

## **Bruton Annual Town Forum 2025**

**Stuart Anderton, Chair of Bruton Town Council, opened the meeting.**

[Bruton Town Council Chair's report.](#)

### **Bruton Club**

A successful year with many events including; Friday coffee mornings (10am - lunchtime), annual family fun day, forces march (official checkpoint), charity music night in aid of prostate cancer with £4500 raised, Bike rally and charity raffle in aid of prostate cancer. The charity for this year's fund raising will be Dementia UK, so please come along on 11th October when there will be an auction and raffle. Please look out on social media and in the Dove magazine.

### **Good Company CIC (Community Interest Company)**

Good Company CIC have supported many local good causes with banking and back office admin requirements. There has been lots of planning for the "Bruton Boost" for Mental Health Awareness week, with many local organisations holding events this week.

### **Sexey's Hospital**

Sexey's Hospital have undertaken some much needed Masonry repairs with more to come in the courtyard area. There are currently 3 empty flats which have all been offered and recently accepted.

### **Bruton Library**

The Library is currently (for the next year) being run by volunteers alone with no paid staffing as the library needs to replenish its funds.

### **King's School**

Ian Wilmshurst, Headmaster, is in his last term at King's School now, with a new head arriving in August. The Deputy head of music is moving to Sexey's school to become the head of music there, with a view to collaboration between schools to help grow the music department. There has been much going on for Mental Health Awareness week this week for pupils and staff.

### **CAT Bus**

Still going strong (since 2002) despite increased costs. Covering a reasonably small area (Wincanton/Bruton/Cary and surrounding areas) has helped, in comparison to some other CAT bus schemes which have recently had to cease operating due to financial difficulties. Although it has been a hard year financially demand is still high and continuing to increase which is necessary to sustain the service.

### **St Mary's Church, Bruton**

Reverend Jonathan Evans reports music and arts events have been a success as well as being involved in the Christmas late night shopping evening, and please feel free to join the mailing list to find details of future events. St Mary's has also been collaborating with Bruton Club on projects and the choirs continue to take place. Rev Evans would like to promote more future community use of the church, which they hope will help raise funds towards some necessary repairs, with a view to a greener way to heat the church and some long-term facility improvements.

### **Bruton Community Hall**

Recently became a Charity incorporated organisation with 4 new Trustees in place and the lease is safe for a good few years. There are some financial headaches like many other organisations, so fundraising and grants are being explored and the hall

committee will begin to meet again soon to help with project plans. The hall hosts 14 organisations regularly and there have been 889 users recorded between December and February with lots going on; please check the website for bookings. If anyone is interested in volunteering please do get in touch or come to the upcoming AGM.

### **Bruton Youth Club**

It has been a successful move from the van at Jubilee Park to using the space in the pavilion which has helped to increase numbers. There is some funding that has been planned for various activities/trips/sports coach with the possibility of some paddle boarding sessions. They are looking for volunteers and if you are interested and have some spare time that is all that is required, training can be provided, so please do get in touch via the website.

### **Ladybirds Preschool**

Ladybirds Preschool are still going strong with 30 children enjoying their early years care and education. Thank you to all staff at Ladybirds for their support which has made it possible for the youth club to share this space on a Thursday evening, helping to maintain a safe and welcoming environment for the youth of Bruton to enjoy.

### **Brue Valley Rotary Club.**

[BRC Report](#)

### **Brue Crew**

The Brue Crew were formed following the 2017 Bruton Town Plan to make more of the river through the town, with Hauser & Wirth enabling the charity registration. Activities have been surrounding river fly monitoring which involves kicking the gravel bed of the river to encourage larvae, and monthly reporting to the national database. There has also been some film making taking place with local youth groups.

### **One Planet Bruton**

OPB have been hosting many events including; Stitch it don't ditch it (from the Library), Freecycle weekends, Bruton Hoedown, Seed exchange, planting for pollinators (working with students from Sexey's and The Growing Space). Details of events can be found on the website. The One Planet Action Plan has recently been finalised and adopted by Bruton Town Council, which will help support the process towards the new Bruton Town Plan.

### **Sarah Dyke MP representative, Helen White (Offie Manager/Case Officer)**

Please see the website to track Sarah's casework and for details of her monthly surgeries. Sarah will be attending Bruton on 31<sup>st</sup> Mary for a surgery, so do come along to ask any questions you may have.

### **Bruton Choral Society report**

### **Bruton Trust report**

### **Bruton United Football Club report**

### **Grave Diggers report.**

### **Poppy Appeal report**

### **The Dove report**

### **The Growing Space report**