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Welcome to Issue number 128!

Hopefully by the time you get to read this, we will have had some rain after the driest July on record and drought conditions declared in August. It's also shaping up to be the hottest summer on record. Such conditions have been a nightmare for farmers and growers, with crops having to be harvested early and yields down. The dry conditions haven't been fun for gardeners, and our autumn gardens article gives some advice on how to recover your lawn for next year.

We're pleased to have new contributions from Basingstoke Rugby Club who are recruiting for their minis and youth sections, and an exciting new play facility opening up in the iFLY centre in Basingstoke Leisure park.

Mr Flaherty's Theatricals is running "A Murder is Announced" at Central Studio on the 12th to the 14th of November. The Basingstoke Concert Band are holding a 50th Anniversary concert in the Haymarket Theatre on Sunday 20th September at 3pm.

We also have contributions from some of our regular stalwarts: Cranbourne School, Brighton Hill Scout Group, and the Rotary Club.

Committee Members: we are on the lookout for new committee members to take our magazine forward, please contact me as Editor if you would like to get involved.

Web Site Administrator: we need someone to take on our website www.brightonbell.co.uk/. If you can spare a few hours a week, please let me know.

Advertising Manager: we're looking for someone to help our chairman with securing adverts for the magazine, please get in touch.



It remains for me to wish you a happy autumn.

Yours sincerely,

Andy McCormick
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The Blue Coat School Basingstoke
Member of the South Farnham Educational Trust



The Blue Coat School Basingstoke

Welcomes you to our open events

Open Evening

Thursday 1st October, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Headteacher talks are at 6:30pm and 7:00pm

Open Mornings

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- Monday 21st September
- Tuesday 22nd September
- Wednesday 23rd September
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COUNCILLORS UPDATE

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council have effectively blown up their Local Plan, citing concerns over water. Thames Water is about to run out of money and re-nationalisation under the new Government is a distinct possibility for it and South East Water.

The consultation on Upper Swallick has been extended and there have been over 1400 letters of objection, a record number.

The council re-organisation continues at pace, with elections for the new council replacing Basingstoke and Hampshire in May 2027, with an overlap of one year until the new council is constituted while the existing councillors carry on for another year. Locally, there are four issues that are dominating my caseload:

1. Crime and anti-social behaviour, including e-bikes and e-scooters on paths, and litter being left in public places like Brighton Hill Park.
2. Parking. Schubert Road is virtually impossible to park in and I have been dealing with multiple parties. It's not the only road with problems: Britten Road, Chopin Road, Lehar Close, Sibelius

Close, Copland Close, Boyce Close, Purcell Close, Rossini Close, Mathias Walk, Ellington Drive... we have a serious problem with parking and EV home charging which the new council will have to take on urgently.

3. Doctors. We're still getting cases of people unable to make appointments at Gillies, or waiting several weeks for routine appointments. I am dealing with the Practice Manager on this, as is Luke Murphy MP.

4. Housing Association repairs. Radius Park (formerly Brighton Hill Retail Park) is still empty after nearly 2 years. The developers want to ease some conditions. We need to find a way through this as empty units raise questions as to why redevelopment went ahead in the first place. I hold surgeries every first Saturday of the month at 10am in Café Dome, and litter picks every 3rd Saturday of the month at 10.30am in the car park outside Gillies.

Cllr Andrew McCormick

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THE NEW NORTH HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL

A number of you have been asking questions about what's going on with the re-organisation of our councils.

All of the councils in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight are being replaced by new ones.

We will be looking at five new councils:

- North Hampshire, consisting of Basingstoke, Hart and Rushmoor,
- Mid Hampshire, consisting of Winchester, Test Valley, and most of East Hants and the New Forest.
- Southampton will combine with Eastleigh and part of the New Forest (Fawley, etc).
- Portsmouth will combine with Fareham, Gosport, Havant, and Rowlands Castle from East Hants.
- The Isle of Wight will remain the Isle of Wight.

