

Arborfield News

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Chair's Update

Welcome to the Winter Arborfield News and to 2024, a new year which I am sure will see both joy and challenges for all of us in Arborfield. We are delighted to start the new year with a new member of the council, Councillor Andy Bailey was co-opted to the council at our meeting on 21/11/23 and you can read a short introduction from him on page 22. If you would like to join Andy, we still have vacancies on the council so get in touch with me at chair@arborfield.org.uk and you too can help to make Arborfield a better place to live.

The New Year also brings us a new Parish Clerk, Hilary Carless, who joined on the 2nd of January. You can read an introduction from Hilary on page 22. Please welcome Hilary to the role whenever you interact with the council or see her out and about in the local area. The Clerk can be contacted on parishclerk@arborfield.org.uk. I would also like to thank Annabel, our previous clerk, who left at the end of December, for all her hard work.

Looking after and improving parish owned assets

Those of you who visit Arborfield Park will have seen building work is well underway on phase two of the **Arborfield Pavilion** improvement works which will provide a new parish office and changing rooms for the football teams. This work also includes replacement of the remaining windows which will improve security and thermal efficiency of the building, and we are cladding all of the outside of the pavilion to greatly enhance the appearance. We will also be adding bike storage and an electric vehicle charge point to encourage more sustainable modes of transport as well as exploring solar panels. However, cost and available roof area means it may not be viable to add them to the roof. We have also acquired another defibrillator which will be added to the exterior of the building when it is complete. While we hope this will never be used, we feel it will provide comfort to all the football teams and park visitors to know that such a device is close by.

Since our last edition, we completed the purchase of 60 acres of the **Coombes**

Woodland jointly with Barkham Parish Council. This is a great step for the two councils and the local area as we have been able to secure this much-loved woodland for the local people to enjoy in perpetuity. Using developer funds (Community Infrastructure Levy), which cannot be allocated to day-to-day spending, meant that we did not have to call on the precept money for the purchase and we are confident the maintenance costs can be accommodated from within the existing precept level. We have established a joint Coombes Woodland Committee to manage the woodland and they will be establishing a long-term plan which will seek to improve the biodiversity of the woodland and we hope to set up a volunteer group so that local people can get directly involved in some of the day-to-day tasks that are required in managing woodland.

Pound Copse trees will be undergoing some remedial work in mid-January following issues identified by our arboriculturist. The importance of regular tree surveys was highlighted by the downing of a tree across the footpath during storm Henk which will have been removed by the time you read this. The tree that fell had already been identified for removal in the tree survey.

Litter

I'm sure many of you will have noticed the amount of litter that is being dropped across the parish, and the wider borough. Unfortunately Wokingham Council plan to reduce the frequency of litter picking so this will only get worse. While many of us would never dream of throwing our empty cans out of the car window or dropping them where we are standing, there are clearly a lot of people who don't share the same level of courtesy. So my appeal to everyone is, firstly, take your litter home and, secondly, if you see an empty can lying on the pavement pick it up and put it in a bin (taking suitable care for your health and hygiene). If you have some time available you can also join our **Adopt-a-Street** warden scheme which will provide you with an official litter picker, a high-viz jacket, some green waste bags and, most exciting of all, an invitation to our annual thank-you tea where we thank all the people who have supported the council over the year with tea, sandwiches, cakes and biscuits. To become a warden contact Hilary on parishclerk@arborfield.org.uk

We did have one small victory, after nearly 12 months, Wokingham finally did a **full litter pick along Observer Way** and for a week or so it looked very clean. Sadly, the ditch is now filling with litter again and people who stop off to eat lunch in the laybys are frequently leaving their rubbish behind before driving off.

Planning

At the Wokingham Borough Council Planning Committee meeting on 08/11/23, the council decided to approve the entirely inappropriate application for an **industrial estate adjacent to Pound Copse** despite the objections of our Council and Wokingham's landscape officer. There were some very frank comments made by members of WBC in the press after the decision. Unfortunately, for whatever reason, they didn't object in the planning committee meeting which is where they actually could have made a difference. We are exploring options to see if there is anything we can do about this appalling decision which will clearly have an impact on the wildlife and setting of Pound Copse which, as an area of ancient woodland, is supposed to have some protection in the National Planning Policy Framework.

