

BHPC - Chair's Report Monday 13th February 2023.

Astro Turf

On Wednesday 11th January I attended a presentation from one of the companies who tendered for the replacement of the Astro turf. Peter is organising the final arrangements for the Astro turf to be replaced this spring which will be a very welcome improvement to our sporting facilities.

Facility Enhancement Group

On Tuesday 31st January I met with Julie and Caroline, Chair of the committee, at the Pavilion to be looking at ways that BHPC can best use the council's facilities. It was a very productive meeting with many ideas put forward which will enhance facilities in the village for all the residents.

The Big Green Week

Mark and I met with 'The Big Green Week' committee on Monday 6th February to reflect on last year's events and begin to plan this year's.

Nationally 'The Big Green Week' has been moved to the second week in June so we are hoping to be able to use the school field again on the Oakmeadow site.

I have written to the Head, Sam Hill, to see if we can use the field on Saturday 10th June 2023 and we are just waiting for confirmation before going ahead and booking people. The BGW Chair, Kay Turner, and I hope to meet with Sam in the near future to finalise arrangements.

Due to the event being held in June it does not give the committee very long to plan and organise all the events so it will be all systems go when we get confirmation of the date.

Last year many BHPC councillors gave up their time to help support events during the week which was greatly appreciated by the BGW committee and we hope that the same will be possible again this year. When arrangements have been made then, like last year, we will be asking councillors if they will volunteer to help at one or more of the events.

The Sensory Garden

On March 1st I will be meeting with Jim Goldsmith from Shropshire Council. Jim has been helping Bayston Hill Parish Council with the wildflower project on the A49 which looked wonderful last year, enhancing the approach to our village and helping the environment.

Jim has kindly agreed to meet with me at the BHPC Sensory Garden so that we can start a wildflower meadow there this year.

I have also been put in touch with 'The Chainsaw Bloke' who, should Council decide to use the wood from the oak tree on the crossroads to make a Gruffalo Trail, is able to carve characters from the Gruffalo from the felled tree. He has completed one for the Hospice, Shrewsbury in their woodland which I intend to visit soon. Julie is trying to find out when the work is to take place so that arrangements can be made to move and store the wood.

Caroline Clode

Bayston Hill Parish Council Chair