There will be elections for the new councils in May 2027, but the new councils won't be up and running until May 2028, with the existing councils running until then.

The ward boundaries will not change in May 2027, however Brighton Hill will likely lose a councillor, going from four to two inside ten years. Popley is similarly affected, and most of the wards in

Basingstoke apart from Chineham and Kempshott/ Bucksin will go down to two councillors.

The new council will have all-out elections every four years, with a boundary change at its NEXT set of elections, which will be in 2032.

All the services provided by Hampshire County Council: Education, Social Services, Highways, Transport, Fire, Public Health, Waste Disposal, Trading Standards, etc., will be handled by North Hampshire.

All the services provided by Basingstoke and Deane: Parks, Street Cleaning, Waste Collection, Housing, Planning, Licensing, Environmental Health, Council Tax collection, etc, will also be handled by North Hampshire.

There won't be any mayor of the new council; there'll be a Chairman. It is likely there will still be a Mayor of Basingstoke, which has unbroken service going back to 1641.

There are still a lot of uncertainties to be finalised, so I will update you again in due course.

Cllr Andrew McCormick

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BRIGHTON HILL CUBS



The Cubs made the most of the warm, light evenings and between April and July nearly all our meetings were held outside.

Almost the entire Pack took part in the full day Beastly event at Dummer Down Farm, going around the site in small groups, the Cubs were able to try archery, inflatables, climbing, crafts and many more activities.

At the end of May, Cubs had the chance to try hockey at Basingstoke Hockey Club. You may remember that the Club had a big fire last year and lost much of their equipment; to help with replacing the lost kit, the 2 Packs raised £117 by completing jobs for friends and family in the traditional style of 'Bob-a-Job'.

A day of water-sports was enjoyed at a local lake, this time the Cubs tried sailing, paddle boards, kayaks and katacanoes (a boat for about 8 people) which meant that they were able to paddle much further out onto the lake.

The annual trip to Eastrop Park for model boat races and splashing and water fights in the paddling pool was enjoyed on a very warm evening.

4 local parks were visited during an evening hike and some amazing shelters were constructed at Crabtree Plantation.

Camp was held over a very hot weekend, some plans had to be changed once on site as all open fires were banned due to the increased fire risk in the area. Cubs were able to enjoy exploring the forest, mini golf, aeroball, frisbee golf, go-carts and a short hike around the area in the evening.

Both Packs are currently full but some spaces will become available later in the autumn term as the oldest Cubs move up to Scouts so if you would like to add a name to our waiting lists or would like more information about volunteering with us then please send a message to: sharon.duffy@BHSG.org.uk

Sharon Duffy

JOIN US AT BASINGSTOKE RFC

Basingstoke Rugby Football Club is excited to welcome the next generation of young players, and we're inviting families across the community to come and give rugby a try! From as early as Year 1, children can join our vibrant Minis and Youth section, where they'll learn new skills, make friends, and grow in confidence in a fun, supportive and safe environment.



Training takes place every Sunday, with some age groups also meeting mid-week, offering plenty of opportunities to get active and be part of a team. Whether your child is completely new

to rugby or already sports-mad, our qualified and enthusiastic coaches ensure sessions are tailored to help every player thrive – focusing on teamwork, respect, and enjoyment above all else. The first two sessions are completely free, giving families the chance to see what the club is all about with no pressure and no commitment.

With a fantastic community spirit, excellent facilities, and a strong emphasis on fun, Basingstoke RFC is the perfect place for children to develop both their sporting ability and their love for the game. We're proud to provide a welcoming home for players of all abilities, and we're always thrilled to see new faces joining our rugby family.

Whether you're looking for a new weekend activity, a way to build confidence, or simply a great sport to be part of, come along and see what makes Basingstoke RFC special.

