

# PLACE & NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES e-BULLETIN



## WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

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### PLANS FOR SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUND UNVEILED

The Government has announced plans for a new local sustainable transport fund, and its intention to pool centrally-funded transport grants. The new fund will challenge local transport authorities to develop packages of measures which support economic growth and reduce carbon in their areas, as well as improving safety and increased levels of physical activity.

**Local Transport Minister, Norman Baker, said: 'It is at a local level that most can be done to change people's patterns of behaviour and encourage more sustainable travel, especially for short journeys. And, in an environment of tighter budgets and greater local flexibility, the Government is determined to reduce bureaucracy and make local transport funding more efficient. That is why we intend to pool the myriad of centrally-funded local transport grants, to create fewer but larger funding streams, which will be largely formula based, and a new local sustainable transport fund.'** Details of the new sustainable transport fund will be announced later in the year.

### OUR NEW LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN

Have your say!

Wokingham Borough Council recognises that the transport network is a major concern to local people and businesses and is planning to make improvements in accordance with a framework set out in its new Local Transport Plan.

The Council's current Local Transport Plan (LTP2) expires on March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011. A third LTP (LTP3) for Wokingham Borough is being prepared to replace the existing plan. LTP3 provides details of how the Council intends to address transport issues such as ensuring public transport is accessible, reducing congestion on our roads and encouraging more people to travel by bus, train or bike over the next 15 years. The plan contains a set of goals, challenges and policy options specific to the overall transport network in the Borough which will help the Council to achieve their transport vision.

***"To provide a cost-effective, inclusive transport network that enhances the economic, social and environmental prospects of the Borough whilst promoting the safety, health and well-being of those that use it."***

Our vision is supported by clearly defined goals within the LTP3. These goals focus on targeting improvements to Highways, Public Transport, Managing the Demand for Travel, Active Travel, and while supporting the need for Strategic Projects. The LTP strategy document will be used to structure investment in transport infrastructure and transport schemes that support the wider vision of the council, for instance supporting economic growth.

Consultation on the new LTP strategy offers residents and interested groups the opportunity to comment on the development of the Council's Transport Policy as set out in the draft plan. Earlier this year, the Council formally adopted a Core Strategy which sets out the development framework in the Borough for the next 15 years including a list of major transport schemes which are to be built. The Core Strategy and related documents contain future plans for the provision of housing and economic growth and subsequent levels of infrastructure needed to support growth. Prior to final adoption Wokingham's Core Strategy has been subject to extensive consultation events which started in 2005 and culminated in public examination, and a binding Inspectors Report in the latter part of 2009. The Local Transport Plan strategy is a reflection of the transport policies and proposals the Council will pursue to help deliver their wider objectives and the Core Strategy.

#### Consultation

We undertook a number of consultation activities in early 2010 to establish key transport challenges for our new LTP, with the results to be used to help shape our plan. Over 1500 respondents told us that we need to focus on reducing

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congestion and to make sure the road surface is maintained properly. However the overriding message was to ensure that transport becomes more affordable and accessible to all, also that more effort should be put into encouraging people to travel by bus, train, cycle or walking instead of simply using the car. Our draft Strategy Plan forms the next phase in consultation on the LTP3 and we are now seeking views on the document. Subsequently the plan will be reviewed to take account of consultation responses and will be published together with the LTP Implementation Plan by April 2011.

All comments on the draft strategy are welcome and a series of questions are suggested *via the link below* to help focus responses on the significant areas within our LTP3.

<http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/council/plans/key-strategies/local-transport-plan-3-ltp3/>

Should you wish to respond to the questions by post, please reply to;

LTP3 Consultation, Traffic & Transportation, Place & Neighbourhood Services  
P.O. Box 153 Wokingham Borough Council Shute End Wokingham RG40 1WL  
Email: [transportplanning@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:transportplanning@wokingham.gov.uk) The closing date for comments is **24<sup>th</sup> December 2010**.

## PREPARING FOR WINTER

As we approach the winter period it is time to talk about our preparedness for severe weather conditions. In fact the salting lorries have already been out on a couple of nights on some of our roads.

First of all we would like to thank all those Parish & Town Councils, Councillors and residents who responded to the consultation about this year's maintenance plan. We had a very good response with many useful suggestions, many of which have been incorporated in the forthcoming "Winter Service Plan".

