

blurb!

The regular newsletter of



Brookvale
Community Association

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



GARDEN CATEGORIES

Open to front garden owners in RG21 7**



**BEST MEDIUM / LARGE
FRONT GARDEN**



**BEST SMALL
FRONT GARDEN**



**BEST HANGING
BASKET / CONTAINER**



**BLACK POT
CHALLENGE**

No garden? Don't worry!
Collect a black pot/compost
from BVH and grow own
blooms and join in the fun!

★ NEW ★ CATEGORIES FOR 2026

Open to all residents in Basingstoke



CAKE COMPETITION

Bake a cake
containing
fruit or vegetables.



PHOTO COMPETITION

Submit a photo
on the theme of
"bloom".



CHILDREN'S COMPETITION

Create an animal
from fruit and/or
vegetables.

IMPORTANT DATES



MON 9 JUN (5PM)

Black Pot &
Compost
Collection Deadline



MON 20 JUL

Judging of
Garden
Categories



FRI 1 AUG (5PM)

Competition
Categories
Entry Deadline
at Brookvale
Village Hall



**SUN 2 AUG
(2-3PM)**

Prize-giving Tea Party
at Brookvale
Village Hall.

All welcome!



ENTER NOW!

Pick up an entry form from
Brookvale Village Hall Reception
or email: bloom@brookvale.org.uk



QUERIES?

Email
mariangreally@gmail.com



VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.brookvale.org.uk

For local news, events and information:



Brookvale heart of Basingstoke
www.brookvale.org.uk

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BCA Volunteers News

Everyone can do a little bit and enjoy volunteering with us to make a difference, ensuring your BCA continues to grow our free/low cost activities!



Our latest Opportunities:

Management Committee Trustee

Approx 4 hours per month, ensuring meeting decisions are legal and affordable, and in the best interests of our BCA.

Handy Person

For those who are more practical, we still need a handyperson for cosmetic tasks keeping our building looking nice!

Kitchen Helper

Maybe you can help our kitchen team for 2 hours each Thursday serving 50p cuppas & free home made cake with a smile?

Newsletter Co-Ordinator

Approx 6 hours per quarter collating and delivering newsletter bundles to our volunteer street deliverers.

Receptionist

Lively people person to take and direct queries.

Gardener

Weekly weeding & edging.

Potential volunteers

please contact:

malcolm@brookvale.org.uk



<https://www.brookvale.org.uk/volunteering>

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Annual Thornycroft Day

Saturday 18th April was well attended with a massive display of cakes in our Tuck Shop, all completely "hoovered up" by our visitors & providers, with thanks to our Kitchen Team!

Our Mayor Cllr Colin Phillimore discovered old Thornycroft acquaintances, and residents discovered which apprentices were previously "billeted" in their homes.

Our Classic Car Club displayed some nice cars, and in reception, the Thornycroft 100 Year Road Run was shown, starting with hot pasties at Chiswick, via the Worting Road factory site and ending in the Memorial Park judging.

Garry displayed the Thornycroft memorabilia, along with the usual Thornycroft Society 4 sided info tower (middle of the floor) and with their team effort, assembled quicker each year that passes!



Hampshire Record Office Ryan (Access & Audiology theme) showed a curated compilation of old Basingstoke images to stimulate memories & capture stories.

BNHMRS Ian's & Pete's Scale Model:



Afterwards, Sunday 10th May 2026, Annual Festival of Transport in the Memorial Park.

In April 2027 we hope for the return of Barnaby's organ truck!

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County & Borough News

A new North Hampshire Council will be created in April 2028 to deliver services currently run by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Hart District Council, Rushmoor Borough Council and Hampshire County Council:

<https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/new-councils-decision>

Care leavers in Hampshire receive 'consistent and responsive support from practitioners who know them well' and are 'supported effectively towards independence'.

It is the first time Ofsted has visited the County Council since 2024, when it received it's second consecutive outstanding judgement overall. In that inspection, the authority was judged outstanding in four out of five areas, and good in one category – concerning the experience and progress of care leavers. Since then, the County Council has undertaken significant work to give care leavers a stronger and more influential role in shaping the services provided to them. In its report, Ofsted has acknowledged the impact of this work – which gives care leavers in Hampshire a direct line into their local authority:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260518ofstedreport> □

Victory Park ASB at the rear of Southend Road resident's gardens resolved by moving the renewed benches over to the main path to the exercise area.