For any questions or to find out more, please email admin@basingsstokerfc.com

NEWS FROM CRANBOURNE



We're looking forward to welcoming our students back to Cranbourne after a well-deserved summer break and are excited to see what the new academic year brings! We ended the summer term with a jam-packed calendar of events including lots of exciting school trips, our end of term disco and annual Performing Arts Month.

Day of Sport saw students compete in various sports events including Tug of War, field events and the Swimming Gala to earn points for their House. It was a fantastic way to end the year, watching our students show incredible enthusiasm, sportsmanship and embrace their house spirit. Participation = points, and for the second year running, Austen showed up where it counts, earning themselves 1689 points and taking home the Gold!

Year 9 worked closely with students at our cluster primary schools to deliver a range of exciting sessions as part of the Cranbourne Aspire Diploma, from supporting Sports Days, encouraging healthy eating at the Fitness Café to inspiring their creativity with biscuit decorating and bracelet making. These sessions are an excellent opportunity for our students to gain confidence and improve their leadership skills. We're truly proud of how they've embodied our Cranbourne values and supported our local community.

Students immersed themselves in the world of the arts during Performing Arts Month, where they wowed us with their hard work and dedication. They courageously took to the stage in a variety

of performances, showcasing their talents and we couldn't be prouder!

Year 9 students worked with Scratch Built Productions to achieve their Bronze Arts Award, participating in workshops and assisting with the development of 'The Toy Hospital' as part of Basingstoke Festival, giving them the opportunity to gain insight into the industry and learn more about the realities of theatre production.

Year 8 enjoyed a trip to the Natural History Museum where they loved exploring the exhibits and learning lots about dinosaur fossils, how Earth was formed and the history of earthquakes and volcanoes! They were especially delighted to discover the Cranbourne meteorite – our Cranbourne Community just got bigger!



If you are starting to think about the next steps in your child's educational journey, come and get a feel for what life at Cranbourne is all about at our Open Evening on Wednesday 9 September - we'd love to welcome you to the Cranbourne family! Full details can be found on our website and social media channels.

AGATHA CHRISTIE: A MURDER IS ANNOUNCED

Mr. Flaherty's Private Theatricals is a local theatre group that will be performing "Agatha Christie's A Murder is Announced" on 12 to 14th November 2026 at Central Studio in Basingstoke.

When a curious newspaper advert announces the time and place of a murder, the quiet village of Chipping Cleghorn is thrown into chaos. What begins as a supposed joke quickly turns deadly, and it's up to the brilliantly perceptive Miss Marple to untangle a web of secrets, lies, and unexpected motives. Full of sharp wit, suspense, and classic

Christie twists, this is a must see mystery for newcomers and fans alike.

Join us for an evening of intrigue, atmosphere, and unforgettable storytelling at Central Studio, Queen Mary's College, Cliddesden Rd, Basingstoke RG21 3HF, 16 to 18 April 2026.

Tickets £15 -
https://privatetheatricals.ticket-office.co.uk/#/Events/from_date:07-11-2026/date:12-11-2026

EXCITING NEW PLAY FACILITY IN BASINGSTOKE!

A former teacher who left her profession after being diagnosed with cancer has created an inclusive play centre for local families on Basingstoke Leisure Park.

Erica and her husband Frank are the owners of award-winning Pop Up Play Village Basingstoke and have spent the past eight years building a business centred around the power of play, imagination and community connection.

What began as a mobile role-play village has now expanded into a permanent play centre and café inside the iFLY Indoor Skydiving Centre, providing families with a unique space where children can learn, play and explore through imaginative role play.

Our Village features five role-play areas from a selection of twenty-two and regular swaps ensure the Village stays fresh for every visit. From building on the construction site to 'cutting' hair at the hairdressers or looking after patients at the hospital to pretending to toast marshmallows before bedding down in the campsites tent, there is something for everyone! The Village Green is a permanent feature, featuring a baby area and art table with a free activity to do each day.