The Council continues to monitor other applications and to submit robust responses to inappropriate development proposals with the most recent being houses on the **land adjacent to Langley Common Road** behind Rickman Close. Any development outside the settlement boundaries and in the countryside is contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan and the Core Strategy and we will take a consistent approach to objecting strongly to these developments.

Looking ahead

Early 2024 sees us finalising the budget for the year ending March 2025 and we will also be setting the next **longer-term plan for the park** which we hope will include additional equipment for older children to use and the removal of the electronic game which is beyond economic repair. As part of our contribution to the climate emergency action plan, The Parks Committee are also looking at ways to include more bio-diversity into the park with wildflower areas and field margins managed for wildlife. If you have any specific suggestions for the park then please write to parkschair@arborfield.org.uk and we will be sure to consider your suggestions when setting the plan for the coming years.

If you have read this far then you are clearly interested in your local area so, why not fulfil your New Year's resolution to make a difference by joining the council. It is a small time commitment with one formal council meeting per month (third Tuesday at 19:30) and potentially six committee meetings a year if you join one of the committees. Outside the formal meetings you can get involved in the sort of projects I have listed here and know that you are helping to make this area a better place to live. Our council is a mix of working and retired people but would be an even richer council with a greater diversity of age, gender and ethnic background. We are not a political council - whatever views individuals hold outside the council do not influence the way we operate which is always focused on what is best for Arborfield within the areas that we can control and influence. For a no-obligation chat about what it means to be a councillor, contact me on chair@arborfield.org.uk or come along to one of our meetings.

Andrew Clint

Chair of Arborfield and Newland Parish Council

Spaces available

Charles Kingsley's (CE) Primary school in the heart of Eversley village.

Due to the relocation of some of our families we y School is a sought-after single-entry primary have spaces available. **Please contact the School office on 01189 732187 to arrange a visit.**



News from Arborfield Village Hall

I hope you will all agree that Arborfield Village Hall provides a useful service to the community and I take this opportunity to point out that much of this service is down to the hard work and commitment of a few volunteers. I thank all those who give freely of their time to keep the hall running. Sadly, for personal reasons, after many years of hard work, two of our trustees now need to retire. We are extremely grateful to Paul Townsend for his many years' dedication and hard work in many different roles. From Chair of Trustees to Booking Clerk, Paul has always had the best interests of the wider Arborfield Community at heart. We also say goodbye to Ivalene Stevens, who is stepping down from her role as Trustee to concentrate more on her career. Ivalene was our Treasurer and our booking clerk for several years.

The Trustees are responsible for making sure the hall complies with its responsibilities as a registered charity and continues to operate in accordance with our governing document. James Daniell has kindly stepped up to become a replacement Trustee, for which we are very grateful, but we are still looking for at least one more Trustee.

Last, but not least, we are looking for someone to help with opening and closing the hall for occasional party bookings. If anyone is interested in finding out more about any of these roles, please get in touch using the email chair@arborfieldvillagehall.org.uk

The hall continues to provide a wide range of activities, as shown in the timetable on the next page along with contact details. Contact details for each group can also be found on our website by clicking the link on the web version of the table. www.arborfieldvillagehall.org.uk/Classes

We also provide a venue for hire for small parties. Details can be found on our website www.arborfieldvillagehall.org.uk

Wishing all our visitors and users a happy and successful 2024

Paul Stevens

Timetable of Classes at Arborfield Village Hall

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sunday
<u>Pilates</u>	<u>Pilates</u>	<u>Pilates</u>	<u>Chinese exercise</u>		
<u>Move it or Loose it</u>	<u>Sing with Soph</u>	<u>Yoga with Jude</u>	<u>U3A Showtime</u>	<u>Social Club</u>	
<u>Brownies</u>		<u>Dance School</u>	<u>Street Dance</u>		
<u>Yoga with Jude</u>	<u>Pole Fitness</u>	<u>Morris Dancing</u>	<u>Pilates</u>	<u>Al-Anon 0800 008 6811 Support Group</u>	<u>Pole Fitness</u>



Borough Councillor's Report

Winter is a quiet period at the Borough Council although the usual problems are ongoing such as flooding, traffic calming, planning and Hall Farm - to name a few.

