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## WELCOME TO THE OCTOBER 2025 ROOKSDOWN REPORTER.

For those of you who have recently moved into our community - a very warm welcome.

### WHO ARE ROOKSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL?

We are a team of volunteers with a wide range of skills, working to make Rooksdown a great place to live. We meet on the 4th Monday of the month, spending around 6 hours advising on and supporting local initiatives.

Our current members are Paul Mahoney, Doug How (Vice-Chair), Scott Mason, Mike Anigbo, and Abimbola Bisiriyu, with Tracy Hamer as Clerk.

Join a meeting to hear about the issues discussed and decisions made - especially as Rooksdown continues to grow and evolve.

Looking ahead to 2026, if you'd like to help shape our community or suggest something for the Parish, email me at [cllr.paul.mahoney@rooksdown.org.uk](mailto:cllr.paul.mahoney@rooksdown.org.uk)

Thank you for your co-operation and ongoing support.



Paul Mahoney  
Chair - Rooksdown Parish Council



## "Your Parish Council Needs YOU"

If you're interested in becoming a Parish Councillor and helping to shape our Rooksdown community - a worthwhile and rewarding role that doesn't take up much of your time - and would like to learn more, please feel free to speak to me or any of the Parish Councillors, or email our Clerk at [parish.clerk@rooksdown.org.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@rooksdown.org.uk)

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Rooksdown Parish Council meet on the following dates until April 2026:

- November 24th 2025
- January 26th 2026
- February 23rd 2026
- March 23rd 2026
- April 27th 2026

If you would like an item discussed please contact Tracy, the Clerk, with details of the issue and, where possible, your expected outcome.



## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Join us on Sunday 9 November 2025 at the Rooksdown Tommy Soldier, located at the entrance between Gillies Drive and Rooksdown Avenue.

We will gather at 10:50 am for a two-minute silence at 11 am, followed by the laying of a wreath in remembrance of all who have suffered through conflict, past and present.

The event is open to the community, and everyone is welcome to lay wreaths or items in remembrance.



# IMPROVING ROAD SAFETY IN ROOKSDOWN WE NEED YOUR VIEWS ...

Rooksdown Parish Council is looking into the possibility of installing a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Elder Road and Park Prewett Road – right by the children’s play area and close to Castle Hill Primary School.

This follows concerns raised by residents about road safety in the area. Hampshire Constabulary recently monitored traffic at peak times and recommended that a formal crossing be considered. County Councillor Mummalaneni has also voiced support for the idea, suggesting it be formally submitted to Hampshire County Council after local consultation.

We’re also working with Hampshire Highways to install Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) at key locations across the parish. These will show drivers’ speeds and collect data on traffic volumes and speeding hotspots – helping us build a clearer picture of where action is needed.

🗣️ **Have your say!** Your feedback is vital to help shape these proposals.

Please take a few minutes to complete our short survey – just scan the QR code



🗣️ **Spread the word.** The more responses we receive from across the community, the stronger our case will be. Please share the survey with your family, friends, and neighbours in Rooksdown.

**Together, we can make our roads safer for everyone.**

## COMMUNITY CENTRE EVENTS AND DATES

Blossom Day Nursery, weekdays 7.30 to 18.00

Beavers, Monday 18.30 - 19.30

Cubs, Friday 18.30 - 20.00

Scouts, Friday 19.15 - 21.00

Ron Barker

[rooksdwn@bwds.org.uk](mailto:rooksdwn@bwds.org.uk) 01256 322172

Yoga, Thursday 19.15 - 20.15

Gemma Caws

[gemcaws@icloud.com](mailto:gemcaws@icloud.com) 07500 666639

**Rooksdown Community Christmas Fair**

Saturday 29th November, 1.30-5.00pm

**Children’s Christmas Party**

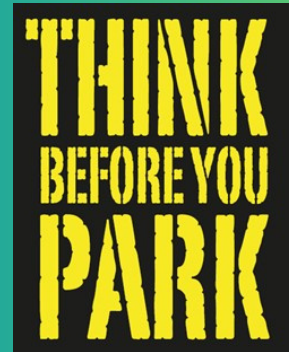
Saturday 6 December 3.00-5.00pm



Park Prewett Road RG24 9RC

✉️ [admin@rooksdwncommunity.uk](mailto:admin@rooksdwncommunity.uk)

☎️ 01256 869626



The Parish Council continues to receive complaints about blocked paths, cars on dropped kerbs and inconsiderate parking near the school, allotments and Community Centre.

- **The risks:** Narrow, winding roads mean pedestrians, especially children, can be forced into traffic.
- **The law:** Parking on footpaths or blocking dropped kerbs can lead to a fixed fine.
- **Report:** Call the Local Police on 101.

Please park safely and respect your neighbours.

## CONTACT THE PARISH COUNCIL

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