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**Brookvale**  
Community Association

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## Community Green Fair & Picnic



**10am—4pm on Saturday 15th September 2007**  
**Brookvale Village Hall & Victory Park, Lower Brook Street**

- Learn and discuss eco green issues and their benefits.
- Activities for all...
- Organic food
- Plant sale
- Cycling
- Recycling
- Green projects displays and stalls
- Eco lunchbox competition
- Eco musical instruments
- Eco mini box garden competition
- Eco story telling
- Childrens fabric painting and potato prints
- Plus lots more
- All welcome!

BAAG Concept Community Event hosted by Brookvale Community Association

## Green Fair and Picnic

Please see the main advertisement for this special event on the front page.

Come and join in with your whole community. There will be plenty to do and see for the whole family. Come along for part or all of the day and bring along a picnic (weather permitting) and sit with friends and neighbours in Victory Park.

**Eco lunchbox competition:** There will be a competition for the child who has brought along the best eco-friendly picnic (don't just think about the food but more importantly the packaging and waste!).

**Eco musical instruments:** Children are invited to bring along a homemade instrument made from recyclable items and get to play them. Judging will be at 3pm.

**Eco mini box garden competition:** Children can enter on the day by bringing their entry with them. Using a box as a base (no larger than an empty cereal box) fill it with sand or earth and create your own mini garden or landscape. Judging will be at 3pm.

We are also very fortunate to have special guests coming to read the children special eco stories and play music with drums (times to be confirmed).

## Brookvale AGM May 2007

The AGM was poorly attended with only the minimum 25 local residents needed to make the quorum.

The committee welcomed and thanked everyone for coming, and Ted Blackmore-Squires chaired the meeting. No new members came forward but the whole of the old committee were re-elected for another year. Moira Faul was re-elected to be Treasurer and Kate Robbins to be Secretary.

Pam Mansfield made a plea for help with the lottery otherwise it would have to be wound up. Thankfully, 2 people volunteered to help her. Therefore the lottery can continue.

The whole AGM took only 30 minutes and many stayed behind afterwards and enjoyed wine and nibbles and had a friendly chat with their neighbours.

A full report is available from our website:

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

## BCA Update Following the AGM

Unfortunately, since the AGM, 2 members are leaving the area for pastures new. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Moria (Treasurer) and Kate (Secretary) for all their hard work and support over the past year. They have both been great team members as well as good friends and will be greatly missed.

We advertised for new members to come forward. We are pleased to welcome 3 new Committee Members and will introduce them with further details in the next edition of Blurb. It is not too late to get involved and we will always welcome anyone who has a genuine interest in supporting the BCA.

## Next BCA Meeting

Our next Committee Meeting will be held at the Village Hall on Thursday 6th September at 7:30pm. All are welcome!

## Brookvale Youth Group

There is a positive intention to start a youth group which will be held at Brookvale Village Hall on Wednesday evenings from 7/7.30pm for one and a half hours. The group plans to start in January 2008. It will be jointly owned by the Brookvale Community Association and Town Centre Community Church and will cater for children in school years 7-9+ in Brookvale and the immediately surrounding areas.

More volunteers are needed to ensure the success of this new venture. If you are interested in helping with the group and would like to know more, please telephone Helen on Basingstoke (01256) 421141.

## Development Sub-Committee Update

Your Development Sub-Committee are continuing to review multiple development issues and consultations.

The Old Allotments was approved 3rd time round without proper regard for the infrastructure, access and safety issues which our Association will continue to pursue and disclaim liability.

Our next meeting will be held on 11th September in the hall and all are invited to attend.

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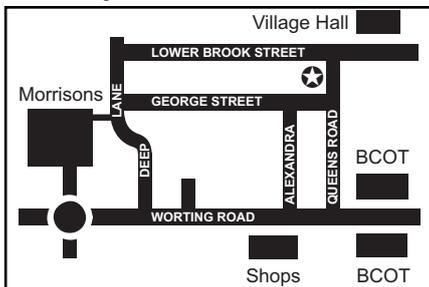
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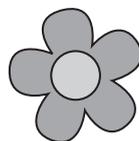
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Chris Hall, our Vulnerable Persons Officer, is here to represent the people of Brookvale on the Disability Forum for Basingstoke and Deane. The forum is completely independent of the Borough Council. Please remember that change can only be effected through the power of many voices. Please don't assume that just because a neighbour has complained, you don't have to.

If you have any complaints, Chris would like to hear from you. He can deal with matters ranging from access to lack of provision. These may include:

- Are there enough park benches?
- Is street furniture badly placed?
- Are pavements obstructed by wheelie bins left scattered?
- Are road work contractors providing ramped access around their works?
- Are you troubled by cars in pedestrian areas due to the absence of bollards etc?
- Are there barriers in pathways making it hard for you to access a certain area?
- Are your public transport needs met?
- Are the drop kerbs in the right places?
- Is a ramp gradient too steep?
- Is the manoeuvre around a corner too tight?
- Can you access all your local goods and services such as shops, doctors, dentist etc?
- Is the public walkway littered with glass or large objects?
- Is foliage overhanging causing a hazard or obstruction in a public area?

Are you unhappy that a planning application will cause access problems? All major applications have to undergo access audits and these can fail an application. When writing complaints on this matter please quote (a) planning reference number (b) proposal details

and (c) location details – all of which will be on the proposal letter.

Please contact Chris in writing by email [chris.hall@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:chris.hall@brookvale.org.uk) or by post to BCA c/o 169 Lower Brook Street, Basingstoke, RG21 7RP. All comments must include (a) site location (b) as much detail as you can about the problem (c) in case of a planning application/street audit you must also include the planning number (d) date the letter and provide your name and contact details.

**Accessible Holiday Accomodation**

If you have a child or family member that has a disability and find holidays impossible or problematic then there is a new website that may offer a solution [www.accesscentres.com](http://www.accesscentres.com)

**Every Disabled Child Matters Campaign**

Sign up at [www.edcm.org.uk](http://www.edcm.org.uk)

**RADAR publishes "Get Mobile" 2007/8**

RADAR is pleased to announce that the second edition of Get Mobile is now available free of charge from the RADAR office. This is an independent guide for disabled people who are thinking about purchasing a mobility scooter or powered wheelchair. The guide is published by RADAR with the kind support of the Motability Tenth Anniversary Trust.

Copies can be ordered from: RADAR, 12 City Forum, 250 City Road, London, EC1V 8AF.

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## Lottery Winners

### May 2007

1st (£50) Ms Christy (George Street)  
2nd (£30) Mr Lobbs (Solbys Road)  
3rd (£20) Mr & Mrs Coles (Rochford Rd)

### June 2007

1st (£50) Mrs Hammonds (Essex Road)  
2nd (£30) Mrs Elliott (Deep Lane)  
3rd (£20) Mr Russell (George Street)

### July 2007

1st (£50) Mr Murphy (Lower Brook St)  
2nd (£30) Mrs Cox (Queens Road)  
3rd (£20) Ms Christy (George Street)

Congratulations to all of our winners!

It is both easy and fun to play the Brookvale Lottery whilst supporting your local Community Association at the same time. Hopefully you'll win some money in the process!

Three prizes are awarded every month and the lottery draw is made at the monthly 3Cs Coffee Mornings.

Further information on how to play the Brookvale Lottery can be found on our website:

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

Alternatively, please contact our Lottery Agent, Pam Mansfield on (01256) 324313 or email:

**[pam.mansfield@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:pam.mansfield@brookvale.org.uk)**

**If you enjoy meeting and chatting with new people, would like to meet more of your neighbours and help the Community Association at the same time, we are always looking for volunteers to help our Lottery Agent collect subscriptions and sign up new players. If you are interested, please contact Pam Mansfield (details above).**

## Upcoming Events

### Community Green Fair & Picnic

*Sat 15th September, 10-4, Village Hall*  
See main advertisement on p1.

### Ladies Shopping Evening

*Thursday 4th October, Evening, Community Church Hall (Sarum Hill)*  
Brookvale and the Community Church are organising an evening for local talented people to come and display, demonstrate and sell their work. Ideal for christmas presents including crafts, cards, gifts, health and beauty products. The evening will be in a relaxed setting at the Community Church Hall, Sarum Hill.

If anyone is interested in reserving a table and would like more details, then please contact Helen on (01256) 421141. Further details of the whole evening will be announced nearer the time.

### Brookvale Baby & Toddler Group

*Every Monday during term time, 10:00am - 11:30am, Village Hall*  
£1 per session, per family

#### \*RESTARTS MON 10th SEPT\*

Join Brookvale's Baby & Toddler Group every Monday (during term time) for fun, games and activities. Each session includes an art, craft or simple cooking activity and ends with a song and refreshments (included in the £1 entrance fee). For more information please contact Alison on (01256) 428779 or Jayney on (01256) 461054. New members are always accepted - Mums, Dads and Child-minders are all very welcome!

### 3Cs Coffee Morning

*First Saturday of each month, 10am-midday, Village Hall*  
Don't feel like you're part of your community? Meet your neighbours and find out more about what's going on in your local area. Join us for Coffee, Cakes and Chat at 3Cs! Disability surgeries are also held by Chris Hall at every 3Cs morning.

## BCA Information

**Up-to-date news and information can always be found on our website:** [www.brookvale.org.uk](http://www.brookvale.org.uk)

**For booking information on the Village Hall, please contact:**

Nina Burley,  
Hall Bookings Agent  
(01256) 328277 (ideally between 8am-10am)  
[nina.burley@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:nina.burley@brookvale.org.uk)

**For information on the Brookvale Lottery, please contact:**

Pam Mansfield,  
Lottery Agent  
(01256) 324313  
[pam.mansfield@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:pam.mansfield@brookvale.org.uk)

**For any information on local disability/mobility related issues, please contact:**

Chris Hall,  
Vulnerable Persons Officer  
(01256) 351074  
[chris.hall@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:chris.hall@brookvale.org.uk)

**For anything relating to local development issues, please contact:**

Malcolm MacInnes,  
Chair, Development Sub-Committee  
[malcolm.macinnes@brookvale.org.uk](mailto:malcolm.macinnes@brookvale.org.uk)

**For any other information, please email:**

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

**Your local councillors are:**

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Cllr Doris Jones  
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**Your county councillor is:**

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