

March 2023

Bishopstoke Parish Council donates more than £10,000 to local charities and community groups this year

Five more local charities and community groups have benefitted from Bishopstoke Parish Council grants this year to bring the total during this financial year to over £10,000.

In the final round of grants this year, Bishopstoke Parish Council awarded:

- £500 to **Spotlight UK** to provide 50 care packs to families with children at the Stoke Park schools;
- £1,000 to **Arrow District Scouts** to help with the cost of renewing their kayaks and training new instructors;
- £950 to **Bishopstoke W.I.** to help them with hire costs and booking guest speakers;
- £999 to **MHA** to help with the costs of conducting mental and physical health reviews of their Bishopstoke members;
- and finally £1,830 to **Challengers** to help with the costs of providing holiday and weekend care for disabled children.

Civility & Respect Pledge

Bishopstoke Parish Council is pleased to announce that it has signed the Civility & Respect Pledge, joining more than 1100 Councils across the country.

The Civility & Respect Project is being overseen by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), the Society for Local Council Clerks (SLCC), One Voice Wales (OVW) and various county associations. The project has arisen as a response to growing concerns about the impact that bullying, harassment, and intimidation are having on local (parish and town) councils, councillors, clerks and council staff and the resulting effectiveness of local councils.

Councils can demonstrate that they are committed to standing up to poor behaviour like this by signing the Civility & Respect Pledge. More details about both the Project and the Pledge can be found at <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/civility-and-respect-project>.

Defibrillators – more funding agreed

At its March meeting, Bishopstoke Parish Council agreed to set aside £2,400 to cover costs associated with defibrillators in the village.

Last year Bishopstoke Parish Council paid for defibrillators to be installed at Bishopstoke Methodist Church, Stokewood Surgery and Bishopstoke Community Centre. Another will soon be added just outside the allotments on Underwood Road with a fifth coming later in the year on

Sewall Drive, near the Cemetery. The defibrillators are being installed and managed by the Bishopstoke Community Fund.

Bishopstoke joins The Greening Campaign

Bishopstoke Parish Council is pleased to announce that it has signed up to the Greening Campaign.

The Campaign aims to encourage people to help with climate change by giving them practical, simple steps to take to reduce their impact on the planet, and by then sharing what we are doing with the rest of the community.

Watch the Council website for more information about upcoming events.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 9th May at 7.30pm.
For details of where the meeting will take place and any other information please visit the Parish website.**

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