



ARBORFIELD GARRISON STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT LOCATION (SDL)

Construction on various parts of the development - now known as Arborfield Green - continues to progress. This includes Parcels H, I and J which fall within Finchampstead.

The interactive maps at the following link give a useful overview of how the development is moving forward. www.wokingham.gov.uk/major-developments/arborfield-progress-map/

The Nine Mile Ride extension was officially opened on 11 September, Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) is currently working on design options for the southern section of the new road.

Local events and information

- **Finchampstead Society Local History Archive** - 5 October
The Archive is open on the first Thursday of every month from 2 - 4pm at the Finchampstead Library in the FBC Centre. Browse old maps, photographs and other information and learn about the history of Finchampstead. www.thefinchampsteadsociety.co.uk
- **Ladies Shopping Evening** - 13 October
Fantastic stalls, a raffle and tombola at this event at the Finchampstead Memorial Hall, The Village on Friday 13 October from 7.30 to 9.30pm. Handcrafted items, local food, jewellery, health and beauty products and more.
- **Quiz with Supper** - 14 October
Come and have fun, test your knowledge and enjoy a two course supper at this event in St. James' Church Centre on Saturday 14 October at 7.30pm. Telephone 0118 9730133 to reserve your place.
- **A wild walk at Simon's Wood** - 15 October
Learn about the special heathland and woodland wildlife and how the National Trust looks after it on this walk on Sunday 15 October from 11am to 12.30pm. Adult £6 child £3. Telephone 01784 432891 or visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/runnymede
- **Helen Taylor Churchyard Trust afternoon tea** - 18 October
Homemade cakes, tea / coffee, a raffle and bring and buy at this event on 18 October from 2.30 to 4pm at the Finchampstead Sports Club - behind the Memorial Hall. All funds raised go to the upkeep of St James' Churchyard.
- **Friendly Finches** - 19 October
This group meets on the third Thursday of every month from 2.30 to 4pm at the Memorial Hall. This years theme is 'Musicals'. All are welcome to attend for a cup of tea, a chat and to meet new people. For more information call Bev on 0118 9731833.
- **Wokingham District Veteran Trees Association** - 24 October
WDVTA is celebrating 10 years of surveying and working for trees in Wokingham Borough and will be showcasing its achievements and a new report at an open meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24 October at St Paul's Parish Rooms, Reading Road, Wokingham RG41 1EH. www.wdvta.org.uk
- **Finchampstead Housing and Rent Surgeries**
If you would like support with housing or rent issues you can speak to a friendly advisor at the sessions held every Monday from 9.30 to 11am at the Community House, 17 Billing Avenue RG40 4JE. You can make an appointment by telephoning Jennie on 07920 821919 or just drop in.



Changes to Parking Enforcement in Wokingham Borough

Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) is taking over parking enforcement from the Police on 9 October 2017. Parking rules will stay the same, the only difference is that WBC will be responsible for enforcing them instead of the Police.. This is known as Civil Parking Enforcement or CPE.

The majority of parking enforcement across the UK is now the responsibility of local Councils rather than the Police. This change enables the Police to focus more on managing crime, and by transferring the powers the Council will be better able to respond to local needs and the parking concerns of the community. The Police will still retain some Powers to allow them to deal with dangerous parking and obstruction for example.

Better enforcement of parking regulations will help residents and visitors by:

- Easing congestion caused by inconsiderate parking
- Improving pedestrian and road safety eg at junctions where parked cars can block the view
- Preventing illegal or dangerous parking outside of schools and on pavements and cycleways
- Improving traffic flow around the borough
- Improving access and response times for emergency vehicles and public transport
- Reducing abuse of disabled parking
- Maintaining and improving residents' parking schemes.

The introduction of CPE does not influence where and how regulations are introduced. Parking restrictions are introduced by the Highways Team after taking into account the safety of road users, pedestrians and local needs. This will not alter when CPE is introduced.

Penalty Charge Notices (PCN's) will be issued by WBC enforcement officers to vehicles parked in breach of parking restrictions. Follow the rules and you will avoid a PCN:

- Do not park on double yellow lines
- Do check the times on nearby signs and notices about when you can park
- Do park within bay markings
- Do report parking issues using the on-line form on the WBC website www.wokingham.gov.uk
- Don't stay longer than the maximum length of stay.

Any revenue generated from PCN's will be used to pay for the cost of enforcement and to improve parking and transport.

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