As you are all aware last winter's conditions were some of the worst seen in many, many years and tested our plans to the limit. The new plan for 2010-2011 will be finalised over the next few weeks and will start on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of November. Some key additions to this plan are:

- 7 roads added to the Primary Roads list - these are the core roads which will always be salted first. This represents approximately 156 miles of road and 36% of all the Boroughs roads.
- 17 roads added to Secondary Roads list - these are the next set of roads to be salted after the primary roads. This is approximately 53 miles and an additional 12% of all the Borough roads.
- A Third Tier Salting Network added - this is a set of roads that will only be salted in extreme weather, for example the severe weather conditions of last year.
- 15 new salt bins added.
- Improved Information Flow - the aim is to make the information about winter maintenance activities more accessible. The thrust is to make this more proactive and relevant through the use of various technologies.

## PLANNED WORKS ON THE HIGHWAY

**WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL** Contractors: **Balfour Beatty WorkPlace Ltd.** Engineers for the Works: **WSP UK Ltd**

- **Swallowfield Bypass** - Safety Barrier works on the A33 - from 1 to 30 November
- **Woodley** Waingels Road - construction of new accesses and associated works - on site until May 2011
- **Wokingham** - Reading Road 11/10/2010 to 08/11/2010 - Various locations from Shute End to Showcase Cinema R/about - road resurfacing
- **Shinfield** - Hyde End Road - **from** 16/10/2010 to 08/11/2010 - road resurfacing
- **Twyford** - London Road - 25/10/2010 to 05/11/2010 - At junction Orchards caravan site - road resurfacing
- **Wargrave** - Mumbery Hill 01/11/2010 to 02/12/2010 - road resurfacing

## UTILITY COMPANIES

### Arborfield

#### *Southern Gas Networks - Renewal Mains and Services*

- School Road on site to 24<sup>th</sup> December 2010,
- Link Way on site to 5<sup>th</sup> November 2010,
- Anderson Crescent on site to 12<sup>th</sup> November 2010,
- Emblen Crescent on site to 26<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

### Earley

- *Thames Water Renewal of Mains and Services*
- Kerris Way 28th October to 30th November 2010

### Finchampstead

#### *Southern Gas Networks - Renewal Mains and Services*

- Barkham Ride on site until 7th January 2011
- Nine Mile Ride on site until 16th March 2011

#### *Thames Water Renewal of Rising Main*

- Nine Mile Ride on site until 1<sup>st</sup> December 2010

### Shinfield

#### *Southern Gas Networks - Renewal Mains and Services*

- Falcoln Avenue on site until 27th October 2010
- Frensham Green on site until 4<sup>th</sup> November 2010
- St Barnabas Road on site until 15<sup>th</sup> November 2010
- Wavell Close on site until 24<sup>th</sup> December 2010

#### *Southern Electric DATA COM Installation of twin ducts*

- Kybes Lane 27th October 2010 to 3rd December 2010

### Winnersh

#### *Southern Gas Networks - Renewal Mains and Services*

- Chatsworth Avenue on site until 24th December 2010

### Woodley

#### *Southern Gas Networks - Renewal Mains and Services*

- Brecon Road on site until 5th October 2010
- Headley Road on site until 24<sup>th</sup> December 2010
- Walmer Road on site until 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010
- Highgate Road 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010 to 7<sup>th</sup> January 2011
- Wallace Close 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010 to 7<sup>th</sup> January 2011
- Welford Road on site until 7th October 2010
- Western Avenue on site until 21st October 2010
- Selsdon Avenue on site until 24<sup>th</sup> December 2010
- Glendevon Road on site until 1<sup>st</sup> December 2010
- Cornfield Road 8<sup>th</sup> November 2010 to 24<sup>th</sup> December 2010

### Wokingham Without

#### *Southern East Water - Renewal Mains and Services*

Phase 1 (railway crossing to Heathlands) Work will commence on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010 and is scheduled to be completed by the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

Phase 2 (Heathlands Road to Priors Farm) Work will commence on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2010 using directional drilling and will take approximately eight weeks to complete.

Phase 3 (Heathlands Road to Honey Hill junction) (date to be confirmed) will take approximately six weeks

## REPORT A FAULT ON LINE

The WBC website enables fault reporting to be made on one site. Visit <http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/website-information/online-services/online-forms/highwayfaultsreport/> to report any of the following:

Abandoned Vehicles/Fly-tipping and dumped rubbish/Highway faults, eg potholes/Highway flooding, eg blocked gullies/Public Rights of Way, eg damage or blockages/Street Lighting faults/Traffic Light faults.

## WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES

### Earley Adopt a Street initiative - "EASI"

Local residents who were annoyed at the amount of litter being dropped in the Earley area have started a joint venture, between Maiden Erlegh Residents' Association and Earley Environmental Group, setting up an "adopt a street" initiative for local residents. In the six months since it started, nearly 70 residents have become members. Volunteers who join take responsibility for clearing litter from their own roads (or nearby footpaths etc), their aim is to "try and demonstrate to residents the satisfaction and benefits of tackling a task that only they are in a position to carry out". Coverage is still only a relatively small fraction of Earley, but nevertheless nearly 70 'sections' of the town are now being regularly litter-picked in addition to Wokingham Borough Council's street cleansing programme. In itself this must be deterring the further dropping of litter, even if only to a small extent.

Both Earley Town Council and WBC Waste Services Department support the initiative, supplying litter-pickers, gloves, yellow vests and black bags when needed. To become a volunteer or for further information please call Brian Hackett on 0118 986 1115, or send an e-mail to: [ask.mera@btinternet.com](mailto:ask.mera@btinternet.com)

## TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND ROAD SAFETY

### Permanent Traffic Order Consultations

The Traffic and Road Safety Team have a website page <http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/transport-roads-waste/roads/traffic-order-consultations/> detailing current Permanent Traffic Regulation Orders that are within the 21 day consultation period. Traffic Regulations Orders relate to all traffic schemes that are enforceable, such as introductions to/changes in speed limits, parking restrictions (such as yellow lines, waiting restrictions, etc). All directly affected residents will still receive a letter from the team and it will still be advertised in the local press but is hoped that this page will provide more information on the proposed schemes.

### A NEW ARRIVAL IN WOKINGHAM!



Thames Travel has taken delivery of a new double decker Hybrid ADL Enviro 400 bus. The bus was purchased following a successful bid by the company for support from the Department of Transport's first round of green bus funding. The diesel-electric system installed in the new ADL Enviro 400h hybrid buses will deliver fuel consumption and carbon dioxide emissions that are claimed to be up to 30 per cent lower than conventional buses. 😊

The HybriDrive technology installed in the ADL Enviro 400 currently powers more than 2,500 buses in cities across the UK and North America, transporting more than one million passengers every day. So far, these buses have travelled more than 150 million miles, saved 10 million gallons of diesel fuel and prevented more than 100,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions.

From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October the electric hybrid bus has been operating journeys on the 144 Wokingham to Reading route as well as a number of other Wokingham town routes.

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## HIGHWAYS DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS** The Highways Development Control Team provides highway advice on planning applications throughout the area. Please refer to the Planning page on the Council website [www.wokingham.gov.uk/planning](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/planning) for full details of current applications and planning policies.

Did you know you can submit your planning application On-Line? Go to [www.planningportal.gov.uk/](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/) for 8 simple steps. (You do not have to submit your plans online, just the forms will be sufficient to reap the benefits).

### BUILDING CONTROL

The Building Control Service have issued details of fees for on domestic extensions and alterations with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October. For more information visit <http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/environment/building-control/2010charges/>

## IT'S TIME TO START TO ENJOY SOME SEASONAL ACTIVITIES.....

**Why not make a weekend special by preparing willow Christmas decorations** – Sat 6 – to Sun 7 November 2010 10 am to 4pm. Make your own stars, angels, Christmas trees and wreaths to decorate your home for a natural willow Christmas. It is suitable for adults and children over 12, who must be accompanied, so why not invite your daughter, granddaughter, son or grandson for a morning that can entwine generations together? Cost is £20 per person/ session (includes all materials). Christine Brewster, a well-known local basket maker is running a course that is suitable for beginners as well as more advanced students. The event is held in the Loddon Room, Dinton Pastures Country Park. For more information or to book a place please contact Christine on 0118966 2250 or visit [www.StripeyBasket.co.uk](http://www.StripeyBasket.co.uk).

**Whilst Christmas is a long way to go yet, you might want to come along to the Craft Fair** organised in the Woodley Library to buy unique, hand-made Christmas presents. Jewellery, homeware and fine arts will be on sale from 1pm to 4pm on Sunday 7 November.

**If you would like to take a couple of photos of your family this Christmas but you haven't bought a camera yet**, why not join the **"Choosing your digital camera"** workshop that will take place in the Lower Earley Library on Friday 19 from 10am to 12pm. The cost is £3.00; please call the library to book your place.

## COMMUNITY WARDENS PURSE BELLS!

Community Wardens have been delivering a Safety presentation along with the distribution of free purse bells at the Older People's Forums during October & November at various venues throughout the Borough. This project is designed to make older people aware if someone should try to steal their purse by attaching a bell to the purse which alerts them if it is moved. The last session will take place in the Older People's Forum on 18 November in the Acorn Centre, Fernlea Drive, Woosehill, between 2pm and 4pm.

