

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

BACKGROUND INFORMATION



Braunstone Town

Braunstone Town with a population in 2011 Census of 16,850 (8371 Males and 8479 Females) is the most densely populated area in Blaby District and one of the largest parishes in England (494 hectares).

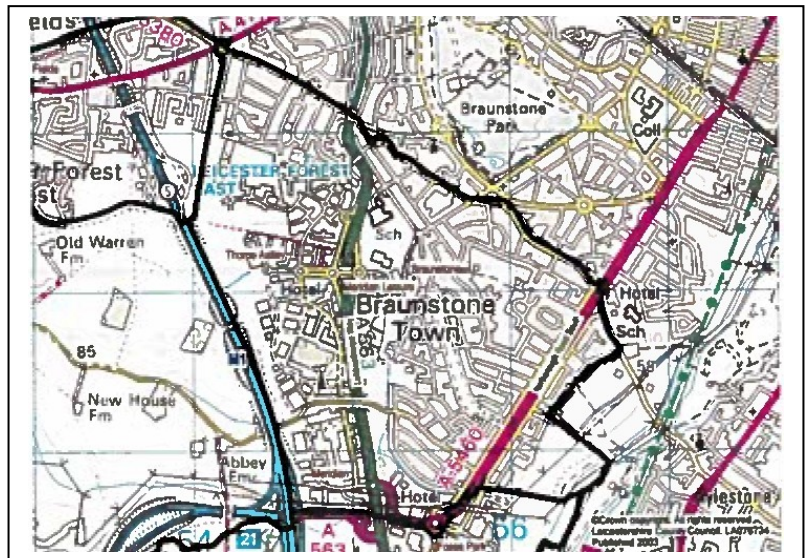
The settlement of Braunstone was mentioned in the Domesday Book (1068). It remained a small picturesque village with a population of around 200 people until Leicester Corporation purchased its Braunstone Hall estate in 1925.

In 1935 the part of Braunstone on the city side of Braunstone Lane became the North Braunstone Ward of the City of Leicester, and the parish of Braunstone in compensation had part of Lubbethorpe added to its boundary.



Braunstone's population rose to 6,997 in 1931 and since this time it has expanded as a mainly residential area. Braunstone adopted 'Town' status in 1977. In 1994 planning consent was granted for the new Thorpe Astley residential development. Other new residential developments which have recently received planning consent include the Thomas Cook and Jones & Shipman sites.

Braunstone Town is situated south west of the City of Leicester at the M1/M69 Junction 21. Due to its excellent transport links, the area has also attracted some large scale commercial developments including the Meridian Business Park and the Warner Brothers' Leisure Village.



These, together with Fosse Park and Grove Farm Triangle Shopping Centres located adjacent to the southern boundary of the Town provide excellent employment and shopping opportunities.





Braunstone Town Council

Serving the people of Braunstone Town (inc. Thorpe Astley)

Braunstone Town Council is the parish authority for the Town and provides a wide range of social and recreational facilities, as well as promoting the interests of the town in its representation to other bodies. The Council works in partnership with the larger District Council and County Council to provide and supplement local government services within the town area.

The Town Council has been accredited under the Local Council Awards Scheme' in 2016, which demonstrates that it is representative, in touch with our communities, competent and capable of taking on an enhanced role.



The Council comprises 21 members who are elected every four years. Each year the Council elects from amongst its number the Town Mayor, the Deputy Town Mayor, Leader of the Council and Deputy Leader of the Council.

The full Council meets six times a year. The Council has three standing committees: Policy & Resources, Community Development and Planning & Environment, along with an advisory group - Citizens Advisory Panel.

The Council employs 23 full and part-time staff. The Chief Officer is the Executive Officer & Town Clerk, Darren Tilley, who is responsible for implementing the decisions of the Council and providing independent, objective and professional advice, information and administrative support to the Council.

