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The regular newsletter of



Brookvale
Community Association

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Community Ward Residents' news: * Brookvale Conservation Area * Kings Furlong *

BCA Thornycroft Day **Saturday 12th April 2025 Free!**

Midday- 4pm Brookvale Village Hall RG21 7RP



Works photos, model railways, static trucks, Made In Basingstoke factory memorabilia, retro & music displays, presentations, model car racing, car meet, tuckshop, & more!



THORNYCROFT TO MY DRIVER

Look after me, please, and treat me well.
Hundreds of men laboured hundreds of hours
to build me and I cost a lot of money. You
and your fellow citizens and comrades in arms
contributed towards my cost and if I am
neglected or damaged all this great effort and
expense may have been to no purpose.
Treat me well and together we shall serve our
country well.



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

Donations to the Thornycroft Clock Project
Call 01256 324313 or 01256 352862
thornycroft@brookvale.org.uk



V4 - BCA Lower Brook Street - CIO 1174719 - Exhibitors Welcome!

BCA 50-50 Celebration **Saturday 17th May 2025 Free!**

4pm - 9pm Brookvale Village Hall RG21 7RP

Up 50: Dance Style Flavours!

Urban Challenge: Cheer, Street, Line, Afro, Musical

Down 50: Disco Decades! **40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s**

Hourly activities:
All ages & abilities

Subject to availability—light refreshments—don't miss it!
Best outfits & dancers prizes—Instructor Photos only—Own Photos area!
Tickets at: <https://wegottickets.com/event/653288/>

Hosted by the BCA (Charity Registered CIO 1174719) Est. 1974
50 years of BCA & dancing with thanks to all our contributors V5



For local news, events and information:

HeartOfBrookvale
www.brookvale.org.uk

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BCA 50-50 Celebration

With 50 years of the BCA, 50 years of music and dance try-out instructors, there is so much to enjoy in our free Saturday 17th May celebration! Once in a lifetime opportunity – don't miss it: Booking:bookvale.org.uk

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It's hard to believe 50 years ago the number of volunteers & their activities for BCA, compared with our small number of active volunteers nowadays.

Throughout the early years, the original BCA 18 volunteers held 65 different events and activities.

Back in April 1974 the BCA hosted two subcommittees:

Social holding events & fundraising
Welfare providing carers, eventually become

NeighbourCare, took over by HCC.

The Association also circulated a questionnaire for residents and started a local lottery (closed this year), and were involved

in the Brookvale General Improvement Area scheme, leading to the Brookvale Conservation Area designation. The BCA entered a float into the carnival, held an annual fete/sports day, with a disco, BonFire Night, a Christmas Celebration, Playgroup, PantoMime, & day trips. After this first full year of activities, the association's first AGM was held on February 24th 1975 in Eaton's Sports & Social Club (old Thornycroft Canteen opposite the Thornycroft factory gate—now entrance to the Thornycroft Trading Estate opposite Morrisons').

Nowadays, is there a future for BCA among the instant messaging, the AI inspired internet connected world of homes, self driving hydrogen powered cars to come, no High Street, no cash, no entitlement without ID via an internet device and finally, people who no longer can talk on a phone and face to face with a human?

Do send your comments, memories & predictions to us please:

malcolm@brookvale.org.uk

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Patient Participation Group (PPG) for Camrose, Gillies, Hackwood & Beggarwood

<https://cghppg.weebly.com>
cghb.surgeryppg@btinternet.com
<https://cghppg.weebly.com/news/>

The PPG were given a presentation on early cancer diagnosis with statistics on breast, cervical and bowel cancers. This was given by Dr Christine Glew from Wessex Cancer Trust:

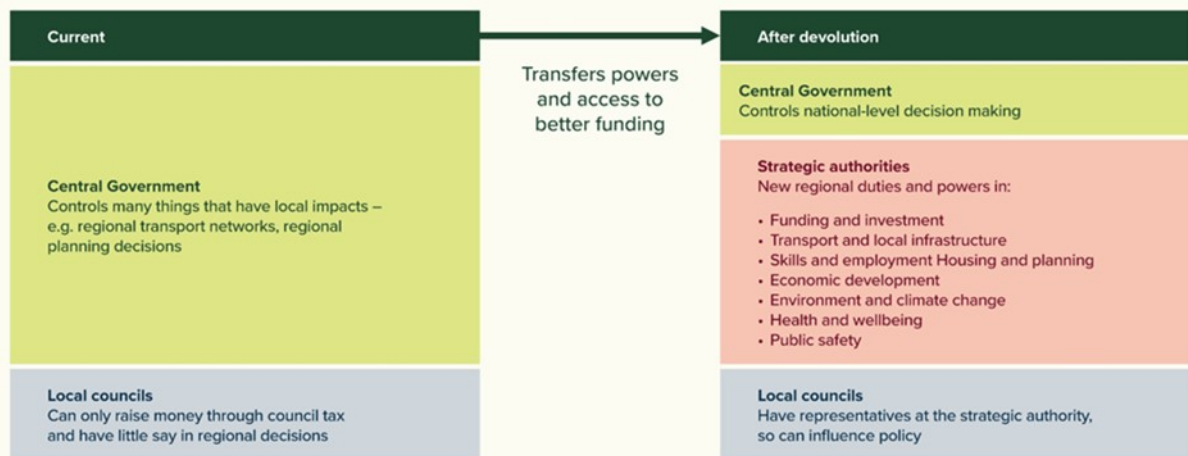
<https://wessexcanceralliance.nhs.uk/primarycaretoolkit/>

This is a scheme which it is hoped will be

County Cllr Report

The Devolution Consultation is now open. Devolution is where Government passes down some national powers and extra funding to our region. There is an elected Mayor, and a Strategic Authority made up of local councils who work together to use the devolved powers and funding. This is not a new council and does not replace existing councils. It is easier to think of it as a board of directors made up of councillors from local member councils.

The voting arrangements for decisions is a simple majority in favour, including the Mayor. So, a Mayor cannot just ride roughshod over other members. Graphic:



coming to Hampshire at some point this year and will not only raise awareness of the importance of screening but also be able to diagnose any problems patients may have of which they may be unaware. A bid has also been made for pancreatic cancer screening in connection with type 2 diabetes but it is not yet known whether this had been accepted.

The PPG has created easy read documents on Unpaid Carers, Ageing Well and Dementia. There are lots of resources about these and other conditions to be found: <https://cghppg.weebly.com>

The surgery welcomes feedback from patients. If you do have reason to complain about a service or anything related to the surgery this matter is completely confidential. It will not impact your relationship with the surgery. For CGHB complaints, please visit: <https://cghpartnership.co.uk/advice-information/complaints/>

CGHB employ a full time Patient Experience Manager and so you should get a speedy response and certainly an acknowledgement within 3 working days. If you are not satisfied you can contact the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman to review your case: **0345 015 4033** or via their website: www.ombudsman.org.uk

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With devolution, the new Strategic Authority will have regional duties and powers in things like investment, economic development, transport, local infrastructure, skills and employment, environment, climate change, health and wellbeing and public safety.

Devolution brings great benefits. Local councils in Hampshire will not have to bid against each other for pots of money from national government but will work together to deliver strategies and funding for the whole area. No more competing against each other for funding for things like public transport, economic growth, or tackling deprivation. Competitive bidding often means parts of Hampshire like Basingstoke lose out while others gain. Devolution will enable us to create joined-up strategies for us all.

The consultation closes on 13 April 2025.

See HCC consultation & good summary:

www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/governmentinhampshire/devolution

You will soon be able to read more on my new blog at:

here4basingstoke.co.uk

Cllr Kim Taylor Basingstoke Central, Leader Labour Hampshire Group.

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Rob Young of Status Quo Opens Brookvale Hall in 1983

You might know that Basingstoke had a 'music scene and wondered what happened then?

It is not well known nowadays that famous music bands used to perform at local Basingstoke venues, most now gone.

