

blurb!

The regular newsletter of



Brookvale
Community Association

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

Kids' Easter Eggstravaganza!

Wednesday 1st April
10:30am – 12 noon

Age Guidance 4 - 10 years

- Colouring in
- Pin the Tail on the Bunny
- Make an Easter Card
- Easter Crafts
- Easter Egg Trail

◆ **FREE – but booking is essential!**
Book here: <https://wegottickets.com/event/693272>

BROOKVALE
VILLAGE HALL
CIO 1174719

For local news, events and information:



Brookvale heart of Basingstoke
www.brookvale.org.uk

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BCA Volunteers & Events

Volunteer News



As many of you are aware, Pam will not be distributing the BLURB after this issue, after 50years of working with our Brookvale Community Association. Pam is taking a rest and would like to thank all of you, current and past, for the help in ensuring that the BLURBS were delivered to the homes of Brookvale.

Without you the BCA would not have been able to let our residents know about our events and news.

Pam hopes to see you and catch up at various events at the hall. Thank you, **Pam Mansfield.**



We offer a warm welcome to our latest **Volunteers**:

- Ashlyn-Handy Person
- Anna-Community Gardener
- Linda-Advertising
- Joanna-Compliance
- Chakra-ChatGPT PosterTemplate
- Chakra-iT Support
- Charles Learner Support

Our latest Opportunity:

Community Newsletter Delivery Co-Ordinator

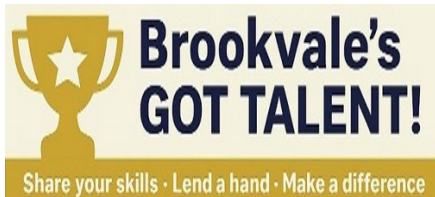
Approx 4 hours per quarter distributing newsletter bundles to our volunteer street agents who will put them into your letterboxes.

Potential volunteers please contact:

malcolm@brookvale.org.uk

Use postcode RG21 7RU for more of our opportunities at:

<https://www.volunteermorthants.org.uk>



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



Hampshire County Council and the NHS have produced a booklet called Able Like Mabel with advice how to maintain your mobility.

You can read or download it here: <https://documents.hants.gov.uk/public-health/livelongerbetter/fallproof-strength-and-balance-plan-guide.pdf>

Able like Mabel also has more information about the sit to stand test.

If you have a fall please tell your GP. Often there may be a medical reason for a fall, and a seeking advice afterwards may prevent another one.

Anyone can have a fall, but older people are more vulnerable and likely to fall, especially if they have a long-term health condition.

If you have had a fall in the last 3 months, contact your GP Practice Team for support and to assess the reason why you fell. There may be something simple that can be done to prevent more falls

Falls are a common, but often overlooked, cause of injury. Around 1 in 3 adults over 65 and half of people over 80 will have at least one fall a year.

Not all falls are preventable but neither are they inevitable: 20–30% of falls can be prevented by assessing risks and intervening to reduce these risks. By remaining as fit as you can will also reduce the harm caused by a fall.



We offer **Steady & Strong** exercise classes at Brookvale Village Hall, call Marian on 07776 191248.



County & Borough News

Potholes

Wet weather has been relentless, about 188% higher than average in January. This caused an erosion effect destroying road surfaces and creating sunken drains and potholes. Councils can't keep pace with the damage. I've been asked why temporary repairs are done and the answer is simple. They are quick to do and mitigate immediate danger. Permanent repairs take longer to do, and the weather and temperature has to meet minimum standards.

HCC gets the majority of its road maintenance funding from the Department for Transport (DfT). For 2025/26 HCC received £37m but we actually have about £600m worth of repairs to do. This is repairs are prioritised on risk to life and quick temporary repairs are needed.

HCC has made a commitment to put a Best Start Family Hub in Basingstoke utilising some available space in the Discovery Centre. We will be in the first tranche in Hampshire to get this important facility.

Emergency Parking

Finally many thanks to BCoT and Morrisons who helped out with emergency parking during the Lower Brook Street utility works.

Cllr Kim Taylor, Basingstoke Central Hampshire Labour Group Leader

Cllr.kim.taylor@hants.gov.uk



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BCA Thornycroft Day Saturday 18th April 2026 Free!

Midday- 4pm Brookvale Village Hall RG21 7RP



1918 J Type ,1966 Tanker, 1943 Nippy



Thornycroft clock, Basingstoke

Find family photos, see transport displays, help raise clock money, learn about Made in Basingstoke, works canteen food, see women's work.

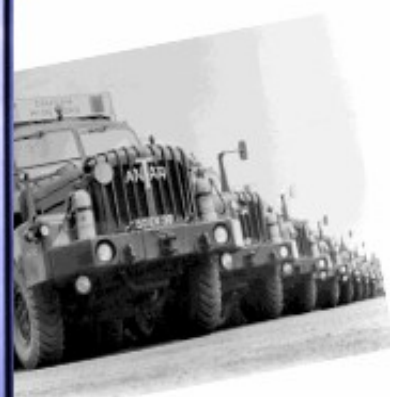


THORNYCROFT
TO MY DRIVER

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.



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



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EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION

Get creative and colour your Easter Egg masterpiece for a chance to **WIN Smyths Toys Gift Cards!** 



AGE CATEGORIES

- 4-7 years
- 8-11 years
- 12+ years

Prizes awarded in each age group!

