

Shaping the future of **Buckskin & South Ham**

Your Community Newsletter - Edition 5, November 2024



**A great read
for everyone**



**Sovereign
Network
Group**



**Sovereign Hill
Partnership**

Keeping you up to date

Have you seen the new Westside café on Kings Road? Or the new art and garden areas around Burnaby Shops? After starting our work last year, we heard from many local residents how essential it was to help Westside find a new community space, and about how important it was to do something about how unsafe and unkept the area around Burnaby Shops was – we're delighted that we have been able to do something about both of these issues.

The summer has been a busy period too, for us to arrive at a set of ambitions for change in the area. Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts over the summer, particularly to members of our Community Co-design Associates and the young adults who attended the Young Design Academy. We have already used this feedback to inform a series of initiatives that we're starting to work on. These include a project to capture the stories of people who first lived in the area and exploring the possibility of converting some garages into working spaces.

The feedback is now also being used by Sovereign Hill Partnership (SHP) and our design team (which includes architects, landscape architects, transport planners, and sustainability consultants), working with the community design associates, to help identify ideas for improvements to the built environment.

Everyone will be able to see these ideas and contribute their own during the next few weeks.

Summer Feedback Headlines

Our Community Co-design Associates completed eight sessions – four of these were training and four were exploring and testing the ambitions and starting to think about ideas for changes that would make them a reality.

Our Young Design Academy completed four days of design workshops to learn about urban design and develop ideas for the future of their neighbourhoods.

Around 250 residents attended events and activities over the summer, and 170+ shared feedback on our survey about the four emerging ambitions.



You'll soon be able to read a detailed summary of your feedback over the summer. We'll share this on our Shaping the Future website and printed copies will also be available.

Lived experience of homes in the area

During the summer we heard a lot from residents about how many homes in the area need to be updated, comfortable, and energy efficient. To understand this more, we held a focus group with local residents and the team on 10 October. This allowed us to identify residents' likes and dislikes in more detail, and covered topics such as the management of energy bills.

We're now working through these insights to develop a more detailed understanding of life in the different types of homes and how this impacts residents' well-being. This information, together with survey information from over 300 surveys we have completed, will also help inform ideas for change and improvement.

We're delighted that many residents felt that the four emerging ambitions did capture the changes they would like to see in their neighbourhoods. The four ambitions are:

1.

Renewed homes and streets where residents feel safe - Buckskin and South Ham should be safe and welcoming neighbourhoods where all ages feel comfortable in their homes and streets.

2.

A prosperous community with strong links to a growing economy - A community where people have access to good quality jobs and training opportunities, and there's a thriving set of local businesses providing the services people need.

3.

A sustainable, healthy and resilient neighbourhood - Buckskin and South Ham should be sustainable neighbourhoods that are resilient in a changing climate, supporting the health and well-being of all residents.

4.

A proud and empowered community - Buckskin and South Ham's strong community networks continue to grow and extend to new and to younger people, with welcoming community spaces and strengthening community leadership.

What's next

Our next set of community projects

In the last newsletter we introduced Auguarde and Partners, who we're working with to research what makes the area a unique and exciting place to live and work, and also to seek and find opportunities to support the plans to shape Buckskin and South Ham. They have spoken to many organisations that are working locally on a variety of initiatives. These conversations and those we've had with the community have highlighted opportunities to:

- Find places for work, to support businesses in Buckskin and South Ham
- Use outside space to access healthy lifestyles

- Capture community stories celebrating what makes Buckskin and South Ham unique

We know that there is an interesting history in Buckskin and South Ham which is very important to you and this rich heritage is something that we think should be celebrated. Our research has found information about ‘race around the houses’, a regular running trail around South Ham that took place in the 1960’s. We’re interested to hear if any residents remember this event. If you or a member of your family have any memories or photos that you’re happy to share, please get in touch with us.



Continuing the conversation

We’re now working with the design team to identify some ideas for making changes to the built environment to meet the ambitions in the longer term. We’ll also be working with the Community Co-design Associates, and schools on further Young Design Academies.

We want to give as many people as possible the opportunity to contribute ideas and to feedback on our ideas.

There’ll be lots of ways to get involved, from attending in-person events, as well as online information. Look out for more detail on this, we’ll publicise this widely on posters, on social media, and on our website.

You said, we're doing...