In a classic case of "who you know", here are the official new hall opening pictures in 1983, nearly 10 years after the formation of the BCA, to raise funds to build our community hall.

Below you see Chair Tom Gilvear and Rob Young the band's tour manager and harmonica player (both accompanied by the previous Chair Vic Humphries), reading the introductions. Note both the eldest and the youngest residents!



Rob getting ready to unveil the Brookvale Village Hall sign accompanied by Tom. Next, we see the unveiling of the Village Hall sign—



The sign writing was done by Harry Taylor who lived in George Street.

Does anyone know where Harry's sign ended up? ->

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The hall sign is unveiled:



Below, we see Rob surrounded by the ladies of the committee, moving from left to right including: Jan Lay, Mrs. Clark (Queen's Rd. P.O.), Ruth Buckingham, Win Nash, (Rob Young), Clarrie Cowdrey, Wendy Gilvear, ? & Trish Strudwick. Who is the un-named person? Claim your prize at: info@brookvale.org.uk



Rob, the nephew of Clarrie & Fred Cowdrey of Alexander Road, when the Young family were locally well known.



Rob "doing the rounds" in this picture showing the eldest resident cake cutting:

Finally, ("after all the shouting"), Rob enjoying the the Village Hall car park view!



Robert Keith Young (born 16 May 1945), musician & writer became famous for being the unofficial fifth member of the British rock band Status Quo. ->

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A Thornycroft tool maker, he started in the music business as a crew member for Amen Corner, The Nice and also for The Herd and was then hired by Status Quo.

The British rock group Quo are best known in UK for their "heads-down" 12-bar boogie rock played since the 70s. Several of Quo's hits, including "Caroline", "Paper Plane" and "Down Down," were written by vocalist Francis Rossi with Rob Young band tour manager and harmonica player.

The Guinness Book of Records shows Quo played four venues in one day (Sheffield International Centre, Glasgow Scottish Exhibition & Conference Centre, Birmingham National Exhibition Centre & Wembley Arena) as part of their 1991 Rock Till You Drop tour 25th anniversary commemoration.

Rob's Blog:

www.robyoungticker.de/

Web:

<https://quocupsncafe.proboard.com/>

Thanks for all your Contributions, especially Tom's photos and Ted for the archives:

Ref: Wiki Published 2025

Basingstoke Music Scene:

Two Raz Razzle books:

* **In the 60s** Published 2015

(has a forward by Rob Young)

* **In the 70s** Published 2016 ☐

It is a miracle that with the small number of active people on your management committee we continue to deliver so much in covering all these roles below:

Assistant Treasurer,
Booking Agent,
Lettings Host
Care Taker, Handy
Person (small tasks),
Event Host, Committee Members,
Social Media Responder,
Researcher, Administrator,
Secretary, Newsletter
Delivery, Street Reps, Paid
Info Hub Co-Ordinator



Any ability from any background can join in initially as a helper, all the way up to responsible roles:

Increasing skills & CV Opportunities
malcolm@brookvale.org.uk ☐ ->

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Activities

3Cs Lottery Winners:

Sept 2024

£50 43 Lower Brook Street
£20 488 Highfield Chase
£10 554 George Street

Oct 2024

£50 648 Rayleigh Road
£20 508 Highfield Chase
£10 892 Solby's Road

Nov 2024

£50 440 Alexandra Road
£20 1066 Old Basing
£10 350 Queen's Road

Dec 2024

£50 124 George Street
£20 902 Southend Road
£10 350 Queen's Road 2

Brookvale Lottery

The BCA lottery will sadly end at April 2025 (last draw month), these last prizes will exhaust the remaining BCA lottery funds.

The final draws will be held after the end of April 2025 (The end of the BCA financial year), with the results announced in August and the prizes distributed in the meantime.

Thanks go to all the supporters of the BCA lottery over the 50+ years that it ran, providing the much needed funds for the innumerable projects that the fund made possible.



Recycle used Blister Packs

Download the Recycle at Boots App. Log your empty blister packs in the app and wait for up to 24 hours for validation.

