



# COMMUNITY

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The Newsletter of Fradley and Streethay Parish Council

## Warm welcome to faces old and new

Welcome to the summer edition of our community newsletter. This magazine gives us the chance to update residents on what is happening in the villages of Fradley and Streethay.

You don't have to live in the parish for long before you realise that both villages are constantly changing.

Homes are being built, parks and sports facilities are being created and businesses are choosing to base them-

selves in our fantastic parish.

Another change that has taken place is within the parish council, with three new councillors joining us in the last few months. We are pleased to welcome Derick Cross, Dean Baker and Richard Holland as councillors while Shikha Prabhaker takes over as vice-chair, and I'm thrilled to become the new chair. Whatever changes take place, our focus will always be on trying to get the best

for the parish. If, like me, you are fairly new to the villages, you will know that the parish's rich heritage along with its picturesque countryside and canals are among the things that attracted you to live here. However, it's the friendly people and vibrant community that make us proud to call these villages home. That is something we will all focus on making sure never changes.

**Kate Hull, chair**



*Picture: David Robinson*

Fradley and Streethay Parish Council works in partnership with the local community to make our Parish a great place to live, work, visit and enjoy.

# Parish set to split into two councils

Fradley and Streethay look set to be split into two separate parish councils under draft recommendations from district councillors.

An initial public consultation received no submissions in favour of existing arrangements to retain Fradley and Streethay Parish Council, which is currently represented by eight councillors – three in Streethay and five in Fradley.

If the plans are given final approval by the district council in December, Fradley will be represented by nine councillors (321 electors per councillor) and Streethay represented by five councillors (335 electors per councillor).

A public consultation on the plans received 98 responses but residents have until 9 September to respond to the latest draft recommendations.

The Community Governance Report to Lichfield District Council said that the plans were “consistent with the objective of promoting community cohesion and would be reflective of the individual identities and interests of the two communities”.

In the next four years, the population of both wards combined (aged 19+) is set



*Fradley and Streethay could soon have separate councils.*



to increase by 2,500 – a key factor in drawing up the new proposals.

The outcome may affect the annual precept which is the amount of money that residents contribute from their council tax to the parish council.

This money funds projects, services and facilities including the refurbishment of play areas and major projects such as Streethay community centre.

To have your say, visit: [www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/custom/consultations/view/54](http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/custom/consultations/view/54)



# Spider-Man swings in to playground

Heroic efforts have been made by Fradley and Streethay Parish Council to install a fantastic new piece of play equipment at the Worthington Road play park.

Children at St Stephen's Primary School were asked what they'd prefer to see installed at the park and, as a result, the parish council have installed a brand-new play-planetarium – officially opened by Spiderman himself.

Made of Finnish pine wood, the planetarium features the accurate constellation of the Northern Hem-

isphere, meaning it is now possible for children at the park to see and learn the stars and constellations during daylight in the most fun way.

Children are encouraged to climb on the roof of the dome as well as navigate their way around the struc-

ture on netting and ropes with spinning discs.

Fradley mum Helena Stubbs said: "It's great to see the children enjoying something that makes them think about science as they play.

"It's designed for all weathers too, so I think it's going to be a big hit."

## New defibrillators for Streethay

Streethay Residents' Association have been awarded a defibrillator, which will be installed at Streethay Play Park. A kind resident has also donated funding to the Parish Council for another defibrillator to be placed in the phone box at Streethay. The Council has agreed to proceed with both projects.



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# New football club gets kick-start



There were queues outside Café No 8 recently as excited young football players signed up to play with Fradley AFC.

More than 220 children have registered their interest in playing with the club, which started earlier this year.

Following a weekend of trials, the players went along to the Stirling Centre café to sign their contracts with the club which has ambitions of being the best in the Midlands and getting to Wembley.

Tosh Crompton, vice chair of Fradley AFC, said the response from families across the parish has been amazing. "We have been overwhelmed by the positive response from everyone in the area, and members of the parish council have told

us we are doing a great job – which is wonderful to hear.

