

Winnersh Matters

The community newsletter for the residents of Winnersh and Sindlesham



Winnersh Parish
Council

WINNERSH SUMMER FETE

*Saturday 18th June 1:00 – 4:30pm
at the Bearwood Recreation Ground*



Winnersh Summer Fete has certainly grown to be bigger and better than the first one held in 2008 but it has still retained the great community spirit that has been commented on by many people over the past eight years. This year will be no exception with well over fifty local voluntary groups and businesses providing a fun afternoon for us all.

We'll be bringing back popular attractions such as the bouncy castle, obstacle course and climbing wall as well as providing some new ones such as pony rides, mini-golf and a falconry display. You'll be able to buy burgers from the Scouts, tea and cakes from Winnersh Churches, ice creams and drinks from the Community Hall bar. And of course you'll be able to stock up on all manner of items such as jams and chutneys, cards and jewellery, books and other products while the children play games, have their faces painted or learn circus skills.

Prospect Estate Agency and Bovis Homes are principal sponsors of the fete, helping to make many of the attractions free. Bromley Garage Services and Bulldog Triumph are also sponsoring the fete this year. Voluntary groups keep all the money they make on the day and this year the proceeds from the Grand Raffle and pitch fees will be split between the Abbeyfield Memory Garden Project and Reading Family Aid.

***FREE ENTRY, parking and children's attractions
Make a note of the date: 18 June!***

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Do you have a message that you need to get out to the community?
Get in touch with the Parish Clerk.

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Winnersh Parish Council Goes Green

In April Winnersh Parish Council (WPC) officially switched on their solar panels not only generating free electricity for the Community Centre at Bearwood Rec but also earning revenue by selling excess electricity to the Grid. WPC took advantage of a Green Energy initiative by Wokingham Borough Council to install the solar panels at a competitive price. The 64 panels on the roof of the Community Centre generate 17.92kwh of electricity and WPC are guaranteed revenue from the export of electricity for 20 years by the Government. Long may the sun shine!



Mole Road Closure - June and July

Mill Lane is expected to be closed during parts of June and July between Harrow Way and Mill Lane, also New Road will be closed at Mole Road. Drainage works and resurfacing is scheduled to be carried out by Wokingham Borough Council between 6th June and 29th July.

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0118 978 0244



3 peaks, 1,000 miles, 3 charities

As you read this, local resident Chris Cottam should be well on his way for an epic walk of over 1,000 miles from John O'Groats to Land's End, climbing each of the highest peaks in Scotland, England and Wales along the way. Chris is raising money for 2 national charities, Cure Leukaemia and Breast Cancer UK and locally for The Holt School in Wokingham through their charitable Trust.



All 3 charities have a strong personal connection for Chris. Chris's wife Hazel has beaten breast cancer – twice. But Chris's sister-in-law, Ruxi, was not so lucky; losing her fight with myeloma in 2014. Blood cancers like myeloma and leukaemia have consistently stolen lives from friends, family and colleagues throughout Chris's life. As a Governor at The Holt School Chris is a passionate believer in the importance of education in the fight against cancer. Education to make people aware, and education to keep pushing back the treatment boundaries.

To find out more about Chris's walk, follow his progress, contribute to the post-walk dinner, or make a donation, check out Chris's web site:

www.chrisbigjogle.com

House Numbering for a Good Reason

Did you know that many of the houses in our area do not show their house numbers clearly at the front of their properties? Winnersh Neighbourhood Action Group was concerned to hear from the emergency responders (police, fire, ambulance services) about the number of home owners who do not display a house number clearly at the front of their property and are therefore putting their lives and safety at risk in the event of an emergency.



Even when there is a house number, addresses are not easy to find when the number is in small numerals on a front door 50 yards from the road. All emergency services have this problem and are delayed in getting to the scene of emergencies.

So if your house has a number or name, make sure it is plain to see by someone in a moving vehicle approaching from either direction. Large clear numerals are best. If your house is set well back, fix the number to the front gate or the fence – anywhere it can be seen easily and quickly, it could save your life.