### LITTER PROJECT IN FINCHAMSTEAD

Community Wardens in conjunction with Waste Service will be piloting a litter project in Finchampstead.

Year 6 pupils from Gorse Ride Junior School will do a 3 day survey (during their walks to and from school) on locations of litter bins and areas with a build-up of litter, fly tipping, etc.

Alongside this and in tandem with an area clean up, year 6 pupils of the school will be invited to submit their poster designs in a poster competition with 3 prize winning posters to be placed on litter bins in the local Finchampstead area. Dates to be announced.

### CARNIVAL POOL STREET ART PROJECT

Community Wardens together with members of the Youth Offending Service have joined forces with the staff at Carnival Pool to run a Competition of Sport Art.

Young people of all ages will be invited to submit their suggested designs by leaflets that will be distributed to Schools, Youth Clubs and in parks.

Once the winner has been decided the winning design will be painted on the outside wall of Carnival Pool on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November aided by young offenders as part of their community service.

## PAINTING OF ANSON CRESCENT RAILING

Following a walk about in Anson Crescent, the Community Wardens are working together with the Youth Offending Service to give the railings in Anson Crescent a much needed facelift.

Young offenders will be painting the railings as part of their community service under the supervision of the Community Wardens and Youth Offending Services officers and Tenant Services will be providing the paint and brushes.

The WBC Community Safety Operations Manager said, "The Community Wardens work closely with the Youth Offending Service and regularly supervise young offenders undertaking Community Service. This gives them an opportunity to give something back to the Community whilst at the same time performing a worthwhile task."

## LIBRARY SERVICES

### What's on in your library in November?

\* Events marked with an asterisk please call the library to book your place

### What's on for ADULTS

<b>Woodley Library Chess Club*</b> All abilities welcome		
Woodley Library	Wednesday 3	2pm to 3pm
<b>Woodley Library Book group*</b> - Book Discussion		
Woodley Library	Thursday 4	10.30am to 11.30am
<b>First Thursday Book Group*</b> Discusses new books and favourites.		
Wokingham Library	Thursday 4	6.30pm to 7.45pm
<b>Wokingham Library Cribbage Club*</b> Suitable for all abilities New		
Wokingham Library	Friday 5	10.30am
<b>Wokingham Library Day Book Group</b> This group is currently full, to put your name on the reserve list please contact		
Wokingham Library.		
Wokingham Library	Friday 5	10.30 am to 12.30pm
<b>Craft Fair</b> Buy unique, hand-made Christmas presents: Jewellery, homeware and fine arts will be on sale.		
Woodley Library	Sunday 7	1pm to 4pm
<b>Jewellery Craft Workshop*</b> Make fabulous Christmas presents. Easy Earrings £5		
Wokingham Library	Tuesday 9	10.30am to 12.30pm
<b>Twyford Reading Group</b> Themed book discussion		
Twyford Library	Tuesday 9	2pm to 3pm
<b>Family History drop-in</b> Expert advice from the Berkshire Family History Society.		
Woodley Library	Tuesday 9	2pm to 4pm New
<b>Knit and natter</b> Drop in for knitting and a chat. All abilities welcome		
Lower Earley Library	Tuesday 9	4pm to 5pm New
<b>Wargrave Library Coffee Morning-</b> Drop in for coffee and see what the library has to offer		
Wargrave Library	Wednesday 10	10am to 12 noon
<b>Tea in the Afternoon</b> with a Demonstration of the new E-Books service		
Spencers Wood Library	Thursday 11	3pm to 4pm
<b>Winnersh Book group*</b> Book Discussion group		
Winnersh Library	Thursday 11	7pm to 8pm
<b>Meet your local parish councillor</b> - bring any concerns to your local Twyford Parish Councillor		
Twyford Library	Saturday 13	10.30am to 11.30am
<b>Lower Earley Book Group*</b> - Discuss best seller and favourites New		
Lower Earley Library	Monday 15	10.30am to 11.30am
<b>Wargrave Library Book Group*</b> - Book Discussion group.		
Wargrave Library	Monday 15	6pm to 7pm
<b>Jewellery Craft Workshop*</b> - Make fabulous Christmas presents. Fabulous Flowers £5		
Wokingham Library	Tuesday 16	10.30am to 12.30pm
<b>Knit and natter</b> Drop in for knitting and a chat. All abilities welcome		
Twyford Library	Tuesday 16	2pm to 3pm
<b>Finchampstead Library Book Group*</b> - Book discussion group		
Finchampstead Library	Wednesday 17	10.30am to 11.30am New
<b>Non-Fiction Book Group*</b> - Book discussion group		

