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The regular newsletter of



Brookvale
Community Association

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Brookvale In Bloom

Garden Judging: Tuesday 14th July

Prize Awards by Post end of July

Winners announced by our Mayor

Results on Facebook, Website & in next Blurb #85

Enquiries: info@brookvale.org.uk

Remembering George Street:



For all the latest local news, events and information:

www.brookvale.org.uk

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Brookvale In Bloom 2020!

14th July garden judging will take place observing the distancing rules.

For those entering BCA supplied Fuchsias, judging details will be sent in July.

We will arrange for the garden prize



winner photos to be forwarded, also observing the distancing rules, to The Worshipful the Mayor of Basingstoke

Diane Taylor to write a personal message to accompany each poster winner's prize rosette.



Virtual Cake?

Local Heroes

In these difficult times when people are isolated, we have mainstream media focus on race and age related issues, in spite of habitual community apathy and low voter turnout; it is essential to thank our community heroes for their outstanding contributions:

Arun Mummalaneni volunteered to collect and deliver prescriptions and found that (like the nurse in tears on the TV) medical professionals on 12 hour shifts suffered with closed facilities and when they came off shift, found empty supermarket shelves, couldn't make a hot meal and went to sleep hungry.

He organised unpaid volunteers to give up their rest and relaxation time to cook hot meals within Carnival Hall and then deliver on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings to most of the hospital campus buildings & Crown Heights Pharmacy.



Hospital Modernisation

More information on the programme, is available at:

www.hampshiretogether.nhs.uk

Public engagement focuses on a listening document, which is available on the site. Use the **Your Views** section to have your say online, in the comment form. Follow the programme on:

www.facebook.com/hampshiretogether

www.twitter.com/HampshireMOHHS

BAME Lives Matter!

In these difficult times, Media tracking of Covid-19 deaths, including by the Nursing Times, indicated more Black, Asian & Minority Ethnic (BAME) people died during the CoronaVirus pandemic than other backgrounds.

These concerns led ministers in May to instruct Public Health England (PHE) to investigate the health inequalities faced by BAME people during the pandemic.

PHE's report, published in June, confirmed that people from BAME groups had a higher mortality risk from Covid-19 than in those white ethnic groups.

It also confirmed concerns that people from BAME backgrounds were over-represented in the Covid-19 death toll among NHS staff, including nurses and healthcare assistants

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) said the pandemic "shone a light on long-standing, structural race inequality in Britain" and they will hold an inquiry into impact of Covid-19 on ethnic minorities.

Also, Basingstoke Town MP Maria Miller asked UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson to look at systemic racism in government and she launched a local inquiry to look into the lives of ethnic minority people in Basingstoke.

(BAME) residents will be able to give their evidence of the good and bad of living in Basingstoke.

Maria pledged to share this evidence with public services, businesses and communities, to find solutions by working together.

Contact Maria Page 4 Column 4

Visiting your Doctor:

Thanks to the support of North Hants Clinical Commissioning Group, our volunteers, our colleagues from other Basingstoke GP Practices, and most of all our staff, we have continued to work throughout the pandemic. In order to be able to do this safely we have:



CAMROSE, GILLIES & HACKWOOD PARTNERSHIP

The Red Hub and Drive Through

for patients we need to see face to face with respiratory symptoms, temperatures or COVID symptoms. Using the drive through and stringent infection control measures within St. Andrews means patients can access medical care safely.

The Amber Hub at Gillies Health

Centre for patients we need to see face to face but for other medical reasons. This includes routine nursing appointments for dressings, blood tests, screening. Again, by staff and clinicians wearing full PPE, we can keep our patients and staff safe.

The Green Hub at Essex House

for patients who are pregnant and need to see the midwife, and for babies and small children to have their vaccinations.

The Home Visiting Hub

for housebound patients who need treatment from a GP or nurse. Clinicians wear full PPE to ensure everyone is as safe as possible.

Patients with a face to face appointment will be asked to wait in their car and be called in when the clinician is ready. Temperatures are checked on arrival.