The traffic calming scheme continues to be criticised by residents and is subject to a Road safety Audit (RSA) stage IV. I did point out that it is the Highway Authority who are responsible for the Highway not the Police or Safety Auditors. Once the new signs and lighting, currently on order, are installed by the street lighting team, the final RSA will take place. Meanwhile, the team are gathering accident data and residents' feedback for assessment prior to the site visit.

Wokingham's Planning Committee Vice Chairman and Officers recognised that the Bridge Farm Planning Application PA 223083 would bring "multiple harms but they maintained that the potential economic benefits would outweigh the harms". This suggests that Wokingham Borough Planning Department puts Countryside policies and Pound Copse low on their list of priorities which is a very sad state-of-affairs.

The Lib Dem Administration's Housing Plan, which includes a plan to build 4,500 houses at Hall Farm, continues to be developed. It will eventually be looked at by the main Council before going to a public Inquiry. No dates have been fixed yet. In a recent edition of the Wokingham Today paper, the Lib Dem Leader of the Council expanded on a strategic partnership with the University of Reading. It's board consists of the Vice-Chancellor and the head of Community Engagement at Reading University, the Council Leader and the Borough Council's Chief Executive supported by 4 work streams each led by unnamed senior academics and senior council officers. Perhaps this might explain why 4,500 houses at Hall Farm over a 30-year period on the side of a river that floods has full Lib Dem support. This is not consistent with government's request for a housing building plan over for 15 years making it all very misleading, particularly, in a time of climate emergency.

I understand that Ducks Nest Farm PA 230532 for 210 houses has been withdrawn and I will be formally objecting to the PA 232490 for 50 houses along Langley Common Road in Barkham Parish behind Rickmans Close.

I am awaiting for an update on overgrown trees causing problems behind the flats at Mabbett Close. The Housing Solutions Agent has advised me that he has the Tree Surgeons ready and he is just waiting for permission to proceed from WBC.

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee is planning to discuss the fortnightly new wheeled bin waste collection services. The report, without any real

evidence implies savings of £1 million and increased recycling which does not really add up. This is linked to the Borough Council's consultation on cost cutting by reducing the following existing services: litter bins, weed spraying, bottle banks storage area cleaning, town centre cleaning, non-town centre cleaning, road sweeping, footpath cleaning, A329M, A33 cleaning and grass cutting. No proper business case has been made for any of these actions so it's impossible to evaluate the merits of these schemes in financial terms. One can only see that the Borough will become an untidy mess when there are other solutions not being considered. Again, political ideology before common sense.

I presented a petition at a Council meeting requesting action from the Borough Council on traffic on Church Lane. I have copied the reply from the Borough to the Parish Clerk and I will update the Parish Council when I have more information.

SHARE operating on Thursday's (PM) at The Royal British Legion continues to be a success. Thanks to all involved.

Thanks to pressure from the Parish Council a clean up of Observer Way has taken place.

Lastly, I would like to say I hope that all Arborfield's residents have a successful and healthy New Year. Any issues or questions please get in touch using garycowan75@gmail.com (this is the best email to use as I monitor it daily). Alternatively use gary.cowan@wokingham.gov.uk

Regards

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Of course, this is because at the heart of a church family is a shared belief that the Bible's teachings are true; that there is a God who made us and loves us. And that it's possible to know Him...

... which could raise all sorts of questions!



At the start of the year, we'll be running an informal 3-week course where you can ask all your questions about the Christian faith. To find out more details, simply check out our website or phone the church office.

