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The regular newsletter of



Brookvale  
Community Association

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Community Ward Residents' news: \* Town Centre \* Kings Furlong \* Brookvale Conservation Area

## **BROOKVALE IN BLOOM!** **Garden Judging 21st July**

**Extra points for a recycled item!**

**Prize-Giving Tea Party Sunday 8th August 3pm**

[info@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:info@brookvale.org.uk)

[https://brookvale.org.uk/whats\\_on/brookvale\\_in\\_bloom](https://brookvale.org.uk/whats_on/brookvale_in_bloom)

## **Remembering Winchester Road:**



For all the latest local news, events and information:

[www.brookvale.org.uk](http://www.brookvale.org.uk)

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## Patient Participation Group (PPG) for Camrose, Gillies & Hackwood (CGH)

- Do you belong to the CGH Doctor's Surgery?
- Do you know what a PPG is?

We suspect many of you do not know what that three-letter acronym stands for, so we'd like to introduce ourselves!

We are a group of 18 volunteer patients and carers who meet formally every two months with practice representatives from the Camrose, Gillies and Hackwood Partnership.

We discuss and share information and feedback in a very constructive and collaborative two-way dialogue.

Our primary purpose is:

- To be a representative voice of patients in raising relevant issues to the practice.
- To contribute towards continual improvement in the services provided by the practice.

We also meet informally once a month, currently via Zoom.

We share anonymous feedback and conversations we have had from patients, discuss what is working well, what needs to be improved and agree strategy and what items should be put on the agenda for the next formal meeting with the practice.

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### We want to hear from you!

In order to represent patients, you need to know we exist, and we need to get feedback from you.

You may contact the PPG for any practice operational matter you wish to raise:

- **What is working well at the surgery ?** - What should we continue and enhance ?
- **What is not working so well ?** - What needs to be investigated and improved ?

Please visit fill in the patient survey on the practice web site:

<https://www.cghpartnership.co.uk/contact/friends-family-test/>

### IMPORTANT NOTE

If you have a medical condition or a clinical matter between you and a Doctor/Nurse, any complaint about this must be addressed to the Practice Manager.

### Would you like to join us ?

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers who are passionate about helping your community and improving medical services. We want to be fully representative of our patient population and do not currently have representatives from Young adults and Young mothers.

To join us or find out a bit more about what we do, please get in touch via the practice web site and clicking on the PPG link: <https://www.cghpartnership.co.uk/patient-participation/>



## Kings Furlong News

**Winchester Road** "back in the day" pics are featured on our front page. More about the Alton railway in our Blurb Back issues #80, 77 and 71, which are available as hard copy or online on our website.

Also, please share your pics and memories with us at: [info@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:info@brookvale.org.uk)

### Back Garden new home opposite Salvation Army

Unsure who will buy this "bungalow" in a prime location on a corner of the service road without much garden?

### Culver Road 2 Saints Hostel

Residents are opposed to this when it will be unsafe for children to play outside with the lack of regular visible police patrolling persons presence (and "small hours lights out").

### Jaybees Best One

Are a local stockist for Bramley Bakery mega Chocolate Eclairs, Belgian Buns, Bread Pudding, Eccles Cakes and more!

### SR Pharmacy

Are a local stockist for the metal shielded plastic card holders that are expensive to buy elsewhere.



*I'm confused now. Are you going to Portugal next week, or not?*

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## BCA Trustee News

**We will advise if restrictions may be further relaxed/dropped, once we achieve UK Govt 21st June 2021 "Step 4".**

This may affect our 26th June BCA Thornycroft event. In the meantime, Hirers are gradually signing up to Covid Secure Special Conditions of Hire.

Latest projects in progress include fencing for our toddler garden and a display screen.

Welcome to our 3 new Ward Councillors and County Councillor. Our area boundary now includes Town Centre with Brookvale and Kings Furlong. Our website undergoing continuous improvement (your suggestions welcome) now includes a new Electoral tab where you can find out about electoral, boundary and census changes. Your elected councillors listed on Page 4 Column 4).

