



Local events and activities

- **2019 Remembrance Day Parade and Service - 10 November**
This year the Remembrance Parade and Service will take place on **Sunday 10 November** at the **Finchampstead Memorial Park**. Please arrive from 2.30pm (no earlier please), parking is available on site. The Parade will take place in the Park followed by the Service at 3pm.

All are welcome to attend and refreshments will be served in the Memorial Hall after the Service. Please telephone 0118 908 8164 with any queries.
- **First Aid & Defibrillator training - 12 November**
We have a few places available on this session taking place at 7pm on 12 November at the FBC Centre. The training will be delivered by Heartstart Swallowfield. Please contact us if you would like to book a place. Telephone 0118 9088164 or email clerk@finchampstead-pc.gov.uk
- **Burglary & Fraud Community Conference - 27 November 2019**
This event runs from 12 noon to 3.30pm at the Earley Crescent Community Centre. There will be stalls offering advice, and speakers from organisations including Thames Valley Police, Trading Standards, Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue, Wokingham Borough Council and others.
- **Watermill Theatre - A Mini Summer Night's Dream - 28 November**
The Watermill Theatre presents this arrangement of William Shakespeare's play at the Memorial Hall, The Village, Finchampstead RG40 4JU on 28 November. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start. Tickets are £15 and can be purchased from Parkview Motors Village Shop. There will be a wine bar before and after the performance.

The future of Finchampstead – have your say!

We hope you have now received the **Finchampstead Neighbourhood Development Plan questionnaire** which has been delivered to all households in the Parish. We have had a great response to date with over 700 questionnaires completed, but we would like more. There is still time to complete a paper copy and send it back to us, or to complete it online at this link.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FinchampsteadFuture>

The Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) will map out the future of Finchampstead Parish over the next ten or more years. Finchampstead is a great place to live and work now but what do you want it to be like in 5, 10 or 15 years time? Development places constant pressure on our green spaces and infrastructure. An NDP is a way in which we can have some direct control over the future of our community, having a real say in shaping the future of housing, roads, schools, amenities and our environment.

The Parish Council will have some input but the principle is that you, the community and residents of Finchampstead will be the authors of the NDP. Your response to the questionnaire is vital in ensuring that our NDP reflects the things that you consider important.

To find out more about the NDP and / or how you can get involved please contact us at ndp@finchampstead-pc.gov.uk or visit our website <http://finchampsteadfuture.co.uk/>



Our new website

We launched a brand new website in October with lots of useful information. We are still working through it updating and adding to pages, but please have a look and let us have any comments and ideas for other information you would like to see on the site.

www.finchampstead-pc.gov.uk

The new site has an events listing section - if you would like us to help promote your one off or regular events please let us know and we will help if we can. Telephone 0118 908 8164 or email the information to clerk@finchampstead-pc.gov.uk

Local development

• **Land North of Nine Mile Ride**

Welbeck Land has submitted an appeal against the decision of Wokingham Borough Council to refuse planning permission for development on this site, involving up to 118 dwellings with associated parking, landscaping and open space. The site is adjacent to the California Country Park. The appeal will be determined on the basis of an Inquiry.

Representations must be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by 20 November 2019 quoting reference APP/X0360/W/19/3238048. These should be submitted at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> or by emailing holly.dutton@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Alternatively you can send 3 copies to Holly Dutton, The Planning Inspectorate, Room 3J, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol BS1 6PN.

• **Ravenswood, Nine Mile Ride**

Wokingham Borough Council has refused permission for this proposed development of 183 dwellings, giving 11 reasons for refusal.

• **Land at the rear of Johnson Drive**

A Public Inquiry was held on 29 October in relation to the Borough Council's refusal of planning permission for the development of 25 dwellings on this site. One of our Councillors spoke at the Inquiry to express the reasons for the Council's opposition to the proposals.

The **Parish Council's Planning Committee** continues to meet each month, considering all applications for development within the Parish and submitting comments to Wokingham Borough Council, the Planning Authority. Applications can be small or large, ranging from garage conversions to listed building consents, changes from private use to commercial use and applications for several new dwellings.

At the time of writing the Committee already has 22 applications to consider at its next meeting on 13 November!

Arborfield Garrison Strategic Development Location (SDL)

Work on the development at Arborfield Green and Finchwood park continues and we will keep you updated on progress. The interactive maps at the following link give a useful overview of how the development is moving forward. www.wokingham.gov.uk/major-developments/arborfield-garrison/

You can also sign up for a regular newsletter - visit www.wokingham.gov.uk and search for 'major developments'.



Parish Council grants and donations

The Council receives many grant applications each year and awards grants to various local organisations providing valuable services or facilities for our Parish and its residents. Grants for 2019/20 have now been agreed and the recipients are listed below.

Arc Youth Counselling

Berkshire Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre

Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership

Citizens Advice Wokingham

1st Finchampstead Guides and Rangers

Gorse Ride Community Summer Holiday Project for Young People (awarded in July 2019)

Keep Mobile

Home Start Wokingham District

Link Visiting Scheme

Me2 Club

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal (donation)

Wokingham District Veteran Trees Association

Wokingham Job Support Centre

Wokingham Volunteer Centre

Youth activities

Donations have been made to the **California Ratepayers Hall** and the **Finchampstead Memorial Hall**, and towards the upkeep of the **St James' Churchyard**.

We have also provided donations to our local schools to ensure that all pupils can participate in extra curricular activities, both on and off the school site. **Finchampstead CE (Aided) Primary School, Gorse Ride Infant and Junior Schools** and **Nine Mile Ride Primary School** have all received donations from us this year.

Local groups and organisations can submit applications at any time of the year but all applications are considered together in October of each year, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please get in touch if you would like to discuss whether your organisation or project may be eligible for a grant. clerk@finchampstead-pc.gov.uk



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Community Navigation is an information giving and signposting project. Officers can link you up to social or physical activities in your community to improve your health and wellbeing.

You can contact this free service for Wokingham Borough residents via phone, email or online. Get in touch today to find the help you need.

Telephone 01344 304404 or email community.navigation@nhs.net
or visit www.involve.community/community-navigation

Consultation to help support volunteer and community groups

Wokingham Borough Council is carrying out a consultation to help shape its new voluntary sector strategy. The consultation is being carried out in partnership with local charity Involve, and is seeking feedback from those who lead voluntary and community groups as well as residents across the borough that are supported by them.

The council wants to deliver a strategy that has vulnerable residents at its heart, which brings the voluntary and community sector together and maximises their potential. It will be focused on connecting people, places and services in the community to enable people to live healthy, active and independent lives for as long as possible.

To respond to the survey visit www.wokingham.gov.uk and search for 'consultations'. The survey runs until 27 November.

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