Parish Council News:

Barlaston: The Secret Village

It was no surprise to see that Barlaston has been ranked no. 18 in the Sunday Times' list of the 20 best secret villages to live in. One of our Facebook followers summed-up perfectly what Barlaston's secret is:

> "It's a genuinely beautiful, picturesque place to live, and unlike many other places, still surrounded by unspoilt, green spaces. But what probably makes it even more special is, there is a true sense of community and community spirit"

We're all proud to be Barlastonians – and we're thankful to all the volunteers (individuals, groups and local businesses [too many to mention!]) who enrich our village and make it such a special place to live in.

Annual Audit

The 2023/2024 audit has concluded (see our website and notice board at Orchard Place for details) and with it has come the recommendation that we use more official domains for our email and website domain. Please note that the Parish Clerk email address has changed to clerk@barlaston.staffslc.gov.uk

Legacy

The Parish Council are in receipt of a legacy from the estate of Margaret Eleanor Irene "Renee" Robinson. We have decided to use her legacy to purchase two more sets of Tommy figures to be used around the village. The figures we are buying come from Royal British Legion Industries where they are designed, made and fulfilled by veterans. 100% of the proceeds go to the Charity.

Thank you, Paul

For a while now we have been waiting for the County Council to remove the remains of the fallen tree on their green at the bottom of Silver Ridge. Many thanks go to Paul Goodall of Buxus Green (our grounds contractor) as he decided to move them himself without charge to the Parish. Thanks, Paul!

Civic Amenity Visit

The next visit from the civic amenity lorry will be on Saturday the 26th October. The lorry will park on Ivyhouse Drive between 10:00 – 12:00 and is available for the disposal of excess general waste that can't be put into your household bins. Please note that sofas and armchairs are not accepted.

Hedges and Trees

Now's the time to be getting your hedges and trees trimmed, especially if they are encroaching onto the highway or pavements. Guidance has been added to our Facebook page and to the notice boards at Orchard Place, Barlaston Park and the Country Cabin.

Please note some trees are protected by tree preservation orders and/or lie within conservation areas. This can be checked with Stafford Borough Council. Consent is required before any works, including minor pruning, are carried out on protected trees. With regards to the protection of nesting birds please refer to the Government guidance.

Portrait of HM King Charles III

The Parish Council will soon be taking receipt of a free framed portrait of HM King Charles III from HM Government and hope you will all get to see it at some point. He will take pride of place in the Village Hall.

Villager of the Year

At our October meeting, Cllrs will bring forward the names of people in the village who have gone above and beyond for our community. Do you have someone in mind? If yes, do contact your local Parish Councillor and tell them who and why. Alternatively message the Clerk.