Wokingham Library	Thursday 18	6.30pm to 7.45pm
<b>Jane Eyre; The well dressed governess*</b> - The History Wardrobe retells this classic tale through the fashions of the 1840s. £5		
Wokingham Library	Thursday 18	7.30pm to 9pm
<b>Choosing your digital camera*</b> - What to look for when you're buying a digital camera £3		
Lower Earley Library	Friday 19	10am to 12pm
<b>VIP book Group*</b> - This group is currently full, to put your name on the reserve list please contact Wokingham Library.		
Wokingham Library	Friday 19	2pm to 4pm
<b>Creative Writing Group*</b> - This group is currently full, to put your name on the reserve list please contact Wokingham Library.		
Wokingham Library	Saturday 20	10am to 12 noon
<b>Spencers Wood Book Group*</b> Book discussion group		
Spencers Wood Library	Monday 22	6pm to 7pm
<b>Jewellery Craft Workshop*</b> Make fabulous Christmas presents. Unique necklaces £5		
Wokingham Library	Tuesday 23	10.30am to 12.30pm
<b>Cross Lanes Fruit Farm*</b> Gill Franklin talks about apple growing and the work of the farm		
Twyford Library	Tuesday 23	2pm to 3pm
<b>Archaeology Finds Surgery</b> Drop in for expert advice about archaeological objects from our Finds Liaison Officer.		
Wokingham Library	Thursday 25	10am to 12noon
<b>Reminiscence Club*</b> New group discusses topics from days gone by.		
Woodley Library	Thursday 25	10.30am to 12noon
<b>Woodley Library Evening Book Group</b>		
Woodley Library	Thursday 25	6pm to 6.45pm
<b>Wokingham Information Network</b> Demonstration of what's available on this community information website.		
Twyford Library	Tuesday 30	2pm to 4pm
<b>Family History drop-in</b> Expert advice from the Berkshire Family History Society.		
Wokingham Library	Tuesday 30	2pm to 5pm

### What's On for CHILDREN and families

<b>Wokingham Winter Carnival Santa's Grotto</b> - family craft activities, seasonal music, special visit from the Bookstart Bear?! Cards for good causes. Refreshments available - drop in and join the fun!		
Wokingham Library	Sunday 28	11am to 4pm
<b>Rhymetime*</b> For babies 0 to 18 months. Rhymes and songs. Free		
Wokingham Library	Tuesday 2	10.30am to 11am/11.30am to 12noon
Woodley Library	Tuesday 9	10.30am to 11am
Lower Earley Library	Tuesday 16	10.30am to 11am/11.30am to 12noon
Wargrave Library	Wednesday 24	10.30am to 11am
<b>Storytime For under 5's.</b> Free		
Twyford Library	Gingerbread Man	Tuesday 2 2pm to 2.30pm
Wokingham Library	Every Tuesday	2.15pm to 2.45pm
Woodley Library	Every Tuesday	4.00pm to 4.30pm
Lower Earley Library	Every Thursday	2.30pm to 3pm
Spencers Wood Library	Every Monday	4pm to 4.30pm
Wargrave Library	Every Monday	4pm to 4.30pm
<b>Bookstart Read and Rhyme Stories and rhymes for children and parents.</b> Don't forget to collect your Bookstart pack.		
Finchampstead Children's Centre	Tuesday 2	1.30pm to 2.30pm
Red Kite Children's Centre	Tuesday 9	2pm to 3pm
Starlings Children's Centre	Wednesday 24	2pm to 3pm
Rainbow Children's Centre	Friday 26	10am to 11am
Riverdale Children's Centre	Monday 29	10.15am to 11.15 am
<b>Toddletime*</b> For babies 12 to 36 months. Action stories and songs. Free		
Winnersh Library	Wednesday 3	10.15am to 10.45am
Lower Earley Library	Thursday 4	9.45am to 10.15am
Wokingham Library	Thursday 11	10.30am to 11am
Finchampstead Library	Friday 26	10am to 10.30am
<b>Dad and baby Rhymetime *</b> Fun rhymes for babies and dads. Free		
Wokingham Library	Saturday 6	10.30am to 11am
Lower Earley Library	Saturday 13	10.30am to 11am
<b>Get Arty For families with children aged 5 to 12 years old.</b> £1 per child		
Woodley Library	Saturday 6 and 27	11am to 12noon
Wokingham Library	Saturday 13	10.30am to 11.30am

