



Welcome to the first Winnersh Parish Council E-Newsletter. This monthly newsletter will provide residents with information from Winnersh, Sindlesham and the local area as well as information about the work of Winnersh Parish Council.

### **Winnersh Parish Council questionnaire on the facilities at Winnersh Community Centre and Bearwood Recreation Ground**

The Winnersh Community Centre and Allnatt Pavilion (at Bearwood Recreation Ground) have served the community well for half a century. They have been well maintained but are in need of significant upgrade or replacement to bring them up to modern standards. We also want to ensure they are energy efficient and can offer more attractive and flexible spaces for a wider range of activities.



In deciding whether to upgrade or replace the buildings we need to know what type of activities and services our community require. We want our offering to be enticing enough for people to want to spend time at our facilities, whether that is before, during or after any groups or classes you may attend. So, for example, a café to meet up with family and friends, perhaps after dropping children at the local school or just enjoying a day in the park.

To help us understand and create a plan for the facilities we would like to hear your suggestions, however diverse they may be, so we have created a questionnaire so that you can easily tell us what you really want.

Please visit [www.winnersh.gov.uk/questionnaire](http://www.winnersh.gov.uk/questionnaire) or visit the parish office for a printed copy. The deadline for submission is 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

## Thank you to all who supported the Winnersh Summer fete

Saturday 4th September 2021 saw the return of the **Winnersh Summer Fete** after last year's event was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The event ran from 1-4.30pm and had a variety of stalls from local business, organisations, and charities as well as a plenty of refreshments such as ice cream, candy floss, BBQ and teas and coffees. Children could enjoy inflatables and a climbing wall as well as circus activities.



Stalls at the Summer fete



Tug of War winners

The main arena saw events such as maypole dancing from Bearwood Primary School, football drills from Winnersh Rangers FC, wheelbarrow races, tug of war and a birds of prey display. Wokingham Borough Mayor Councillor Keith Baker MBE handed out the prizes to the winners of the tug of war and wheelbarrow race at the event of the day. There was also a classic Mini car display and a model railway exhibition for visitors to enjoy and St Sebastian Brass band entertained the crowds over the course of the afternoon.

There is still time to enter the **online raffle**, details found at <https://www.winnersh.gov.uk/winnersh-summer-fete-online-raffle>.



With many thanks to all the stall holders and to everyone who attended and made it such a fabulous afternoon, we hope to see you again next year.

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## Rooms for hire at Winnersh Community Centre

Looking for a venue for a meeting, party, regular social group gathering? Winnersh Community Centre has three hireable spaces, the Winnersh Hall, Sindlesham Room and Allnatt Pavilion. You can also arrange to use the recreation ground free of charge.



The Winnersh Hall



The Sindlesham Room

For more information visit <https://www.winnersh.gov.uk/facilities/rooms-for-hire> , call the parish office on 0118 978 0244 or email [admin@winnersh.gov.uk](mailto:admin@winnersh.gov.uk)

## Parish Council Meetings

For details on dates, agendas and minutes of our parish council meetings please visit [www.winnersh.gov.uk/parish-council/meetings](http://www.winnersh.gov.uk/parish-council/meetings) The meetings are open to the public and take place on Tuesday evenings either online or in person at Winnersh Community Centre.

## Join the mailing list

To join the mailing list for the E-Newsletter please contact [admin@winnersh.gov.uk](mailto:admin@winnersh.gov.uk) to be added to the list or fill in the box at [www.winnersh.gov.uk/newsletter](http://www.winnersh.gov.uk/newsletter)

## The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Wokingham Walk takes place October 2021

The Wokingham Walk is a charity walk with 3 routes – 5, 10 and 15 miles. All walks start and finish at Elms Field in Wokingham. The event is taking place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021.



To register visit [www.wokinghamwalk.co.uk/](http://www.wokinghamwalk.co.uk/)

## Black boxes no longer used for recycling

From 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 **Wokingham Borough Council** will no longer collect recycling from the old black boxes however there will be a short grace period to ensure all residents are notified and prepared for this change. After this time the council and its contractor Veolia will only be collecting recycling from the green waterproof recycling bags. Residents have been doing a great job repurposing and rehoming their old black recycling boxes.



There is a significant carbon and financial cost of collecting these boxes. Therefore, the council has reviewed its plans to collect these, as it would have cost about £100,000. The decision not to collect the old black boxes is in part due to the number of residents embracing the importance of repurposing their boxes.



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