



ROOKSDOWN REPORTER

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Come & join us

Rooksdown Community Centre

8pm-9:30pm

Food, Music and Activities followed by Beacon Lighting
at 9:30pm all at the Community Centre.

CHAIR'S UPDATE

WELCOME TO THE APRIL 2025 ISSUE OF ROOKSDOWN REPORTER.

All the members of Rooksdown Parish Council hope you are doing well and for all those who've recently moved in to our community – **a very warm welcome to you.**

Rooksdown Parish Council is gearing up to mark the VE Day 80th Anniversary on Thursday 8 May 2025 at the Rooksdown Community Centre including a Beacon Lighting which will serve as a reminder of the strength of the human spirit and the enduring power of hope.

We hope you will be able to join us in honouring the courageous men and women whose sacrifices have bestowed upon us the freedoms we cherish today.

Further details of our plans are outlined on the opposite page.

WHO ARE ROOKSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL?

The Parish Council is made up of a great group of people with a wide variety of talents and skills who have been working hard to make Rooksdown a great place to live. We meet 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 Rooksdown Community. We all do our best for the Community.

The names of the current Councillors are: myself, Paul Mahoney (Chair), Doug How (Vice Chair), Scott Mason, Mike Anigbo, Abimbola Bisiriyu and Dan Harris.

Why not join one of our meetings, meet the Parish Councillors and find out about the many issues that are discussed, debated and decided upon each month? This is especially important where the community is changing as fast as Rooksdown.

If you'd like to help shape our community or if you'd like us to look specifically at something that you think would be of interest or benefit to the whole Parish, why not call me on 07973 826003 or email me at cllr.paul.mahoney@rooksdown.org.uk

Thanks for your continued co-operation & support.

Regards



Chair - Paul Mahoney
Rooksdown Parish Council



HOW TO CONTACT THE PARISH COUNCIL

 parish.clerk@rooksdown.org.uk

 www.rooksdown.org.uk

 www.facebook.com/rooksdownparishcouncil/

 [@RooksdownPC](https://twitter.com/RooksdownPC)

ROOKSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT 2025/26:

The Parish Council has put together its budget and precept (the money you pay to the Parish Council as part of your Council Tax bill) for Rooksdown in 2025 – 2026.

The good news is that the Parish Council resolved to make no change to the amount which residents pay to what was paid last year, and indeed we have not increased the precept since 2015.

We want to ensure that Rooksdown Parish Council projects and activities are making the best use of existing funds, without needing to pass on costs to residents.

VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL



There are currently a number of vacancies on the Parish Council.

If you think you may like to consider becoming a Parish Councillor, which does not take up a great deal of your time and is a very worthwhile & rewarding community service and you would like to know more about what is involved why not contact me.

ROOKSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

If you have an item that you wish to be discussed by Rooksdown Parish Council then please contact the Clerk with details of the issue and, where possible, your expected outcome.

The Agenda for the Parish Council meetings is set one week in advance. Any item received with less notice will be held over to the following month. The Agenda is displayed on the Parish Council Noticeboards across the development and published on our website.

The Parish Council website is continually updated with information about Council business and your Parish Councillors. It also has minutes, agendas and previous Rooksdown Reporter newsletters and you can find out about Rooksdown past, present and future.

LOOK BACK TO D-DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY – JUNE 6 2024

Last year on June 6th 2024 we came together to remember the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day event which took place during World War 2. This was a respectful reflection of the immense levels of collective effort, courage, daring and sacrifices made, by a host of incredible heroes who together, succeeded in helping the Allies land on the beaches in France and establish a foothold. This would be the first step of many to eventually winning the War and bringing a lasting peace to the world.

On the evening of this anniversary the residents of Rooksdown gathered, round our Tommy Statue under a bright summer sky, to light a beacon and remember this anniversary. While we had no expectations we were thoroughly blown away by just how many of you attended. It was an incredible turn out and left the evening with a strong sense of a proud and wonderful community.

