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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

Happy Covid Safe Christmas Holiday

To all our readers, residents and volunteers



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Remembering The Snow:



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www.brookvale.org.uk

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

Jameson House, signposted & located behind Chineham Tesco's, are now arranging over 50 year olds **Covid Vaccination** booster appointments.

Also, GPs or Consultants will contact immunosuppressed 12-15 year olds who are with, or live with a family member, for their vaccinations. All other 12-15 year olds will be vaccinated at school.

Like all GP practices, CGH Surgeries are currently experiencing high service demand levels.

Please use E-consult for non-urgent matters; or if you require more urgent medical attention, please contact the surgery on 01256 479747, or go in to Reception for help.

If CGH is closed, please ring 111 for assistance. Always ring 999 for anything life threatening.

For up-to-date information and help with a full range of subjects, please visit our CGH website: www.cghpartnership.co.uk

Up-to-date Patient Details are important and should any details change, e.g. email address, mobile/phone number, please contact us to update your records.

You may be asked for your ethnicity to help identify risk factors, as some patient groups are more at risk of certain diseases, and some have specific care needs.

This ensures we always give the appropriate care and understand the needs of our patients, deliver services fairly to everyone who needs them, and improve public health by ensuring our services are reaching all local communities.

Thank-you for your co-operation in keeping our records up to date.
CGH/PPG/October 2021

The CGH group have recently taken over running the Popley Burmuda surgery from De 2022.

There is a petition for the return of face to face consultation:

<https://chnq.it/jnbLzdmhyt>

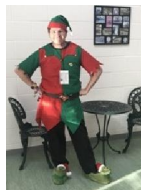
But GPs are still under pressure:

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/10/21/gps-ballot-strike-action-seeing-patients-face-to-face/>

The **National Association for Patient Participation** Charity no. 1187058, ran a national survey earlier this year & found almost half the patients rated access and choice of appointments as their number one concern. NAPP ask you (31Oct21) to share your personal anecdotes about:

- 1) Communication Setting
- 2) Appointment Timing
- 3) Who you see 4) Speed

community@napp.org.uk



Basingstoke NeighbourCare

received the prestigious Queen's Award for Voluntary Service from the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire Nigel Atkinson Esq. at a special gathering of Basingstoke NeighbourCare volunteers at the Apollo Hotel. At the event, the Lord Lieutenant, together with the Mayor of Basingstoke Cllr Onnalee Cubitt and Sean Keating a former Mayor were in attendance, when Mr Atkinson was able to finally present the Queen's Award in person, after the award in June 2020 during lockdown. The small group of volunteers witnessed receipt of a signed certificate from Her Majesty the Queen, and a crystal award with the QAVS insignia.

Welcoming the distinguished guests, Basingstoke NeighbourCare Chair Colin Hunsley said:

"This is a tremendous achievement which recognises the dedication, excellence and compassion of our volunteers who have continued to->

-> provide a service throughout the pandemic. While the award was made before Covid, it is recognition of the efforts and flexibility many of the volunteers have demonstrated which makes Basingstoke NeighbourCare the success it is. We all feel very honoured to be a part of an organisation receiving such a prestigious award."

The Lord Lieutenant explained that he had been a judge for the QAVS since it started, and that NeighbourCare's nomination was judged as being very special as the service it provides is much needed by the local community. He was also impressed to see that we support over 500 people in the local community, thanks to the enthusiasm and commitment of our trustees, volunteers, and supporters.

He added "NeighbourCare is a vital service to Basingstoke and Deane residents, especially those who are vulnerable by virtue of age or infirmity. NeighbourCare continues to make a hugely positive contribution to the quality of life and the wellbeing of all those who they support. We should be proud to have this service as part of our local community".

The QAVS is the highest honour that can be bestowed upon groups of this kind and is equivalent in status to the MBE and is awarded for life. There were only 230 winners in the UK in 2020, all of whom have been nominated by members of the public who have been helped personally by, or witnessed the benefits of, a group's work in their community.



From 1st Dec 2021 HMRC stops paying into Post Office Card accounts and wants an alternative account. This affects:
Child Benefit: 0300 200 3100
Tax Credits: 0345 300 3900.

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BCA Trustee News

Post Covid lockdown, the infections, hospitalisations & deaths are yet to reduce; BCA committee hosted events are run at non-mandatory reduced capacity, with hands face space & ventilate messages still recommended, as "best practice".

Our thanks for your recent donated Bourbons, Custard Creams & various biscuits for our Weekly Thursday 10:30am Coffee mornings :-)

Our 3 Ward Councillors hope to join us and meet you at our regular monthly second Saturday 10:30am coffee mornings.

Community organisation **Equipment Grants** £250 to £1000 until 31st March 2022 from your Councillors (Page 4 Column 4).

We have completed cycle cages and hoops, with fencing for our toddler garden ordered, & display screen for events considered.

A new BCA paid role has been created, for letting families in & out of our hall for activities, meetings & children's parties



Volunteers still needed for: caretaking, hosting & baking for coffee mornings & events, social & compliance research, newshounds, marketing, Trustees & Community Agent paid outreach.

Increasing skills & CV Opportunities
malcolm@brookvale.org.uk

AGM Thursday 9th Sept 7:30pm



We reviewed our compliance, policies, procedures and risks. Our thanks to Francesca for taking on this detailed work of updating our policies.



DSC News

With the declared Climate & Ecological Emergencies, developments are being challenged more than ever.

As time runs out, our recent Sustainability Day workshops heard about the latest climate trends, severe weather events, mitigation issues & psychological effects.