The Real Café serves a delicious range of sandwiches, jacket potatoes, drinks and snacks as well as ice creams and iced drinks on hot summer days! You can also purchase a ceramic to decorate with our ceramic pens for a fun and low mess

activity. The café space is a champion for other local businesses with cakes and cookies supplied by Dream Bakes by Allison and Hayley's Cookie Cupboard and art work by local artists displayed on the walls.

The great news for families is that there is free parking, discounts for block bookings and while our sessions are aimed at 0-8 year olds, there is always a warm welcome for older children who just want to play and be children! Pop Up Play Village is open seven days a week with five 90-minute play sessions per day. Each Tuesday we host dedicated SEND sessions and every day there are skydivers to watch too!

Walk-ins are welcome but you can book online to guarantee your place!

Whilst running the static Village and Café, we continue to offer parties, wedding entertainment and educational visits for schools, nurseries and toddler groups.

To find out more or book a play session, visit www.popupplayvillage.co.uk/organiser/basingstoke/

Erica Mudd

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You're Welcome  **BASINGSTOKE baptist church**

Sundays 10.30 am
Contemporary worship
Bible-based talk
Prayer

Tuesdays 12.00 - 2.00 pm *King's CAFE*
Drop in for homemade soup & roll, cake, fruit & coffee
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See website for other activities during the week

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 **King's Church**

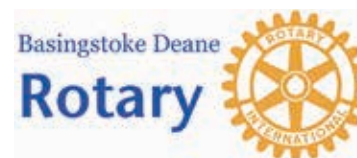
Welcome to King's Church
Basingstoke

You are invited to join us any Sunday at 10:15 when we start with Tea and Coffee and the warmest of welcomes.

Meeting at Manor Field Junior School, Haydn Road, Brighton Hill

Any date changes will be on our website
www.kingschurchbasingstoke.com

FREE community breakfast.
2nd Sunday of each month. Everybody Welcome



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YOUR LOCAL
ROTARY
ROUNDUP
SEPTEMBER 2026

Basingstoke and Deane Rotary Wessex Rotary Christmas Shoebox Scheme

We will be in Festival Place on Saturday 12th September, (new date) Handing out shoeboxes ready for you to fill with presents for disadvantaged & displaced children

A Reminder of what you can put in your shoebox - for-

Playing - ball, skipping rope, small games, cards, dominoes, harmonicas/recorders, cars, small toys, Cuddly toy

Washing - soap, toothbrush, flannel, sponge

Writing - pens, pencils, sharpener, notebook, colouring book, puzzle book

Wearing - hat, gloves, scarf, socks, hair accessories, jewellery (Items need to be new or in good/as new condition)

PLEASE NO - liquids, no war toys or books, batteries operated items, sharp items, broken items, food or sweets. **NO large** toys, clothes or shoes. Nothing religious, political or racial

Fill a box for either:-

Boys or Girls, ages 1-3, 4-7, 8-11, 12-15.

We ask for a £2.00 donation towards transport costs, please attach £2.00 to each box with Sellotape

WE SUPPLY THE BOXES, - on 12th September as above

or

Pick up your new boxes and Drop off your filled boxes at the venues below

Eden Mazda Basingstoke, London Road, Old Basing, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG24 7JD

Oakley Carpets, Andover Rd, Basingstoke RG23 7HA

Parnell, Jordy & Harvey, Estate Agent,

5 Winchester Street, Overton, RG25 3HR

Basingstoke Deane Rotary is a group of 26 men & women from a wide variety of backgrounds. All live locally in the borough but some commute to work outside Basingstoke. Most joined Rotary to help others less fortunate, and they find Basingstoke Deane Rotary adds another extremely enjoyable dimension to their lives.

If you would like to find out more about how we enjoy ourselves, just take a look- www.rcbd.org.uk to see what we have coming up, or contact Paul - tempaul45@gmail.com or Brenda - brendahewitt@btinternet.com

You may be pleasantly surprised.

