



# ROOKSDOWN REPORTER

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## > HI THERE...

Welcome to this edition of the Rooksdown Reporter, where we have lots to catch you up on.

But perhaps the most significant is the setting up of a Community Speed Watch group to help embed the 20 miles limit which came into force in June, for the safety & benefit of all Rooksdown residents.



### HOW IT WORKS

Details of any vehicle caught exceeding the 20 mile limit will be collected at the time of the alleged offence and then entered onto a police database.

The registered owner of the vehicle will then be sent a letter telling them that their vehicle was seen exceeding the speed limit, how it affects the local community and asking them not to do so in the future. If the same registration number is logged again within 12 months the owner's details will be passed onto Roads Policing, who may take further action.

Irresponsible speeding around the Rooksdown will no longer be tolerated.

Please be considerate to the Community Speed Watch volunteers - they are taking on this voluntary activity to positively contribute to the safety and quality of life of everyone in our Parish and they should be applauded for doing so.

If you want more details on how to support the **Rooksdown Community Speed Watch** team then please contact Karen Ross - Parish Clerk on **01256 869612** or **077414 72622** [parish.clerk@rooksdown.org.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@rooksdown.org.uk)



## ROOKSDOWN FIREWORKS

The Parish Council has made the difficult decision not to hold a Fireworks event this year.

Rooksdown Firework event is designed for the benefit the Rooksdown community and its' residents. As you all know, over the past few years the Rooksdown Firework event has gone from strength to strength and is now one of Rooksdown's most popular events. However, putting on such a popular event brings with it organisational challenges, particularly, how to get residents and visitors in and out of Rooksdown safely.

You will have seen that Rooksdown Park (the venue for the Fireworks) is currently being re-developed to create a new play area for local children, along with significant house construction in the area directly opposite Rooksdown Park.

The Parish Council realises this will be a huge disappointment to residents but would like to thank residents for their continued support. Planning for a Fireworks event in 2016 has already started. How we successfully run a local community event that is both enjoyable and safe will be our focus for the firework event in 2016. Can you help? We really need more residents to volunteer to help with the overall planning and to help on the day itself. So, if you want to be involved in the overall planning for 2016 or if you think you will have a couple of hours during the day itself to help set up or in the evening during the event, please can you contact Karen Ross - Parish Clerk on **01256 869612** or **077414 72622** [parish.clerk@rooksdown.org.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@rooksdown.org.uk)

# THINK BEFORE YOU PARK

Rooksdown Parish Council regularly receives complaints from residents about thoughtless, often illegal parking around the parish. Over recent months there has been an increase in comments about the parking, the blocking of paths and parking by dropped kerb crossing points.

If you wish to complain about parking matters please contact the local Police Officer by calling 101.

As Rooksdown is a residential area roads tend to be narrow and windy, often have traffic calming measures in their design. Extra danger is created when pedestrians have to walk on the road when cars are parked on the footpath or pinch points. Children especially, cannot be seen by oncoming vehicles. Remember that if you park on the footway, or part of it, or block a dropped kerb, the Police can issue a fixed fine.

**SO, PLEASE THINK BEFORE YOU PARK!**



B&DBC provides a weekly waste collection. Bins should be placed on the edge of your property by 7am on your collection day and be left out until 8pm of that day, at the point nearest to the public highway. This could be at the end of your own path or driveway or at the end of a communal path or driveway, at the place where it joins the public highway (the pavement or roadway).

Please ensure you have your house number on your bin so that the contractors can return it to where it was left after it has been emptied.

After your bin has been emptied please take it in as soon as possible and store it securely on your property.

**Given the layout of most of Rooksdown, we have asked Basingstoke & Deane to remove bins that are regularly left causing obstruction to pedestrians and resident parking.**

## DOG POOP & LITTER

**We would like to remind all residents to clean up after their dog and themselves!**

There has been an increase in litter and dog mess being left around the streets, paths and public green spaces.

More litter bins are being installed shortly and everyone is reminded that all bins can be used for dog mess. There are no excuses!

Offenders can be reported to the **Dog Warden** on **01256 844844** or you can report it online at [www.basingstoke.gov.uk](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk)



**FOR NEWS ON ALL THE PROJECTS** we are currently working on, join us at our next Parish Council meeting. We look forward to seeing you there. Dates can be found opposite and on the Parish Notice Boards around the Parish and of course on our Parish Council Website - [www.rooksdwn.org.uk](http://www.rooksdwn.org.uk)

I look forward to meeting you at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 28th November, which historically has always been a great event for Rooksdown. Thanks to the Community Association for all their efforts in pulling this event together and let's hope we are lucky enough to get a visit from Santa!

All the best  
**Paul Mahoney** - Chairman - Rooksdown Parish Council

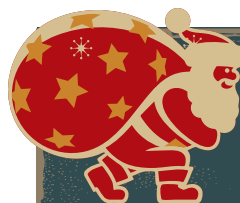


## Forthcoming PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2015/16

**Monday 12 October**  
**Monday 23 November**  
**December - NO meeting**  
**Monday 25 January**  
**Monday 22 February**  
**Monday 21 March**

**ROOKSDOWN  
CHRISTMAS FAYRE**  
**SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**  
**11AM-3PM**

**LOTS OF STALLS, ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHILDREN,  
MULLED WINE, MINCE PIES & FREE SANTA'S GROTTO**



## • SANTA'S • CHRISTMAS TOUR

Look out for more details about when Santa will be visiting the streets of Rooksdown.

If you would like to help guide him around please contact **Claire** on **01256 869626**



## A340 ALDERMASTON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

The main works are programmed to start October 2015, with an expected duration of 9 months.

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