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Better Community”*

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EDITORIAL

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What a glorious Summer we have had, with lots of opportunities to be outside and make use of our gardens and the lovely environment in which we live at Burton Waters. Now the rain has arrived to return the grass to green and give a burst of life to our thirsty plants and trees.



The AGM in May seems to be ages ago, but it was well attended, with a good atmosphere. Reports from both the BWRG and BWML Directors and an interesting Q & A session.

The committee has been reasonably quiet over the summer which gave us all time for holidays and reflection, and we will now meet again in the first week of September with some new members and fresh ideas to carry on supporting our residents.

As the year progresses one of our aims, is to encourage more events where residents can meet and socialise, whilst at the same time support our local businesses.

The hospitality industry has suffered over the past year with the rise in taxes, such as NI and also minimum wage. The abolition of zero hours contracts, which make it more difficult to recruit staff, especially younger part-time staff, such as students, as well as the ongoing cost-of-living increases.

The focus of this newsletter is about the strategic plan of the gardeners. It makes very good reading and should be well received by all, especially those of you are concerned about wildlife and the climate. Whilst quite a lengthy document, it is well worth taking the effort to read it, and I am sure that you will find it interesting. The gardening team deserve congratulations for all the thought and research that this report has taken which has already shown positive results but will also future proof our lovely environment.

HOSPITALITY AT BURTON WATERS

We are very fortunate to have such a varied choice here at Burton Waters. August sees one new business and a major award for another.

‘THE COURTYARD’



As you may have noticed, we now have a new café “The Courtyard”.

Lorna and her team have worked hard to produce a fresh and welcoming atmosphere with a varied menu for breakfast, lunch, cakes and snacks and hot and cold drinks. They will be open from 8.30am until 3.00pm every day of the week, so please support them.

Personally having had a delicious breakfast there already I am sure that you will not be disappointed.

‘BAR SIX’



A sports bar but not as you would normally find one - with its stunning decor and six 50" high resolution screens with three Sky boxes allowing different showings at the same time it really is the place to unwind and enjoy some leisure time.

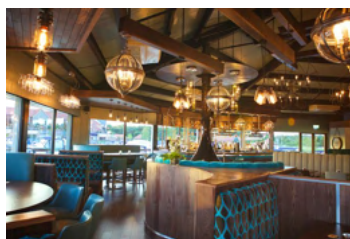
Serving a good range of draught beers, spirits and high quality wines (by the bottle or glass) there is something for everybody.

‘VINO MARINA’



Discover our delicious menu and great wines. Vino Marina is a boutique restaurant where you can discover a delicious menu, whilst enjoying great wines, offering individual and sharing boards, featuring the absolute best in sourced cheese from around the world, charcuterie, cold plates, salads and homemade cakes. All products are sourced locally.

‘HARBOUR LIGHTS’



Every Thursday from 17:00-20:45 at Harbour Lights dive into our Pizza & Pasta Night - inside and outside bookings available.

Enjoy a flavoursome Italian theme-inspired feast with our own Harbour Lights twist! From hand-stretched, stone baked pizzas to delicious pasta creations, every dish is bursting with taste and made to order.

Eat in, take a pizza away, or pair with one of our cocktails and enjoy those marina views!

Take advantage of our 2 mains saver offer plus a bottle of wine all for just £45 per couple!

