



## Wokingham Charity and Community Hub

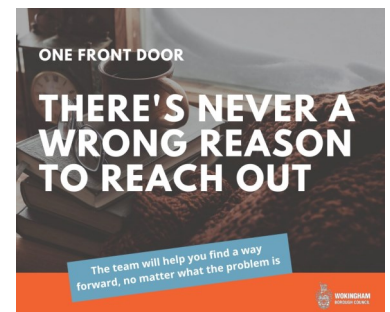
This new hub builds provides a home for 11 organisations under one roof and can provide high-quality information, advice and support to enable people to access the right services to meet their individual needs and circumstances at the right time.

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See the last page of this newsletter for more information about the Hub and the organisations based there.

**One Front Door**, a service led by Citizens Advice Wokingham, can help residents find the support and advice they need on a range of different topics from energy costs to loneliness, mental health to welfare benefits and debt.

Call the team on 0808 278 795 for a confidential chat or use the form on the website [www.citizensadvicewokingham.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvicewokingham.org.uk)



Covid-19 is still around - try to stay at home and avoid contact with others if you have symptoms and take extra care to avoid close contact with people who are at higher risk of getting seriously ill with the virus. [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

### Symptoms of Covid-19

The symptoms of Covid-19 are very similar to symptoms of other respiratory illnesses caused by viruses, such as colds and flu.

<b>A high temperature or shivering (chills)</b>	<b>Shortness of breath</b>	<b>A headache</b>	<b>Feeling tired or exhausted</b>
<b>A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste</b>	<b>An aching body</b>	<b>Feeling sick or being sick</b>	<b>A blocked or runny nose</b>
<b>A sore throat</b>	<b>A new continuous cough</b>	<b>Loss of appetite</b>	<b>Diarrhoea</b>

Information from [nhs.co.uk](http://nhs.co.uk)

**BE CAUTIOUS, BE CAREFUL, BE KIND.**

Covid-19 is still with us. Keep on protecting our communities.



#TestIsolateVaccinate



## Finchampstead Library

### Opening Hours:

Mondays 14.00 - 17.00

Tuesdays 14.00 - 17.00

Wednesdays 9.30 - 13.00 and 14.00 - 17.00

Thursdays 14.00 - 17.00

Fridays 9.30 - 13.00 and 14.00 - 17.00

Saturdays 9.30 - 12.30

Finchampstead Library is located at the heart of the community, as part of the FBC Centre. Facilities include a dedicated children's area and a study area, in a light and airy building.

The Library is located next to a warm and welcoming café, Children's Centre, playing fields with a play area, and the California Country Park.

The Library offers a wide range of books and other reading materials for you to borrow. There are events such as Storytime and Rhyme time, and you can even collect blue bags, brown garden waste bags and food bags.

Wokingham Libraries also continue to provide a range of virtual events and services for all ages.

[www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries)



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FBC Centre  
Gorse Ride North  
Finchampstead  
Wokingham  
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RG40 4ES

Telephone: 0118 908 8176  
Email: [libraries@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@wokingham.gov.uk)



# Finchampstead

Parish Council

is pleased to invite you to the 2022

## ANNUAL GATHERING

for Parishioners and others involved with the Parish  
on Tuesday 31 May 2022 at 7pm at the FBC Centre

Please come along and hear about our work over the last year. There will be an opportunity to chat to Parish Councillors over refreshments after the meeting.

The event will include a talk on the Gorse Ride regeneration and the presentation of our Platinum Jubilee Awards.

FBC Centre, Gorse Ride North, Finchampstead RG40 4ES  
Tel: 0118 908 8164 email [clerk@finchampstead-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@finchampstead-pc.gov.uk)

### New Parish Councillor

We are delighted to welcome George Evans to the Parish Council. George joined us officially on 26 April and we all look forward to working with him in the coming months and years. Now that Councillor Evans has joined us, we once again have our full complement of 17 Parish Councillors, all working voluntarily on your behalf to protect the character of our lovely Parish and to do what we can to ensure it is a great place to live, work and visit.



**Picnic in the Park  
with BRASS BAND  
followed by  
BEACON LIGHTING**



**Thursday 2nd June 2022**

**Finchampstead celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

- **6:30 pm to 8:30pm ~ bring your own picnic to the Memorial Park and enjoy music (organised by the Finchampstead Society)**
- **8:30 pm ~ a walk to St. James' Church**
- **9:30 pm ~ Beacon Lighting with a Piper, Bubbly and Cake**



**Platinum Jubilee street parties**

The Borough Council has set up an easy way for people to apply for a road closure so they can hold a street party to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this summer - and closures agreed will be free of charge.

