

Parish Council update report: November 2021

Our meetings currently take place in the main part of the village hall where we can ensure adequate space and ventilation for all who attend. Details are always on the noticeboard in the High Street as well as on the community website and minutes of meetings are also on the website (www.buriton.info).

Recent initiatives include the adoption of our 'Climate & Nature Charter', a successful 'Community Hay-Day' on the Recreation Ground in September (as part of our 'Pollinator Project') and more praise for our Dark Skies work.

In addition, the Council continues to consider ideas to make better use of the changing rooms near the village hall. At our September meeting, ideas for a Health & Wellbeing hub were discussed and there has been interest, too, from other local groups and individuals. But there is still scope for more ideas so if you know of anybody who might be interested in hiring the premises, please contact Petra Norris, Parish Clerk via 07943 536065 or buritonparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk

Other practical achievements over the last few months include completing the repairs to the village hall car park, acquiring the phone box in the High Street to hold the community's defibrillator and repairs to benches on the recreation ground. Unfortunately, despite help from our MP, it has not been possible to obtain any payment from Network Rail for damage on the recreation ground.

Since a BBC World Service programme featured Buriton's dark night skies, the South Downs National Park Authority has published a 'case study' report about the community's initiative as an example for other places to consider. Details are available [here](#). The document explains that Buriton is home to one of only 12 designated Dark Sky Discovery Sites in the National Park and thanks are passed to everyone who ensures that lights use lower wattage bulbs, only shine 'where' needed (downwards and shielded from neighbours) and only shine 'when' needed (using timers or proximity sensors). Details of the case study are on the community website.

And Buriton was also featured at a special County Council 'Climate Change COP26 Event' in October where a short film about our Hay-Day and Pollinator Project was shown throughout the day to encourage others to think about potential actions and activities.

There is more information about the Pollinator Project and the Climate Change initiative elsewhere on this website and new faces are always welcomed to help – simply contact the Parish Clerk via 07943 536065 or buritonparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk