

blurb!

The regular newsletter of



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BCA Thornycroft Day Saturday 27th April 2019 Free!

Midday- 4pm Brookvale Village Hall RG21 7RP



Free face painting & make balloons, see model railways, find your factory relatives, learn about made in Basingstoke skills, works canteen tuckshop, back to the 40s, displays

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

BROOKVALE IN BLOOM!

Garden Judging 18th July
Prize-giving tea party

Make a nature crown competition, children aged 2 to 5
& fuchsia judging

28th July 3pm

All entries must have a form! Please tear off over page

For all the latest local news , events and information:

www.brookvale.org.uk

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Brookvale In Bloom 10th Year!

Fuchsia Competition

Brookvale Village Hall 28th July 3pm

We are adding a competition for the Best grown hardy Fuchsia called Snowcap.

Mini plants delivered to the Hall:

info@Brookvale.org.uk

You can collect a plant and donate £1 to enter. There will be prizes! These potted plants will be judged at the Hall during the prize giving on Sunday 28th July.

Make a Nature Crown Competition

Brookvale Village Hall 28th July 3pm

Kids 2 to 5 years

Go hunting for brightly coloured leaves, flowers and anything else you'd like to use on your



crowns. Collect as many as you can and make your very own nature crown.

Sponsored by Muddy Fingers

You are invited to enter Brookvale in Bloom!

Judging 18th July

Best single Hanging Basket / Container
and

Best Small Front Garden
or

Best Medium / Large Front Garden

Make a nature crown competition, children aged 2 to 5
(sponsored by Muddy Fingers)

Prizes 28th July at Brookvale Village Hall

First Name	Surname
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone	Email

Please drop your form into the postbox at

Brookvale Village Hall, Lower Brook Street, RG21 7RP

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Home Library Service

Our free Home Library Service is available through all Hampshire County Council libraries and is being extended to more Hampshire residents.

We need to include those difficult to reach users who would benefit most from our service.

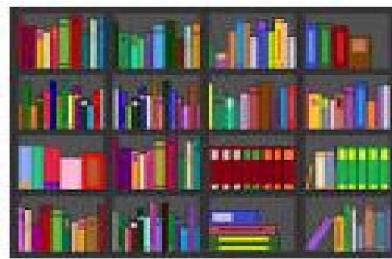
Please can you contact us to advise us about your needs or about someone you know who has ill health, disability or caring responsibilities, to learn more about and receive our service using the details below:

Phone: 0300 555 1387

Email: library@hants.gov.uk

Online website: search:

Hampshire Home Library service



DSC Report

Brookvale Consultation

Parking or park?

With big parks at each end of Lower Brook Street, there is a suggestion that the Pocket Park in the middle should be converted to vehicle parking. Keep the road side shrubs & turn the grass area to Grasscrete.

What do people think? Comments: info@Brookvale.org.uk &/or at

11th May 10:30am coffee morning.

Conservation Area

A distinctive character because of the design of original timber doors and windows – but it's hard to keep homes warm! An idea from Central Europe where it gets really cold! *Internal casement windows!*

They give a bigger barrier space than double glazing & easier to clean than sliding glass & cheaper, especially if you use a DIY kit:

secondarydiyglazing.com

Double glazing film is said to work well for rented homes. A bit of a faff to put on, but only about £10 for a kit from Wickes! Cheap enough to redo every autumn!

Both solutions cut down draughts & reduce condensation, don't need planning permission & don't affect the street-scene!

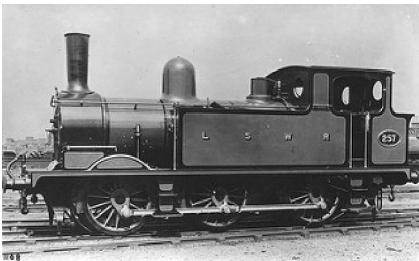
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Bygones

Alton Light Railway Part II

Take a walk near Basingstoke Waterworks, opposite the cottages off Churchill Way, you will find the remaining structures from the historic Alton Light Railway dating from about 1901. These include track, sleepers and a buffer, now included in the Basingstoke List of Buildings of Local Historic or Architectural Interest.

This line, the first to be approved under the Light Railway Act of 1896, ran until WW1, when the tracks were removed and used in France. The line was re-laid after the war but lost out to regular buses and closed in 1928. A spur from the railway served the Thornycroft factory and another spur ran into Park Prewett Asylum.



This spur built to carry building materials for the new Knowle Asylum "relief hospital", served Prewett for almost 40 years".

The local firm of Mussellwhite and Sapp built this spur which included a tight curve just after the Kingsclere Road (which caused the train to get stuck), a 1:53 hill with an extended platform at Prewett (in 1917 for Canadian Army WW1 "non-stretchered" soldiers?).

After Prewett was completed in 1916, the line transported twice weekly boiler coal to the asylum.

(Credit Cathy Williams, Joe Weston & Christopher J. Tolley)

Where was this?



BCA Trustee News

Community Agent Reports:

Thursday Café customers now have the choice of hot sausage & bacon rolls including animal/veggie/vegan.

Latest Resident's Issues:

Brookvale Ward

Residents report not seeing any gritting vehicles for road/paths safety.