Lower Earley Library	Saturday 20	11am to 12noon
<b>Woodley Kids Book Club*</b> Fun book discussion for 7-11 year olds with parents. 50p per child		
Woodley Library	Thursday 11	4pm to 5pm
<b>Wokingham Book Borrowers*</b> Fun book discussion for 7-11 year olds with parent. 50p per child		
Wokingham Library	Thursday 18	4pm to 4.45pm
<b>Imprint Silver Jewellery</b> - Have your children's finger prints and handprints made into silver pendants, charms and key-rings. Drop-in event. Charges vary depending on item.		
Wokingham Library	Saturday 27	10am to 12 noon
<b>Gosh Jewellery Hand Casting Workshop*</b> - Discover how to cast your child's hand. All materials are included to make 1 mould and cast. £3 deposit and £15 to be paid on day.		
Wokingham Library	Saturday 27	1.30pm to 3.30pm

### What's on for TEENS

<b>Teen Book group*</b> For 11 to 18 year-olds. £1		
Wokingham Library	Thursday 4 and 25	4.30pm to 5.30pm
<b>Manga Club*</b> For 11 to 18 year-olds. £1		
Wokingham Library	Thursday 11 and 30	4.30pm to 5.30pm
<b>Winnersh Library Gaming Club*</b> Gaming Club for teens £1		
Winnersh Library	Every Saturday	10.30am to 12.30pm

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/CONSUMER PROTECTION

### Doorstep Crime Briefing Sessions to be provided for Neighbourhood Watch

Rogue trading and associated doorstep crime is a serious issue. *Victims are often vulnerable members of our community and are left feeling violated and fearful.* Cases that trading standards have dealt with also show they can lose substantial amounts of money and are often unlikely to report being a victim.

This is the basis for a series of briefings for Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators across Wokingham Borough. The briefings, which are being organised and run by West Berkshire and Wokingham Trading Standards Service and Police Crime Reduction will assist those in neighbourhood watch co-ordination roles to understand:

- What doorstep crime / rogue trading is
- Common tactics of rogue traders
- Recognising the rogues
- Buyers rights
- Selecting reputable traders and trader accreditation schemes

The briefing will draw on the experience of trading standards officers who are routinely involved in enforcing and investigating doorstep crime. The Police will also be providing advice on 'Distraction Burglaries'.

The one hour sessions will be taking place in:

Wokingham Borough Council Civic Offices Shute End Wokingham RG40 1BN Committee Room 4	Wednesday 3rd November 2010 19.00-20.00
Wokingham Borough Council Civic Offices Shute End Wokingham RG40 1BN Committee Room 5	Thursday 18th November 2010 14.00-15.00
Earley Community Centre, Radstock Lane Earley RG6 3UZ	Monday 8th November 2010 19.00-20.00

Cllr UllaKarin Clark, Executive Member for Community Development and Human Resources at Wokingham Borough Council said, "The Trading Standards Service is already doing much to prevent people falling victim to rogue trading. This includes the recent introduction of routine patrols to check on traders operating in the Wokingham Borough area. The next step is to engage communities to assist trading standards and the Police by recognising and reporting suspect traders and by supporting their neighbours. "

Those wishing to attend a briefing are invited to register by contacting the Trading Standards Helpline on 01635-519930 or e-mail us at [tsadvice@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:tsadvice@westberks.gov.uk). If you are unable to attend the service is always happy to talk to community groups, resident associations etc.

## SPORT & RECREATION

### NEW BOCCIA LEAGUE:

We have been invited by Boccia England to participate in the Boccia England Regional Boccia Championships and we are in the process of setting up a team from the Wokingham Borough. Boccia is a non-contact driven sport which relies upon skill and subtlety of a player to throw, kick or roll their ball as close to the target ball as they can.

‘The aim of the National Pan Disability Boccia League is to widen the opportunity for some competitive boccia for those who perhaps are not eligible to take part in our usual Regional and National events. We know how popular the game is becoming amongst so many sectors of the community and indeed across the whole age range.’ (Boccia England).

This league offers a chance for disabled people to compete together at a local level and then have the opportunity to progress to a National Final. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining the team and coming along to weekly practice sessions please contact sports development on (0118) 974 3729 or email [all4sport@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:all4sport@wokingham.gov.uk).

