

WINNERSH MATTERS

The community newsletter for the residents of Winnersh and Sindlesham



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SUMMER FETE

Despite the wet start to the day, our annual summer fete on Saturday 15th June was another huge success!

The sun did eventually break through and although it remained a bit windy, there was much entertainment enjoyed by all those who attended.

Outside, children were able to enjoy the challenge of the climbing wall and practice their skills with Circus Scene. Everyone was able to enjoy the music provided by Saxcelerate or pick up a tasty treat from the Scout BBQ tent, Pratos de Goa, The Bluebell Box and Pizzatron stalls, or indulge in a tippale from the bar.

Due to the weather, the bouncy castles and face painting had to be relocated inside the main hall but this didn't detract from everyone getting in on the action.



The arena had a busy programme of dance performances from Bearwood Primary School, The Dance Zone and Elements Dance School, a fantastic gun dog display from Look & Lead and the ever popular wheelbarrow races and tug-of-war competitions.



A new attraction this year was the animal petting farm from Basil & Crew, a fantastic opportunity to get up close and personal with sheep, goats, shetland ponies, rabbits and guinea pigs.

A big thank you to the many stall holders that braved the weather and supported the event which raised £900.00 for our two chosen local charities, **SHARE Wokingham** and **Reading Family Aid**.

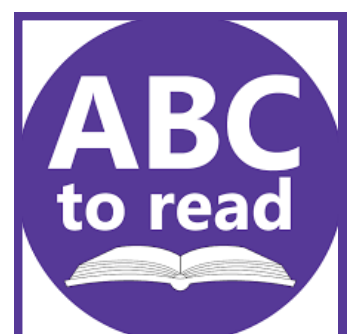
CIVIC AWARDS

Congratulations to our two Civic Award recipients this year, Andrew Shave and ABC to Read.

Andrew Shave was nominated as an important and integral volunteer member of 1st Winnersh Scouts. Through his work at 1st Winnersh, Andrew benefits a huge number of children and young people, who live within Winnersh, whether they are a Squirrel, Beaver, Cub, or Scout.



ABC to read volunteers from Winnersh Parish were nominated in recognition of their exceptional commitment to fostering children's literacy within our community. They visit Bearwood, Wheatfield and Winnersh Primary schools twice a week.



NEW COUNCILLOR

We welcome Cllr Richard Holdstock to Winnersh Parish Council having been co-opted on to the Council at the June meeting, representing the North Ward.

Richard has been a resident of Winnersh for over 30 years and previously served as a Winnersh Parish Councillor from 2016 to 2019.

We look forward to working with Richard again over the coming years.



WINNERSH PARK & RIDE



Great news! Following a successful Saturday-only trial, Winnersh Triangle park and ride 500 is returning on Monday 19 August running up to every 15 minutes Monday to Saturday.

With an average journey time of around 12 - 15 minutes to Central Reading, our Winnersh Triangle park&ride buses will take advantage of the new London Road bus lane, providing a fast way to and from town helping you avoiding sitting in traffic or having to find a parking spot.

Winnersh Triangle Park & ride will be getting a brand new look and feel for the route shortly too, as well as fully refreshed gas-powered buses featuring comfortable seating, USB charging and free wifi allowing you to relax and recharge as we take you to and from Central Reading. In the meantime, a fleet of comfortable temporary buses will be running on the route.

Adult single tickets are just £2 and a return is £4, with boost tickets costing just £1.50 for a single or £2.80 return. Parking costs £1 all day and can be purchased as you board from the driver. You will need to register your vehicle at the machines in the car park before boarding.

Buses will be running up to every 15 minutes between 6.45am and 6pm Monday to Friday and between 8am and 6pm on Saturdays.

To view the timetable go to <https://images.reading-buses.co.uk/downloads/Winnersh-500.pdf>.

RECYCLING BAGS & FOOD WASTE BINS

Do you need a replacement food waste caddy or additional recycling bags?