Flaxfield Road

Deliveroo tipping commercial food waste

Solby's Road Flats

Resident fly tipping household furniture in recycling area

Essex Road

HMO tenants using Flaxfield Court resident's bays

Lower Brook Street

Vehicle pavement obstruction at Brookvale School

KGV Park

Homeless tent on Morrison embankment. Individual shouting abusive language near bus stop.

Southend Road

Private garage door broken into owner unknown.

info@brookvale.org.uk

Volunteers needed for:

- * Management & Social Committees
- * Event Hosts
- * Web Content/Marketing
- * Caretaker
- * Community Plan
- * Consultation Responder
- * Community Gardener

malcolm@brookvale.org.uk

Litter Pick Saturday 2nd March 2019

The Friends of Loddon Vale Parks March litter pick.



A big Thank You to the Tesco Metro team helping to make Glebe a great place.

Thank you too to the families from the Multicultural Forum who joined in.

Your Hospice Needs YOU!

Volunteers needed for St. Michael's Hospice (North Hampshire) House to House Collection in June 2019.

We need a spare couple of hours in June to deliver & pick up envelopes.

To be involved, please contact Lynne Grimshaw, Community Campaigns Coordinator:

Phone: **01256 848845**

Email:

lynne.grimshaw@stmichaelshospice.org.uk



Basingstoke Horizon 2050

A rich past, a bold vision, a bright future!

The Council Leader's (Cllr Sander) 30 year vision (reported as an anticipated doubled Borough population by 2050) recently consulted and shaped with ipso MORI online responses, 20 events, workshops, 1,101 interviews with nearly 1500 residents and partners in 1400 conversation hours developing these 8 evidence based themes below:



This document recently passed into policy & to the Local Strategic Partnership (BASP).

The Council has significant challenges in funding, home building, managing autonomous vehicles for both personal use and end of high street deliveries, safe cycling and walking, sustainable energy, climate change and quality of life.

In looking forward to big project and big event aspirations to overcome more of the same mediocrity, the desires were captured for a higher education facility, retaining a major hospital, continuing attractive place to live and improved shopping centre.

No mention of the new football stadium, canal, increasing headline events to attract visitors and tourists, or mitigating services interacted by computer artificial intelligence alone without any human moderation.

This document does include the ambitions of infrastructure, sports, leisure and community, importance of nature, carbon footprint reduction, generating energy and consuming waste, new transport technology and improved infrastructure, university level education maintaining jobs and creating careers, encouraging and supporting new business, recognising and embracing history and culture and ensuring the town hub continues.

It remains to be seen how all this will get funded (£Bns?) and delivered!

www.basingstoke.gov.uk/horizon_2050

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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 2nd time in a row 2018.



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

3Cs Lottery:

Costs £12-10 per year, incl. annual membership fee.

See column 3 to enquire & help.

**Neighbourhood Watch**

Queens Road:

Phil & Val 01256-421621

Harvest Chapel International**Divine Elevation**

Pastor Rev. Chris. weekly Services
Brookvale Village Hall
Monthly Last Fridays 7pm—9pm
Sundays 10:30am-12:30pm
07958 757173

BCA Community Coffee Morning

Meet neighbours & volunteers.



Each weekly Thursday 10:30am & Each 2nd Saturday 10:30am

Brookvale Village Hall

Issues, ideas, events & support

Upcoming Meetings**Held in Brookvale Village Hall:****CommitteeMeetings****Management Committee:**

Monthly 3rd Tuesday at 7:30pm

info@brookvale.org.uk

Development SubCommittee:

Tues 26th Apr/30th Jul 2019 7:30pm

Malcolm 01256-364498

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.basingstokenct.org.uk

Yoga for Pregnancy

Mum's relaxation session

Tuesdays at: 5:30pm & 7:30pm.

yfp@basingstokenct.org.uk

Basingstoke Sling Library

Babyware Sling Hire

Alternate Fridays: 10am – Midday.

basingstokeslinglibrary@gmail.com

Wu Shu Kwan

Fitness, confidence, self-defence:

Sundays: 7pm – 9pm

07449 673036

Taoist Tai Chi

Wednesdays: 2pm-3:30pm

01256-882534

Muddy Fingers Gardening Club 2-5yr

Tuesdays 9:30—11:30am

Adult accompanied for: songs,

rhythms, stories, craft & planting

info@muddyfingersgardeningclub.co.uk

Loddon Vale Indoor Bowling Club

all ages indoor exercise

Daily 10am—10:30pm

Wednesday try-out day

comfortable air conditioned

restaurant & bar

meet new friends

non-profit making club

Basingstoke Leisure Park RG22 6PG

01256 356507

info@loddonvaleibc.co.uk

BCA Information

Brookvale Website:

info@brookvale.org.uk

<http://www.brookvale.org.uk>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Brookvale-hearts-of-Basingstoke/135744975619>

Brookvale Village Hall Enquiries:
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Maria Miller MP
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SGT Trevor Taylor:
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Basingstoke.Town.Police@hampshire.pnn.police.uk
<http://www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/my-neighbourhood/basingstoke/basingstoke-town/basingstoke-centre/>

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