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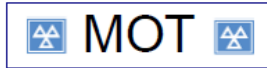


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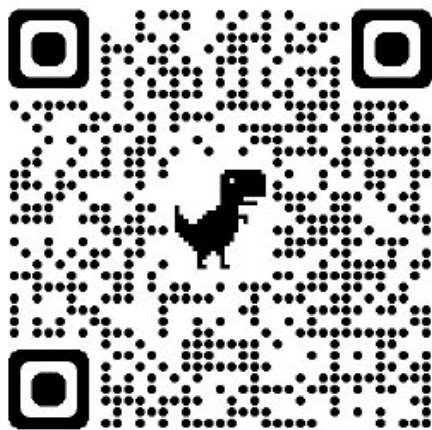
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News from the Coombes

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We recently celebrated the school's 150th Anniversary with a Victorian themed day. Great fun was had by the children, staff and our special guests alike. We were honoured to host some past pupils of the school and our children were delighted to show them around.



Everybody came to school dressed in their finest Victorian attire and took part in a whole school photo to re-create the original that was taken in 1873. The Children had lots of fun playing Victorian games and our kitchen served an old fashioned meal—we all felt as if we had travelled back in time! We would like to thank the Arborfield and Newland Parish Council and the History Society for their contributions to this wonderful event!

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- Inspection of playground equipment, fencing, CCTV and lighting.
- Updating and maintenance of notice boards and street furniture around the village.
- Any other minor repairs and jobs as requested by the Council.

The Council will consider applications from individuals seeking direct employment with the Council or from contractors or from self-employed who can provide the services to the Council. Contractors and self-employed will be required to provide their own tools, have the relevant insurances and be able to self-manage the tasks on a weekly and monthly cycle.

If you would like more information, please contact the Parish Clerk on **07496 819 553** or via email parishclerk@arborfield.org.uk in the first instance.

To apply online, please visit: arborfield.org.uk/notices/part-time-handyperson-vacancy



Arborfield and Newland Past

Did you recognise the cover painting? The Bull on the left looking from Swallowfield Road c. 1840. How about these photos?

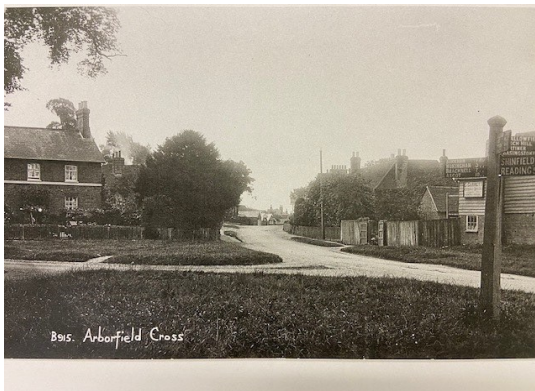


Arborfield Hall

Built in 1837 . Lived in by Sir John Conroy, Controller of the Household of the Duchess of Kent. Used by RAF and US forces during the war. Demolished in 1955 by Uni of Reading.

The Bramshill Hunt Pub had long been associated with the Arborfield Garrison and is named for the hunting meets that used to start from there.

It was demolished in 2020 to make way for the Co-op.



Arborfield Cross: Looking up the Eversley Road

The Bull pub with the village pond on the right. Did you know that Queen Victoria once dropped into The Bull on her way to visit The Duke of Wellington?



Eversley Road with The Swan pub (closed in 2019) on the left and Post Office and forge on the right

Newlands, built c. 1860 by John Simonds whose family had been based here since Saxon times. John's family were involved in farming, milling and banking. Sold in 1948.

Destroyed by fire in 1972



Arborfield Stores c. 1915

Did you know that there has been a shop on the site of the current Londis for over 180 years?

Photos kindly provided by Barry Salter

Support Lauren!!

Hello, my name is Lauren Harvey. I have been delivering the Arborfield News on my road for nearly 20 years! On Sunday 21st April I am running the 2024 London Marathon in aid of Treloar's.

Last year I started working at Treloar's and after seeing the excellent work they do for their students I thought it would be a great idea to sign up and join the Treloar Trust London Marathon team. I am fundraising for this amazing charity whilst training for the marathon. This is my first ever marathon and I am feeling very excited but also extremely nervous!

Treloar's is a charity committed to improving the lives of young disabled people at its school and college. They want their students aged 4 - 25 to live an independent and satisfying life as much as possible but can't do this alone. Each of their 170 students, who have highly complex needs, deserve the best level of support to achieve their goals.

