.

The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.  
In entering this competition Brizlincote Parish Council reserve the right to have the names of the nominator and the nominee published.

# October Tips for the Garden.

## Flower garden.

Colder weather is approaching, so protect half-hardy plants with fleece or bring into a frost free greenhouse. Lift Dahlia and Begonia tubers and Gladiolus corms to store dry over the winter months. Make sure you remove the dead foliage before storing them. A good time to plant daffodil bulbs, tulip bulbs and Allium bulbs for a glorious spring display; bareroot ornamental trees and shrubs; perennials or biennials grown from seed this year; spring bedding such as wallflowers, Bellis, Primulas and winter pansies for a spring display; a good time to plant Clematis. Summer containers are looking past their best, re-plant them with fresh winter bedding plants. There is still time to direct sow hardy annuals. And October is an ideal time to move trees and shrubs, and plant hedges. Hardwood cuttings can be taken now from deciduous shrubs.



Prune climbing roses and rambling roses once they've finished flowering and tie in the stems before autumn winds cause damage. Clear up fallen rose leaves to prevent diseases such as black spot from over-wintering - don't compost the leaves. Clear overhanging plants away from pathways to maintain access routes throughout the garden. Cut back perennial plants that have died down or alternatively leave the dead foliage in place for over-wintering wildlife. Lift and divide any overcrowded herbaceous perennials whilst the soil is still warm. After tidying borders, mulch with bark chips, well rotted manure or leaf mould compost to insulate plant roots for the winter and help keep weed growth back.

## Vegetable plot.

Finish harvesting beans and peas. When beans and peas finish cropping simply cut the plant away at ground level, leaving the roots in the soil. These crops fix nitrogen which is slowly released into the soil as the roots break down. If you want to grow beans next year, start preparing the site by digging trenches and filling with manure or kitchen waste.

Harvest squashes and pumpkins before the first frosts turn them to mush! When you harvest cabbages, leave the root in the ground and make a cut across the stem to encourage a flush of smaller leaves. Any plants with green tomatoes or peppers remaining can be hung upside down indoors to ripen. Plant autumn garlic bulbs and onion sets now for next summer. Cut back yellowing asparagus foliage to a couple of inches above of the ground.



## Fruit area.

If you haven't done so already, cut back the fruited canes of your summer fruiting raspberries, leaving the new green canes for next year's crop. Tie in next year's raspberry canes to support wires or fencing. Move citrus trees indoors to a bright, frost free position (4-12°C) away from cold draughts and radiators. Reduce watering in winter but do not let the plant dry out completely.

Now is the perfect time to plant up a strawberry patch for cropping next year. Clear the straw from around the base of strawberry plants to increase ventilation. Shear back old foliage to encourage fresh new growth. Divide old clumps of rhubarb by digging up and splitting into several pieces with a spade. Re-plant the healthiest looking pieces. When planting blueberry plants make sure you have an acid soil or grow them in pots of ericaceous compost. Autumn is an ideal time to plant many varieties of fruit trees. To test when apples are ripe gently lift them in the palm of your hand or give them a gentle pull - they should come away easily. Remove any diseased fruits from branches or the ground as they may spread infections to next year's crops. Remove the netting from fruit cages to allow birds to catch and eat any pests.

## Greenhouse.

If your greenhouse is fairly empty, now is a good time to clean and disinfect it. This allows more light in and prevents pests and diseases over-wintering. If you haven't done so already, remove any greenhouse shading to allow as much light in as possible. Move tender plants into the greenhouse to protect them from early frosts. Make sure that there is enough space between them to keep them well ventilated and reduce the risk of disease. Check any plants which you are bringing inside for pests such as vine weevils and aphids. Continue to remove any fallen or dead plant material to keep the growing area free of fungal diseases. Check your greenhouse heater works OK in case you need it should there be any early frosts.



## The lawn.

Clear up fallen leaves regularly to allow light to the grass. A last mowing can be made this month before leaving your lawn for the winter. Recut any lawn edges if needed. Finish off essential lawn maintenance to avoid waterlogging and compaction over winter. Perhaps by aerating your lawn with a garden fork, raking thatch from the surface and repairing dead patches. Fresh turf can still be laid now. Any autumn rains should ensure the turf settles successfully.



## Chairman's message



It has been a productive quarter despite the inclement weather at times.

I must give praise and a big thank you to Parish and Borough Councillor Colin Wileman and his team of helpers for all the hard work in improving the appearance of Brizlincote Parish for the Heart of England competition, this now means we have a very good basis for improving next year. However, we could do with more volunteers to help. If you are able to assist please contact the Parish Clerk - [clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk).

Once again we have also held the annual Brizlincote in Bloom competition, the entry level was a little disappointing compared to last year so we are thinking of more ideas to create a little more interest such as a best dressed (planted) wheelbarrow and a scarecrow to include in the competition.

With regard to the traffic/speeding accident problem on Beaufort Road, this now seems to have gained momentum and things are being put into place to make the area safer for all, this is with thanks to County Councillor Conor Wileman.

As we are now having some better weather, I hope you are all keeping safe and protected from the sun but more importantly, checking on elderly and disabled neighbours who may require assistance.

Kindest Regards to all

**Paul Presley-Brooks.**

Chairman, Brizlincote Parish Council.

## Borough Councillor Update.



### Heart of England in Bloom

You may have noticed that since March of this year, a group of volunteers - the Brizlincote Volunteers - have been working on various beds in Brizlincote including two wild flower beds. This work was to enable the Parish to enter into the Heart of England in Bloom competition. On the 6th July we escorted two judges from the Royal Horticultural Society around the Parish, starting at the top of Brizlincote, showing them the beds we had been working on. They offered us a lot of constructive advice which was much appreciated and will help us going forward for next year. They were very happy with the wildflowers. There is a presentation to the winners in September when we will find out the results of our hard work so far. We are looking forward to working in the area again next year and hoping we will have more volunteers and much needed equipment to help us improve of this year's efforts.

**Colin Wileman.**

Borough and Parish Councillor and Committee Leader of the Brizlincote Volunteers.



# The Ashbrook Playground

As a result of joint funding between East Staffordshire Borough Council and Brizlincote Parish Council, the new Ashbrook Playground is now in place. The area is being used by young children and their parents more than it has been for a considerable time. The main reason for this is the introduction of the double swing bay with toddler seat and flat seat as it caters for the smaller child as well as slightly older at the same time.



## Winners of Brizlincote in Bloom.

Best Rear Garden.  
Woods Lane.



Mr Christopher Firman

Best Floral Display.  
Redwood Drive.



Mr Malcolm Boston

Best Sloping Garden  
Improvisation—Yarrow Close.



Mrs Margaret Gillan

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**Brizlincote Parish Council meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, at the Violet Way Academy and Nursery with a 7.00 pm start.**

### Can We Have Your Feedback Please?

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