



ARBORFIELD GARRISON STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT LOCATION (SDL)

To date around 200 new homes on the SDL are occupied, with permission granted for over 600 more dwellings. Work continues to progress on various parcels, with applications for 'reserved matters' consent for additional parcels coming forward regularly.

Work on a new primary school at Arborfield Green will start early in 2019 and the school will open in 2020.

There is still no decision about health provision on the SDL. The view of the Parish Council is that there should be a Doctor's Surgery on the SDL, of a sufficient size to cater for all the new residents. We will continue to push for this.

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-garrison/

Local events

- **Finchampstead Society Archive - 4 October**
The Archive will be open on Thursday 4 October from 2pm to 4pm at the Finchampstead Library. The Archive contains a wonderful collection of history, local interest stories, maps dating back centuries and a wealth of other information about Finchampstead and its people. Just drop in - Society volunteers will be available to help you find what you are looking for.
- **California Crossroads Tidy Up - 7 October**
We are having another tidy up at the crossroads from 9.30am to 12 noon on Sunday 7 October. Tasks will include litter picking, weeding, painting and anything else needed to tidy up the area. Please come and join us - for all or part of the session. Please wear gloves and bring hand tools if you have them. For more information telephone 0118 9088164.
- **California Country Park Fungus Foray - 7 October**
Do you know the difference between Wood Ears and a Shaggy Parasol? Find out on this Fungus Foray from 10.30am to 12.30pm, led by a specialist. The session costs £10 and places must be booked in advance at <https://booking.wokingham.gov.uk/book/add/p/39>
- **Autumn Walk - 7 October**
Organised by the Finchampstead Society this is a two hour family walk through local countryside. Meet at the Memorial Hall car park at 11am. Suitable for all the family, dogs on leads are welcome.
- **Sun, sea and seabirds - 11 October**
A talk on birds and birding in The Gambia at 7.45pm on Thursday 11 October at the Memorial Hall. The event is organised by the RSPB Wokingham and Bracknell Group.
- **Ladies Shopping Evening - 12 October**
Fantastic stalls, a raffle and refreshments at this event from 7.30pm to 9.30pm on Friday 12 October at the Memorial Hall. For more information telephone 07887 637789
- **Quiz - 13 October**
A quiz will be held at the Memorial Hall on Saturday 13 October at 7.30pm to raise funds for the Diana Camidge Foundation for research in to GSS, a disease similar to CJD. Tickets are £10 including a fish and chip supper, a bar will be available. For tickets email john.camidge@btinternet.com or telephone 07768 176372



Local events and information

- **Autumn Tea Party - 17 October**

Tea and cake, a raffle, bring and buy and plant stalls at this event at 2.30pm to 4.30pm on Wednesday 17 October at the Memorial Park Sports Centre. Proceeds will go towards the care and maintenance of the St. James' Churchyard.

- **Wokingham Children's Book Festival - 20 and 21 October**

This event is being held at Wokingham Library and Wokingham Town Hall and offers a chance to meet authors and illustrators and bring stories to life! For the full programme of events and to book a visit visit www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk/bookfest

- **Finchampstead Library activities**

Friday activities for under 5's and their parents include **Rhymetime or Storytime** from 11am to 11.30am. The sessions are free - just drop in.

On 23 October there will be a **Dogs Trust session** for 4 - 11 year olds, running from 2 - 3pm. The session will be about the Dogs Trust and how to look after your dog, and will include stories and colouring activities. Please telephone the Library on 0118 9088176 to book a place.

Regular activities for adults include **Book Group, Computer Workshops, Crochet Group, sessions with relaxing activities such as colouring or jigsaws, and social bridge.**

Telephone the Library on 0118 9088176 for details.