Applications for closures during the Jubilee Weekend of June 2 to 5 can be made by May 15 via the simple form on the council's website <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/.../apply-for-a-platinum-jubilee-street-party/>. Applications must still be made because major roads, bus routes and those that need to stay open for emergency services cannot be closed.



BBC Arts and The Reading Agency have announced the titles for the Big Jubilee Read, a reading for pleasure campaign celebrating great reads from celebrated authors from across the Commonwealth to coincide with Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The full list can be found at <https://readinggroups.org/big-jubilee-read>

Books will be on display or can be borrowed or reserved at your local Wokingham Borough Library during May and June.





## FBC COMMUNITY DROP-IN

Everyone welcome!



The FBC held its first Community Drop In on 28 April and It will now run every Thursday morning between 9am and 12pm in the FBC Café.

**The drop-in is for those who recently moved to the UK and those offering hosting or other support.**

Its a safe and welcoming space for signposting, connection and practical support as well as providing an opportunity to practice conversational English.

**We look forward to welcoming you.**



A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the **Finchampstead Community Litter Pick** on 3 April. Around 150 people took part, including Parish Councillors, volunteers from the FBC, residents and residents groups, Police Cadets and 'Adopt a Street' volunteers.

Around 130 sacks of rubbish were collected - well done to everyone involved for helping to keep our Parish clean.

If you would like to do some more litter picking please get in touch about our '**Adopt a Street**' scheme. We will provide the kit and you can do as much or as little as you wish - it all helps!

Contact [deputyclerk@finchampstead-pc.gov.uk](mailto:deputyclerk@finchampstead-pc.gov.uk)

### **Finchampstead Parish Council grants**

We awarded our first grant of 2022/23 this month - to Berkshire Vision - and will be considering further applications in May. We welcome applications from local groups and organisations providing services or facilities for our residents.

For an application form please email [deputyclerk@finchampstead-pc.gov.uk](mailto:deputyclerk@finchampstead-pc.gov.uk) or visit our website.



For the Bike Month Challenge, it doesn't matter if you ride every day or if you haven't been on a bike in years: anyone can take part. Love to Ride have helped 625,000 people hop on their bikes, including 146,000 new riders, across 12 countries. Love to Ride provide plenty of tools to help riders overcome their personal barriers – from tailored emails to tips articles and Quick Courses, there's something for everyone.

Find out more and register at  
[www.Love to Ride.net/wokingham](http://www.Love to Ride.net/wokingham)



## What will you compost?



Composting at home is a great way to recycle not only fruit and veg scraps, but many other things that may ordinarily end up in the bin.

Did you know that used tissues, empty toilet rolls, shredded paper and used masking tape can be added to your compost bin?

Visit Greenredeem for more tips and ideas for composting, and earn points that you can redeem against prizes, goods and donations at the same time.

<https://account.greenredeem.co.uk/my-account>

Did you know that all of the garden waste brought to the recycling centres is turned into re3group compost?

You can bring your hedge cuttings, flowers, prunings, plants, twigs, small branches, grass and leaves to the recycling centres.

Alternatively, sign up for the garden waste collection and you will get a brown bin which will be emptied fortnightly at the kerbside.

[www.wokingham.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling/garden-waste/order-garden-waste-collection/](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling/garden-waste/order-garden-waste-collection/)



## NON-HOUSEHOLD WASTE CHARGES AT RE3 RECYCLING CENTRES

	 RUBBLE	 SOIL	 PLASTERBOARD (INCLUDING PLASTER AND GYPSUM RELATED PRODUCTS)
	INC. VAT	INC. VAT	INC. VAT
PER 25L BAG OR EQUIVALENT	£2.50	£2.50	£1.50
PER SINGLE ITEM	£2.50	N/A	N/A
PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD, DEBIT CARD OR PREPAID CARDS ONLY. NO CASH ACCEPTED			

AT RE3 SITES RUBBLE INCLUDES ITEMS SUCH AS:

- BRICKS
- BREEZE BLOCKS
- CONCRETE
- CEMENT
- GRAVEL
- HARDWARE
- RUBBLE
- PAVING SLABS
- STONES
- TARMAC
- TILES
- DRAINAGE PIPES (CERAMIC AND PORCELAIN)
- SAND (SHARP OR BUILDERS SAND)
- SANITARYWEAR (CERAMIC/PORCELAIN TOILETS, SINKS, SHOWER TRAYS, BUBBLES, CHAIRS ETC. THESE WILL BE CHARGED AS SINGLE ITEMS)



GAS BOTTLES/  
CANISTERS  
£6.00

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE THE RE3 WASTE ACCEPTANCE POLICY ON [WWW.RE3.ORG.UK](http://WWW.RE3.ORG.UK)

re3 is a waste management partnership between Bracknell Forest, Reading and Wokingham Borough Councils and FCC Environment. [www.re3.org.uk](http://www.re3.org.uk)



Recycling some items such as plasterboard and rubble will incur charges at the re3 sites.