Facebook: @RotaryBasingstokeDeane

Build-A-Bear Workshop, Unit 17A Festival Place, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 7BE

Whitchurch Silk Mill, RG28 7AL

Christmas Shoeboxes go to children in Romania, Montenegro, and Moldova. Some boxes will hopefully go to Ukraine, via Poland, for refugee/displaced children there.

SAVE THE DATE

OUR ROTARY FUNDRAISING ROYAL MARINES BAND CONCERT

will be held on January 31st
2027 at The Anvil

Look out for tickets on sale from
the box office.



ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE Moonlight Walk,

Saturday 26th September, 2026 at 9:00pm in Festival Place, Basingstoke, come early for the warm up fun

Go to St Michaels website to sign up for the walk and start your fundraising.

Get your family and friends involved for a sparkling, fun evening raising funds for this great cause.

Don't forget to- Don your dress to dazzle outfit, & your glow-in-the-dark accessories for a dazzling night.

Basingstoke Deane Rotary will be on hand to welcome you back with much needed refreshments.

DESTINATION BASINGSTOKE

Phillips Law Half marathon, 10k & 5k Run,
Sunday, October 4th 2026.

Also family friendly race for children.

GARDENS IN AUTUMN

After an exceptionally hot, dry summer, resulting in parched gardens and lawns, we really do not know what weather you'll be experiencing as you read this. Due to a wet, cold start to spring, seed germination was very slow but with the hot weather, we soon had better results. Most well-established perennial plants may have survived the heat but it was hard work keeping annuals and vegetables watered. We were fortunate in having all of our water butts full from early rainfall which we mostly used on our ericaceous and carnivorous plants. Please remember to catch all the rain you can for use in the garden over dry spells.



Autumn is a beautiful time of year with the countryside, parks and gardens ablaze with sun filtering through red, yellow and orange leaves and lovely autumn flowers in bloom. Take time to see these wonderful changes as nights will soon be longer than days. We should be harvesting produce such as main crop potatoes, tomatoes, cucumbers, beans, courgettes, peppers, beetroot, apples, pears, plums, nuts, pumpkins, figs and autumn raspberries. If you were lucky enough have produced good yields, freeze some or make pickles, jams and chutneys to enjoy your produce all year. If you do not grow your own or had a bad harvest, please buy British produce to help our farmers and growers.

We are sure that your lawn will need rejuvenating after the summer drought, and wear and tear.

Rake off all leaves to compost, then with a fork, dig the tines as deep as possible into the compacted lawn to loosen the soil and allow the roots to breathe (you can use an aerator for this if you have a large lawn). Then spread lawn sand into the holes that the fork has made. If there are large bare patches, lightly fork them over and sow grass seed thinly and this should grow quickly if kept watered. You can also lay turf for new lawns whilst the soil is warm. Keep off the grass until it has grown enough to mow. For added interest and colour in spring, bulbs can be planted in lawns. Crocus plants grow well in the open while snowdrops, cyclamen and narcissi thrive under trees. Bulbs should be planted three times their depth to ensure good flowers year after year. You will need to delay mowing in spring until the bulb leaves have died back.

To keep your summer flowering plants in bloom for longer, continue to deadhead regularly. When flowers have died and gone to seed, collect seeds on a dry day and store in a paper envelope for sowing later or next year. Whilst the soil is still warm plant out new hardy perennials and move old ones that need more space. You can also divide most large clumps of perennials now (divide delphiniums in spring). Dig up any tender perennials and overwinter them in the greenhouse. Take down hanging baskets once flowers have faded or are past their prime, put plants and old compost on the compost heap, then brush out any debris and wash the baskets to remove any pests. You can then plant them up for colour from autumn to spring with pansy, bellis, dianthus and miniature spring bulbs.

Regularly remove fallen leaves from lawns, paths and ponds. To increase winter light, take shading off the greenhouse and wash it to remove any pests or fungal spores. Set up heaters to keep frost away if you are overwintering tender plants.

