

Bromham Broadsheet

Bromham Parish Council - 100th Edition

March 2022

Fairy Tales

26 March 2022, 10am-2pm
Woodland Walk, Bromham Mill

Visit the Woodland Walk and join our Interactive story telling and activity day:

- ♦ **Stories every 30 minutes from 10am until 2pm (2pm last story)**
- ♦ **Unicorn Pony rides from 11am**
- ♦ **Draw a Unicorn Competition** (age groups, under 5, 5-8 and 8-12 Years)
Please bring entries to the Parish Council office, Bromham Village Hall, The Mill Café or bring on the day. Remember to add name & contact details
- ♦ **Children's crafts**

Dress up! Fairies, Wizards, Unicorns all welcome!

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Changes to the Highway Code & effects on Bromham Bridge

Recent changes to the Highway Code had prompted conversation about the difficulties on Bromham Bridge.

A hierarchy of road users has been introduced giving priority to those who are potentially at the greatest risk, i.e. pedestrians. A vehicle should not overtake a pedestrian or cyclist unless this can be done at low speed and approx. 2 metres clearance given.

Councillors discussed the problems for pedestrians and cyclists using Bromham Bridge. Options for changes to the bridge have been discussed for many years and the results from the 2009 consultation with residents was: 37% responded and 68.4% voted to keep the bridge open both ways. The bridge has recently had the speed reduced to 20mph to improve safety for pedestrians. Vehicle drivers please drive carefully over the bridge and pedestrians please use the refuges available for your safety.

Councillors have often discussed a separate bridge for pedestrians and cyclists. There are concerns over costs and the availability of land but Parish Councillors agreed to obtain guidance and explore the possibility of installing a separate foot and cycle bridge adjacent to the bridge.



FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to the first Broadsheet of 2022.

It seems so long since Christmas, but thank you to all of you who supported many of the events at the Mill during December. It was a very busy day when the reindeer came to town! It was also lovely to see so many of you at the first ever Carols at Bromham Mill. It felt like the start of Christmas, singing carols around the tree. We were raising money for Elisabeth Curtis Centre, Riding for the Disabled, our local chosen charity, and through the raffle and your generous donations, we were able to raise £580.42, so thank you, and our thanks to Unisong and Bedford Brass. We hope you will support the Carols remaining at the Mill this year too.



I do hope you all had an opportunity to enjoy some of the festive food and drink that Mitch, Sam and their team had organized throughout December. It was good to see people meeting and spending their evenings there.

The negotiations on the Mill are still on-going, but we are hopeful of finally realizing the aspirations of the Village to take over the management of the whole facility. It certainly would make it a year to remember if we succeed

As we recover from another wave of the pandemic, our events team have started planning what's on for 2022, and with the addition of the Queens Platinum Jubilee it is set to be an exciting time – and a busy time for our events volunteers! We are starting the year with a 'fairy themed' event, in and around the woodland walk on 26 March 2022.

We are also going to see the return of the Duck Race, in rather a regal guise, so do follow us on Facebook, and on the website for more news. The date is 2 June 2022. So do put it in your diary to join us for a fun filled day!

And not to forget the return of Apple Day on Sunday 23 October 2022!

Look forward to meeting many of you throughout the year and wishing you the very best for a brighter and more normal year.

Sian Woodfine

Carols at the Mill Raffle

Thank you to our sponsors for donating prizes for the raffle:

- Bromham Lower School
- North Beds Osteopaths
- Lux Laser Bromham
- Almonds Pre-school
- Bromham Mill Coffee Shop
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- One Stop



The Christmas Raffle held at The Mill Carols raised £580.42 for The Elisabeth Curtis Centre, Riding for the Disabled, Chestnut Avenue, Bromham

Thank you to our Sponsors and to everyone who bought a ticket.

Thanks also go to Father Christmas for visiting us!



Bromham Community Events 2022 - Dates for your Diary

Fairy Tales
26 March 2022, 10am-2pm

Bromham Mill Woodland Walk



Royal Duck Race
2 June 2022, 12 –4pm



celebrating HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Bromham Show
3 July 2022



Bromham Village Hall & Playing Fields

at Bromham Mill & Riverbank Opposite.



Apple Day
23 October 2022

at Bromham Mill



Christmas Carols
18 December 2022, 3pm

at Bromham Mill



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For each ink cartridge recycled we will receive up to £2 donation.

