



**ROOKSDOWN**

# ROOKSDOWN REPORTER

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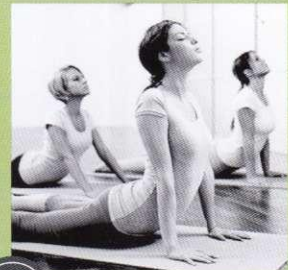
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# SUMMER FAIR

\*\*\* SUNDAY 7 JULY \*\*\*

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# Borough Councillor UPDATE



After seeing so many residents out and about in the snow that we had earlier in the year it is now great to see everyone out enjoying the warmer weather.

We also have many new arrivals joining us from homes that are now occupied in Gillies Meadow (Barratt & David Wilson Homes) & Nightingale View. It was good to get out for a litter pick with relatively new residents from Sherborne Fields (see pic) and I'd also like to congratulate the team from the Sherborne Fields Residents Association who are sorting out the issues that have been experienced with the management company.

For all those new to our community, welcome, and if you want to keep in touch don't forget there are various facebook groups (search "Rooksdown Community, Basingstoke", "Rooksdown Residents Community Group") and websites for the community association ([www.rooksdownonline.com](http://www.rooksdownonline.com)) and parish council ([www.rooksdown.org.uk](http://www.rooksdown.org.uk)).

These groups and website can help to keep you informed on up and coming events and other information about the community.

I'm sure students and teachers are looking forward to the school extension being completed in a few months time. It doesn't feel like that long ago we were fighting to have the school built but my records remind me that the hard work started in 2011. Not long before the discussions started around the Park Prewett Main Hall. For all those that have walked past it in Northbrook Crescent much of the heavy work is completed and the team are now in fit out stage.

I hope to see many residents at the Summer Fair on Sunday 7th July and a smaller number of my fellow allotment holders on the allotments working hard to produce our own food.

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Rooksdown Borough Councillor

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## DOG POOP & LITTER



### Can we remind all residents to clean up after their dogs and themselves?

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

There are plenty of bins for litter and everyone is reminded that all bins can be used for dog mess. There really is no excuse!

Offenders for dog mess can be reported to the Dog Warden on 01256 844 844 or you can report it online at [www.basingstoke.gov.uk](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk)

Help keep Rooksdown a great place to live.

## FISH & CHIPS

### VAN ON WEDNESDAYS

If you haven't tried it already don't forget delicious fish & chips are available from the van on:

Day: Wednesdays

Location: Outside of the Community Centre

Time: Between 5.15pm & 8.15pm



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## PLEASE RESPECT THE 20 mph LIMIT

If you do so, then so will the people behind you





# Rooksdown Parish Council

Empowering our community

## 1 PARKING

Parking always seems to be a problem in Rooksdown. Here are a few pointers that may help you deal with any difficulties:

### Parking Facts

- Non-resident parking in Rooksdown is not illegal - if it complies with the law
- Unless a parking space is marked as belonging to a particular property, any vehicle may park there
- Homeowners do not own the public highway outside their property or have a priority right to park there unless they have a dropped kerb outside the property
- Residents and their visitors cause many of the problems – by parking illegally or inconsiderately
- Emergency vehicles do not have to follow parking restrictions when dealing with an incident.

### What can you do?

- If hospital workers are parking illegally you can report them: just send details of who, where and when to [customer-care@hhft.nhs.uk](mailto:customer-care@hhft.nhs.uk)
- Ensure we, as residents, park so as not to inconvenience other residents
- Ensure that visitors park sensibly and legally. What is the Parish Council doing?
- We're working with Basingstoke and Deane to get more double yellow lines in Rooksdown – Pumphouse Way, Park Prewett Rd, by the school - and in any other place where problems have been reported
- We're also just beginning a project to replace broken and rotten wooden fencing with durable, smart knee-rail to discourage parking on verges.

## 2 ALLOTMENTS

### Sherborne Fields

The new allotments in Sherborne Fields have recently been handed over to residents. We're currently operating a waiting list: if you'd like an allotment – either a full or half-plot – just drop us an email.

### Park Prewett

As part of the old golf course development, the developers are required to hand over another allotment site – between the school and the ambulance station. This will provisionally include 10 half-plots, though some of them may be divided into quarter-plots. They are expected to be passed to us sometime between 2020 and 2022, so now is probably a good time to get your name down.