We would like to extend a special thanks to the children, ranging from little toddlers to tall teenagers. A thanks to the Grown Ups, ranging from young adults to Pensioners. A special thanks to even the well-behaved pet dogs that tagged along. Last of all, a warm and very special thanks to the incredible Service Men and Service Women, some still in active service and others being veterans. A collective thanks to you all in this community we call Rooksdown, for helping make the day a big success. You all gave an hour of your time to remember those who gave a lifetime to us.



VE Day is more than just a historical event; it's a reminder of the strength of the human spirit and the enduring power of hope.

Let us celebrate the peace we enjoy today and honour the legacy of those who made it possible.

Rooksdown Event: VE Day 80th Anniversary Beacon Lighting

Venue: Rooksdown Community Centre • Date: Thursday 8th May 2025 • Time: 8pm-9:30pm

Details: Food, Music and Activities followed by Beacon Lighting at 9:30pm all at the Community Centre.

VE DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY – 8 MAY 2025

**Save the Date
Come and
join us!**

As we approach the 8th of May 2025, it's a time to reflect and commemorate another pivotal moment in our nation's history that took place 11 months after D-Day. It marked the formal acceptance by the Allies of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender. After nearly six years of devastating conflict, the guns finally fell silent across Europe. The announcement was met with widespread jubilation, with millions taking to the streets to celebrate. It's called "Victory in Europe Day" or "VE Day".

This year, we join together to remember the end of the Second World War in Europe and the hard-won peace that followed.



THINK BEFORE YOU PARK

Rooksdown Parish Council has received increasing complaints from residents about inconsiderate and often illegal parking in the area. Recent concerns have highlighted issues such as blocked paths, parking near dropped kerb crossing points, and inappropriate parking around the school and Community Centre.

As a residential area with narrow, winding roads and traffic calming measures, Rooksdown can be particularly dangerous when cars block footpaths or pinch points, forcing pedestrians, especially children, onto the road where they are less visible to oncoming traffic.

Any parking on the highway or footpath that causes a hazard or obstructs the pavement should be reported to the police via 101 or online at www.police.uk/pu/contact-us.

SO, PLEASE THINK BEFORE YOU PARK!

Community Centre

Park Prewett Road RG24 9RG
admin@rooksdowncommunity.uk
Tel 01256 869626



ROOKSDOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE WEEKLY EVENTS

Weekdays 7.30 to 18.00 Blossom Day Nursery

Monday

Beavers 18.30-19.30
Ron Barker
rooksdownc@bwds.org.uk
01256 322172

Wednesday

Zumba 18.45-19.45
Gary Riseborough
garyriseborough@hotmail.com
07843 444661

Friday

Cubs 18.30-20.00
Scouts 19.15-21.00
Ron Barker
rooksdownc@bwds.org.uk
01256 322172

Saturday

Karate 10.30-12.00
lstockleykarate@hotmail.co.uk
07706 966636

Basingstoke Marthoma Prayer Group 10.30-12.00

Sunday 10.00-12.00

Basingstoke Eagles Pentecostal Church

If you would like to book a room at the Community Centre please contact:

bookings@rooksdowncommunity.uk or call **01256 869626**

USEFUL CONTACTS

COMMUNITY

Rooksdown Community Centre **01256 869626**

HEALTH AND EDUCATION

Rooksdown Practice of Bramblys Grange GP **01256 399710**

Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital **01256 473202**

Castle Hill Primary School
(Rooksdown Campus) **01256 350300**

POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

Urgent **999**

To report a crime, suspicious incident, antisocial behaviour and when nothing to be gained from immediate response **101**

Report a crime online (101 equivalent)
www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/howto-report-a-crime/

Report antisocial behaviour online
www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/reportantisocial-behaviour/

Community Safety Patrol Team **01256 845700**

Crimestoppers **0800 555 111**

BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILS

Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council **01256 844844**

Report dog fouling
www.basingstoke.gov.uk/report-dog-fouling

Report a noise nuisance
www.basingstoke.gov.uk/report-noise-nuisance

Information about bin collections
www.basingstoke.gov.uk/bincollections

Hampshire County Council **0300 555 1375**

Help for households struggling with the cost of living
www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities

Links to report road issues including potholes, flooding, problems with paving, encroaching trees/hedging
www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems

For problems with rights of way:
www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem

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