Autumn is a very busy time in the garden and these are only a few jobs to be done. We hope you are continuing to enjoy the results of this year's hard labour. Gardening in 2026 has certainly not been easy, but you will soon be able to take a deserving rest before starting to plan for next year.

Gavin and Doreen Bunce.

AUTUMN RECIPES

VEGETABLE PAKORA

Ingredients: 60g canned chickpeas (drained and rinsed), 1 egg (beaten), 1teasp. curry powder-or more if you like it hot, 1 garlic clove(crushed), 1 small onion (chopped), 30g carrot (grated), 1 courgette (grated), cooking oil or spray oil.

1. Put the chickpeas, egg, curry powder and garlic in a food processor and blitz.
2. Stir the vegetables in.
3. Put a little oil in a frying pan, heat and fry spoonfuls of the mixture for about 2 minutes on each side (makes 5-6).
4. Serve hot or better still let them cool to serve with salad or in a lunchbox!



ROASTED VEGETABLE PASTA (serves 2)

Ingredients: 1 courgette (cut into 2cm slices), 1 onion (sliced), 2 garlic gloves (chopped), 3 mushrooms (sliced), 1 or 2 peppers (seeds removed and cut peppers into strips), few cherry tomatoes, 200g short pasta (eg. penne, macaroni), 20g parmesan, type cheese (grated), fresh basil leaves to decorate, little oil.

1. Preheat oven to 200c, gas 6.
2. Grease a non-stick baking tray with oil or spray oil. Spread all vegetables evenly on tray and spritz with a little more oil. Roast for 20 minutes and then turn the vegetables and add the tomatoes. Return to the oven for 15 minutes.

3. Meanwhile, cook the pasta according to packet instructions, then drain leaving a little cooking water. Return the pasta and reserved water to the pan and put over a low heat stirring in most of the cheese until a creamy sauce has coated the pasta.
4. Mix the roasted vegetables and pasta together and divide into 2 dishes. Sprinkle the remaining parmesan cheese over and decorate with basil leaves.

(Enjoy this dish using any of your favourite vegetables).

APPLE STREUSEL CAKE (serves 8)

Ingredients: 450g cooking apples (peeled, cored and thinly sliced), 175g S/R flour, 1 teasp. ground cinnamon, 115g butter, 115g caster sugar, 2 eggs (beaten), 1-2 tblsp. milk, icing sugar.

For the topping: 115g S/R flour, 85g butter, 85g sugar (granulated or caster).

1. Preheat oven to 180c, gas 4.
2. Grease a 23cm springform cake tin.
3. To make the topping: Sift the flour into a bowl, rub in the butter until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs and stir in the sugar. Reserve for later.
4. To make the cake: Sift the flour with the cinnamon into a bowl. In another bowl, beat the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy. Gradually beat in the eggs with a little of the flour mixture. Gradually fold in the rest of the flour with the milk.
5. Spoon the mixture into the prepared tin, smoothing the top. Cover with the sliced apples and sprinkle the topping over the top.
6. Bake in the oven for 1 hour until golden brown. Leave to cool in the tin before opening the sides. Dust with icing sugar if you wish.

Brain Teaser Answers

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| 2. Good Afternoon | 7. Rock around the clock |
| 3. Sit ups | 8. Little sister |
| 4. Little house on the prairie | 9. I'm counting on you |
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Join us for an unforgettable Golden Anniversary Concert

Basingstoke Concert Band's

Celebrating 50 Years of Music 1976-2026

Join us as we celebrate 50 wonderful years of music, friendship and community with a spectacular anniversary concert. Enjoy a memorable afternoon featuring a wide variety of music, specially chosen by our band members, alongside favourite works selected by our Musical Director Lauren Petritz-Watts.