Please take a look at my fundraising page (the link is below or scan the QR code). Any donations would be greatly appreciated and all your donations, big or small, really do make a huge difference to the lives of students at Treloar's.

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The PCC invites organisations to apply for £200,000 of grant funding to help prevent crime

Matthew Barber, Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Thames Valley, has today (8/1) opened the first application round of the Community Fund for 2024.

The Community Fund, jointly managed by the PCC and the Chief Constable, helps to prevent crime and keep communities safe. Money for the scheme is created from the proceeds from the sale of items seized from criminals that cannot be returned to their rightful owners.

On today's announcement, Matthew said: "I'm pleased to announce the Community Fund is once again open for applications. A total of £200,000 of grant funding is available for community and voluntary groups to apply for, with the aim of reducing crime across the Thames Valley.

"We are fortunate to have an active community across Thames Valley, who play a significant role in supporting Thames Valley Police to tackle local issues around crime prevention and supporting vulnerable groups in our communities.

"I have had the pleasure of visiting a number of previously-funded organisations over the past year, seeing first-hand the positive impact funding received through my Community Fund has had on our communities.

"I look forward to receiving applications which focus on a range of areas within my [Police and Criminal Justice Plan](#) including crime prevention, cybercrime and fraud, supporting victims and reducing re-offending."

Organisations from across the Thames Valley can apply for grants for projects that support one of the PCC's '[Police and Criminal Justice Plan](#)' priorities:

- **Strong Local Policing** (preventing crime & protecting communities)
- **Fighting Serious Organised Crime** (protecting vulnerable people)
- **Fighting Fraud & Cybercrime** (fighting modern crimes)
- **Improving the Criminal Justice System** (reducing re-offending)
- **Tackling illegal encampments** (reducing the impact of encampments)

Jason Hogg, Chief Constable for Thames Valley Police, said: “The Community Fund provides a bi-annual opportunity for community and voluntary groups to apply for funding in support of projects which support the key policing priorities in Thames Valley.

“Being able to use this money, which has been generated from the sale of items seized from criminals, to support projects who are working within our communities is a real privilege.

“This funding will ensure organisations can continue to run important projects that play a key role in preventing crime and protecting our communities.”

The closing date for this round of applications is **12pm on Monday 29th January 2024** and applications will be considered jointly by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and the Chief Constable. Successful applicants will be invited to attend a presentation event, hosted by the Police & Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable, on Monday 11th March 2024.

Further information, including a link to the application form, can be found at: www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/community-fund.

For any questions, please do not reply directly to this message but email: OPCC.Comms@thamesvalley.police.uk

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Andy: Nearly 30 years ago employment brought myself and family from Manchester to Wokingham where we have enjoyed the benefits of good schooling, great people and of living in a healthy environment. I worked for 42 years in the Electricity Supply Industry, initially as an Electrician before qualifying as an Electrical Engineer and then spent 20 years specialising in Telecomms Operations Management. We moved to Arborfield some 9 years ago and I want to help maintain and further improve the quality of living in this community that I value so highly. I now have the time to invest and the will to contribute to this goal by serving as a Parish Councillor. I enjoy time with friends, have a lifelong passion for cars and I am trying to get to a proficient level in bellringing. So cover your ears and let's hope for the best!

Hilary: I've lived in Wokingham for the last 30+ years, working with Deloitte as a chartered accountant, as an LSA and SEND admin officer in education and as an accountant with a small firm locally. I wanted a new challenge and this role fits the bill perfectly along with my desire to serve the community.

I originally come from the Lake District and love walking. Now that we have a dog (Basil)—there's no stopping me! I am active in church life within the Arborfield and Barkham church family. I love reading and have a massive library of books at home—much better than the TV! I have two grown up children, a builder and a doctor, of whom I'm very proud. My other passion is cooking particularly baking and eating cakes!