Street art project

The Bao Diep Fish Bar shutters are the first to have a makeover in a project designed to highlight local artists. In partnership with SHP, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and the shops - Basingstoke artist Sian Storey worked with the John Eddie Court coffee morning group, run by Age Concern, who inspired the dazzling fish and water design. The Burnaby stores shutters are often shut due to the mix of daytime and nighttime use and the artwork certainly brightens up the area. The grant came from the government's Safer Streets Fund through Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. Look out as more artworks appear around the community from other Basingstoke-based artists.

Westside's new café opens

The Kings Café shop front delivers a new base for Westside Community Association to continue to provide much-valued community activities for residents in South Ham and the local area. The Westside team held a grand opening on 21 October and welcomed the community to see the new facilities. They've also paved the way to generate valuable income while supporting small

business growth for the Basingstoke Jerk Chicken enterprise owner, Christopher Lewis, who will also operate from the SNG-owned premises six nights per week. We hope you will support both of these new ventures and the extended facilities for the community.

Working with young people

We're working with local schools to support them in preparing and equipping young people to forge their own, better futures as part of our Positive Pathways project. We're developing a bespoke and innovative program that helps pupils consider the impact of their actions and respond to challenging situations throughout their lives, using performing arts workshops. It will support the young people involved in finding solutions, enabling them to build positive relationships, reduce crime, and avoid the dangers of exploitation.

If you have a creative idea and work with young people, SNG has launched the Positive Pathways Grants Programme for community groups via Action Funder website: www.actionfunder.org/fund/514 (applications close on Friday 15th November 2024.)



In the Spotlight

Focus on Community Co-design Associates and Young Design Academy

Community Co-design Associates

The lived experience of the nine Community Co-design Associates (CDAs) at this early stage has really helped our understanding of how residents and businesses feel about the area and what we can do to shape the future. Thank you to our team who have already developed a great understanding of urban design, planning, community engagement, and co-design.

Over a series of sessions, the team considered in detail the themes of 'green spaces, connectivity, local centres, and housing' and started to think about ideas for change.

Some of their feedback has included the following:

Safety – there's a need for better safety features, including lighting.

Connectivity – poor access means many people don't walk or cycle between communities and wayfinding signage needs to be clearer by giving cycle paths more character and making them distinctive.

Local centres (a group of shops and public amenities)

– more active, public and disabled transport around local centres with more services and amenities nearby so people don't need to drive. Better local centres that support employment, bring people together and offer more opportunities to young people.

Housing – create better quality, accessible and adaptable homes with good room sizes. These need to accommodate modern lifestyles and provide access to green space and other features such as cycle storage. They need to be well-maintained by tenants and landlords.

Green space – create better access through improved pathways and public transport. Improved access to quality green spaces, with greater variety that are well designed and incorporate furniture for everyone to interact. More play spaces suitable for all ages and those with accessibility needs and neurodiversity.

Young Design Academy

The Young Design Academy (YDA) aims to give young people the confidence and skills to help design ideas for change. We want to thank the team of seven young people who worked with us to learn about urban design and helped develop ideas for the future of Buckskin and South Ham.

It's important young people play a key part in any plans for the area's future – particularly because we've heard from you that there's a lack of opportunity or aspiration for them at the moment. The workshops covered topics such as creating ambitions, designing for your local neighbourhood, and the importance of research and design techniques – and covered the different career opportunities urban planning and design can bring.

The team provided lots of inspiration from colourful shop fronts to better signage to find your way around. They felt the neighbourhoods are difficult to navigate and not very inspiring, so they shared ideas for more creative and interactive spaces. They provided fresh perspectives and were a positive voice for change in the area – helping to start their own legacy for generations to come. We've now shared the group's insights and ideas with our design team.

“The workshops were really fun and interactive. Urban design is really important to boost communities, and this academy did a really great job of inspiring the younger generation like us to be more creative, proactive and contribute to this growing society.

Young Design Academy member Murtaza

“This week has made me more aware of my local community and how I can make improvements. It has helped me to express my ideas in different ways and actually be able to make them a reality. I also know more about how I can pursue various careers that involve many of the skills I've learned.

Young Design Academy member Eloise



Your community notice board

As the winter fast approaches and we're starting to think about the festive season, look out for activities happening locally. Add the dates to your diary and pop along.

Basingstoke Community Pantry

Paddock Road,
South Ham, RG22 6QD.

The pantry is currently running from Kings Cafe on Kings Road:

Tuesday 10am to 1pm

Wednesday 10am to 1pm

The Pantry is a membership scheme aimed at helping people make their money go further. Members will be able to get 12 food items for £5.



