

# Winnersh Matters

The community newsletter for the residents of Winnersh and Sindlesham



**Winnersh Parish  
Council**

## *Winnersh Summer Fete is Back!*

***Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 1:00 - 4:30pm***

Our annual fete is back this year in its usual slot of the third Saturday in June. After the disruption of the last two years we expect it will be better than ever and hope that you will support the many volunteer groups and local businesses that will be there as well as enjoying a fun day at the Bearwood Recreation Ground.

In the arena the focus will be on 'family fun' with wheelbarrow races, Tug of War and other competitions as well as demonstrations from Winnersh Rangers football club, a fun fitness session and the traditional maypole dancing from Bearwood Primary School.

Our main charities this year are WADE, supporting older people in the Wokingham area, and the Prince's Trust in recognition of the Queen's Jubilee. See the back page for our fete sponsors to whom many thanks.



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## **Sign up for Winnersh Parish e-newsletter**

As part of our Climate Change Action Plan, Winnersh Matters will become a regular e-newsletter. To ensure that you receive a copy please sign up for the e-newsletter on our web site:

**[www.winnersh.gov.uk/newsletter](http://www.winnersh.gov.uk/newsletter)**

**OR**

Email details to **[admin@winnersh.gov.uk](mailto:admin@winnersh.gov.uk)**

***Check out the new Winnersh Parish Website at [www.winnersh.gov.uk](http://www.winnersh.gov.uk)***

## *Winnersh Allotments*



The new allotments are now well into their fourth growing season and thanks to the hard work and care from the ploholders the allotments are looking very established. Over recent months the Winnersh Allotment Association (WAA) have been working hard to improve the Community Orchard. Despite the additional drainage installed by Wokingham Borough Council the orchard was still prone to flooding in heavy rain. A WAA working party, with funding from the Parish Council, installed additional drainage which seems to be working well. Another WAA working party then levelled the site, scarified it, picked off the worst of the stones before re seeding it and the grass has taken well.

A table and benches has been installed so that people can enjoy and relax amongst the fruit trees during the summer months.

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## *Creation of a Wildflower Meadow*

Research has found that the UK is one of the world's most nature-depleted countries and in the bottom 10% globally and last amongst the G7 group of nations. It has also found that the UK has an average of about half its biodiversity remaining, far below the global average of 75%. Winnersh Parish Council is leading on the creation of a Wildflower Meadow on the roadside earth bund located on Hatch Farm Way. Developers Persimmons and Vistry have both kindly donated some funding towards this project and the Parish Council's contractor prepared the site in advance



of volunteer Parish Council councillors and residents who helped sow the wildflower seeds during mid-April to return the area to nature. If anyone else wishes to help maintain the area please let me know via email [Paul.Fishwick@winnersh.gov.uk](mailto:Paul.Fishwick@winnersh.gov.uk)

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## *Community Speedwatch in Winnersh and Sindlesham*



Community Speedwatch (CSW) is a national initiative where proactive members of local communities join with the support and supervision of their local police to record details of speeding vehicles using approved detection devices. Winnersh Parish Council have set up a CSW and are now actively looking for volunteers from the community to assist in making our roads safer for everyone. Sessions for these groups are held on a frequent basis.

Residents can complete an online training course and can then attend a CSW session that normally lasts about 1 hour. If you are interested in becoming involved with your local CSW group, you can email [Paul.Fishwick@winnersh.gov.uk](mailto:Paul.Fishwick@winnersh.gov.uk) and instructions for applying will be sent to you. If you are concerned about this issue then we would encourage you to join your local group and make a difference.

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***Winnersh Matters is going Digital sign up at [www.winnersh.gov.uk/newsletter](http://www.winnersh.gov.uk/newsletter)***



## *The Queens Green Canopy Project*

Two trees have been planted on Bearwood Recreation Ground as part of The Queen's Green Canopy Project to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

An English Oak and Cherry Blossom tree were chosen by the council to mark this historic event. The trees have been planted near the community centre and plaques have been installed to mark the location. More information and an interactive map of all tree locations can be found at [www.queensgreencanopy.org](http://www.queensgreencanopy.org)



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## *The shape of things to come*

Covid lockdown saw the Parish Council Community Centre go dark. WPC used that time to take stock of what we offer. The grounds are the jewel; but the buildings show their age. WPC ran a questionnaire to discover what you want going forward. Answers are in, results are on our website and include café, better play areas, arts and culture, social inclusion, sustainability, improved parking.



WPC has a big project underway to come up with a plan offering truly great imaginative, innovative facilities that meet the needs you told us about, is designed to best environmental and accessible standards, is value for money to create and cost effective to maintain a vibrant Community Centre for the future. This big project will take time updates will be posted on the website.

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## *Observing the weather Part 5 Haloes and Parhelion*

Have you ever seen a strange partial or whole circle around the sun (or moon)? This could be one of those strange atmospheric phenomena.

Haloes will form when ice crystals are present normally in high level cirrus cloud. The sun and the ice crystals will need to be at the right angles to reflect the light to form the halo as seen over Winnersh on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020 (photo).

Parhelion, also known as sun dog or mock sun is formed in a similar way with sun light passing through hexagonal ice crystals and can appear with haloes. Sometimes two sun dogs appear on the halo at the positions of 15 and 45 minutes on a clock face, with a red and blue colour.



## *Community Hall Hire*

The Winnersh Community Centre has three rooms which can be hired for events such as parties, meetings and classes both on a regular and one-off basis. The Community Centre is alongside the Bearwood Recreation Ground which features a play area, outdoor gym and basketball court.

For more information visit [www.winnersh.gov.uk](http://www.winnersh.gov.uk)

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## *Parish Contacts and Meetings*

### **Staff**

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Caretaker - Chris Fazey

Caretaker (P/T) - John Rees

### **Meetings of the Parish Council**

Recreation & Amenities Committee (first Tuesday of the month - except August)

Full Council (second Tuesday of the month - except August)

Planning & Transport Committee (third Tuesday of every month)

Finance & General Purposes Committee (fourth Tuesday of the Month held quarterly)

The meetings all start at 7.30pm

With the exception of Full Council all meetings are held remotely, contact the Clerk for joining instructions.

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## *WBC Tenant Involvement Team*



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