Working with Wokingham Borough Council, Winnersh Parish Council is now a hub for the collection of green recycling bags and both external and kitchen food waste caddys.

You can call in to the Parish office at Bearwood Recreation Ground between 9.30am and 2.30pm, Monday to Thursday to collect.



Other local collection hubs at:

- Wokingham Borough Council
- Wokingham Library
- Woodley Library
- Woodley Town Council
- Lower Earley Library
- Earley Town Council


SOCIAL MEDIA


Winnersh Parish Council uses various social media platforms to communicate news, events and useful information.


Are you a user of Instagram, X (Twitter) or Facebook?

Do you want to be kept up to date with local information such as events, roadworks, updates from local organisations, local classes or activities?

Follow us on the following platforms:

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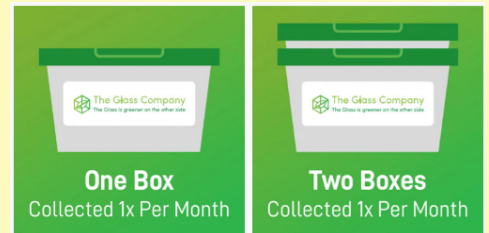
THE GLASS COMPANY

Did you know that The Glass Company, based in Winnersh, provide a doorstep glass collection service throughout Wokingham Borough?

After facing challenges with glass recycling as new home-owners, The Glass Company was created to improve household eco-friendliness and ease the recycling process for consumers in a society where glass usage is increasing but recycling rates are low.

The aim of The Glass Company is to become the top glass recycling company in the UK. Operating throughout Wokingham Borough, 10% of all profits are donated to local charities.

Prices start from just £6.99 for a single monthly box collection within 30km of Wokingham. **Winnersh Parish Council will receive 10% of profits from any Winnersh residents that sign up to the service and this will be donated to a local charity.**



To find out more or to sign up to start your collection, go to <https://theglasscompany.org/>



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WINNERSH COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH



FULL TRAINING GIVEN
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
HELP REDUCE SPEEDING IN OUR LOCAL AREA

For more details contact Cllr Paul Fishwick @ paul.fishwick@winnersh.gov.uk



ALLOTMENTS



**Do you want to grow your own fruit & veg?
Do you want to get out in the fresh air?
Do you want to increase your physical exercise?**

Then why not consider taking on an allotment!

Winnersh Parish Council leases an area of land from WBC on Woodward Close (behind the Royal British Legion) for the provision of allotments to Winnersh and Sindlesham residents.

The site was created in 2019 following the closure of the old site to make way for the new Northern Distributor Road.

There are a mixture of over 100 full and half plots and the site is secured with keypad entry at the vehicle and pedestrian entrances. The site has numerous facilities including taps to enable efficient watering of crops, composting toilets and solar sheds so tenants can charge their battery powered tools or mobile phones and even make a cup of tea while they chat with neighbouring plot holders!



The physical benefits of regular spells of gardening help plot holders to keep fit even if they have sedentary jobs. Getting outside is also good for us. Spending just 15-90 minutes a day out in the summer sunshine can build up your levels of immune boosting vitamin D.

If managed properly, an allotment can produce enough food to supplement a family's weekly shop, with fresh fruit and vegetables over the year.



We currently have 2 vacant plots available. Contact us now for more information!!

CHRISTMAS EVENT - SAVE THE DATE!

Our Christmas Craft & Gift Market will be held on **Saturday 30th November** from 4pm - 7pm. With a mixture of local craft stalls selling festive gifts, free mulled wine and mince pies, singing from local school children, raffle and the switch on of the lights at Bearwood Recreation Ground, it's sure to be a fabulous afternoon!



If you are a crafter or local business and would like to join the gift market, please contact us at clerk@winnersh.gov.uk or call us on **0118 9780244**.

Pop the date in your diary and join us for a great afternoon to kick off the festivities.

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