The centre delivers therapeutic riding sessions to over 100 participants across Bedford Borough and the surrounding area, supported by a team of amazing volunteers. We receive no outside formal funding and therefore fundraising is a crucial part of keeping the centre going. We do this through a variety of ways including events, collections and donations and the kind support of local businesses.

Drop your cartridges to :

Bromham Parish Council office or Elisabeth Curtis Centre or go to:

www.elisabethcurtiscentre.co.uk/fundraising/ and scroll to Recycle Your Ink Cartridges for more information.

Bromham Mill Update

The roofs on the front and rear barn require immediate repairs. Visitors will have noticed that there are barriers around the barns for safety. No date has been set for the work but it is hoped to be in the next few months.

Thank you to everyone who has shown interest in the space at Bromham Mill. The Parish Council are working to conclude the lease agreement with Bedford Borough Council and with planners and architects to move the project forward and will be in touch as soon as possible.

Bulky Waste Collection Update

Parish Councils are still awaiting a decision from Bedford Borough Council as to whether there will be a Bulky Waste Collection Service this year.

Updates will be provided once we receive further information on our Website, Social Media and Noticeboards.

Planning applications considered by Bromham Parish Council

No objection to the following:

21/02775/FUL	1 Chestnut Avenue	Demolition of existing side structure(s), replacement with 1.5 storey side extension and 1.5 storey detached car barn. Facelift to existing property
21/02944/FUL	30 Neville Crescent	Raising roof to existing bungalow with converted loft-space to form bedrooms and bathrooms, single storey front extension, new cladding and render to walls with window replacement and associated alterations including roof over garage
21/03004/TPO	129 Village Road	Yew (T1) - remove deadwood and reduce lateral crown spread by 1 to 2m to improve shape and balance
21/03067/TPO	6 Orchard Close	T1-Willow - Re-Pollard back to previous pollard points at the established knuckles
21/03063/FUL	36 Molivers Lane	Erection of conservatory to rear
21/03050/FUL	4 Red Oak Close	Demolition of bay window and new loft conversion with hip to gable roof extension, raised ridge height and dormers to front and rear
21/02966/FUL	12 Rosemary Drive	Two storey side extension, front porch, part garage conversion and cladding/render to front and rear
21/03037/FUL	50 Oakley Road	Two storey front extension and rendering/cladding
21/03100/FUL	60 Woodland Drive	Rear dormer with cladding
21/02828/FUL	2 Godwin Close	Single storey rear extension
21/03240/FUL	5 Wisdom Close	Single storey side and rear extensions

Objection to the following:

21/02927/MAR	Land at Bromham Road Biddenham	All reserved matters except access for the provision of 54 dwellings, with associated landscaping and parking, SUD's, public open space, refuse and recycling and cycle storage, pursuant to Outline permission 19/01394/MAO.
21/03223/FUL	1 New Road	Single storey front/side extension, first floor side /rear extension and new roof light to the front at first floor
21/03196/FUL	Sewage Pumping Station Bromham Road	Erection of detached two-storey Eco Dwelling and associated works

No Comment to the following:

21/01362/MAR	Land North of Bromham Road Biddenham	All reserved matters for the erection of 296 residential dwellings, along with garages, access roads, parking, landscaping, open space and associated works, pursuant to Outline permission 01/02199/EIA - Amended Nov 21
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Highways Updates for Bromham

- Parish Council have requested that white lines be repainted where necessary in and around Bromham.
- Complaints re Speeding, Northampton Road - Request for Speed Van



I am writing to introduce myself; I am Mark HANCOCK your local Community Officer. As part of my role, I have the responsibility to cover Wootton, Bromham, Biddenham, Clapham, Great Denham, Kempston Rural, Oakley, Pavenham, Stagsden, Stevington and Turvey in relation to community concerns. I have previously been a response officer in Bedfordshire police and have also worked in Bedfordshire police Domestic unit 'EMERALD', meaning I have

had experience in working with vulnerable people in difficult situations. I've always liked to talk to people, and I enjoy looking after the community and making people feel safe. I feel that my previous job roles, as well as my life experience has provided me with skills that I can use in my role in the community within Bedfordshire police.



I am patrolling the area on a regular basis, and I would love to see more of you out and about within your areas and at future events. I am very approachable, so if you see me around, please come and talk to me, as I'm always keen to hear what's been going on. One way to inform us about the issues arising in your area, is to complete 'Have your say surveys' at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BedsPoliceHaveYourSay> or scan the QR code which directs you to the site to have your say on policing priorities throughout the year. Currently, our community priority is combating speeding, however, depending on data, this is subject to change.