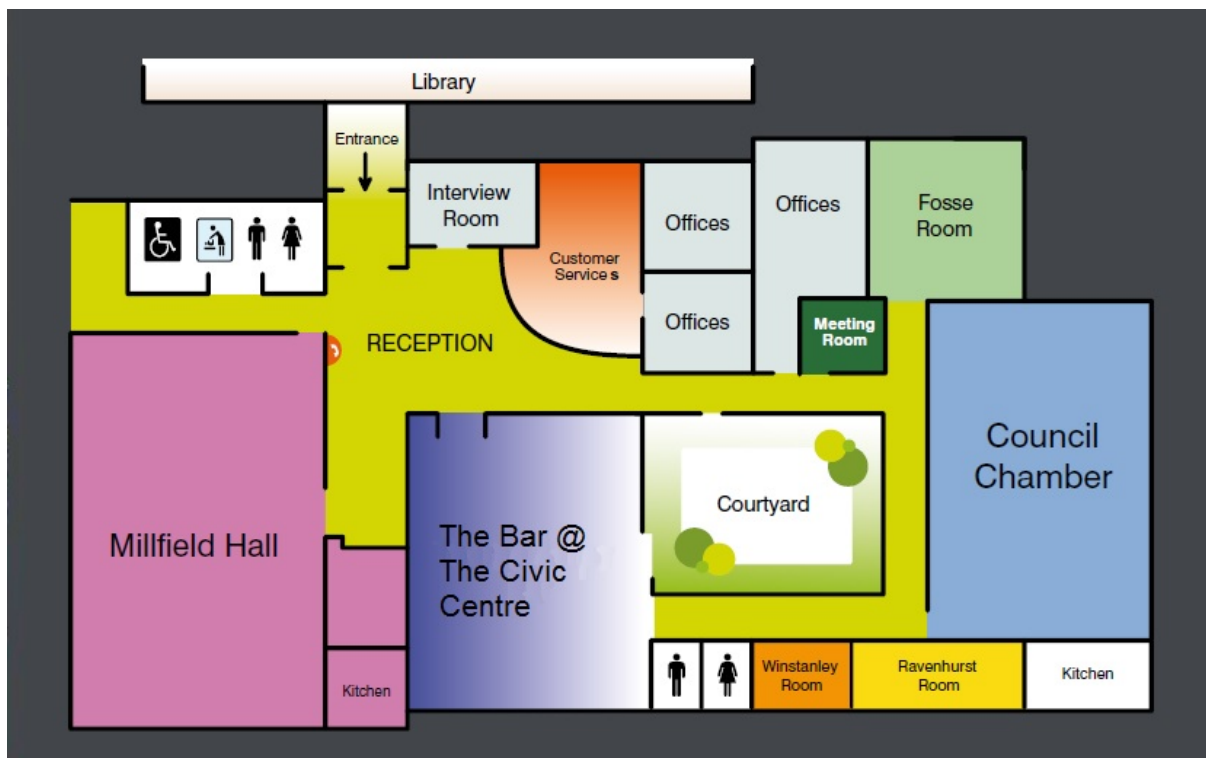
MISSION STATEMENT

"We exist to ensure that local services and the environment reach the highest possible standards within the resources available to citizens, visitors and those who work in Braunstone Town; to provide a focus for civic pride; to listen, identify and respond to agreed local needs; and to help develop a strong, secure, self reliant, self confident community, free from unlawful discrimination."

The Town Council is a single corporate body and the decisions it takes are the responsibility of the Council as a whole. The Council is responsible for the services it provides. It establishes policies for action and decides how money will be raised and spent lawfully and without risk, achieving best value for money on behalf of the community. The Council works within the overall structure of local government to get the best deal for local people.

Braunstone Civic Centre

Braunstone Civic Centre is licensed for music, singing and dancing. A theatre license may be obtained by prior arrangement. Guide Dogs, Hearing & Guide Dogs are welcome in all areas of the Civic Centre. Wheelchair users and pushchairs are catered for as the Civic Centre is a single story building with easy access to all areas with no steps and wide corridors and doors.



Millfield Hall



Maximum Capacities:

Theatre Seating	240
Seating with tables	200
Seating with dancing	200

Dimensions

Millfield Hall	- 22.5m x 12.5m
Millfield Stage	- 12.5m x 3.96m x 1.22m

The Millfield hall is a large hall available for events and family parties. There is a large stage with stage lighting. Extension blocks for the stage are available. The Millfield Hall is fully air-conditioned. Variable coloured mood lighting.

Council Chamber



Maximum Capacities:

Theatre Seating	100
Seating with tables	80

Dimensions

Council Chamber - 11.8m x 8.7m.

Available for smaller family events, conference meeting etc. The room is fitted with air extraction, spot lights and a wooden floor.

Committee Rooms



A selection of rooms are available for meetings or social occasions for smaller groups. All rooms are fully carpeted, curtained and fitted with fans. The Ravenhurst and Winstanley Rooms can be used as one large room or as 2 smaller rooms.

Kitchens

The Council Chamber, Ravenhurst and Millfield Hall have modern fitting kitchens available to hire in conjunction with room hire. Both kitchens have a large cooker, fridge, dishwasher and tea urn. The Civic Centre can also provide hot flasks/cups, tea/coffee etc, bottled water for a modest charge.

Programme of Events

Braunstone Town Council organises a series of events during September to April including bands, quizzes, barn dances, craft fairs, pantomimes plus much more. Local groups and charities organise the events and the Town Council provides the room, tickets and publicity. Net proceeds are donated to the group. Brochures promoting all the events are distributed in August.

Thorpe Astley Community Centre

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The Main Hall



Maximum Capacities:

Theatre Style	100
Seating with tables	80

Dimensions

13m x 9.45m

The Main Hall is available for family events, conferences meetings and recreational purposes. The hall has a wooden floor and serving hatch into the kitchen/bar.

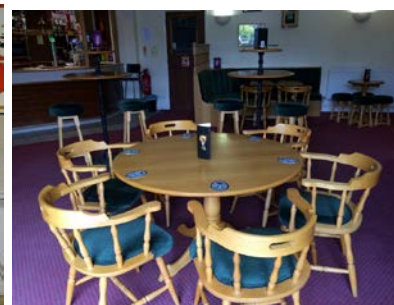
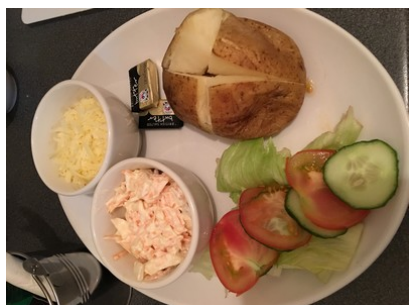
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A selection of rooms are available for meetings or social occasions for smaller groups. The large meeting room and activity room can be combined and used as one large room if necessary. These rooms are fully carpeted and fitted with blinds. A hatch is available into the kitchen from the activity room.

The Civic Community Lounge

Monday - Thursday	12:00 - 14:30	19:00 - 23:00
Friday	Open all day	12:00 - 23:30
Saturday	Open all day	12:00 - 23:30
Sunday	Open all day	12:00 - 22:30

The Bar is available for all functions booked at the Civic Centre and can be open from 10am if required.



The Bar currently has Sky Sports and BT Sports full packages and show all matches during opening hours.

There is a patio area for customers to use.

There is a new food menu and the full menu is served during lunch times and cold cobs and burgers all day until 10pm daily.

The Bar is open to the public and families are welcome.

Fortnightly quiz on a Sunday at 8pm. £1 per person.