### Frequently Asked Questions

- **Who can have an allotment?**  
Anybody who is a resident of Rooksdown Parish
- **How do I apply?**  
Email the Parish Clerk at [clerk@rooksdwn.org.uk](mailto:clerk@rooksdwn.org.uk)
- **How big is a full-size plot?**  
5 poles – equivalent to 250 m<sup>2</sup> – about twice the size of a tennis court. Traditionally, this is meant to be enough to feed a working family for a full year
- **How much do they cost?**  
£60 per year for a full plot, £30 for a half

### 3 BUS STOPS

The Parish Council is looking to install bus shelters at the most popular bus stops in the main area of Rooksdown. However, at an approximate cost of £5000 each we need to make sure they are positioned in the best place possible.

If you regularly use a bus stop that you think would benefit from a shelter, please let us know on 07928 129 122 or [clerk@rooksdwn.org.uk](mailto:clerk@rooksdwn.org.uk). Please bear in mind that not all stops can have a shelter installed: for some there isn't room on the pavement, and there are others where the ground slopes too steeply.

**Martin Whittaker**  
Clerk and RFO



## SOMETHING EVERY WEEK FOR THE OVER 55S

Club 55 group goes on a monthly trip on the dates below:

Thursday 27th June, Thursday 18th July. Every month we go to a different destination.

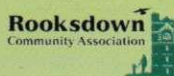
To book please call the Community Association office on 01256 869626. Every Thursday when a trip isn't running there is a Coffee Morning held at the Community Centre from 10am till noon. Events free but donations welcomed. Kindly supported by Rooksdown Parish Council.



# Community Centre WEEKLY Programme

<b>M</b>	<b>Monday</b> Available	
<b>T</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	
	English & Maths Tutoring	15.30 - 17.30 Hampshire Learning 07415 546491
	Pilates	18.30 - 19.30 Marjorie on 07887 561919
	Yoga	19.30 - 20.30 Marjorie on 07887 561919
<b>W</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	
	Beavers	18.30 - 19.30 Ron Barker on ron.rosa@btinternet.com
	Ballroom & Latin Dance	20.00 - 21.45 Jonathan on 07545 075426
<b>T</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	
	Over 55s Coffee Morning	10.00 - 12.00
	English & Maths tutoring	15.30 - 17.00 Hampshire Learning 07415 546491
	Martial Art Class	18.30 - 20.00 Ian on 07888 660225
	A Capella (singing group)	20.00 - 22.00 Andrew on 07711 004212
<b>F</b>	<b>Friday</b>	
	Cubs	18.30 - 20.00
	Scouts	20.00 - 21.30
<b>S</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	Halls available for private parties
<b>S</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	Basingstoke Eagles Pentecostal Church 10.00 - 12.00

If you would like to book a room at the Community Centre please contact:  
[bookings@rooksdownonline.com](mailto:bookings@rooksdownonline.com)  
 or call 01256 869626



**Rooksdow Parish Council**

Empowering our community

Hi all,

It was great to see so many of you at the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 1st May. We changed the format of the meeting and held an information evening in the foyer of the Community Centre, coinciding with the visit of the Fish & Chip Van in Rooksdow. The Parish Council hope you enjoyed the evening.

For news about all the projects we are currently working on, we look forward to seeing you at a forthcoming Parish Council meeting. Dates can be found below and on the Parish Noticeboards around Rooksdow and, of course, on our Parish Council website.

I very much look forward to meeting you at the Summer Fair on Sunday 7th July (11am – 3pm) which historically has been a great event for Rooksdow. Thanks to the Community Association for all their efforts in pulling this event together and let's hope for good weather.



All the best

**Cllr. Paul Mahoney**  
Rooksdow Parish Council

Rooksdow Parish Council consists of nine members of the public and meets at the Community Centre on the 4th Monday of the month, spending an average of around six hours each month advising and helping to run Rooksdow Community.

Parish Councils are the lowest tier of local government and allow residents a direct say in what happens in their local community. This is especially important where the community is changing as fast as Rooksdow.

If you would like to help shape our community why not contact the Parish Clerk, Martin Whittaker, for a chat? 07928 129122 or parish-clerk@rooksdow.org.uk.

**Being a Parish Councillor is a very worthwhile & rewarding community service.**

**Help Make Rooksdow Even Better!**

## PARISH COUNCIL - TILL THE END OF 2019

Monday 24th June • Monday 22nd July  
 August – no meeting • Monday 23rd September  
 Monday 21st October • Monday 25th November  
 December – no meeting

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