You may see us walking about on patrol or see our social media posts about how to keep yourselves safe, but we still need your help. If you see anything that looks suspicious, please report it, by calling 101 or use the online reporting tool at: <https://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/report>. It's very important that you tell me what's going on, so that we can make a difference within your community.

Borough Councillors' Report



As Jon and I were drafting our first Broadsheet contribution for 2022 the news broke that Stagecoach had reduced their 41 bus service through Bromham to every one and half hours instead of hourly. There was no consultation, no public announcement we could trace, the change just happened. At the time of writing I am still waiting for a response from Stagecoach but the Borough's transport team have been more helpful.

Stagecoach told the Borough this is a temporary timetable change to the 41 and the reduced timetable is a response to driver shortage and an attempt to 'create a reliable network' however we have seen an email from Stagecoach to a local resident claiming owing to reduced demand this change could be permanent. We have asked the Borough to try to get to the truth but they cannot enforce how Stagecoach run their service even though we give it a small subsidy. They did however step in to negotiate a morning timing change so students would get to college in time.

Statistics show Bromham and Biddenham ward has around 7000 residents of whom 8% have no car. Bromham and Biddenham will between themselves deliver about 1000 new homes for the current local plan but the bus service has dropped from previously 2 buses an hour to 1 bus and now a bus every 1.5 hours. In the long term if we want to encourage people to leave the car at home and help protect the environment we need to go back to at least two buses an hour.

The Environment committee recently received a report on Rural Skips which the Borough wants to restart this year. The Rural Skip Service covers 46 locations with the season usually running from April to early July. The last year it operated in 2019 the service cost just over £82k but collected 434.58 tonnes of waste. It is uncertain at this time whether the service can commence this year either in full or on a reduced scale owing to a shortage of drivers.

The Borough's bulky waste collection remains popular where for £37.55 they will collect up to five items or for £57.95 between 6 and 12 items. There is a discount of 50% for those on benefits. In 2019/20 it had 2619 bookings, during the current year to the 12 Dec 21 it has had 2596 bookings so it may be a record Year for the service.

Next time we write in the Broadsheet hopefully we will have a summer without restrictions and services back to normal to look forward to.

Roger Rigby & Jon Gambold

You Can Report Highways Issues!!

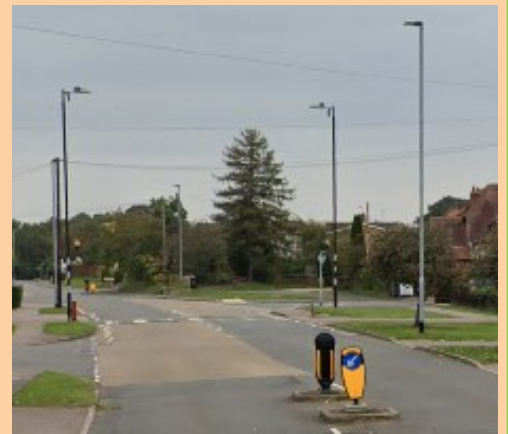
If you see a fault or problem in Bromham please report it direct to highways at <https://highwaysreporting.bedford.gov.uk>

Faulty Street Lighting - Please help!!!

There are a large number of street lights/junction lights etc which are not working.

Please could all residents report faulty street lighting near them to <https://www.bedford.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-travel/roads-and-pavements/street-furniture-maintenance/lighting/>

You may need to quote the number on the lamp column. Thank you for your help!!



Introducing the Anne Robson Helpline - If you or someone close to you is dying, you can talk to us.

At the Anne Robson Trust we aim to be there to listen to anyone who is struggling with the imminent death of someone they care about. We know that facing the end of life can leave you isolated and alone.

Calls are free and confidential – **Call us on 0808 801 0688**

Being able to access support whilst a loved one is dying is really important for a number of reasons. Gaining knowledge of what may happen towards the end and having a sense of 'preparedness' helps both the person dying and their family gain as much control as possible.

Please visit www.annerobsontrust.org.uk/helpline-service to find out more.



BROMHAM ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

Christmas is over (hopefully some of you had home-grown sprouts with your Christmas lunch!) but the days are beginning to get a little bit longer, snowdrops are a beautiful reminder that Spring is just around the corner. Now is the time to plan for this year's growing season – potatoes to be chitted, seeds to be ordered ready for when the soil has warmed up. We have had a good year at the Allotment site with all plots being worked, and loads of fresh fruit and veg being harvested. If you

are interested in joining our waiting list, please email Jan at bromhamolivers@gmail.com

Contact:- Jan Oliver 01234 825246 or Judy Hammond 07745569044.