On arrival, meet and greet staff will inspect the items you wish to deposit & assess your chargeable waste and inform you of the cost.

Please segregate your chargeable waste to reduce waiting times.



Check out some advice from the Wildlife Trust at

<https://www.bbowt.org.uk/.../what-feed-hedgehogs-and-badgers>

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## Some of our recent activities

Here are just a few of the things we have been up to over the last month or so. We have:

- Held a Main Council meeting, a Planning Committee meeting and a Rights of Way Committee meeting.
- Attended a meeting of the Gorse Ride Steering Group (Cllr Steve Bowers chairs the Group), the Arborfield Development Community Liaison Group (Cllr Andy Pearce represents the Council); the Finchampstead Park Management Committee (Cllr Simon Weeks is the Management Trustee representing the Council) and the FBC Advisory Board (Cllr Roland Cundy represents the Council).
- Had a presentation from Crest Nicholson on plans for the Community Centre at Arborfield Green and visited the Library Building which may be used for the new Centre.
- Had a presentation from the WBC Head of Enforcement and Safety on the changes to the delivery of the functions of the Public Protection Partnership and how this will affect the Parish and its residents.
- Agreed funding for drainage improvements on Bridlepath 26; an outline feasibility study on a section of a potential cycle route to Wokingham, and for concept designs for the War Memorial junction.
- Co-ordinated the 2022 Community Litter Pick (see page 4 of this newsletter).
- Considered and commented on 31 planning applications, including submitting detailed comments on proposals for amendments to the restoration plans for land at Fleet Hill Farm which will form a future nature reserve.
- Let two allotment plots and added 4 people to the waiting list.
- Seen the final Parish Gateway signs installed on the Reading Road.



The Finchampstead Future Group, made up of Parish Councillors and local volunteers, has now received initial feedback from the Borough Council on the **draft Finchampstead Neighbourhood Development Plan**. The final draft is now being prepared and will be submitted to the Borough Council for the official Regulation 15 review in due course.



*Staff are now working in our office at the FBC Centre on certain days, while continuing to work from home on other days. If you would like to see a member of staff please get in touch to ensure we will be in the office when you wish to visit.*

## FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

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As well as contacting the Hub directly, you can also continue to contact the charities in the usual way.

The charities now calling the hub home are:

- **Involve** (which is managing the hub) <https://involve.community/contact-us/>  
Offers support to other charities and community groups throughout the Borough
- **Cranstoun Wokingham** <https://www.cranstoun.org/services/domestic-abuse/dass/>  
An integrated domestic abuse service that supports victims and children.
- **Home Start Wokingham District** [www.home-startwd.org.uk](http://www.home-startwd.org.uk)  
Helps families with young children through their challenging times
- **Health Watch Wokingham Borough** [www.healthwatchwokingham.co.uk/](http://www.healthwatchwokingham.co.uk/)  
The independent champion for people who use health and social care services
- **The Link Visiting Scheme** [www.linkvisiting.org/](http://www.linkvisiting.org/)  
A charity dedicated to reducing loneliness in Wokingham Borough
- **Mind in Berkshire** <https://services.thejoyapp.com/en/listings/489>  
Helps residents suffering from mental health issues, including anxiety, isolation and stress
- **CLASP** [www.wokinghamclasp.org.uk](http://www.wokinghamclasp.org.uk)  
A self-advocacy group for people with learning disabilities
- **Promise Inclusion (Pinc)** <https://promiseinclusion.org>  
Supports people with learning disabilities and/or autism, their carers and families
- **Wokingham Volunteer Centre** <https://wokinghamvolunteercentre.org.uk/>  
Offers a free volunteer recruitment and matching service, and community schemes
- **Wokingham Foodbank** (moving in soon) <https://wokingham.foodbank.org.uk/>  
Provides help to those in need including the supply of food, and in some cases helps with heating and lighting
- **Citizen's Advice Wokingham** <https://citizensadvicewokingham.org.uk/>  
Free, confidential, impartial and independent advice and information on a range of issues