"This isn't just about Fradley AFC, it is about bringing the community together. Café No 8 is a great place to get meet up and do the signings. Not only is the café our sponsor, but owner Katie Wilkinson is our director of football thanks to her experience as a professional footballer.

"She grew up playing for Aston Villa and has represented England - as well as having spells at Birmingham

City. Katie currently plays for Coventry United."

There is also going to be a Wildcats group, which will be girls-only on a Wednesday evening.

Fradley AFC currently uses the field at St Stephen's Primary School, but they are working with developers David Wilson and Barratt Homes to create two junior football pitches.

Tosh said: "The developers have really embraced creating the football pitches. We do hope to have a full-size pitch, but that could be a few years away. Our aim now is to raise money for the club and we are looking for sponsors that will help us towards our long-term aim of becoming the best in the Midlands, and have a team playing at Wembley."

**Fradley AFC has six football teams:**  
**Hurricanes for under 12s**  
**Hawks for under 11s**  
**Tornadoes for under 10s**  
**Harriers for under 9s**  
**Spitfires for under 8s**  
**Typhoons for under 7s**



*(Opposite page) Vice chair Tosh Crompton (back centre) and Fradley AFC members. (Above) players are put through their paces.*

## Sport and community hub plans amended

The parish council has amended plans for the Fradley Sports and Community Hub taking into account feedback received following surveys conducted in May 2022.

In June 2022 the parish council submitted a planning application to Lichfield District Council with a view to improving and updating the MUGA. Improvements include adding lighting, upgrading the surfacing and adding a roof canopy to allow all-weather play.

Comments on the plan-

ning application 22/00999/ FUL can be made to Lichfield District Council until 11th August 2022.

This project has evolved over time and you can find a summary of decisions taken regarding the Hub project from October 2016 on the parish council website along with the draft business plan.

This initial document was drafted within a week to enable the parish council to submit a \$106 funding application to LDC for £92,157 towards the project before

the cut off date at the end of June 2022. The plan will be revised when the finer details have been fully worked up.

The parish council will be engaging with local groups and residents on matters such as pricing and availability. You can share your views on the hub with your local parish councillors or by contacting Parish Clerk Clare Orme at [clerk@fandspc.org](mailto:clerk@fandspc.org), Assistant Clerk Kate Clover at [admin@fandspc.org](mailto:admin@fandspc.org) or by calling 01543 444233.





(Above, below and opposite bottom) beautiful gardens in bloom around Fradley.

# A blooming marvellous day out in

Summer kicked off in glorious colour this year with the first Fradley Open Gardens event in three years.

The sun was shining as fourteen homeowners threw open their garden gates to visitors following a circular route mapped out around the village.

More than £3,000 was raised for voluntary groups in the village through ticket sales, refreshments and donations. Any local groups interested in applying for a

community grant can contact Fradley Open Gardens by October 30.

More than 300 visitors flocked to the event in June which involved live music, craft stalls, and Morris dancing from the Ryknild Rabble.

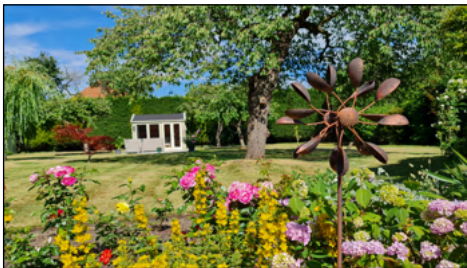
This was only the second Open Gardens event to be held in Fradley after the first successful event in 2019 was followed by a two-year gap due to COVID.

Visitor, Gill Flower, said: "We would like to say a huge

thank you to the organisers and to the villagers who generously opened up their gardens. We had a lovely time wandering around the village, admiring the gardens and chatting to the owners and we look forward to the next one."

Fradley Open Garden Committee member, Liz Morton, said: "It was great to see so many people around the village over the course of the two days.