- **Lunch time music at St Eligius Community Church, Arborfield Green - 1 November**

The next event is a piano and violin recital on Thursday 1 November at 12.30pm. The event is free but if you wish to book lunch please contact Rita Le Var on 01252 372320 or email rita_le_var@ntlworld.com

- **Remembrance Sunday and 'The Battle's Over' - 11 November**

There will be a service at the Finchampstead War Memorial at 3pm on Remembrance Sunday, with the parade to the Memorial leaving the Memorial Hall car park from 2.30pm.

To mark the centenary of the end of the First World War there will be a concert at St. James' Church at 6pm, featuring the Arborfield Military Wives Choir. This will be followed by the lighting of the beacon on the Church Tower at 7pm as part of the national 'The Battle's Over' tribute. Further details will follow nearer the time.

War Memorial Junction

We know how many of you dislike the War Memorial junction. You may find it surprising to know that there has only been one serious accident and 9 slight accidents at the junction in the last 19 years, the perception is that these figures would be a lot higher. That said, one accident is more than any of us would like at this or any location.

We have been discussing the junction with the Highways Officers at Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) for some time and are delighted that WBC will be undertaking a full study of the junction in Spring 2019 to look at the potential for improvements. In the interim WBC is looking at changes to the signs at the junction, and the Parish Council has offered to pay for any new signs recommended by the Highway Officers. The recent road resurfacing has included refreshing the road markings and making them more obvious to road users, a benefit in terms of road safety.



Litter and 'Adopt a Street'

We have had a good response to our advert for a Litter Warden or Wardens, and plan to appoint as soon as possible. The Litter Warden or Wardens will focus on keeping our roadsides and footways (pavements) free of litter, adding to the work that Wokingham Borough Council contractors carry out in these areas.

We are delighted that even more residents have come forward to join our 'Adopt a Street' scheme, helping to keep their local area clean and tidy. A big thank you to all of our volunteers.

If you would like to get involved please get in touch - there is no specific commitment, just to do what you can when you can. It all helps! We will supply the bags and litter pickers and any rubbish you collect can be put out with your normal blue bag collection.

Allotments

We have a small number of plots available on our allotment site - if you would like to grow your own vegetables, fruit or flowers do get in touch for more details and an application form. You don't have to be an expert - friendly advice is available. Our contact details are below.

Our site has plenty car parking, a good water supply and even a toilet. As well as looking after your plot there are opportunities to get involved with site maintenance and various events.

Garden vegetation, roads and pavements

Overgrown or untidy hedges and low branches can be a real hazard to pedestrians walking on pavements or footways. Overgrown vegetation can narrow the footway and force pedestrians to step on to the road which is particularly dangerous for those with a pram or buggy, the less mobile and those in wheelchairs.

It is also important for road safety and to prevent accidents that sightlines are kept clear at bends, junctions and the access point to your property, and that traffic signs are clearly visible.

The effectiveness of street lights can be seriously reduced by overgrowing vegetation, especially trees, causing the road and footway to be darker than necessary.

If you are responsible for a property that has vegetation growing on or near to the boundary with a highway - a road or footway/pavement - you need to manage the vegetation so as not to cause a danger, obstruction or interference.

We are working with Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) to try and improve the standards of roadside vegetation maintenance in areas which WBC is responsible for.

Please do your bit on your property to help keep the Finchampstead roads and footways safe for users.

FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

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CODE OF CONDUCT FOR RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS

DO NOT allow your dog to approach people or dogs on leads without permission.

NEVER let your dog off the lead near roads or farm animals.

DO NOT leave your dog tied up alone outside shops or in vehicles. They could be stolen.

TRAINING and **SOCIALISATION** are extremely important; it is never too late to train your dog.

DO NOT throw sticks for your dog. They can cause serious injuries, even death.

TRAIN your dog to go to the toilet at home. If he fouls when out **“SCOOP THE POOP”**.

DO ensure that when in a public place your dog is wearing an ID tag and is microchipped.
IT IS THE LAW.

**For information and advice call the Animal Warden on
01635 519171**