All development (& Council) policies are expected to embed carbon reduction to "Net Zero" by 2030, thus "pegging" the warming to +1.5° to be mandated at the COP26 conference.

Currently, developments, housing, traffic and farming are part of the problem (more of the same) and not part of the solution (Smart Business As Usual).

At Manydown, the Roman Villa is being investigated before ground works start. In a Climate Emergency, cheaper Future Homes not Passivhaus Standard are to be built. In a "water stressed" catchment, there will be no reservoir (nor Water sports) in the new country park. Like the homes at Park Prewett Spinney, there will be no main sewer connection.

At Hounsme Fields the "numbers" have shrunk due to "sewage limitations". Cycling route provision is "disjointed". This development "took out" the golf course mature trees & grass contributions to carbon sequestration & oxygenation.

M3 J7 Warehouse expected to trash an avenue of ancient oaks (supporting the highest number of species & drawing-down carbon), resubmitted without "Drawing the line" west of these oaks. Refused/Appealed.

M3 J6 quiet at the moment, no doubt we will hear more, eventually.

At the Leisure Park, New River walked away when there are post lockdown empty units in the Top of Town, Festival Place and Malls which need priority. Now is the time to support and repair existing facilities and expand the activity "offers" to compete with Reading.

Flaxfield Road "Hare & Hounds" under offer, no parking - two maisonettes?

www.basingstoke.gov.uk/complaint-form

A new Public Space Protection Order now applies to all of the town and surrounding parks to fine antisocial drinkers discouraging shoppers.

Closed recycling banks at:

www.basingstoke.gov.uk/recycling-sites

Council Tax+£5p.a.Car Parks+3%?

www.basingstoke.gov.uk/budget2021?

Deadline Sunday 30th Jan 2022

Town Centre

Vision and Masterplan Survey

After the Feb/Mar 2021 consultation, 3,300 residents, businesses & groups responded to the **Talk Basingstoke Survey**; 90% agreed that the town centre could be improved, 44% agreed that the town centre is full of interesting places to eat & drink, & 34% agreed that the town had great arts & culture attractions. These responses were grouped by 5 Design principles of **place, purpose, prosperity, progressive and participatory**, from which were derived 4 Vision principles below for Survey#2 ended 12Nov21):

1. A green town centre

- * Promoting health & Wellbeing
- * Supporting BioDiversity
- * Providing Climate Change Resilience

2. A compact town

- * Easier to walk & cycle for short trips
- * A Healthier population
- * A cleaner more attractive centre

3. A resilient town

- * Able to adapt to changing trends
- * A critical mass of people to support activities
- * Community & culture as well as commerce

4. A unique future

- * A distinctive historic & new hybrid
- * A place for creativity & innovation
- * Equipped for future challenges.

For "trip generators", the Indoor Market, Canal/Boathouse restaurant, inland beach/fountains are omitted. No detail of dual one way lanes (cars only + delivery/bus/taxi/cycle only) one way to two way roads & "traffic zones". Pedestrianising Lower Church St/ Church Sq/Timbertake Road vehicle access? Details of green space "improvements" and level changes at New St & at Rail Stn. "Great Wall" Mitigation?

www.talkbasingstoketowncentre.co.uk



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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.

May 2021

- £50 25 Lower Brook Street
- £20 769 Rochford Road
- £10 525 Highfield Chase

Jun 2021

- £50 601 Rayleigh Road
- £20 124 George Street
- £10 490 Deep Lane

Jul 2021

- £50 266 Queen's Road
- £20 440 Alexandra Road
- £10 1234 Longcroft Road

Aug 2021

- £50 237 George Street
- £20 521 Deep Lane
- £10 324 Queen's Road

Sep 2021

- £50 4 Lower Brook Street
- £20 498 Deep Lane
- £10 324 Queen's Road

BCA Christmas 2021 Events
All Invited

Tree/Hall Christmas Decorations

Sat 4th December 10-12:30am

Mince Pies

Sun 5th December 2:30-4pm

info@brookvale.org.uk

Stay Alert-Control Virus-Save Lives

Meetings & Events

Committee Meetings:

Management Committee (Zoom):

Monthly 1st Thursday at 7:30pm

info@brookvale.org.uk

Development Sub-Committee:

Not sitting until infections reduced

Malcolm 01256-364498

Brookvale Village Hall activities:

(confirm restrictions with provider)

Brookvale Toddler Group

From 22nd Nov - play & support

Mondays: 10am (term time)

brookvalemomsgroup@gmail.com

Basingstoke CSRF

Civil Servants, relatives & friends

1st Wednesdays: 10am

csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com

Caterpillar Music

Music & sensory sessions: 0-4yrs

Thurs: 9:45, 10:40, 11:35, 12:45am

jasmincarthy@caterpillarmusic.com

Forever Young Dance

Classes for 3 to 10 year olds:

Saturdays: 9 & 10am

hello@fydc.co.uk

Wu Shu Kwan

Fitness, confidence, self-defence:

Sundays: 5pm to 7pm

07449 673036



Neighbourhood Watch Queens Road:

Phil & Val 01256-421621

Cllr Surgery Coffee Morning

Meet, update, support, complain

2nd Sat: 10:30-12:30 am

Community Coffee Morning



Every Thur: 10:30-12:30 am

info@brookvale.org.uk

Hands-Face-Space-Ventilate

Information

Brookvale Website:

www.brookvale.org.uk

Brookvale Village Hall Enquiries:

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Hall Booking Agent:

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Brookvale Lottery:

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Lottery Promoter

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Your Town MP is:

Maria Miller MP

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Police Safer Neighbourhood Team:

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<http://www.hampshire.police.uk>

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Representing residents since 1973:

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