Lift-off: beginners strength training

Want to get more active? This fully funded six-week course will help you to build strength and confidence.

Monday 10am to 11am (Buckskin Evangelical Church) – plus the opportunity for refreshments and chat after the class. To register your interest email: SportandWellbeing@basingstoke.gov.uk

For more information on local well-being initiatives visit: www.basingstoke.gov.uk/current-health-initiatives.



Kempshott Village Hall, Pack Lane, Basingstoke, RG22 5HN.

Inspero Food Bank, Community Shop and Fridge:
Tuesdays 9.30am to 12.30pm

(Note: open 3 days per week Monday, Tuesday, and Fridays for emergency food parcels upon referral).

It provides a range of food, hygiene items, cleaning products and pet food.

A small donation is requested.

Love2Cook:

children's cooking classes. Limited free bursary spaces are available. During the class the children cook a delicious and nutritious two-course meal under the guidance of a chef and experienced volunteers.
www.inspero.org.uk/love2cook/

Contact Inspero for further information:

Phone: 07950 686614

Email: catherine@inspero.org.uk

Buckskin Evangelical Church



Chiltern Way,
RG22 5BB.

Refresh Café:

Every Tuesday (school
term-time only)
10am to 12pm.



Ridgeway Community Centre



Blackdown Close,
Buckskin,
RG22 5BW.

Eco-food market pantry:

Wednesday and Friday
10am to 1pm
12 food items for £5, bring your
own containers and boxes.

Parent Toddler Group:

Tuesday 10am to 12pm
£1.50 per child, includes
refreshment).

Ridgeway Ravers:

Wednesday 10am to 12 noon
Over 55's club, new members
welcome.

Lunch Club:

Thursday 12 noon to 12.30pm
All ages, £6 for dinner and
pudding, tea/coffee.

To book call 01256 470665

Basingstoke Church

St Peter's (South Ham), Pinkerton
Road, RG22 6QP.

After School Café:

Wednesdays (term time) 2.15pm to
4.45pm

After-school play café for primary-
aged kids with their families. It's all
free, including drinks and snacks.

See you at The Four: 4pm Sundays.

It's church but not as you know it!
An hour of worship, prayer, and
community, light snacks and drinks.

St Andrew's Methodist Church



Western Way, South Ham, RG22 6ER

Mug and Biscuit:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
10am to 1.30pm -
hot food served until 1pm

Mums and Toddlers:

Thursday 10am to 11am

Boys' Brigade:

Friday 6.30pm onwards, age 5 to 18



**Basingstoke
and Deane**

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's Community Safety Patrol Officers (CSPOs)

As part of the council's Safer Communities Team, Community Safety Patrol Officers (CSPOs) aim to improve the wellbeing of local residents by helping to create a feeling of safety across the borough and the team can often be seen on patrol in Bursledon and South Ham. Focusing on antisocial behaviour and environmental crime, the team works closely with local communities, the police and other agencies to carry out high visibility patrols, providing reassurance and deterring and addressing antisocial behaviour by using Hampshire Constabulary accredited powers and antisocial behaviour legislation.

**For more information visit
[www.basingstoke.gov.uk/
CSPO-team](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/CSPO-team)
email cspo@basingstoke.gov.uk
or call 01256 844844
and ask for the CSPOs.**

**To report antisocial behaviour,
call 101 or report online at [www.
hampshire.police.uk/ro/report](http://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report) in
an emergency or to report a
crime, call 999.**

Please don't dump your waste

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and Sovereign Network Group (SNG) have seen an increase in fly-tipping in areas of South Ham and Bursledon.

Most people do a great job of disposing of their waste appropriately, however, incidents of illegally dumped waste are increasing. Waste, whether it's food items and packaging or broken washing machines or old sofas, shouldn't be left out on the streets or roads or piled up in communal bin stores – this is known as fly-tipping which is an offense that could land you with a fine or even a prison sentence.

Here are some useful tips:

- Please store the wheeled bins and glass boxes on your property until collection day. For more information on what can be recycled from home visit www.basingstoke.gov.uk/recycling
- Dispose of garden waste by composting or joining the council's garden waste collection service. For more information visit www.basingstoke.gov.uk/gardenwaste
- For larger items such as fridges or furniture, book a bulky waste collection with the council. Concession prices are available. Local charities may also collect for a small fee. For more information visit [www.basingstoke.gov.
uk/bulkywaste](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/bulkywaste)
- Use the Household Waste Recycling Centre at Wade Road. Appointments can be booked through Hampshire County Council's website [www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/
recyclingcentres](http://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres)

The council's Community Safety Patrol Officers, alongside officers from Sovereign Network Group, will be carrying out extra work to locate and investigate fly-tipping incidents including visiting addresses in areas where fly-tipping is often located.