### NORDIC WALKING:

As a result of recent successful projects we are bringing Nordic Walking to new areas of the Borough. Within the next month we are hoping to set-up 2 new sessions in Winnersh and Shinfield for weekly Nordic Walking Sessions. ‘Nordic Walking is the fastest growing fitness activity in the world and is used by individuals, personal trainers, health clubs, physiotherapists, doctors and health promoters because it is highly effective, affordable and FUN!’ (Nordic Walking UK).

Nordic Walking uses poles that help to propel you along, muscles in your upper body as well as those in your legs are being used, this means you work harder, yet the poles make it feel easier. It can be done by anybody, anywhere.

For further information please contact sports development on (0118) 974 3729 or email: [sportsdevelopment@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:sportsdevelopment@wokingham.gov.uk).

## COUNTRYSIDE SERVICES

What a great autumn, one could be amazed by the variety of birds residing in our vicinity this summer & autumn; sadly and as usual, many didn’t stay long. Just a couple of them to mention, let’s see how many of them you can recognise: Little Rebe, Great Crested Grebe, Gannet, Little Egret, Greylag Goose, Shelduck, Mandarin, Wigeon, Gadwall, Teal, Pintail, Shoveler, Red Crested Pochard, Pochard, Ruddy Duck, Red Kite, Marsh Harrier, Sparrowhawk, Buzzard, Hobby, Kestrel, Peregrine, Water Rail, Oystercatcher, Lapwing, Ringed Plover, Little-ringed Plover, Snipe, Curlew, Black-tailed Godwit, Wood Sandpiper, Common Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper, Ruff, Dunlin, Black-headed Gull, Black Tern, Common Tern, etc..

If you would like to spot these and many more please join *Friends of Lavell’s Lake Bird Walk*. Seasonal walks are arranged to observe different species - the next walk will take place on 14 November (Sunday) - 9am - 12 noon. (All enquiries and advance bookings to (0118) 9342016 or email [countryside@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:countryside@wokingham.gov.uk) )



Ruddy Duck



Little Egret

### What to look out for in November

Sandford Lake will attract Goldeneye when BSL sailing is on at weekends, Fieldfare usually occur from mid month, passage White-fronted & Brent Geese do occur and it is worth checking the sometimes large numbers of Black-headed Gulls for a Mediterranean Gull. The finch flocks vary from year to year but up to 300+ Siskin is possible in good years and often include Lesser Redpoll in low numbers, both species favouring Alder to feed.

## Activities

**Heathlake Work Party.** - 03 November (Wednesday) - 10 am to 1 pm (Adult). The active social Volunteers group assists the Countryside Service with important practical maintenance tasks of the reserves: hedge laying, coppicing and path construction. If you are interested, please call the Community Ranger on 01189342016 or e-mail [countryside@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:countryside@wokingham.gov.uk).

**Junior Rangers Wildlife Watch** – 06 November (Saturday) 10 am to 12 noon Meeting in the Emmbrook Room, Dinton Pastures Monthly club for children who are interested in the environment. The Group is affiliated to WATCH (the junior branch of the Wildlife Trust). Children should be 8 or over. Booking is essential on [countryside@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:countryside@wokingham.gov.uk).

**RSPB Walks** - 06 November (Saturday) 9am -12.30 pm – Join the Wokingham and Bracknell branch of the RSPB on a monthly walk around Dinton Pastures, meeting in the main car park. The fee is £1/adult. Accompanied children are free.

**Astronomy Talks** – 06 November (Saturday) – Are you fascinated by the night sky? The Reading Astronomical Society holds a regular series of talks on astronomy basics, including advice on using telescopes always available. If you would like to join this event then come to the Loddon Room at Dinton Pasture Country Park by 7 pm, attendance is free. A full description is available at: <http://www.ryhill.net/basics.html> or call Gerry Bond on 0118986 4032.

**Basket Making** – Sat 6 – to Sun 7 November 2010 – 10 am to 4pm. Learn how to use traditional English basket making techniques to make baskets that are robust, functional and very beautiful. Christine Brewster, a well-known local basket maker is running a course that is suitable for beginners as well as more advanced students (they may choose their own projects). Cost is £60.00 and includes all materials and refreshments. The event is held in the Loddon Room, Dinton Pastures Country Park. For more information or to book a place please contact Christine on 0118966 2250 or visit [www.StripeyBasket.co.uk](http://www.StripeyBasket.co.uk).