**Our "BCA" at Lower Brook Street is an unpaid volunteer charity run on non-political community lines.**

We clarify that we only accept community donations and community project funding. We apologise for any confusion arising from "BCA" at Bounty Road political canvassing leaflets listing community grants.

**Volunteers** needed for: Baking, caretaking, social & compliance researchers, newshounds:



[www.brookvale.org.uk/volunteering](http://www.brookvale.org.uk/volunteering)  
[malcolm@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:malcolm@brookvale.org.uk)

**Increasing skills & CV Opportunities**

## DSC News

Again the English Planning System is being modified to prioritise delivery over conservation directives and community involvement. Please can you again contact your Councillors to make your views known that communities must continue to be democratically engaged in planning matters and the high street. It is unacceptable that foreign owners can buy up UK M3 J7 land & construct buildings on crop land & destroy biodiversity without mitigating warming during this climate emergency.



## Town News

### Festival Place

Hemmingway Design recently consulted on ideas for Festival Place to "bounce back better".

With retail units less likely to be fully occupied, we should guard against automatically turning them all into flats without any Building Control approvals.

Many good ideas were received which we hope are under active consideration. In addition to attracting "high-end" retail into Festival Place, there should be frequent retail promotional activities to attract customers and keep their children occupied. In addition to the usual "pop-up" opportunities created by the latest departures of Jessops & Debenhams, "retail mix profiling" should be identified to pull in "desirable" retailers to broaden "the sales offer".

"Peripheral activities" to increase footfall, include rejoining the canal towards Festival Place and big scale leisure events around town to pull in the crowds by resurrecting Balloons Over Basingstoke, Music in the Park, annual ring road electric cart race, Eastrop inland beach, permanent funfair & "eye".

### Top of Town

Join and help the **Friends of the Top of the Town** by requesting a feedback form from Kishor at Suriya's or Olly at Willows.

Meetings are in progress with the Council to address the lack of wardens, get empty retail units occupied, increase the "retail offer" by holding monthly themed markets to promote differing product groupings and arts and cultural events and festivals from around the world, and set up a permanent indoor market in the old Heart Foundation furniture showroom in Winchester Street or the previous Post Office building in London Street.

Close attention must be paid to presenting the Top of Town as clean, tidy and welcoming, without being pespered by the homeless.

### Flaxfield Road

With drug taking behind properties, bicycle stolen from a garden, then recently on an early Monday evening, two balaclavered individuals arrested jacking up a resident's car to remove the exhaust catalyser. Patrols needed!

## Moose International

### One Moose – GB Association

Moose was established in Great Britain in 1922 and grew steadily. From 1945 growth increased with comrades returning from conflicts and our ladies from essential services. All sought companionship and life purpose and found it in Moose.

We continue in the hope that the precepts of our founders are still sound. Human nature does not change. Our young families need help (not all kids have parents and grandparents to help), children need love and help and as their school days come to an end they will need vocational guidance. Young parents need advice and practical help and as we all age we of course will all need help as well. The state offered social services of today are not all embracing.

Having provided for yourself and your loved ones what remains? Possessions, short term diversions and entertainments; these are soon realised to offer no lasting sense of achievement.

How much better to hold high the fraternal regard for our brothers and sisters and enjoy some good company. To have preparedness to give service yet expect no reward. To have a fearless resolve in the face of critics to see a wrong righted. To have a say. These things raise us above the mundane. "No person stands so high as when stooping to help a child".

Moose in the UK continues, in Basingstoke we have The Moose Centre in Glebe Gardens. If you haven't already, please join us, everyone is made very welcome.