WELCOME TO THE PIZZA DECK		
MENU AT HARBOUR LIGHTS		
EVERY THURSDAY FROM 5PM THIS IS WHAT WE DO!		
Hand stretched & stone baked at 430° of sourdough goodness, with our signature tomato & herb sauce.		
Appetisers		
Knotty But Nice	£9	
Three hand stretched focaccia breads, topped with our special garlic & herb sauce.		
Garlic Goals	£8	
Three hand stretched focaccia breads, topped with our special garlic & herb sauce.		
Tom Mozza Magic	£9	
Three hand stretched focaccia breads, topped with our special tomato & herb sauce.		
Rustic Toast	£8	
Three hand stretched focaccia breads, topped with our special tomato & herb sauce.		
Bread & Buns	£8	
Three hand stretched focaccia breads, topped with our special tomato & herb sauce.		
Pasta Bar		
Laid Back Marg Tagliatelle	£15	
Three hand stretched focaccia breads, topped with our special tomato & herb sauce.		
Fiery Fella Penne	£17	
Three hand stretched focaccia breads, topped with our special tomato & herb sauce.		
Choccy Chick Pesto Linguine	£17	
Three hand stretched focaccia breads, topped with our special tomato & herb sauce.		
Naughty But Nice Carbonara	£15	
Three hand stretched focaccia breads, topped with our special tomato & herb sauce.		
Mediterranean Veggie Fusilli	£15	
Three hand stretched focaccia breads, topped with our special tomato & herb sauce.		
Pizza Menu		
Choccy Marg	£15	
Three hand stretched focaccia breads, topped with our special tomato & herb sauce.		
Hot & Meaty	£18	
Three hand stretched focaccia breads, topped with our special tomato & herb sauce.		
Pocket Pesto	£18	
Three hand stretched focaccia breads, topped with our special tomato & herb sauce.		
Feta Attraction	£17	
Three hand stretched focaccia breads, topped with our special tomato & herb sauce.		
The Sassy Swirl	£17	
Three hand stretched focaccia breads, topped with our special tomato & herb sauce.		
Rocket Man	£17	
Three hand stretched focaccia breads, topped with our special tomato & herb sauce.		
Calzone		
The Marina Melt	£17	
Three hand stretched focaccia breads, topped with our special tomato & herb sauce.		

‘LAZIZA’

We invite you to join us at Laziza Indian Bar & Restaurant and embark on a culinary adventure that celebrates the rich flavours and traditions of India. Whether you are a connoisseur of Indian cuisine or a first-time guest, we promise an unforgettable dining experience that will keep you coming back for more.



On 10th August Laziza were crowned Winners of the



2026 Curry Awards Restaurant Of The Year - East

Please support all our hospitality owners, we are very fortunate to have such a wide selection here at Burton Waters. As the saying goes;-

“use it or lose it”

Enhancing Our Haven: Our Updated Conservation and Habitat Master Plan

Exciting green initiatives are taking shape across Burton Waters! Following collaborative discussions with the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, we have introduced many new ways to enhance our local environment. These initiatives focus on boosting biodiversity, creating vital wildlife corridors, and making our communal spaces even more beautiful for our walks.

Here is a breakdown of what we have achieved so far and what we are looking forward to in the future across our shared grounds, backed by expert guidance from the Trust's recent site survey.

What We Have Done

Our On-Site Nursery: We successfully set up a nursery area to propagate and cultivate our own plants, helping us become more self-sufficient. The Trust noted this is an excellent use of our "sacrificial" compost zones.

Rotational Mowing: We are mowing grassland areas on rotation so they are not all cut at the same time. This creates a mosaic of habitat and ensures a greater continuity of flowering plants available to pollinators from spring through to early autumn.

Wildflower Meadow: We stepped back the mowing schedule in a designated zone to establish a natural wildflower meadow. Previously, our wildflower-seeded areas were mown too short, which prevented plants from flowering and setting seed. By shifting to cutting these spaces just once a year (with pathways cleared so we can all wander through and enjoy them!), we are creating a

vital, protected habitat for regional wildlife. Longer grasses provide essential shelter and breeding grounds for invertebrates like butterflies and bumblebees, while offering critical foraging territory and protection for birds and small mammals, such as hedgehogs. Pausing regular mowing allows beautiful wildflowers like orchids and other scarce species to thrive and bloom alongside common varieties like daisies, buttercups, and knapweed. As the seasons progress, these tall grasses will drop seeds that feed birds and insects alike, forming a self-sustaining food chain right on our doorstep.

Mass Bulb Planting: Our massive planting effort has successfully put 1,000 single-flowered snowdrops and 1,000 daffodils in the ground to guarantee a vibrant splash of spring colour.



Bird Infrastructure: New bird houses and dedicated bird boxes have been securely installed across the estate to support local nesting populations.

Dead Hedges: We constructed "dead hedges" (structured barriers made from woven fallen branches and twigs) along our footpaths in Wood 2. These serve as thriving miniature ecosystems, providing shelter, nesting sites, and a clever way to recycle woodland clearing materials.

Reclaimed Timber: We successfully salvaged banking timber from the recent moorings bank works and repurposed it for our nursery infrastructure.

A57 Hedge In-Filling: Fresh, new stock has already been

planted to fill existing gaps along the A57 boundary hedge.

Natural Borders & Eco Tones: We introduced an "eco tone" by letting the grass grow long at the woodland edges. These un-cut, transitional borders shield the base of the woods from winter frost, trap soil moisture in the summer, and create safe shelter zones for wildlife.

