



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

Your Community Newsletter - May 2024

Keeping you up to date

The team hope you enjoyed the first edition of the newsletter in March. Keeping you well informed is really important to us - so is working with you as we look to the future of Buckskin and South Ham together.

Over the autumn, the community engagement was supported by two specialist companies, Something Collective and The Young Foundation. During the last few months, we've jointly looked at the insights you shared with us, along with the local team of Community Researchers.

We've brought all the feedback together in a single publication, and you'll receive a copy soon. We hope you enjoy reading more about the findings.

One thing that shone through is the strong sense of pride in the local community, feeling of belonging and your love of some of the green spaces. However, you were also very clear on what is needed to improve the neighbourhoods, especially when it comes to safety and opportunities for young people.

This is just the start of our journey together, as we look at options and opportunities to improve Buckskin and South Ham for everyone who lives and works here. Your feedback will help us to shape how we can bring additional investment to the neighbourhoods, and you'll find details of what we've already started to do with the community to make that plan happen later in this newsletter.



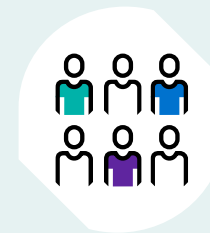
What's next

We're delighted to let you know that we will be working with Something Collective over the coming year. They're a key part of the team of specialists supporting us to identify options and opportunities for change and investment together. They'll also work closely with you and the masterplanning team from two practices, Allies & Morrison and Mae Architects. You can read a bit more about them in the 'spotlight' section of this newsletter.

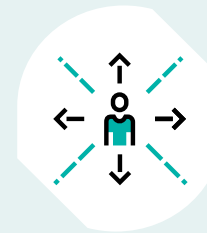
Would you like to get more involved?

We're looking for community members from Buckskin and South Ham who are collaborative, connected with your community and passionate about bringing meaningful change to the areas. Whether you're newer to the area or have lived here a long time, we're looking for a variety of different people from assorted parts of the community.

Become a paid Community Co-Design Associate



Join a team of up to 15 local people



Get trained, explore and test ideas



Get paid for your time. No experience needed



Help to create the plan for the future

Apply before 25 May by emailing to register your interest, with your name, age, postcode and phone number:
Email: yourcommunity@sovereign.org.uk

Join our Discovery Walk and Talks

We have some Discovery Walks coming up, where you can meet both the specialist teams and share your views. We hope you'll join us on:

31 May, 2pm, Kings Road shops, South Ham

6 June, 6pm, Ridgeway Community Centre, Buckskin

If you'd like more information and want to get involved
Email: yourcommunity@sovereign.org.uk

You said, we're doing...

Burnaby Close

You told us that the green spaces around the Burnaby shops could be better. Working in partnership with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (BDBC), we held our first Burnaby Garden workshop on 18 March, with the award-winning Beardy Gardener - to shape how we can make the spaces around the shops feel safer and more welcoming. We had some fabulous feedback on what you'd like to see planted there.

Thank you to everyone who got involved, and congratulations to Lina who won the £40 Hollywood Bowl voucher for naming the project 'Burnaby Bees'.

It's now time to vote for your favourite design. Tell us which one you like best on our website: shapingthefuture.commonplace.is or scan the QR code.



You can also pop into Aladdin's Cave charity shop to vote. The next events will be to clear the spaces, plant up the new garden - come and join us and the Beardy Gardener on

Saturday 18 May and 1 June between 10am and 4pm. Get involved as much or as little as you'd like. This initiative is supported by Hubbub together with Starbucks, who awarded £6,000 Access to Nature funding to enhance the green spaces and encourage wildlife.

Kings Road shops

You said that you really felt the loss of Westside Community Centre, so we've been busy finding different ways to offer support alongside the council. Have you wondered what's happening with the former butcher's shop on Kings Road? The exciting news is that the empty unit on Kings Road, owned by SNG (Sovereign Network Group), is getting a facelift so it's ready to give the Westside Community Association an additional base.

The converted shop will be offered rent free by SNG to provide the community association with a shop front - offering a different way to deliver much valued services to local people. Some ideas being looked at is the relocation of the food pantry with a café.





In the spotlight

Meet the Masterplanners

We want to introduce you to the team of masterplanners - led by Allies and Morrison, working with Mae Architects. They were chosen after a careful selection process which included an interview panel of local people who live or work in Buckskin and South Ham. The team will soon start working with the local community to develop and explore options and opportunities for the future.

Why it's important to work with you

The masterplanning team bring lots of experience of working with existing communities and are looking forward to developing the future vision and early ideas with you.