Bring your empty packs into a participating Boots store and scan the QR code on the blister pack deposit box. To receive a 100 Advantage Card points reward, customers need to recycle five empty blister packs in one deposit and spend £5 in-store:

<https://www.boots-uk.com/newsroom/news/boots-rolls-out-national-blister-pack-recycling-scheme/>

Neighbourhood Watch Queens Rd:
Phil & Val 01256-421621

National Neighbourhood Watch Guide:
Crime Prevention & Safety:
<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/crime-prevention/crime-prevention-advice>

Hands-Face-Space-Ventilate

Meetings & Events

Committee Meetings:

Management Committee:

Monthly 1st Thursday at 7:30pm
info@brookvale.org.uk

Development Sub-Committee:

Meetings TBA
Malcolm 01256-364498

Brookvale Village Hall activities:

Brookvale Toddler Group

Play & support

Mondays: 10am (term time)

brookvaltetoddlers@gmail.com

Slimming World

Meal plans & activity

Every Tuesday: 5:30pm, 7pm

rebeccabatty@outlook.com

Brookvale Guiding

Guides and Rangers

Rainbows and Brownies

Wednesdays term-time 5:30-9pm

brookvaleguiding@outlook.com

Caterpillar Music

Music & Sensory sessions: 0-4yrs

Thurs: 9:45, 10:40, 11:35 am

nicky.moore@caterpillarmusic.com

NCT Bumps & Babies

Play and support 0-5 years

Fri: 10am-11:30am

branch.basingstoke@nct.org.uk

Wu Shu Kwan

Fitness, confidence, self-defence:

Sundays: 5pm-7pm

07449 673036

BCA Free to attend Events:

Brookvale In Bloom

Enter by Monday 30th June

Judging 7/8th July

Garden Horticulture Competition

info@brookvale.org.uk

Basingstoke & Jane Austen

Thursday 21st August 7:30pm

booking@brookvale.org.uk

Christmas Market

Saturday 23rd November 2pm

Stocking fillers, food, drink & gifts

booking@brookvale.org.uk

Community Coffee Morning

Every Thur: 10:30-Midday

50p cuppas includes cake

Cllr Community Coffee Morning

2nd Sat: 10:30-12:30 am

50p cuppas includes biscuits

Warm Hub

Thursdays: Midday-1pm

Free/Low cost snacks

Soup, toasties, fruit—£1 (at cost)

Information

Brookvale Website:

www.brookvale.org.uk

Brookvale Village Hall Enquiries:

info@brookvale.org.uk

Hall Booking Agent:

booking@brookvale.org.uk

Brookvale Lottery:

Lottery now closed

lottery@brookvale.org.uk

Local Development issues:

Malcolm MacInnes,
Chair, Development-Sub Committee
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malcolm@brookvale.org.uk

Your Ward Councillors are:

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Councillor Abdel Ibrahim

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Cllr.Abdel.Ibrahim@basingstoke.gov.uk

Councillor Michael Howard Sorrell

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Your County Councillor is:

Councillor Kim Taylor

07738 289861

cllr.kim.taylor@hants.gov.uk

Your Town MP is:

Luke Murphy MP

07946 617981

luke.murphy.mp@parliament.uk

Police Safer Neighbourhood Team: 101

Basingstoke.Town.Police@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

01256 845700

CSPO Shead:

kayleigh.shead@basingstoke.gov.uk

PCSO Wilson 18513:

alana.wilson2@hampshire.police.uk

PCSO Port 18564:

jess.port@hampshire.police.uk

Police Website for online reporting:

Brookvale Bobby Charlotte Warhurst:

charlotte.warhurst.28189@hampshire.police.uk

07775 543491

Police website for online reporting:

<https://www.hampshirepolice.uk/>

Police Let's Talk:

<https://survey.hampshirealert.co.uk/>

Crime Stoppers: Child Line:

0800 555 111 0800 1111

BCA:

Informing, Supporting, Entertaining,

Representing residents since 1973:

info@Brookvale.org.uk (E&OE)

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