

Bradley Stoke Town Council Fireworks Display 2021 report and prospective 2022 Event

This year's Firework Display was, once again, very successful, with ideal weather conditions. The numbers of people attending the event was noticeably lower than previous years (likely due to the COVID-19 pandemic) and this was reflected in the charity bucket collection total as detailed below. However, it was lovely to see so many residents of the town gathering to enjoy the free event. Looking at local social media, this year's low noise event has seen both positive and negative feedback.

The event could not run without the outstanding support from the volunteer marshal and bucket collectors from a range of local groups including Little Stoke Social Club, one of the Mayor's Charity groups (Dogs for Good) as unfortunately, the other organisation (St Peter's Hospice) were unable to join us this year, Bradley Stoke in Bloom, Three Brooks Nature Conservation Group, the young people of Bradley Stoke, the local police Beat Team and BSTC councillors and staff. Once again, Bradley Stoke Radio supported the event and also provided marshals/bucket collectors. The Town Council would like to thank all those who assisted at this year's event.

Bradley Stoke Rotary Club ran the BBQ (which is one of their major fundraisers for their Charity each year). This year, they have indicated that they raised in the region of £1,300 for their charity.

The bucket collection has now been counted and the final total was **£2,401.26**

This amount does not include donations from the commercial food vans which are as follows:

- Doughnut and coffee van donation = £120.00
- Catering vehicles donation = £340.00

Adding this to the bucket collection total, it makes a grand total of **£2,861.26** to be added to the Mayor's Charity.

This year's event costing against the budget set can be seen below:

EXPENDITURE Code 5085	COST 2019	COST 2021
BUDGET 2021 £8100		
Fireworks Company	£4,590.00	£4,195.00
First Aid	£325.00	£350.00
Security	£720.00	£884.00
Sound Systems	£358.00	£383.00
Sundries (cups + batteries)	£23.28	£10.80
Orange Fencing supplies etc	£838.81	£687.00
Printing of flyers	£174.99	N/A
Barrier Hire	£465.00	£755.00
Road Closure SGC	£176.00	£194.00
Refreshments for volunteers	£53.91	£54.50
Photography	£75.00	N/A
Skip Hire	£250.00	£250.00
Update road closure sign	£20.00	£35.00
TOTAL	£8,069.99	£7,798.30

For Council Discussion/Decision

- If council decide to go ahead with a Fireworks event for 2022, council will need to decide whether to go with a traditional or low noise event. The proposed date for the event is Sunday 6th November 2022.
- If event is to go ahead, council will need to set an overall budget - it is suggested that this could be in the region of £9,000.
- Council will also need to consider whether to ask fireworks companies tendering for the event to quote for both a one-off event and a three-year fixed price contract which may offer better value for money.