	<p>This year Winnersh Summer Fete is proudly sponsored by Prospect Estate Agency with Bovis Homes Bromley Garage Services Bulldog Triumph Motorcycles</p>	
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Planning for Major Emergencies in Winnersh

Major emergencies occur regularly in Britain and looking back over the years here have been storms and flooding, blizzards, major road, rail and air accidents, industrial incidents causing pollution, explosions, chemical leaks or even radioactive contamination. The threat of terrorism is also increasing. Emergencies may result in the loss of vital utilities like gas, water, electricity or telephone or internet services. While the Police, Fire and Ambulance services obviously form the major response to most incidents, they may also be supported by the local authority, which in our case is Wokingham Borough Council (WBC).

What is not well known is that WBC actually has its own emergency organisation including a 24 hour 'emergency operations centre' and also has a significant number of its staff trained to take on emergency roles. These staff would come and support both the emergency services at the incident scene and also local communities (including others who are affected like people in transit involved in a major crash). In addition, the WBC Highways team play an important role in the response to emergency situations, for example, keeping traffic routes open and responding to incidents like storms and flooding.

Our role as Winnersh Parish Council (WPC) is firstly to support our community and the emergency services. Accurate and timely reporting from WPC to the WBC Emergency Centre is vital so that WBC can deploy their services and resources to support us. We are now working to set up a Parish Emergency Team and to draw up plans for various contingencies. Volunteers to come and join the team would be most welcome!

Contact Winnersh Parish Council (0118 978 0244) or emergencyplanning@winnersh.gov.uk

In some emergencies, residents may have to rapidly evacuate their homes (for example during severe flooding) or victims of a major transport accident need shelter. It is essential that we have plans to provide immediate refuge to them; for example in our Community Centre in Mole Road, which is in the process of being designated as an 'emergency rest centre'. WBC would then take over the task and move in a 'Rest Centre Manager' with trained supporting staff. We are also working closely with WBC Emergency Planning to assess some 12 other potentially suitable buildings across our parish for such emergency use.

Another fact that very few are aware of is that WBC has significant reserves of emergency bedding, air beds and basic washing kit held in special yellow 'wheelie bins' stored in strategically placed sites ready to be moved rapidly to rest centres if needed. WBC can also call on national resources and has excellent liaison links with the public utilities.

Many residents of Winnersh may be unaware that certain parts of our parish have suffered flooding in the recent past. There is also a threat of flooding from the River Loddon or Emmbrook over a wider area than has occurred so far. Exceptionally heavy rain can also cause many roads and streets almost anywhere the parish to flood if the drains are incapable of carrying it away.

If you wish to know the flood risks to your home or business, visit <https://www.gov.uk/check-if-youre-at-risk-of-flooding> or contact 'The Environment Agency Floodline' on 0345 988 1188. The Environment Agency (EA) website gives a lot of useful hints and tips to those whose home might be flooded and it is well worth considering what one would do if the unexpected happened. The EA also has a warning system that can send text messages or e-mails to householders when there is a possibility of flooding around their home.



Local News

Hatch Farm Development

WBC has given final planning approval for the Hatch Farm development to allow developers Bovis and Persimmon Homes to build 433 homes on the land. Work commenced earlier this year on the Winnersh Relief Road Phase 1 between King Street Lane and Lower Earley Way. A temporary tarmac road has been constructed from Lower Earley Way and work has also started at the King Street Lane end to demolish the bungalow at No. 44 in order to build a roundabout linking the Winnersh Relief Road Phase 1 with Longdon Close that eventually will form the Winnersh Relief Road Phase 2 joining the Reading Road opposite Woodward Close.

Construction traffic will have to use the Lower Earley Way entrance to avoid it coming through the village. The first showhouse is expected to be open and ready for viewing in July this year.

North Wokingham Distributor Road

Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) has continued with the detailed planning for the North Wokingham Distributor Road with changes around the Toutley Road area. They will be entering into negotiations with affected land owners to acquire the necessary land for the route and with Network Rail to enable a new bridge to be built over the main Waterloo railway line. It is expected that the detailed planning phase will be completed in 2017 when a planning application will be submitted to WBC for approval. Current forecasts indicate that the new road will be open in 2021/22.