King George 5th Park noticeboard repaired & ball wall to have public art image painted.

Lower Brook Street & George Street potholes have numbers!

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BROOKVALE YOUTH CLUB

FREE ENTRY

For the Summer Term Only
Sign Up Now!

TUCK SHOP

ARTS & CRAFTS

GAMES & ACTIVITIES

EVERY TUESDAY
(TERM TIME ONLY)

FOR 8-12 YEAR OLDS

5:00PM - 6:30PM

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LOWER BROOK ST,
RG21 7RP**

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

CATEGORIES ENTERED

Please tick the categories you are entering

GARDEN CATEGORIES Open to front garden owners in RG21 7**	JUDGING 20 JULY	COMPETITION CATEGORIES Open to all residents in Basingstoke	JUDGING 1 AUGUST
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IMPORTANT DATES

9 JUNE (5PM) Black Pot & Compost Collection Deadline	20 JULY Judging of Garden Categories	1 AUGUST (5PM) Competition Categories Submission Deadline	2 AUGUST (2.00PM-3.00PM) Prize-giving Tea Party
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DECLARATION

By submitting this entry form, I agree to the rules of Brookvale in Bloom 2026 and allow my entry to be used in publicity and promotional material.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY FORM



Post your entry form into the Red Competition Entry Box on Reception at Brookvale Village Hall or email to bloom@brookvale.org.uk

Prize-giving Tea Party - 2nd August 2.00pm - 3.00pm

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Activities



Did you know that your local Councillor is available at Brookvale Village Hall every second Saturday of the month?

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

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 listening ear!

Neighbourhood Watch

Queens Rd:
Phil & Val 01256-421621

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

BCA Since 1973: Informing, Supporting, Entertaining, Representing residents :
www.Brookvale.org.uk (E&OE)

Brookvale Community Association (BCA) registered CIO 1174719.
Hampshire, RG21 7RP.

Meetings & Events

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

Brookvale Toddler Group
Play & support
Ceased, awaiting volunteers:
brookvaltetoddlers@gmail.com

Slimming World
Meal and 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
Ceased, awaiting volunteers:
branch.basingstoke@nct.org.uk

Zumba
Zumba With Hattie

Lively cardio and fitness
Saturdays: 10:15-11:30 am
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
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 Mumalaneni
07894 708983
claraunmumalaneni@basingstoke.gov.uk
Councillor Abdel Ibrahim
07900 272294
Cllr.Abel.Ibrahim@basingstoke.gov.uk
Councillor Bikram Banerjee
07869 262129
cllr.bikram.banerjee@basingstoke.gov.uk

Your County Councillor is:
Councillor Alan Harvey Stone
Phone: TBA?
alan.stone@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@basingstoke.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/policy-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: Child Line:
0800 555 111 0800 1111
Trauma Counselling Hub:
01962 868 688
<https://start-org.uk/>

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BROOKVALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

2026 ANNUAL EVENTS

COMPETITION

DOG SELFIE STATION

Calling all canines!

Show us your best side during July and August (03.07.26 to 28.08.26) for your chance to

WIN A CASH PRIZE!

Our special Dog Selfie Station will be open at Brookvale Village Hall on Mondays and Fridays.

- * Ask a staff member to take a photo
- * or get your owner to snap a pic
- * email: mariangreally@gmail.com

Winner will be chosen and announced on Tuesday 1st September.

Good luck!

POSE. SNAP. WIN!

BEST SIDE ALWAYS

What would you like to see on offer at **Brookvale Village Hall?**

We're open to your suggestions!

ACTIVITIES **HIRERS** **EVENTS** **EXERCISE OPTIONS**

Suggestion Box

We value your feedback!

Post your ideas in our new Suggestion Box at Brookvale Village Hall

OR email mariangreally@gmail.com

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Can you help us?

Did you know that Brookvale Village Hall is run by volunteers?

To keep the hall running we need **your help.**

Currently we need:



Key holders



Odd Jobs Assistance



Kitchen helpers

Every bit of help makes a big difference!



From 15 minutes to a couple of hours – we are grateful for any assistance you can offer!



Further information?
Email malcolm@brookvale.org.uk



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All events at Brookvale Village Hall

TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

7.30PM
(FREE)

Cadbury's DAIRY MILK

AGM & GUEST SPEAKER
David Wickens

Chocolate

The History of Cadbury's

FREE Tickets.
Email mariangreally@gmail.com

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