Parish Council News - March 2025

Have Your Say on Local Healthcare

The Parish Council's Community & Health Working Group is launching a survey to gather feedback on patients' experiences at Barlaston Surgery. Your input will help shape discussions with the surgery's Patient Participation Group. A link to the survey will be posted on the Parish Council's Facebook Page - please take a few minutes to share your views.

Formation of a Youth Council

Cllr Lloyd is working to establish a Youth Council to give young people in Barlaston a voice. If there's enough interest, a budget for the group may be considered in the 2026/2027 budget. If you're a young person interested in getting involved, get in touch.

Villager of the Year Award – Nominations Open!

Do you know someone who goes above and beyond for our community? Nominations are now open for the Villager of the Year Award and Certificates of Commendation. Submit your nominations to the Parish Clerk – tell us who they are and why you think they should be recognised. Let's celebrate those who make Barlaston a great place to live!

Join Barlaston Parish Council – Vacancy Still Open!

We still have a casual vacancy and would love for you to join us! This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved in local decision-making and help shape the future of our village. If you're interested, please contact the Parish Clerk before the next meeting on 8th April at clerk@barlaston.staffslc.org.uk.

Footpath Repairs

The Parish Council has reported an issue with footpath Barlaston 3 (leading to the Downs Banks) to Staffordshire County Council's Rights of Way department. Unfortunately, work on this has been categorised as a low priority.

New Parish Council Website – Coming Soon!

The Parish Council is revamping its website as part of a move to a **gov.uk domain**, in line with best practices for public sector communications. This upgrade will improve accessibility and transparency.

Stay Connected!

For updates on these and other community matters, follow us on Facebook. If you have any queries, feel free to contact the Parish Clerk, Viv O'Dunne, at clerk@barlaston.staffslc.org.uk or call 01782 373348.

📅 **Next Parish Council Meeting: 8th April 2025 at 19:15: The Methodist Church Hall, Park Drive, ST12 9DP**