"There were a variety of





*Peter McDermott in his garden at Bridge Farm Lane, Fradley.*

## the garden

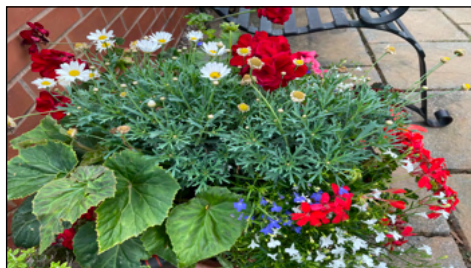
gardens, large and small and they all looked stunning. We're always looking to add new gardens to our event so if anyone would like to consider opening theirs another time please do get in touch.

"We're also keen to hear from anyone who would like to help organise behind the scenes in future."

Anyone interested in getting involved in future Open Garden events can email: [fradleyopengardens@btinternet.com](mailto:fradleyopengardens@btinternet.com)



*The Ryknild Rabble morris dancers entertained visitors.*





# Meet your councillor: Richard Holland, of Fradley

**Role/job outside council:** Managing Director, The Telecoms Audit Bureau

## 1. Why did you get involved in the parish council?

I believe firmly in putting something back into the community in which we live. We should all be proud to live in Fradley and Streethay – and each village has its own unique identity. It's wonderful when we see members of the public working hard to make each village the best it can be, whether that is through fundraising and organising events, or taking part in a litter pick and helping their neighbours. Each person is putting something back into the community and helping to make it a great place to live in.

## 2. What issues are you really interested in or concerned about?

Planning and development are at the top of my list of priorities, and it is something that I know concerns a lot of residents in the parish. We know that there are plans to keep on building in the parish, but we want to make sure that these are the right developments

and have the best facilities for our villages.

## 3. How much time do you spend on your parish council role, and what does it entail?

I spend a few hours a week, reading emails and discussing matters with fellow councillors. It is surprising how many emails I'll get each week, and the documents that need to be read and discussed to ensure we are making the right decisions.

## 4. What achievement are you most proud of in your time as a councillor?

I am brand new to the role and so haven't achieved much yet, however it has been good to talk to local residents and find out how they feel about any plans for their villages. I'm hoping that

it won't be long before I'm helping to make decisions that are right for the parish, and the people that live here.

## 5. How would you like to see Fradley and Streethay developing over the next few years?

There is a great community spirit within Fradley and Streethay and it would be great to see that spirit receiving some investment in it.



Cllr Richard Holland.

## Office move

The parish council has been given notice on its office premises at the Marketing Suite, Wellington Crescent, Fradley Park. The offices have not been in regular use since before the pandemic and will be vacated as soon as practicable. The council will provide an alternative address for correspondence as soon as we are able.

There are 3 tiers of local government in this area and 3 local councils with separate responsibilities, Councillors, and budgets. The main services for each authority are:



Benches (some)  
Bus Shelters  
Grass Cutting (Hay End Lane, Statfold Lane, Streethay Play Park, Watersmeet, other Public Open Space belonging to PC.)  
Litter/Dog Bins (some)  
MUGA & Skatepark—Hay End Lane, Fradley  
Neighbourhood Plan  
Noticeboards  
Planning (statutory consultee)  
Streethay Play Park

Planning Applications & Advice  
Recycling, bins and waste  
Council Tax & Benefits  
Car Parking  
Road Closures, Abandoned Vehicles  
Street cleansing, litter & graffiti  
Parks, sport & fitness  
Housing & Neighbourhood complaints  
Business Rates, Licensing, permits & advice  
Environmental Health  
Community Safety  
Voting & Elections

Births, deaths, marriages & civil partnerships  
Business  
Advice, support and care for adults  
Care for children and families  
Children and early years  
Community  
Education and learning  
Environment  
Health, wellbeing and leisure  
Heritage and archives  
Libraries and arts  
Roads & highways (see Grass Cutting & Waste)  
Transport

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