Please call:  
Ted or Pam:  
01256 324313



Also see: [mooseintluk.org](http://mooseintluk.org)

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**Activities**

**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. **Open as normal.**

**Victoria Preschool Facebook**  
Michelle: 07939190589

**3Cs Lottery Winners:**

**Costs £12-10** per year, includes annual membership fee. See column 3 to enquire & help.

**Nov 2020**

- £50 488 Highfield Chase
- £20 25 Lower Brook Street
- £10 460 Lower Brook Street

**Dec 2020**

- £50 648 Rayleigh Road
- £20 796 Solbys Road
- £10 121 George Street

**Jan 2021**

- £50 1014 Downsland Parade
- £20 802 Solbys Road
- £10 841 Southend Road

**Feb 2021**

- £50 43 Lower Brook Street
- £20 141 George Street
- £10 802 Solbys Road

**Mar 2021**

- £50 48 Lower Brook Street
- £20 320 Winterthur Way
- £10 124 George Street

**Apr 2021**

- £50 509 Highfield Chase
- £20 337 Queens Road
- £10 338 Queens Road



**Stay Alert-Control Virus-Save Lives**

**Meetings & Events**

**Committee Meetings:**

**Management Committee (Zoom):**  
**Monthly 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 7:30pm**  
[info@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:info@brookvale.org.uk)

**Development Sub-Committee:**  
**Not sitting until restrictions lifted**  
**Malcolm 01256-364498**

**Brookvale Village Hall activities:**  
**(confirm restrictions with provider)**

**Pilates**

Getting people moving again  
**Tues/Weds: 6pm**  
[info@return2movement@gmail.com](mailto:info@return2movement@gmail.com)

**Pop Up Play Village**

Role play world for pre-school  
**2nd, 4th Weds: 10am**  
[info@return2movement@gmail.com](mailto:info@return2movement@gmail.com)

**Caterpillar Music**

Music & sensory sessions: 0-4yrs  
**Thurs am: 9:45, 10:40, 11:35, 12:45**  
[jasminecarthy@caterpillarmusic.com](mailto:jasminecarthy@caterpillarmusic.com)

**Forever Young Dance**

Classes for 3 to 10 year olds:  
**Sat am: 9, 10**  
[hello@fydc.co.uk](mailto:hello@fydc.co.uk)

**Brookvale Village Hall events:**

**BCA Thornycroft Day**  
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021 Free!**  
Midday- 4pm Brookvale Village Hall RG21 7RP



Works photos, model railways, static trucks, Made In Basingstoke factory memorabilia, works canteen tuckshop, retro displays, war women, spy patrol and more

**THORNYCROFT TO MY DRIVER**

Look after me, please, and treat me well. Hundreds of men laboured hundreds of hours to build me and I cost a lot of money. You and your fellow citizens and contractors in areas combined towards my cost and if I am neglected or damaged all this great effort and expense may have been in no purpose. Treat me well and together we shall serve our country well.

**Raise £25K for the hall replica factory clock: heritage & people, messaging & community**

Donations to the Thornycroft Clock Project  
Call 01256 364498 or email [brock@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:brock@brookvale.org.uk)

V2 - Subject to UK Govt Restrictions - Exhibitors Welcome!

**The Impostress**  
**A real life Moll Flanders**  
**Dishonest Adventures**  
**Presented by Bob Clarke**  
**(18+ only)**  
**BCA BVH Wed 11th Aug**  
**2021 7-30pm (free) 18+**

**Wash Hands-Cover Face-Make Space**

**Information**

**Brookvale Website:**  
[www.brookvale.org.uk](http://www.brookvale.org.uk)  
**Brookvale Village Hall Enquiries:**  
[info@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:info@brookvale.org.uk)  
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[booking@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:booking@brookvale.org.uk)  
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Cathy Mawer,  
Lottery Promoter  
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**Local Development issues:**  
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Maria Miller MP  
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[maria.miller.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:maria.miller.mp@parliament.uk)

**Police Safer Neighbourhood Team:**  
SGT Trevor Taylor: **101** or  
[hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:hampshire.pnn.police.uk)  
<http://www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/my-neighbourhood/basingstoke/basingstoke-town/basingstoke-centre/>

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Informing, Supporting, Entertaining,  
Representing residents since 1973:  
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