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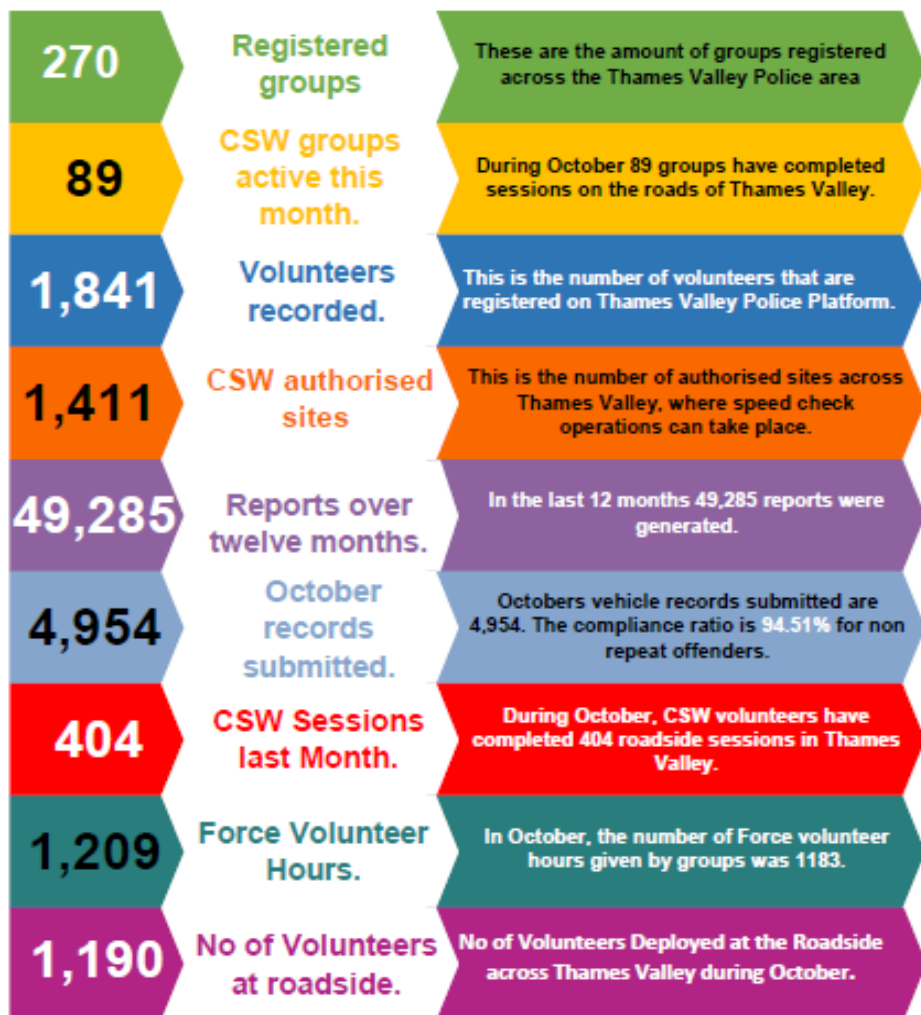
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2024

2nd March - 90's THROWBACK
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23rd March - Easter Event

8th June - Community Market

26th August - Summer Fete

25th October - Oktober FoodFest

14th December - Holly Jolly
Jingle Fest

All events take place in Arborfield 

Look out for further information or email
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ARBORFIELD NEWS

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Arborfield Garrison Residents Action Group (AGRAG)		
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Brownies 1st Arborfield	Village Hall on Mondays Val Milam	0118 973 1133
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Arborfield & Barkham	Rev Andy Kearns	0118 976 0285
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	NHS Direct 111 Covid Enquiries 119	
Employment Advice		
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	Wokingham Job Support Centre	0118 977 0517

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Poperinghe Pre-School	Manager—Gail Prewett	0118 976 2427

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	Holt Girls School, Wokingham	0118 978 0165
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Sing for your Self with Soph Tarttelin		07973 311580
	Village Hall on Tuesdays 12.30—2.00pm	www.singforyourself.co.uk
Finchampstead Children's Centre		
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Wokingham and Emmbrook Football Club (WEFC)		www.wefc.club
	Club Secretary; Anne-Louise Doe	email: secretary@wefc.club
Wokingham District Veteran Tree Association		0118 976 0914
	Arborfield Co-ordinator: Di Thorne	www.wdvta.org.uk
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