The team has started its work by building a detailed understanding of the area as it is now. This has included studying the previous engagement feedback from our listening events and the Community Researchers, to understand your views of what's happening and some of your priorities.

They've also been out and about in the neighbourhoods to better understand the communities first hand and bring this together with the many layers of data about the area. These include community buildings, open spaces, trees, and the existing buildings - but also covering less visible aspects such as underground services such as utilities, as well as the history and heritage of the neighbourhoods.

Nobody knows the area better than you, so the next stage is to build on this and listen to your local knowledge to form a deeper understanding of how you see it, what you value and what you want to improve, and test ideas together. We're starting this with some Discovery Walk and Talks on:

31 May, 2pm, Kings Road shops, South Ham

6 June, 6pm, Ridgeway Community Centre, Buckskin

We'll also be working closely with the Community Co-design Associates. If you're interested in design and want to get involved, please get in touch.

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Your community notice board

There's so much going on that you can get involved with, so add the dates to your diary and pop along.

Basingstoke Community Pantry



Paddock Road, South Ham RG22 6QD.

The pantry is currently running from the blue container in the Westside Community Centre car park:

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.

St Andrew's Methodist Church



Western Way, Basingstoke RG22 6ER.

Mug and Biscuit

Tuesday 10am to 1.30pm

Wednesday 10am to 1.30pm

Thursday 10am to 1.30pm

(hot food served Tue-Thu until 1pm)

Mums and Toddlers

Thursday 10am to 11am

Boys' Brigade (from age 5 to 18)

Friday 6.30pm onwards.

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 Patient Participation Group (PPG)



The Patient Participation Group provide a monthly update with useful information on health issues, local services, and support groups. Did you know that you can check your blood pressure for free at the surgeries and submit your readings through DR. iQ app or to the receptionist.

May is Coeliac awareness month. The North Hampshire Coeliac UK group will be meeting for a coffee morning at Waitrose Café, Basingstoke, 10.30 - 12 noon, 22 May. New members are welcome - look out for at least one member of our committee wearing a bright orange Coeliac UK top.

For more information visit:
www.cghppg.weebly.com

Email: cghb.surgeryppg@btinternet.com



Buckskin Evangelical Church

Buckskin Evangelical Church,
Chiltern Way RG22 5BB.



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Neighbourhood Watch



Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is a network of Schemes made up of local residents who volunteer to keep an eye out for any unusual, suspicious, or criminal activity being committed and pass that information on to the Police and other service providers. Would you like to work together with other local residents to enhance the security of your area? The Berg Estate has a well-established scheme - if you're interested in joining them or setting-up a scheme of your own you'll find lots of useful information on their website. www.ourwatch.org.uk

Stratton Park Men's Shed



Stratton Park Scout Hut,
Kempshott, RG22 5AW.

The men's shed is for the wellbeing of its members. There's no pressure to make things, you can come along for a chat and cuppa. Everything they make for the community is free of charge. Although the shed doesn't sell anything they can make items for a donation.

Tuesday 10am to 1pm (new members welcome).

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 12 noon (£1.50 per child, includes refreshments).

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



Basingstoke and Deane

The council's 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 Buckskin 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
Email csपो@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. In an emergency or to report a crime, call 999.

We want to hear from other local groups about their forthcoming events, what services they provide, when and where they meet - anything which 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 your thoughts about this first edition and what you'd like to see included in the future.



What we've done so far

- ✓ Developed Your Community Newsletter
- ✓ Kings Road clean-up
- ✓ Support for Westside Community Association
- ✓ Burnaby Close green spaces workshop



What's coming up and how to get involved

Burnaby Bee's

Saturday 18 May, 10 to 4pm - Community Clearance Day - clearing and prepping the land ready for the planting. Turn up and join in.

Saturday 1 June, 10 to 4pm - Community Planting Day - Dive into the soil, learn new skills and connect with nature.

Community Co-design Associates recruitment

The Community Design Associates are a group of dedicated people from the community who will meet to help explore, generate, and test ideas.

Discovery Walk and Talks

31 May and 6 June - Join the masterplanners and Something Collective community engagement team and tell us about your neighbourhood.

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 find a copy on our website. You'll also find lots of other information to keep you up to date with what's happening.

Anyone can sign-up to receive regular news updates electronically, via our website.

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 formacie. 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 ہماری 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 يمكنكم زيارة موقعنا الإلكتروني بكل سهولة ويسر.

Romanian

Vă rugăm să ne contactați dacă doriți o copie a acestor informații într-o altă limbă sau într-un alt format. Sau vizitați website-ul nostru complet accesibil.