Sunday 20 September 2026 at 3.00pm

The Haymarket Theatre
Wote Street, Basingstoke RG21 7NW
Tickets available from 01256 844244
or www.anvilarts.org.uk

Whether you've supported us from the very beginning or are discovering us for the first time, we'd love you to join us for this special milestone celebration. Come and share in 50 years of unforgettable music as we look back with pride and forward with excitement.

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- **Cranbourne School Open Evening**
Wednesday 9th September 5pm – 8pm
Wessex Close, Basingstoke RG21 3NP
- **Exit 6 Film Festival** Saturday 19th
September 10am to 11.30pm:
Basingstoke Vue, Festival Place, RG21 7BB
- **Basingstoke Concert Band**, Celebrating 50 years of Music from 1976-2026: Sunday 20th September at 3.00pm, Haymarket Theatre, Wote Street, Basingstoke RG21 7NW
- **King Harvest Music Festival** Friday 25th September – Sunday 27th September: Dummer Down Farm, Dummer, Basingstoke RG25 2AR
- **St Michael's Hospice Moonlight Walk** Saturday 26th September 9pm, Festival Place, Basingstoke RG21 7BA, gates open 8pm
- **The Blue Coat School Open Evening** Thursday 1st October 6pm – 8pm
Western Way Basingstoke RG22 6HA
- **OktoberFest** Saturday 3rd October at Dummer Down Farm, Dummer Down Lane, Dummer, Basingstoke RG25 2AR
- **Spooktacular Half Term** Wednesday 28th to Friday 29th October 11am to 3pm:
Top of Town, Basingstoke Town Centre
- **I grew up in the 90's Exhibition** Running until 1st November: Sainsbury Gallery Willis Museum, RG21 7QD.
- **Mr Flaherty's Private Theatricals Agatha Christie's "A Murder is Announced"** Thurs 12th to Saturday 14th November
Central Studio, Queen Mary's College, Cliddesden Road, RG21 3HF
- **Neighbourcare** run a 'Community Café' on Wednesdays from 10am until 12 noon at Hill Rise Hall, Bach Close, RG22 4JZ.
- **The Basingstoke Railway Society** meet Wednesdays 7.45 to 10 pm, every 2 weeks at Wote St Club, Central Car Park, Red Lion Lane, Basingstoke RG21 7NG.
- **Coffee Morning and warm space 9.30 to 11.30 am every Friday** at The Church of Christ The King, Sullivan Rd, RG22 4EH.
- **Basingstoke and Deane Disability Forum (BDDF)** run free Monthly Support Groups, please see website for dates and times, or contact office@bddf.org.uk or 01256 423869
- **Basingstoke Area Stroke Association** meets every Wednesday 2 – 4 pm at Hill Rise Hall, Bach Close, RG22 4JZ.
- **Steady and Strong** meet every Friday 9.45 – 10.45 am at Hill Rise Hall, Bach Close, RG22 4JZ.
- **Hampshire Armed Forces Breakfast Club** first Saturday of each month for Breakfast and banter from 9.30 – 11am at Basingstoke Golf Club RG25 2AD. Food and tea/coffee cost £10 or £8.
Contact John McClean on 07767 610735.
- **Scouts (10 ½ to 14 years)**, Tuesdays in term time, 7 – 9 pm, Brighton Hill Scout HQ, Beethoven Road, RG22 4BP.
- **Cubs (8 – 10 ½ years)**, Gladstone Pack, Thursdays in term time, 5.15 – 6.45 pm, and Baden Powell Pack, Thursdays in term time, 7 – 8.30 pm, Brighton Hill Scout HQ RG22 4BP.
- **Beavers (6 – 8 years)**, Wednesday evenings in term time 6.15 – 7.15 pm, at Brighton Hill Scout HQ, RG22 4BP.
- **The Adventure Rangers** meet every Thursday 7 – 9 pm at Hill Rise Hall. Bach Close, RG22 4JZ.
- **Open Sight Information Hub drop-in session for people with sight loss.** Talk to a friendly and knowledgeable Open Sight Advisor on all matters related to sight loss on the second Monday of the month from 10 am to 12 noon at the Basingstoke Discovery Centre, Festival Place, RG21 7LS.
- **Open Sight Social Club for visually impaired adults** meets every other Thursday 10.30 am to 12.30 pm at Hill Rise Hall, Bach Close, RG22 4JZ.
- **Open Sight WAG, Working Age Group**, for visually impaired people aged from 18 to 65 meet on the third Thursday of the month 10.30 am to 12.30 pm in the Activity Room at Basingstoke Sports Centre, Festival Place, RG21 7LE.
- **Over 55s Forum** meet bi-monthly, usually on the second Wednesday of the month from 9.30 am at Carnival Hall, Council Rd, RG21 3DH. Contact Gerald Merritt on 01256 412119, or visit their website.
- **Trefoil Guild (older members of the Scout and Guide movement)** meet on the third Monday of the month from 2pm to 4pm at the Church of Christ the King, Sullivan Rd, RG22 4EH.

