

# WINNERSH MATTERS

The community newsletter for the residents of Winnersh and Sindlesham



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## LITTER PICK



On a beautiful Sunday morning at the end of March, the residents of Winnersh and Sindlesham took part in the annual litter pick, starting from The Rainbow Community Centre.

We had a fantastic turnout of around 55 people including a great contingent of volunteers from 1st Winnersh Scout Group, together with Councillors and residents.



A huge amount of rubbish was collected from around the streets. Our thanks go to everyone that attended and helped out. Hopefully this helps to improve the overall look of Winnersh parish.

## COMMUNITY EVENING

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Tuesday 21st May 2024 @ 7.00pm

Winnersh Community Centre, New Road, Sindlesham, RG41 5DU

#### Presentations from:

- Grant recipients 2023/24
- Berkshire Youth - Rainbow Park Youth Club
- WBC Mayor - recap of activities 2023/24
- New waste collection scheme - see the new bins!

Join us for some light refreshments and a chat, meet with and hear from members of Local Groups about the work they do in the Parish. Hear about concerns of other residents, find out what's been happening on your doorstep plus get a glimpse of plans for the future.

Full agenda details can be found at [www.winnersh.gov.uk](http://www.winnersh.gov.uk)

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

A community meeting for the residents of Winnersh and Sindlesham is being held on Tuesday 21st May at 7.00pm at the Winnersh Community Centre.

This is an opportunity for residents to engage with local groups and organisations, fellow residents and Councillors, all of whom have a vested interest in Winnersh and Sindlesham.

There will be presentations from local charities that have received grants from the Parish Council over the past 12 months, explaining how these have helped their organisations, and a re-cap of activities from WBC Mayor, Cllr Beth Rowland.

The WBC Recycling Team will be attending with examples of the new bins for you to view. There will also be information on the achievements of the Parish Council over the past year and what plans are in place for 2024/25.

**Light refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting and there will be an opportunity for you to raise any concerns or issues you may have to the Parish Council.**

## HATCHWOOD MILL TREE PLANTING

On Saturday 9th March volunteers helped plant new whips in part of the country park, ranging from trees that like wet ground such as willow to trees that prefer drier ground. In total 939 new trees were planted.





## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WINNERSH COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH



FULL TRAINING GIVEN  
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

HELP REDUCE SPEEDING IN OUR LOCAL AREA

For more details contact Cllr Paul Fishwick @ [paul.fishwick@winnersh.gov.uk](mailto:paul.fishwick@winnersh.gov.uk)



## NEW TREES AT BEARWOOD REC

The Woodland Trust recently ran a scheme offering free trees to schools and communities. Winnersh Parish Council applied and were successful in obtaining an urban tree pack consisting of 15 crab-apple, rowan and hazel tree whips.

The Council invited children from Bearwood, Wheatfield and Winnersh Primary Schools to help Cllrs Fishwick, Harper, Southgate and Chris Webber of the Winnersh Allotment Association, with planting the trees at Bearwood Recreation Ground.

Three areas were selected for the trees to be planted with a variety of each tree in each area.

The children helped to dig the holes and plant the tree plugs before stamping down the ground and putting in support canes and tree guards to protect the young trees.

We hope the trees will grow well and the children will be able to follow their progress for years to come.



WOODLAND TRUST





## ROLL UP, ROLL UP!

Join us for an afternoon of fun in the sun on Saturday 15th June 2024 at Bearwood Recreation Ground.

The annual fete is an opportunity for local charities, organisations and businesses to showcase their services and products whilst supporting two local charities, selected by the Parish Council.

This year, the fete will support **SHARE Wokingham** and **Reading Family Aid**.

In addition to tombola's, games and other activities provided by local groups, there will be stalls selling children's books, hand-crafted gifts and accessories, toys and skincare products, to name but a few!

There will also be entertainment including bouncy castles, circus skills, dance displays and music plus the ever popular Winnersh Games (wheelbarrow races and tug-of-war).

Refreshments will be available to purchase including hot & cold drinks, BBQ, Goan curries, candyfloss, cakes and more.

Not forgetting our fabulous raffle with prizes donated from local businesses.