WBC has allocated a site for the replacement Winnersh Allotments situated between the new road and the M4. Winnersh Parish Council (WPC) has indicated to WBC that the site is unacceptable as it is subject to water logging. WPC have submitted alternative sites for the replacement allotments and will be having further discussions with WBC to identify and confirm a suitable site.

Cycle Way

Phase 3 of the £2M Cycle Way was completed earlier this year. Phase 1 started at the Three Tuns Crossroads and was completed last year as was Phase 2 from the Showcase Roundabout to Winnersh Crossroads. Phase 3 extended this to the Woodward Close traffic lights on the A329. Work included resurfacing the road from the crossroads to Woodward Close and redoing the worst stretches of pavements. The bus stop opposite Sainsburys was relocated further along and has helped ease the congestion there. Work on Phase 4 of the Cycle Way to Woosehill will start later this year and eventually will reach all the way to Windsor.

Responsible Dog ownership at Dinton Pastures

Wokingham Borough Council Engagement Team and Partners are having an event at the Riverside Retreat, Dinton Pastures, Davis Street, Hurst, on Sunday June 19th between 10am - 4pm to promote responsible dog ownership.

This is the second event - following an evening event last July attended by about 50 residents and their dogs, who tried out an agility course set up by the Royal Barks Agility Club. The event is part of the Dogs Trust BIG SCOOP - There will be dog displays in the arena and a Shopping Mall selling all things for Dogs - stall holders are not charged but are asked for a donation of £20 to be divided between Dogs Trust and Diane Brimblecombe a local rehoming centre. If anyone is interested in having a stall or have a display team that might like to come along then please contact Joyce.stoner@wokingham.gov.uk or tele:01189 746275. Why not come along and enjoy the day, there are refreshments available at the Cafés or bring a picnic lunch.

Dinton Pastures - Marvellous Music Festival

The 13th annual Marvellous music festival will take place at Dinton Pastures over a two day weekend on 23rd and 24th July 2016 on the old golf course. The Marvellous music festivals were previously held at the Wellington Country Park but have moved to Dinton Pastures taking advantage of the excellent local travel facilities and access to the site itself. The festival can host up to 3500 people daily and they will be treated to a variety of tribute and local bands. There will be a fun fair and inflatables for the children. Part of the site will be set aside for camping with full facilities.

Volunteer Community Navigators - Can you Help?

What is Community navigation? - Community Navigation is an assisted and guided process to enable people to access local community organisations and voluntary groups across Wokingham Borough. Initially people will be referred to the scheme by GPs and other healthcare professionals if they are considered to be in need of additional, possibly non-medical, support to give them a better sense of wellbeing, social inclusion and independence.

Once the person has been referred, they will meet with a volunteer Community Navigator who will discuss their needs with them and, from there, decide where best to go next, signpost them, give details and possibly make an 'ice breaker' call on the individual's behalf if the client chooses.

Additional support could include locating a local diabetic support group, a befriending service, locating a volunteer driving scheme to help with hospital appointments, or finding a club where the client can pursue a particular beloved hobby - anything that can enrich and improve a person's life and increase mobility and involvement in society: that is navigating them around their community to meet their needs and match their interests.

Volunteers needed! - Do you have good communication skills? Are you calm and approachable? Could you spare 6-8 hours a week? Would you like to do something to help your community? We are looking for volunteers to join us as community navigators! You will be trained and supported in your role, and continue to receive support throughout your time as a volunteer. We are also looking out for volunteers to help with mapping and research work to add to the list of 'what is on in my community'. If you are interested in either position, please call Steve McSweeney, on 01344 383515 or email: Steve.McSweeney@involve.community or visit www.involve.community.

Hatch Farm Archaeology

An archaeological investigation is currently being conducted over a large part of the Hatch Farm development site. A large area of topsoil has been removed to expose archaeological features and an open day was held in April when over 250 local residents visited the site to see what has been discovered so far.