**Friends of Lavell's Lake Bird Walk** – 14 November (Sunday) - 9am - 12 noon – Lavell's lake is rich in bird life, which is attracted to the now much extended reed beds, shallow scrapes and quiet surroundings. The new Bittern Hide offers extensive seating and standing room overlooking Tern Scrape, whilst Teal Hide offers great views over the scrape and a fine sand martin wall. Meeting at Sandford Lane car park opposite Black Swan Sailing Club. Although the event is free, a donation of £1 is appreciated as it goes towards conservation management and winter bird food.

**Keephatch Work Party** – 13 November (Saturday) – The Countryside Service invites you to informal, fun and rewarding practical days to enhance our local habitats for wildlife and visitors. These sessions enable you to meet new people, learn a variety of skills and exercise in the fresh air. No experience is necessary, just enthusiasm. Wear suitable old clothes and stout footwear. Families are welcome, as are dogs under supervision. An adult must accompany children under 16 years. Please bring a packed lunch and a drink. If you are interested, please contact Countryside Services, details above

**Willow Christmas Decorations** – 28 November (Sunday) 10am – to 1 pm Make your own stars, angels, Christmas trees and wreaths to decorate your home for a natural willow Christmas. Suitable for adults and children over 12, who must be accompanied. Cost is £20 per person/ session (includes all materials). Christine Brewster, a well-known local basket maker is running a course that is suitable for beginners as well as more advanced students. The event is held in the Loddon Room, Dinton Pastures Country Park. For more information or to book a place please contact Christine on 0118966 2250 or visit [www.StripeyBasket.co.uk](http://www.StripeyBasket.co.uk).

**Friends of Lavell's Lake Local Nature Reserve Work parties** – 28 November (Sunday) - 10 am until lunchtime – Lavell's Lake is rich in bird life and relies on regular management to maintain the appeal to birds and other wildlife to the site. Tasks are not all hard work and all are welcome to join our very friendly and sociable group. Wellies are recommended and your efforts will be rewarded by refreshments provided at tea break! If you would like to contact the charity please e-mail to [fraser1947@hotmail.com](mailto:fraser1947@hotmail.com).

## DID YOU KNOW...

### Clements Close Gardening Project

After consultation with the local residents, pupils of Lamb's Lane Primary School together with the Community Wardens have created a garden in Clements Close which will afterwards be maintained by this year's Junior Wardens who are also year 6 pupils from the school. The garden which is jointly funded by the Community Wardens and Extended Services was designed by pupils of the school. The Parks and Open Spaces department from the Council have very kindly donated the land and a bench for the project.

The garden was prepared by the **Community Wardens** and the planting took place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September aided by the local residents, Junior Wardens and Extended Services. The plants have been supplied from Plants Limited in Chobham, and Dobbies Garden Centre kindly donated £100 towards to the project which was used to buy the tools for the garden to be maintained by the Junior Wardens.

## LOCAL EVENTS

### Wokingham Town

More information can be found on <http://www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk> Tickets are available from the Information Centre at the Town Hall, telephone 0118 974 0880.

- ✓ General Market Tues/Thurs/Fri & Sat 8.00—5.00
- ✓ Farmers Market Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> November 8.00—2.00
- ✓ **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November: Field Of Remembrance Dedication Ceremony**  
A gathering takes place at 9.30am on the island outside the Town Hall and crosses are laid to mark the memory of loved ones, friends or comrades.
- ✓ **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November: Armistice Day**  
A gathering takes place at 11am outside the Town Hall for a two minute silence to mark this day. The police will stop traffic in the Town Centre for the duration.  
*The Wokingham Town Mayor, the Royal British Legion and others attend both the above events, and everyone is welcome to join them.*
- ✓ New Arts & Crafts Market in addition to General Market Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 8.00—5.00
- ✓ **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November: Remembrance Day**  
The annual Remembrance Day parade will leave the Town Hall at 2.30pm and proceed down Rose Street to All Saints Church for the Church service at 3pm. After the service (approx 3.55pm), the parade will return to the Town Hall. All are welcome to attend.
- ✓ **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November: Mayor's Charity Market**  
Local charities will be inside the Town Hall between 10am and 4pm selling a variety of items, including gifts for Christmas and refreshments to raise money for their charities. This will be free for the public to enter.
- ✓ **Dressing of the Christmas Tree - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November** in the Market Place 6.30pm in attendance Town Mayor, local pupils of schools Westcott, West end, Embrook infants & juniors St Tarrasa's St Pauls & Hawthornes.
- ✓ **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November: Winter Carnival** In the Town Centre from 11am to 5.30pm.  
The town centre roads will be closed and this major event will be supported by street entertainers, a music stage, fun fair attractions and a significant vehicle procession (at 4pm).

