

Bredon and Bredon's Norton Parish Council

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Your Local Lockdown Heroes

The coronavirus lockdown has seen a surge in charitable work, community groups and people simply looking out for each other, whether friends, family, neighbours or strangers.

Bredon Parish Council would like to recognise those who have gone above & beyond during the Covid-19 pandemic. We would like to say "Thank You" to all those who assisted the vulnerable members of our local community.

If you would like to nominate a person, business or organisation, (up to 2 nominations) including a short description of what they have done during the pandemic to deserve your vote, then please vote online using the following link to our survey:- <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9XJ7J3R> or send your nominations by post to the Clerk, Bredon Village Hall, Main Road, Bredon, GL20 7QN before the end of September 2020.

Footways

There has been a lot of feedback regarding the footways in and around Bredon, especially as during lockdown everyone was using them more.

We've spoken to our County Councillor, Adrian Hardman, who is our direct contact with Worcestershire County Council who have responsibility for most footways, though not all. The feedback had some interesting facts that we thought would be good to share with our parishioners.

The County Council has a limited budget to spend, spread across many villages and towns. There is a priority when it comes to footway spending, which when explained makes logical sense.

County is rolling out a programme to upgrade footways with an emphasis on usage, hence footways close to local services - church, shops, pubs, and areas with a higher density of houses are prioritised. This explains why Church Street, the Main Road and Blenheim Drive are more often maintained. Rural Interconnector footways, like the ones to Westmancote and Kinsham, have a lower priority.

Other footways e.g. Queensmead don't fall under the remit of County Council or the Parish Council which adds to the confusion.

Ken Brown's Obituary

It is with great sadness that we have to announce the death of Kenneth Brown on 29th July 2020, aged 84. Ken and his wife Sally, moved to Bredon in 1999, with Ken being elected to Bredon Parish Council in May 2003 and he served until April 2011. He was the Chairman from October 2008 to April 2011.

The Parish Council would like to recognise the good work that Ken did for our community while he served on the Parish Council. Most significantly was the purchase in 2010 of the Playing Field Site and the associated buildings and facilities e.g. the Village Hall and the Sports Club facilities. Prior to this, the Parish Council had leased all these facilities from the Hancock's trust. The money for the purchase was borrowed from the District Council and was co-incidentally repaid in full earlier this year.

There were many more projects and decisions Ken was involved in, but far too many to mention here. But what a legacy to leave our community.



Planning Applications

The Parish Council's role is only advisory. For more details, please refer to www.wychavon.gov.uk.

For consideration by Wychavon:

W/19/02468 - Offices and Premises Rear of Old Croft Farmhouse, Rectory Lane, Bredon's Hardwick. Change of use of 'the barn' from storage/office use to a dwelling annexe to the main house and alterations to listed buildings. **PC has no objections subject to the conservation officer.**

W/20/01335 - Southcroft Cottage, Manor Lane, Bredon's Norton. Replacement of gable end first floor bay window and wooden surrounding frame. **PC has no objections.**

Date of Next Meeting:

Monthly Parish Council

Monday 14th September

takes place in Bredon

Village Hall at **7:15pm**

This meeting will take place virtually, please contact the Clerk for access to this meeting.

