

March 2025 - Mayor's Report for the Town of Bradninch.

Hello Bradninch!

I hope you're all doing well and enjoying the brighter days as we look forward to spring.

Grant Process Wrap-Up

First up, a big shout-out to everyone who applied for our local grants. We've just wrapped up the process, and I'm thrilled to say that we've awarded over £2,000 to more than 10 different groups and organisations across Bradninch. These grants are going to help fund all sorts of fantastic projects, from supporting our local youth groups to environmental efforts and creative arts. It's so great to see our community thriving, and I can't wait to see the positive impact these projects will have.

Road Closures – We're On It!

I know the road closures around town have been a bit of a pain for all of us. It's been disruptive and pretty unsettling at times. We really appreciate your patience during this, and I want you to know that the council is working closely with the County Council to resolve the issues as quickly as possible. We're pushing for clearer communication and trying to reduce the inconvenience wherever we can. Thanks so much for sticking with us through this – we'll get there!

Spring's Coming – Let's Talk Musical Gardens!

With spring just around the corner, we're all looking forward to the return of Musical Gardens! It's such a lovely event for the whole family, and I know we're all excited to get back to enjoying live music and the beautiful outdoors. It's always such a highlight of our year, and we can't wait to see you all there. Bring your family, bring your friends – it's going to be a great time!

Town Fair Plans are Gearing Up!

And speaking of events, planning for the Town Fair is already ramping up! This is always one of the highlights of our year, and if you'd like to get involved, now's your chance. Anyone interested in lending a hand or helping out should get in touch with Sophie West or any of the Town Fair Committee members. We'd love to have more people involved to make this year's fair bigger and better than ever – it's always a great day out for everyone.

Our Town Warden, Jez Shazell – What a Difference!

I also wanted to take a moment to shout out to Jez Shazell, our wonderful Town Warden. We've really started to see the difference Jez is making around Bradninch – the town's looking cleaner and tidier, and he's been a real asset to the community. I hope you're all starting to notice the improvements, and I'm sure Jez would love to hear any feedback you might have. We're so happy to have him on board!

Come to the Annual Town Meeting

Lastly, don't forget about the Annual Town Meeting coming up on Monday, 28 April at 7:30 pm at the Guildhall. It's a chance for all of us to catch up on what's been happening in the town and have a chat about what's coming up. We'd love to see you there and hear your thoughts, so please do come along!

Wrapping Up

There's so much happening in Bradninch, and I'm really excited about all the great things coming up this spring and beyond. Thanks, as always, for your support and for making Bradninch such a fantastic place to live. Let's keep working together to make our town even better!

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Mayor