If you have symptoms you are worried about (eg a lump, bleeding, your child is unwell and you are concerned, or for your routine care, please contact your GP surgery. We can speak to you and see you safely.

Contact us via NHS App

or phone 01256 479747

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DSC Report

Refreshing Lower Brook Street Pocket Park

This is now complete, providing a solid surface for those who parked on the grass.

Leisure Park

New River Retail Annual Report & Accounts for 2019:

Basingstoke Leisure Park

In March 2018, we exchanged contracts with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council on a development agreement for a 66-acre leisure park in a prominent location in Basingstoke, near Junction 6 of the M3 motorway.

Capitalising on the growing popularity of integrated leisure and retail, our proposals currently comprise approximately 500,000 sq ft of leisure and 200,000 sq ft of designer outlet shopping. We are confident that this unique combination of leisure and designer outlet shopping will appeal to the local community and a catchment significantly beyond Basingstoke in one of the UK's most affluent regions. To facilitate this development, we have entered into a long-term Development Agreement with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council which is conditional on achieving planning consent and pre-lets as well as a viability assessment, amongst other conditions. In the event that the development becomes unconditional, NewRiver will be granted a 250-year leasehold interest.

"There were also many mentions of using permitted development rights for residential conversion to "support opportunities to use the airspace above existing residential and commercial premises for new homes" (700,000 sqft).

DSC Meetings

These are postponed until the CoronaVirus restrictions are lifted due to the challenges of sharing documents onscreen during a live virtual meeting.

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Who were the advertisers above?



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Support During Isolation

Government grants were provided to local authorities to provide extra support during the epidemic.

In addition to calling 01256-844844 Option 2 to discuss your needs, your Local Community Hubs are:

Salvation Army Hub for Brookvale & Kings Furlong:
Gail Westwood-Payne
01256 328178
basingstoke@salvationarmy.org.uk
Food shopping,
Prescription Collections

Carnival Hall Hub for Town Centre & Eastrop:
Arun Mummalaneni
07894 708983
Food Shopping
Prescription Collections
Food Boxes
Meals for NHS staff
BAME

Co-Ordinated by the RVS there are now a phenomenal 750,000 NHS Volunteer Responders signed up to relieve pressure on the NHS in England by supporting 2.5M people most at risk to stay safe and well at home:

<https://www.goodsamapp.org/NHS>

The "NHS GoodSAM Responder" App enables you to locate a local volunteer:

Community Response Volunteer
Involves collecting shopping, medication or other essential supplies for someone who is self-isolating, and delivering these supplies to their home. 📦

Patient Transport Volunteer
Supports the NHS by providing transport to patients who are medically fit for discharge, and ensuring that they are settled safely back in to their home. 🚗

NHS Transport Volunteer
Involves transporting equipment, supplies and/or medication between NHS services and sites, it may also involve assisting pharmacies with medication delivery. 📦

Check-in and Chat Volunteer
Provides short-term telephone support to individuals who are at risk of loneliness as a consequence of self-isolation. 📞

BCA Trustee News

Village Hall Closed

Until we are contacted by the Council to re-open the hall to Covid-19 safe guidelines, **our scheduled 2020 events maybe cancelled!**

Volunteers

We still need volunteers during restrictions for hall cleaning, repairing, redecorating, care-taking & research. Also, a regular Community Gardener to tend grass, flowers, fruit, veg & compost.



www.brookvale.org.uk/volunteering
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Opportunities to increase your skills & CV

Cycle Basingstoke responded to the HCC request for suggestions



to make more space for cycling and walking around the town using the additional government funds to stimulate outdoor exercise during the CoronaVirus restrictions. Use this interactive map to log your transport suggestions:

<https://hantscovidtravelmap.commonplace.is/>

We are continually requesting safe, consistent and joined-up cycling routes between developments in and around town.

What is missing from this picture of the "cheese grater"?