The main features on the site are a series of rectangular ditched enclosures and circular ring gullies. The ring gullies are likely to have been enclosures or foundations for Iron Age roundhouses. Several of the ring gullies overlap each other showing several periods of replacement and reorganisation of the site. Pottery from both the Iron Age and Roman periods has been found as well as iron slag indicating small scale iron smelting in the vicinity during the Iron Age.



Other digs have found Iron Age smelting furnaces at Sadlers End (now Wokingham Cricket Club) and there are likely to be further finds when the Bearwood Park (new Reading FC Training Ground) is investigated.

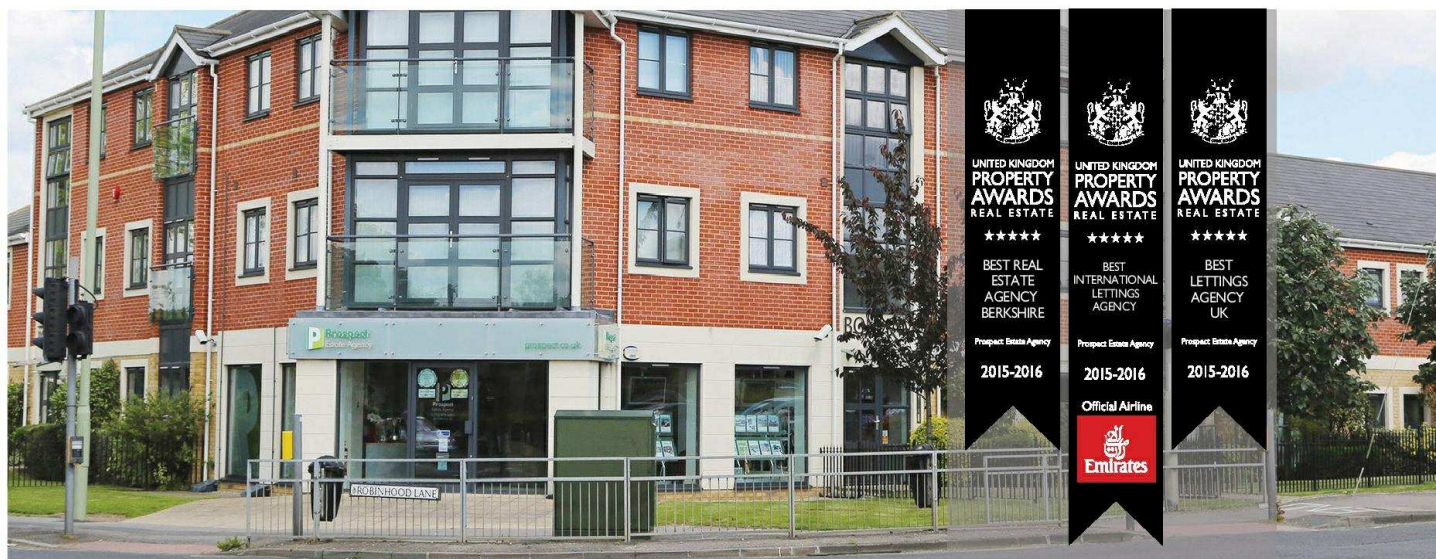
WINNERSH ALLOTMENTS

Winnersh Parish Council invites residents to register for an allotment.

The allotments are situated on the Reading Road behind the BP garage.

A small number of allotments are expected to become available soon and they will be allocated to interested parishioners on a first come first served basis.

Contact the Parish Clerk on 0118 978 0244 or clerk@winnersh.gov.uk.



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www.thamesvalley.police.uk/yournh-tvp-pol-area-n258-meet

Community Wardens

Telephone: 0118 974 3798

or email: communitywardens@wokingham.gov.uk

Community Development, Rainbow Park

Rose Green: 0118 989 4280

Winnersh Neighbourhood Action Group

www.winnersh-nag.org.uk

Floodline: 0845 988 1188 or 0345 988 1188

www.environment-agency.gov.uk

Winnersh Parish Council

The Parish Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except August), starting at 7.45 pm in the John Grobler Room at the Winnersh Community Centre, Mole Road, Sindlesham (by Bearwood Recreation Ground).

See www.winnersh.gov.uk

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