**A day not to be missed!**



## THE GLASS COMPANY

**Did you know that The Glass Company, based in Winnersh, provide a doorstep glass collection service throughout Wokingham Borough?**

After facing challenges with glass recycling as new home-owners, The Glass Company was created to improve household eco-friendliness and ease the recycling process for consumers in a society where glass usage is increasing but recycling rates are low.

The aim of The Glass Company is to become the top glass recycling company in the UK. Operating throughout Wokingham Borough, 10% of all profits are donated to local charities.

### Glass Facts:

- How long does it take for a glass bottle to break down? A foam cup will take 50 years to decompose in a landfill, the monofilament fishing line will take a whopping 600 years, and the glass bottles? Each bottle will take 1 million years to degrade – yes you read that right, one million!
- Glass is 100% recyclable and can be recycled endlessly without loss in quality or purity - something few food and beverage packaging options can claim.
- Every 1,000 kg of waste glass recycled into new items saves 315 kilograms of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere during the manufacture of new glass.

Prices start from just £6.99 for a single box, monthly collection with collections within 30km of Wokingham.

**To find out more or to sign up to start your collection, go to**

<https://theglasscompany.org/>



## WINNERSH COOKBOOK CLUB



Join the Winnersh Cookbook Club on the last Tuesday of every month. If you enjoy cooking, eating, or simply trying out new recipes while mingling with others who share your interests, then this is the perfect fit for you.

The premise is simple - you cook a dish from a cookbook and bring it along on the night to be shared, family-style. No need to worry about owning specific cookbooks; recipes will be shared before the meet up. Tickets are priced at £5, which helps cover the expenses for hall rental and consumables.

For more information, feel free to reach out via email to Anya at [avisegorodceva@live.co.uk](mailto:avisegorodceva@live.co.uk) or follow us on Instagram @cookbook.clubs

# CIVIC AWARDS 2024

We are looking for local heroes that have made a significant contribution to residents of Winnersh parish.

Do you know some-one that regularly helps out, whether that be litter picking, volunteering at a local organisation or helping neighbours and other residents?

Maybe there's an organisation that you think excels at helping local community groups.

## Are they hiding in plain sight?

You can shine a light on these unsung heroes by nominating them for a Civic Award.

Just go to <https://tinyurl.com/5rwun29j> to download a nomination form.

The awards will be presented at the Winnersh Summer Fete on 15th June 2024.

## ALLOTMENT SOLAR SHEDS

Following a contribution from S106 funds (monies collected from developers as a contribution towards improving local facilities), WPC has worked with WBC to install two solar sheds at the allotment site on Woodward Close.

The sheds are fitted with an inverter and battery, enabling energy to be collected from the rooftop solar panels and stored throughout the day.

There are internal and external sockets which will enable tenants to use electric tools, charge batteries and even make a cup of coffee or hot snack while they're working on their plots.



## DO YOU KNOW A LOCAL HERO?

WINNERSH PARISH COUNCIL IS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR CIVIC AWARDS IN TWO CATEGORIES (INDIVIDUAL OR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION)

NOMINATIONS CAN BE MADE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL OR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION THAT HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE RESIDENTS OF WINNERSH

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO NOMINATE YOUR LOCAL HERO, OR TO DOWNLOAD A NOMINATION FORM, GO TO [www.winnersh.gov.uk](http://www.winnersh.gov.uk) or call us on 0118 9780244

CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS: TUESDAY 14th MAY 2024  
AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE WINNERSH SUMMER FETE ON SATURDAY 15th JUNE 2024



## WINNERSH PARISH COUNCIL COUNCILLOR VACANCY

- DO YOU HAVE SOME TIME TO SPARE?
- DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY?
- WOULD YOU LIKE TO OFFER YOUR SKILLS & EXPERIENCE?

If so, please consider joining us!

The Parish Council is looking for a new Councillor to join the Council, representing the North Ward of Winnersh.

More information and an application form is available from the Parish Office  
[clerk@winnersh.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@winnersh.gov.uk) T: 0118 9780244




## STATION ARTWORK

The Parish Council adopted the Winnersh and Winnersh Triangle stations and are now planning on the next project as part of the Community rail Partnership to create artwork murals through the brick bridge at Winnersh Triangle station with the assistance of local schools and other groups.

To assist in the project we will be consulting with the community on the proposed artwork during the summer.

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