Here is a really practical access to one's "local":

Currently unclear if body-builders are expected to safely lift their electric bike up these steps!

www.cyclebasingstoke.org.uk
cyclebasingstoke2@gmail.com

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Activities

Village Hall scheduled 2020 user group meetings are cancelled until September.

Victoria Pre-School Sarum Hill

Mon to Thur 9am - 3pm &
Fri 9am - 1pm (term time only).

Warm and friendly multicultural learning environment for children 2-5years old. Teachers qualified to Early Years degree level 3 with Makaton comms skills.

OFSTED "Good" rating twice in last 3 years.



Committed and hard working staff prepare children's next learning stages with fun activities in construction, mark making, creativity, reading and "small world". Secure outside area & visits to market, library and park. Keeping healthy and major calendar cultural events learnings.

Victoria Preschool Facebook
Michelle: 07939190589

The Impostress
A real life Moll Flanders
Dishonest Adventures
Presented by Bob Clarke
(18+ only)

BCA BVH Weds 12th August
7-30pm (free)

Neighbourhood Watch
Queens Road:
Phil & Val 01256-421621

Christmas Fair

Gifts, crafts, plants, & cakes!

Sunday 29th Nov Midday-4pm

BCA Community Coffee Morning

Meet neighbours & volunteers.



Each weekly Thursday 10:30am
& Each 2nd Saturday 10:30am
Brookvale Village Hall
Issues, ideas, events & support
Free first hot drink!

Upcoming Meetings

Brookvale Village Hall contacts.

Committee Meetings
Management Committee (Zoom):
Monthly 1st Thursday at 7:30pm
info@brookvale.org.uk

Development Sub-Committee:
Weds 15th Jul & 18th Nov at 7:30pm
Malcolm 01256-364498 (Postponed)

Brookvale Baby & Toddler Group
Term time

Mondays: 10am – 11.30am
£2 per session, per family
Catherine 07957109970
info@brookvale.org.uk

National Childbirth Trust
Coffee 'n Chat

Drop in each Friday:
10am – Midday.
£2 per session, per family
0844 243 6041
coordinator.basingstoke@nct.org.uk

Yoga for Pregnancy
Mum's relaxation session
Tuesdays at: 5:30pm & 7:30pm.
yfp@basingstokenct.org.uk

Wu Shu Kwan
Fitness, confidence, self-defence:
Sundays: 5pm – 7pm
07449 673036

Taoist Tai Chi
Wednesdays: 2pm-3:30pm
01256-882534

Muddy Fingers Gardening Club 2-5yr
Tuesdays 10am—11am
Permanently cancelled
info@muddyfingersgardeningclub.co.uk

CoronaVirus (Covid 19)
—Do NOT go to:
Surgery, Pharmacy,



Hospital—
Get advice from:
Call: 111 Click: <https://111.nhs.uk>

1. Answer questions about your main symptom
2. Find out when and where to get help
3. Be contacted by a Nurse, if needed

If you have continuous cough,
high temperature, diarrhoea,
vomiting or flu-like symptoms,
Do NOT visit!

BCA Information

Brookvale Website:
www.brookvale.org.uk

Brookvale Village Hall Enquiries:
info@brookvale.org.uk

Hall Booking Agent:
booking@brookvale.org.uk

Brookvale Lottery:
Cathy Mawer,
Lottery Promoter
lottery@brookvale.org.uk

Local Development issues:
Malcolm MacInnes,
Chair, Development-Sub Committee
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Your Ward Councillors are:
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Councillor Jack Cousens
07912 012746
cllr.jack.cousens@basingstoke.gov.uk

Your County Councillor is:
Councillor Michael Westbrook
(01256) 351218
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Your Town MP is:
Maria Miller MP
(020) 7219 5749
maria.miller.mp@parliament.uk

Police Safer Neighbourhood Team:
SGT Trevor Taylor: 101 or
Basingstoke.Town.Police@hampshire.pnn.police.uk
<http://www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/my-neighbourhood/basingstoke/basingstoke-town/basingstoke-centre/>

Your CSPOs are:
Thomas Bark & Paula Bradley
01256 845383
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