If you have any information that might help the council take action against those involved in fly-tipping or need further advice on the waste and recycling services available call 01256 844844. You can also report fly-tipping at www.basingstoke.gov.uk/flytipping

We want to hear from other local groups about their forthcoming events, what services they provide, when and where they meet - anything that may be of interest to others.

Use this bi-monthly newsletter to publicise your events and provide details of local support that's available. We'd also love to hear your thoughts on this edition and what you'd like to see included in the future. Email: yourcommunity@sovereign.org.uk



Buckskin Foodbank:

Friday 10.30am to 12.30pm

As well as food parcel collections, you can also receive support from Citizens Advice every week, and an Andover Mind wellbeing drop-in every fortnight.

CGHB Surgeries - News from the Patients Participation Group (PPG)

For details of what's on and to get a copy of the latest newsletter visit: www.cghppg.weebly.com/news

Email: cghb.surgeryppg@btinternet.com



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What's on



What we've done so far 2024

- ✓ Support for Westside Community Association
- ✓ Burnaby Bees community garden
- ✓ Summer social day
- ✓ Community Co-design recruitment and workshops
- ✓ Young Design Academy summer series
- ✓ Burnaby end-of-summer bash
- ✓ Westside's new Kings Café opening
- ✓ Street art project commenced



What's coming up and how to get involved

Find out more about how we've used your feedback so far to begin to shape our shared vision for the area.

Save the date for our upcoming events and bring your questions and ideas:

- ✓ Saturday 16 November, 12 noon to 3pm.
- ✓ Saturday 23 November, 12 noon to 3pm.

Keep an eye out for further details and for our new surveys coming soon on our website:
www.shapingthefuture.commonplace.is

Winter activities

Over the winter we'll be working on everything we've heard from you, so you won't receive a newsletter in January 2025. We will keep you up to date on any updates during this time on our website.

Sign-up!

To make sure you are the first to hear about upcoming activities and ways to get involved, please sign up for news updates on our dedicated website: shapingthefuture.commonplace.is/

Find out more

Do you know someone else who would like to receive this community newsletter?

We're using a doorstep distribution company to deliver these newsletters to your home, but you can also view and sign up to receive regular news updates electronically, via our website. You'll also find lots of other information to keep you up to date with what's happening.

Website: shapingthefuture.commonplace.is

Email: yourcommunity@sovereign.org.uk

Phone: 0300 7771010

Please contact us if you'd like a copy of this information in another language or format. Or visit our highly accessible website: shapingthefuture.commonplace.is

Polish

Prosimy o kontakt, jeśli chcieliby Państwo otrzymać kopię tych informacji w innym języku lub formie. Są one również dostępne na naszej stronie internetowej.

Portuguese

Entre em contacto conosco se desejar uma cópia destas informações noutro idioma ou formato. Ou visite o nosso website, totalmente acessível.

Nepali

कृपया यदि तपाईं यो जानकारीको प्रतिलिपि अन्य भाषा वा ढाँचामा चाहनुहुन्छ भने हामीलाई सम्पर्क गर्नुहोस् । वा हाम्रो पूर्ण रूपमा पहुँच योग्य वेबसाइटमा जानुहोस्।

Hindi

अगर आप इस जानकारी की कॉपी किसी और भाषा या फॉर्मेट में चाहते हैं तो कृपया हमसे संपर्क करें। या हमारी पूरी तरह से ऐक्सेसिबिल वेबसाइट पर जाएँ।

Urdu

اگر آپ کسی دوسری زبان یا فارمیٹ میں اس معلومات کی کاپی چاہتے ہیں تو براہ کرم ہم سے رابطہ کریں۔ یا ہمارے مکمل طور پر قابل رسائی ویب سائٹ پر جائیں۔

Arabic

يُرجى الاتصال بنا إذا كنتم ترغبون في الحصول على نسخة من هذه المعلومات بلغة أخرى أو في تنسيق آخر، أو بإمكانكم زيارة موقعنا الإلكتروني بكل سهولة ويسر.

Romanian

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