Natural Structures: We are now maintaining natural variations of plants across the estate rather than pruning everything to uniform heights, creating a healthier, multi-tiered habitat.

On-Site Mulching: We regularly collect and apply organic leaf mulch from the grounds to nourish our beds.

Roundabout Planting: 16 white lavender, 16 purple lavender, 8 Verbena bonariensis, and 8 Salvia nemorosa 'Caradonna' have been planted in the entrance roundabout. This perennial-led scheme has been chosen instead of using traditional seasonal bedding plants. A lot of thought has gone into the design, as moving away from "plug-in" bedding plants offers several significant advantages. Unlike bedding plants, which we remove once they die back, this selection provides permanent structure and year-round interest with an evergreen base. We have used a mix of heights and textures to create visual interest, as opposed to the low-level, flat look of traditional bedding. The staggered flowering times of the Salvia (late spring), Lavender (summer), and Verbena (autumn) provide a continuous nectar source for pollinators for over six months of the year. This approach is also more sustainable and will, hopefully, lead to long-term cost savings. We will plant the Park Lane, Landings roundabout once the heat wave subsides.

What We Plan to Do in the Future

Woodland & Tree Management

Thinning & Coppicing: We will selectively thin dense areas to make the remaining trees stronger, leaving the cut wood on the forest floor. The Trust emphasised that deadwood is a premium habitat; over 650 UK insect species rely on it, and leaving log piles will provide homes for mosses, fungi, amphibians, and hibernating mammals.

A Splash of Blossom: We will be planting around 10 cherry trees along the Woodcock's fence and adding another 10 cherry trees directly into the meadow, alongside extra silver birches across the wider site.



Introducing an Orchard: New apple trees will be planted at The Landings roundabout to introduce food for wildlife.

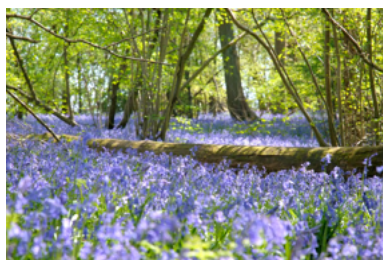
Care & Maintenance: We will follow a specific tree shaping schedule from our recent tree report and maintain a strict pruning regime tailored to correct seasonal timings.

Meadow & Flora Planting

The Meadow Project: We will source additional wildflower seeds to ensure our dedicated meadow area improves and grows denser year after year. We

will aim for native, regional provenance seeds to match our local landscape genetics.

Woodland Understory: We plan to introduce more native woodland flora, including sweet violets, foxgloves, and a significant expansion of bluebells..



Park Lane Enhancements: We will be growing a beautiful wisteria against the wall at the Park Lane main barrier to add a vertical splash of colour.

Nursery & Plant Propagation

Cost-Saving Cuttings: We will take cuttings from existing healthy site shrubs to grow new stock, helping to minimise future procurement costs.

Natural Weed Defence: We plan to grow lavender and creeping thyme from cuttings, which will act as beautiful, aromatic, and entirely natural deterrents to suppress unwanted weeds.

Cloche Infrastructure: We will set up two additional cloches to rear Russian Sage, utilising the timber salvaged from the moorings.

Wildlife Habitat & Hedgerows



A57 Noise and Nesting Barrier: We will continue to transform the hedge along the A57 by trimming only the sides and leaving the top to grow taller and thicker. This will create a natural sound barrier for our community and prime nesting real estate for birds.

Hedgerow In-Filling: We are identifying gaps in all other existing hedgerows across the estate and will be filling them with native trees and shrubs.

Trails & Public Footpaths

The Circuit Extension: We will extend our current footpaths to create a complete, continuous walking circuit around the estate for residents.

Points of Interest: As you complete your walks, you will find bird houses and complementary botanical plantings integrated along the paths to create engaging "interest points" across the grounds.

Looking Ahead

Please note that these plans are long-term and will be completed in stages. This phased approach ensures we manage our budget effectively, distributing expenses sustainably over time while allowing our newly planted habitats the necessary time to mature naturally.

Thanks to Estate Manager Charlotte for the preparation of this report.

Also to all the gardening team, for their past and future commitment to the estate.

They all ensure that Burton Waters is such a wonderful environment for all of us that are fortunate enough to live here.