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INSPIRING WOMEN

The December meeting of Bromham WI was very successful as we were joined by several members from surrounding villages and WI's to be entertained by Fiona Harrison, a well-known singer and entertainer. She sang songs from shows, carols and

other Festive offerings.

We were all encouraged to join in even though we had masks on. We tried to give the hall a festive feeling with decorated tables, food and clothes, so everyone was able to enjoy the occasion. Our visitors were welcomed by our members and one or two have joined us to see what we have to offer at Bromham.

Our January meeting saw us in a more serious mood as this is when our national resolutions were discussed and voted on. We agreed to promote digital education for older people to enable them to be fully included in modern life and to be more confident with modern technology. We are going to try to run a class or two for our members to learn more about this in a friendly atmosphere and with a personal twist.

We are also delighted to have attracted several new members recently and we are trying to make further links with other local WI's to all our advantages.

We are looking forward to a better year in 2022.

For enquiries contact Margaret Ashill on 01234 302113.

Diane Bell

NATURE CLUB

The Nature club for children from 5 years old meets once a month on a Sunday afternoon at Bromham mill.



The above photo is when the Raptor Foundation visited the Nature club at Bromham mill.

We will be planting trees at the Mill in February/March.

If you are interested in joining please contact Anne on 07900810937 for more information.



Bromham Toddlers (& Tiddlers)

We meet in the Baptist Church Hall on a Tuesday morning (during term time) from 9.30 - 11.30 am. We have toys/activities suitable for new born up until 4 years. Cost is £2.00 per child (over 6 months) and 50p per subsequent child/adult. There is tea/coffee for carers and a drink/biscuit for the little ones.

We finish with a song time, when adults and children sit together in a circle and choose their favourite action song. There is a lovely sense of community within the group and we hope to see you there with your little ones...!

For more information, please email Jan at

bromhamolivers@gmail.com



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The Almonds Pre-School is based at the Village Hall. If you are interested in a place for your young child, please contact Mrs Janis Russell on 07729 583 331 during term time 9 - 1pm or 01234 857196 at any other time.

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News from St Owen's Church



St Owen's Parish Church Special Services & Events Spring 2022



- Sun 27th Mar-** Mothering Sunday Family Service 10.30am
Fri 15th Apr- Good Friday Children's Workshop 10am- 12noon
Good Friday Service 2.00pm
Sun 17th Apr - Easter Sunday Family Communion Service with Easter Egg Hunt 10.30am
Mon 18th Apr- Easter Monday Church open for viewing of Easter Flowers, light lunches, drinks, stalls & a raffle 12.00noon- 4pm

All events correct at the time of going to print please check our website for up to date information before attending

For more details of any of these events please contact:

