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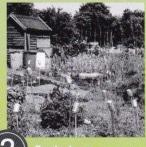
Borough Councillor Update



New Community
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## Borough Councillor

Firstly I would like to welcome all the new residents who have joined us in our community recently.

Often a new home, which should be full of excitement, is tainted by dealing with significant snagging items with the reluctant customer service department of the developer. It has been an experience of far too many of us. It is whilst dealing with such issues that I have met many of you. If I haven't met you yet and you do need any support in dealing with any issues then please get in contact. I am also developing my personal knowledge on how I can support residents who are having difficulties with management companies.

Other new arrivals to our community have included the new Rooksdown GP Surgery and two new classes at Castle Hill Primary. These new arrivals have caused much stress and strain on the parking and pedestrian navigation on that part of Park Prewett Road. May I ask everyone to consider both walking to the school or Drs surgery, if you need to drive to park considerately which may mean a short walk.

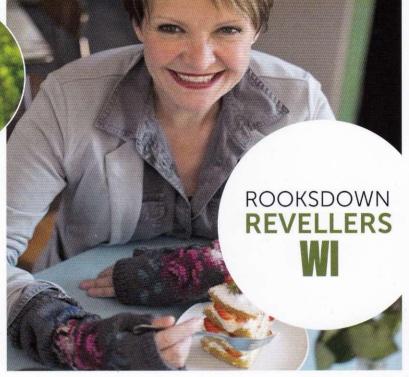
We are also expecting some new arrivals to our community in the near future including more community space at the Barn in Pumphouse Way and the new units in Greenlands Road, development starting on the Trumpet Land and new neighbours arriving at both David Wilson Homes and Bellway. Some issues have sadly already been identified with construction traffic and I would ask you to report any issues that you may have directly with the site manager and if you are not satisfied with the response please do let me know.

It was good to reflect on how much has happened in the last 12 months at the parish council annual meeting and would always encourage anyone who is looking to find out an answer on a specific issue to come along and attend a parish council meeting. Myself, the county councillor and parish council between us are normally able to give an update.

I look forward to seeing you at the Rooksdown Rodeo & Summer Fair on Sunday 2nd July.

#### Simon Bound

Rooksdown Borough Councillor 07879 477696

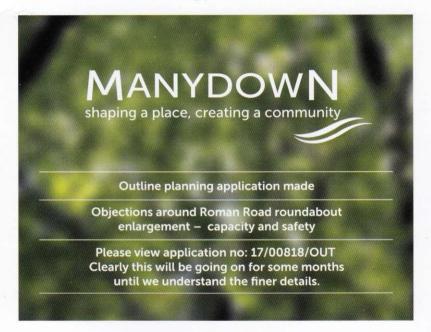


The WI is all about inspiring women.

To find out more visit our Facebook page or email: rooksdownsec@hampshirewi.org.uk

Or we look forward to seeing you at the Rodeo.







## 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 have now been installed and everyone is reminded that all bins can be used for dog mess.

#### THERE IS NO EXCUSE!

Offenders can be reported to the **Dog Warden on 01256 844844** or you can report it online at www.basingstoke.gov.uk





To have a look at what the Parish Council achieved in the last 12 months, then please visit our Parish Council Website www.rooksdown.org.uk to review my presentation from the Annual Parish Assembly on 24th April.

For news about all the projects we are currently working on, we look forward to seeing you at a forth coming Parish Council meeting. Dates can be found opposite and on the Parish Notice Boards around the Parish and of course on our Parish Council website.

I very much look forward to meeting you at the Summer Fair on Sunday 2nd July... 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 for some great weather!

All the best

#### Cllr. Paul Mahoney

Chairman - Rooksdown Parish Council



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## Allotments

Rooksdown has been waiting for allotments to arrive for some time and the final push to get them ready and in a position where they can be accepted from the developer is taking a lot longer than it should.

The Parish Council is still taking applications and will start a waiting list if applications out number the total available.

Currently council officers are still waiting for the final elements to be finished, like water being connected, the site being made safe and building waste removed. Once this is done applicants should then be contacted to update them on the timescale for handover and allocation to applicants.



## Parish Council

Monday 26th June Monday 24th July August - no meeting Monday 25th September Monday 23rd October Monday 27th November December - no meeting



If you attended the Christmas Fair at the community centre you may have seen the new plans for the additional community facilities in The Barn in Pumphouse Way and at the new retail units in Greenlands Road. The plans for these are still progressing and the planning application has been submitted.

Updates will be available at the Summer Fair from either a member of the Parish Council or the Community Association.

#### **New County Councillor**

In the county council elections held in May Robert Taylor was elected for the Basingstoke North West division which includes Rooksdown.

After a career in both children's services and UK security Robert currently works for Sebastian's Action Trust, a local charity supporting seriously ill children. Since 2002 he has also sat as a magistrate in Hampshire, Wiltshire and the Isle of White.

Robert has lived in Basingstoke for 14 years and for seven years was a borough councillor.

You can contact him on robert.taylor@hants.gov.uk or on 07500 887207



# Community Centre WEEKLY Programme



More details can be found at

For party bookings call

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### Community Worker Vacancy



## From £8.00 per hour 3.5 – 7 hours per week

Fixed term contract - flexible hours afternoon, evening & weekend

Rooksdown Community Association is looking for energetic & enthusiastic people to join the team working with young people in Rooksdown.

You will work closely with the Community Development Manager and Borough Council youth team to develop exciting & valuable community services to those under the age of 24.

For further information and an application pack email admin@rooksdownonline.com

Closing date for applications: 14 July 2017

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