



Wokingham Without Parish News

Autumn 2019

Update on the Council's Activities

Old Wokingham Road Update



New LED lighting on Old Wokingham Road

Residents living on the west side of the road will be pleased to hear that light shields will soon be installed on the new lights on the eastern side, to significantly reduce light intrusion into properties. Furthermore, we have been advised by Bracknell Forest Council's street lighting department that the LED lights will also be reduced in intensity during the small hours. These

measures we hope will be in place in the foreseeable future and return night-time to the residents.

Residents along the Old Wokingham Road have also expressed concerns about the speed of the traffic and the dangers crossing to access the bus stops and park areas. A combined group of responsible bodies is now looking at this as a matter of urgency, recognising the recent changes in housing and amenities and the need to ensure public safety. We will keep residents updated on progress and thank the many of you who have emailed the council with your feedback.

Pinewood Recreational Facilities

The Pinewood site is home to many clubs and societies and visitors regularly take advantage of the open space and woodland as well as the children's play areas.

We are actively reviewing the outdoor play and leisure facilities and take this opportunity now to share our thoughts and solicit feedback from visitors.

Toddler Play Area

It is wonderful to see families enjoying this area adjacent to Pinewood Hall. We are aware that some of the equipment is worn and needs replacing. We are looking to expand and

enhance this area with new equipment suitable for toddlers, additional seating and to make the area secure and safe and 'dog free'.

Pond and Woodland Area

Have you visited the pond and surroundings which is home to a wonderful variety of birds, mammals, fish, insects and wildflowers? The area is a great place to come and relax, have a picnic and to spot nature. Our pond like many others in the area is suffering from the lack of rain. We are looking at ways of managing water to the pond both short and long term and also improving access to the pond, woodland and grass areas together with additional picnic benches.

Dickie's pond at the Pinewood Centre



Our councillors have been meeting with visitors to Pinewood and getting feedback on all aspects of the site and if you have any ideas or suggestions then please email the Parish Clerk with your ideas Clerk@wokinghamwithout-pc.gov.uk

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A big thank you to Nick and Ian from Legal and General for coming to the rescue of Dickie's pond and arranging to add a large tanker of water. Hopefully more rain is coming to restore water levels!

Car Park Survey - We Want Your Views!

The parish council has recently started looking at options for enhancements to the access and parking for the Pinewood Centre. With new homes being built in and around the parish and further housing proposed in the north of the parish, the council is keen to ensure that the site can continue to provide for our growing population.



We are conducting a survey of centre users, to gain feedback about travelling to the centre and the onsite parking. The responses will help us to understand what the current issues are and will guide resources towards making the most effective improvements.

If you visit the site regularly, please do complete our survey. We also welcome any suggestions you might have for improvements which can be emailed to us at admin@wokinghamwithout-pc.gov.uk. The survey will remain open until 25th October.

Half-term Scarecrow Fun!

Crowthorne Trails is back this half-term holiday (from Saturday 26th October to Sunday 3rd November 2019) to provide an entertaining way for the whole family, young and old, to explore the Crowthorne area, searching for scarecrows outside homes and businesses.

Residents living within the area bordered by Nine Mile Ride, Old Wokingham Road, Dukes Ride, Heath Lake and New Wokingham Road will volunteer to create a scarecrow outside their home, which for the Autumn 2019 trail will be **CHILDREN'S CHARACTERS** themed. There will also be scarecrows on Crowthorne high street, at the Pinewood Centre and at Hatch Ride School.

Explorers are required to purchase a map from Pinewood bar & cafe or the Co-op on the High Street, revealing the location of each display, and visit as many as they wish by foot, cycle or scooter. The displays will be available for viewing from 9am till dusk for the duration of the trail, and the maps can be purchased for just £2 each. Explorers then return the map to the vendor to receive a yummy edible treat! All funds raised go to Hatch Ride Primary school.



Photographs of entries in the Crowthorne Spring Trail

Climate Emergency Consultation

Wokingham Borough Council is asking residents for their ideas on reducing or off-setting the council's carbon footprint. The survey will run from 26 September to 31 December.

The borough council declared a climate emergency in July and pledged to make the borough carbon neutral by 2030. The council is writing an action plan to achieve carbon neutrality and are asking residents for their help.

To participate in the survey, visit www.wokingham.gov.uk/consultations.

Upcoming Dates



Community Litter Pick

Sunday 13th October 2019 from 10 am till Noon

Meet at the Parish Office, Pinewood Centre (RG40 3AQ)

Bags, picks and high-viz vests provided. Please bring gloves and wear suitable footwear



Grant Applications

Applications from organisations delivering valued services to our community will be accepted until 31st October

Forms and application criteria are available on the parish website or via email. Please contact:

grants@wokinghamwithout-pc.gov.uk



Our office at the Pinewood Centre is open Monday to Friday from 10 am till Noon and at other times by appointment.

Blue household waste bags (£4 per roll of 10) and brown garden waste sacks (£1 each) are available for purchase from the office during normal opening hours. Correct change is appreciated.

We also have a supply of the green food waste bags available at the office, which are free of charge.

Councillor Vacancy

We are still looking to fill one last vacancy on the parish council.

We have many projects underway that will deliver benefit to the local community and which require the active involvement of councillors.

Please contact the parish office if you would like more information about what is involved

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Contacting the Council

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www.wokinghamwithout-pc.gov.uk

Details of our monthly meetings are also available on the website

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