Administrator: Sarah Smale 07494 069540

administrator@bromhambenefice.org

Vicar: Rev Catherine Wilson 01234 825665

vicar@bromhambenefice.org

 Facebook: CofE Benefice for Bromham, Oakley & Stagsden

 Instagram: bromhambenefice



CHILDREN'S GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP



Good Friday (15th April) 10am-12noon

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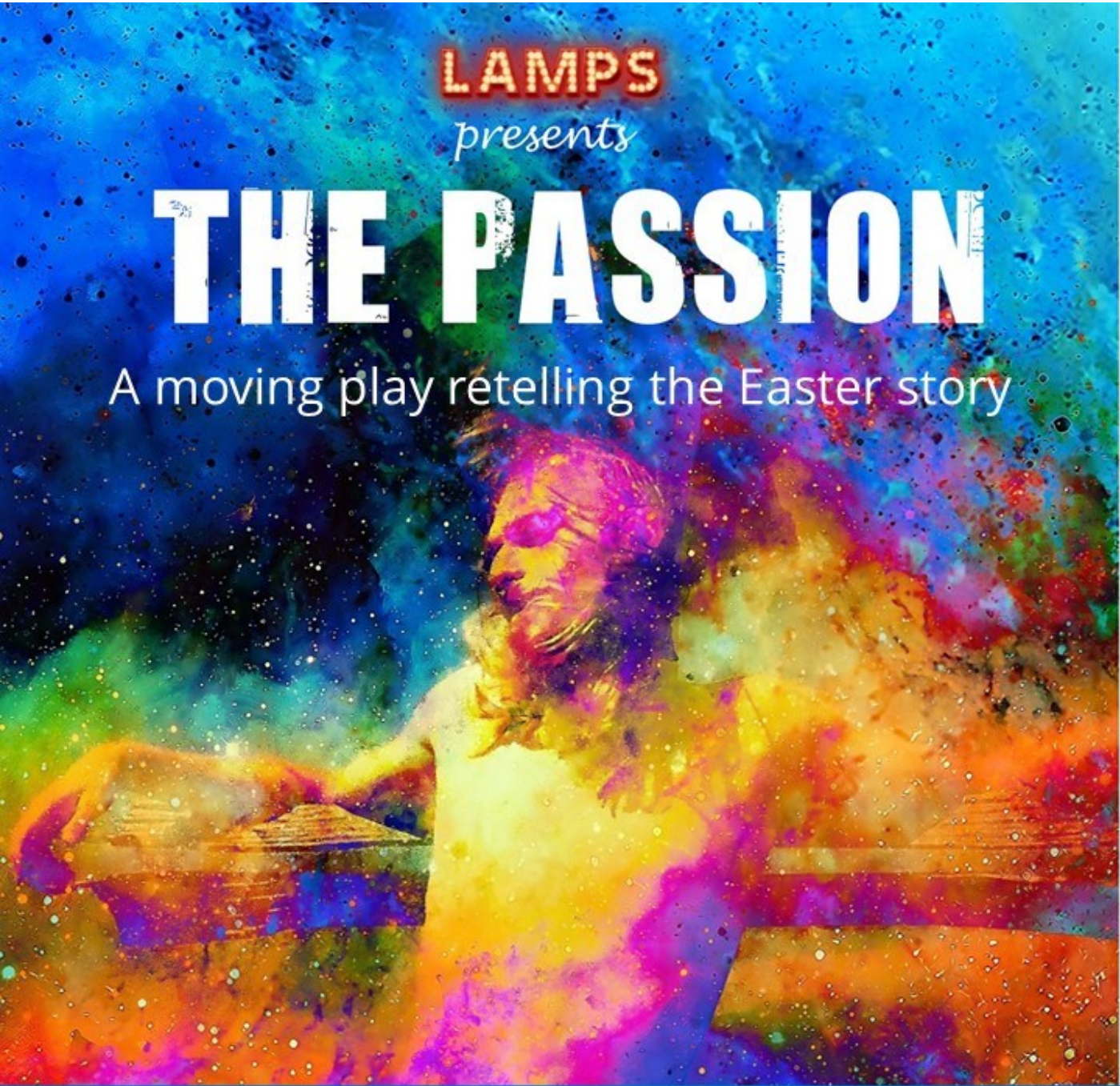
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For more info see our Website :

www.bromhambenefice.org

Or call Sarah Smale on 07494 069540



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A moving play retelling the Easter story

Bromham Baptist Church

Friday 15th April, 7.30pm

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Volunteering with Bromham Conservation Group

Our volunteers have improved the woodland behind the Mill, creating new flower beds, walks and trails. The work we do makes maintenance easier, as well as improving access for visitors. We have created new planters from old decking recovered from the brook and cleared rubbish washed down by winter floodwater from the mill sluices. Our volunteers also helped create the woodland fairy walk that is so popular with local families.

We also work closely with the Friends of Bromham Mill and the Bromham Nature Club, which offers local children the opportunity to learn about nature, plant bulbs and spring flowers, at both the Mill and other public sites.

We have built up a useful collection of hand and powered tools, equipment and materials, either purchased for us by the Parish or Borough Councils, or kindly donated by local residents. These enable us to tackle a wide variety of conservation tasks within the village. Any surplus timber or plywood sheets you can donate could be very useful for our construction projects.



Covid safety rules are now much more relaxed, allowing us to work together to keep local open spaces and structures in good order. Despite post-lockdown restrictions, we managed 100 work sessions and 1,157 volunteer hours during 2021 and hope to match this again in 2022. It is also great fun working together on our various projects.

New volunteers are always welcome. If you are interested in what we do, like working outdoors and have a little spare time, please contact us. Our regular activities at Bromham Mill now include a weekly Monday afternoon session which we hope may attract new people. To find out more, sign up for our monthly email newsletter, visit our Parish Council webpage or try our new Facebook page at [@bromhamconservationgroup](https://www.facebook.com/bromhamconservationgroup)

Contact Peter Argyle on 01234 822698 or email bcg@peterargyle.plus.com.

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