USEFUL COMMUNITY CONTACT LIST

Churches

Church of Christ the King	Sullivan Rd RG22 4EH	Basingstoke Church	01256 329528
Basingstoke Baptist Church	Gershwin Rd RG22 4HL	Minister Dave Bishop	01256 324297
The King's Church	Manor Field Junior School		07741 856437
West Basingstoke Baptist Church	Sullivan Rd RG22 4DP		01256 844222

Community / Craft Centres

Hill Rise Hall	Bach Close RG22 4JZ	answerphone	01256 332596
Brighton Hill Community Centre	Gershwin Rd RG22 4NN		01256 869851
Viabes Craft Centre	The Harrow Way, RG22 4BJ		01256 473634

Dentists

MyDentist (Gillies Health Centre)	Sullivan Rd Brighton Hill Centre RG22 4EH		01256 468112
Stanford Rd Dental Practice	Stanford Rd RG22 4LP		01256 461135

Doctor / GPs / Hospital

Emergency			999
Less Urgent / Advice			111
Gillies Health Centre	Sullivan Rd Brighton Hill Centre RG22 4EH		01256 479747
Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital	Aldermaston Rd RG24 9NA		01256 473202

Local Council

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council			01256 844844
Hampshire County Council			0300 555 1375
Adult Services / Social Care	0300 555 1386 (Out of hours)		0300 555 1373)
Roads and Transport			0300 555 1388
Trading Standards			0345 404 0506

Police / PCSO

Emergency			999
Less Urgent / to report a crime			101
Crimestoppers			0800 555 111
Community Safety Patrol Team			01256 845700

Education, Primary, Secondary, College

Chalk Ridge Primary School	Tallis Gardens, off Sullivan Rd RG22 4ER		01256 461733
Manor Field Infant School	Haydn Rd RG22 4DH		01256 350300
Manor Field Junior School	Haydn Rd RG22 4DH		01256 329826
Hatch Warren Infant School	Gershwin Rd RG22 4PQ		01256 350313
Hatch Warren Junior School	Gershwin Rd RG22 4PQ		01256 328252
St John's School	Kingsmill Rd, RG21 3JU		01256 324121
Brighton Hill Community School	Brighton Way RG22 4HS		01256 350606
Cranbourne School	Wessex Close RG21 3NP		01256 868600
Bluecoat (formerly Aldworth) School	Western Way RG22 6HA		01256 322691
Basingstoke College of Technology	Worting Rd RG21 8TN		01256 354141
Queen Mary's College	Cliddesden Rd RG21 3HF		01256 417500

Vets

St Kitt's Vets Basingstoke	Unit 4B Brighton Hill Parade RG22 4EH		01256 844944
Brunswick Place Veterinary Clinic	Unit A, Brunswick Place RG21 3NN		01256 473371

Other

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)	www.cabasingstoke.org.uk		03444 111 306
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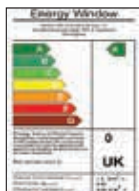
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