ENTRY DETAILS

First Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact details
(Phone No/Email address):

ENTRIES

Post in **COMPETITION BOX** at
Brookvale Village Hall
or email to mariangreally@gmail.com

Judging: **Wednesday 8th April**
Winners Displayed: **Thursday 9th April**
at Brookvale Village Hall



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Activities

Did you know that your local Councillor is available at Brookvale Village Hall every second Saturday of the month? If you wish to raise any local concerns without judgement, or want to speak to somebody in confidence, please come along. Coffee/tea, biscuit and a local

MEET YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING
Every Second Saturday
10.30am – 12.00 noon

Community Concerns?
Local Issues?
Suggestions Needed!
Come along and
have your say!

BROOKVALE
VILLAGE HALL



**TIRED OF
POTHOLE
FLY-TIPPING
LOOSE PAVING
DOG POOP VANDALISM
BROKEN STREET LIGHTING?**

**REPORT THEM TO
THE COUNCIL WITH**
 **FixMyStreet.com**

another project from the lovely people at [mySociety](http://mysociety.com)

Enter a nearby UK postcode, or street name and area: e.g. 'B2 4QA' or 'Tib St, Manchester'

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>

Meetings & Events

Committee Meetings:
BCA Management Committee:
Monthly 1st Thursday at 7:30pm
info@brookvale.org.uk

Brookvale Toddler Group
Play & support
Mondays: 10am (term time)
brookvaletoddlers@gmail.com

Slimming World
Meal plans & activity
Tuesdays: 5:30pm, 7pm
rebeccabatty@outlook.com

Neelam Yoga & Wellness
Mindfulness & stress management
Tuesdays: 7:15pm-8:15pm
gemma.caws@gmail.com

Taoist Tai Chi
Meditative slow rhythm movement
Weds 2pm & Thurs 7pm
07403 293974

Brookvale Guiding
Guides and Rangers
Rainbows and Brownies
Wednesdays: term-time 5:30-9pm
brookvaleguiding@outlook.com

Caterpillar Music
Music & Sensory sessions: 0-4yrs
Thursdays: 9:45, 10:40, 11:35 am
nicky.moore@caterpillarmusic.com

NCT Bumps & Babies
Play and support 0-5 years
Fridays: 10am-11:30am
branch.basingstoke@nct.org.uk

Zumba
Lively cardio and fitness
Saturdays: 10:15-11:30 am
Zumba With Hattie
No booking needed!

Indian Kathak Classical Dance
Graceful storytelling movement
Sundays: 9:30am-10:30 am
Kathak.bipasha@gmail.com

Wu Shu Kwan
Fitness, confidence, self-defence:
Sundays: 5pm-7pm
07449 673036

BCA Upcoming Events:
Brookvale In Bloom Competition
Monday 13th July
Entry form deadline
booking@brookvale.org.uk

Coffee Mornings:
Thursdays: 10:30-Midday
50p cuppas includes cake
Warm Hub
Thurs: Midday-1pm
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
(01256) 364498
malcolm@brookvale.org.uk
Your Ward Councillors are:
Councillor Arun Mummalaneni
07894 708983
clarunmummalaneni@basinstoke.gov.uk
Councillor Abdel Ibrahim
07900 272294
Cllr.Abdel.Ibrahim@basinstoke.gov.uk
Councillor Michael Blackberry
07869 262129
cllr.michael.blackberry@basinstoke.gov.uk

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 Hulewicz 80:
daria.hulewicz@basinstoke.gov.uk
PCSO Wilson 18513:
alana.wilson2@hampshire.police.uk
PCSO Port 18564:
jess.port@hampshire.police.uk
Brookvale Bobby:
<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/police-forces/hampshire-constabulary/areas/campaigns/local-bobbies/>
Police website for online reporting:
<https://www.hampshirepolice.uk/>
Police Let's Talk:
<https://survey.hampshirealert.co.uk/>
Crime Stoppers: 0800 555 111 **Child Line: 0800 1111**

BCA:

Informing, Supporting, Entertaining,
Representing residents since 1973:
info@Brookvale.org.uk (E&OE)
Brookvale Community Association
(BCA) registered CIO 1174719.
Hampshire, RG21 7RP.
What 3 Words: ///punk.safe.large
Non Profit, run by unpaid volunteers
Free Newsletter

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Easter Competition!
Guess how many Eggs
 are in the jar to win it!

Email your guess by 9am
Wednesday 8th April to
mariangreally@gmail.com

Winner published via Facebook on
Thursday 9th April.

SAVE THE DATE!
BROOKVALE
 in
BLOOM
 2026

Entries opening in **Spring**
 Competition will be held/judged in **July**

NEW for 2026!

- NEW!** Photo Competition
- NEW!** Houseplant Competition
- NEW!** Kids' Categories
- NEW!** Best Garden Ornament/Decoration
- Best Hanging Basket/Container
- Best Small Front Garden
- Best Medium/Large Garden

Look out for the next issue of **Blurb!**

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Lost your mojo?
 Looking for exercise inspiration?

Get fit, have fun, and boost your energy!

All of these are on offer at **Brookvale Village Hall** right on your doorstep!

- ✓ Indian Classical Dancing
- ✓ Steady & Strong - Gentle Exercise
- ✓ Tai Chi
- ✓ Wu Shu Kwan
- ✓ Yoga
- ✓ Zumba

BROOKVALE VILLAGE HALL

Interested?
 Check www.brookvale.org.uk

ROOM AND HALL HIRE AVAILABLE

BROOKVALE VILLAGE HALL

Affordable Rates	Central Basingstoke
Parking	Toilets
Disabled Access	Baby Changing
Lift	Kitchen

Green Room	Lyndon Jones Room	Studio	Main Hall
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Further info:
booking@brookvale.org.uk