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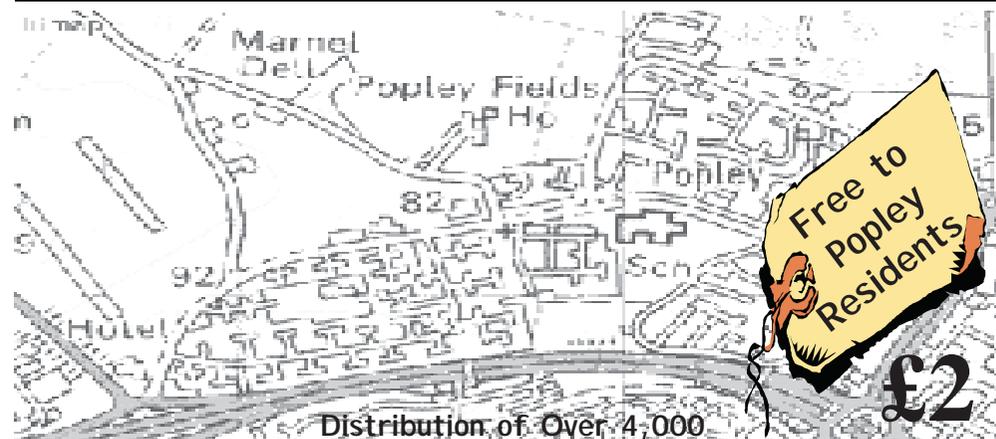
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Editor  
Jane Frankum

**Message From the Editor:-** What a shame that the weather was so bad for the Popley Festival. The showers of rain were just enough to put a dampen on the event but it was the cold wind that got right into your bones that had the biggest effect on me. Weather apart, there were still a few thousand people that braved it to the Festival. There were stalls from Surestart, Sentinel Housing, Give a Dog a Home, Popley Conservation and many more. As usual I enjoyed my cheeseburger from the Scouts. The boot sale was probably the

smallest I have seen, 30 or 40 car booters, but there were still some good bargains to find. There was Donkey Rides, the fun fair and even the archery was there again this year. The Fire Service did two amazing demonstrations of cutting out a “casualty” from a wrecked car, both times our Community Wardens were the volunteers. The biggest disappointment for me was that the committee had put in a year’s hard work only to see it spoiled by the weather. Roll on next year and I hope the weather will be kinder to us.

I have included a lovely poem written by the late Gladys Shepherd of Browning Close. It was read out at her funeral and when I asked the family if we could publish it in Popley Matters they were really happy. I never knew Gladys was so talented till I heard about her at her funeral. The sad part is that all too often it is too late when we find out. Read it on page 21. With the warmer weather and school holidays approaching, the Fire Service have some good guidelines for cycle safety on page 16. Sherborne St John Tennis Club are looking for new members on page 13, probably a good way of getting to know people and getting fit at the same time.



Sub Editor  
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## Merton Junior School

As I write this, I am listening to the children enjoying the sunshine outside playing with the recently purchased playground equipment. The fantastic games equipment has been very well used helping to support: team games, hand-eye coordination, balance and cooperation and of course to have fun with! Play Leaders (year 6 pupils) successfully run lunchtime activities for the other children. The circus items, hoppers and paired skis are very popular. Lunchtimes are very happy here at Merton, "I love the circus games – they are great fun," Emma (year 3).

This year we have been upgrading the ICT equipment in school and the children are enjoying using our new lap-tops. It allows the IT to be more flexible and targeted to better impact on learning. The children who go to Study Club all avidly log on and enjoy the experience.

As part of our Physical Activity sessions (minimum 3 times per week for 15 minutes) classes have been trying out modern dance routines, following instructions on our 'big screen' in the hall. This has been a real 'hit' with everyone raising their heart rate to support the government target of exercising each week and this type of exercise really helps cross-body coordination and memory skills. Year 6 had a 'dance off' during SATs week and there has even been the odd teacher seen taking part too!

Congratulations must go to Mrs Toomer and all the kitchen staff for a very successful Health and Safety Food Hygiene rating inspection. An inspector turned up unannounced and inspected all the kitchen and routines. Merton Junior School Kitchen has an 'EXCELLENT' standard awarded—the highest possible. The Summer term is always a busy one in school and this year is no exception. Year 5 and 6 are going to Barton Hall on a weekend residential trip. There are visits to Rotherfield Park (year 5) and Sparsholt (years 3 and 4), which will support outdoor learning; 15 children will be representing the school at the Hackwood Arts Festival; 4 children from year 5 will attend 'Peer Mentor Training' (where children will be shown how to run games, listen to their peers and to act as 'buddies' to further help all the children at Merton have happy and enjoyable experiences). We are entering 2 teams into the Science quiz at St Mark's and there also be an opportunity for years 5 and 6 to take part in Ancient Greek Myths and Legends drama course. In between all of these, there will be an Ancient Greek day; sports morning and picnic; transition day, where everyone moves round and meets their new class and teacher; Yr5 cooking workshop; athletics training; recorder and French songs extravaganza; and of course the year 6 will be hard at work practising their drama performance for the end of the year, 'Wind in the Willows'.

I am very proud to be the headteacher at Merton Junior School. I lead a very dedicated staff and enthusiastic children all looking forward to living out our new school motto 'Be wise, together we succeed'. *Helen Palmer, Headteacher.*

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### Did you attend Merton Infant or Juniors?

#### Can you help?

As part of Merton Infant and Junior School's 40th birthday celebrations this year we are planning a display of memories and photographs from both schools to be held in the Junior School hall in early September. Do you have any special (or not so special) memories that you could share with us? Photographs of events, trips or groups? Were you one of the first pupils at the school in 1969?

We would love to hear from anyone (young or young at heart...) who could share these with us. Please send in your memories / photographs (please only send copies with the rough date and people's names on the reverse) to: 40th Birthday Celebrations, Merton Junior School, Romsey Close, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9HB or email: [adminoffice@merton-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@merton-jun.hants.sch.uk).

## Aldermaston Road Open Space – A New Community Park for Popley

### So Far

The consultation in June last year on the initial proposals helped us to produce a final masterplan for the whole site. Thank you to all of you who made comments.

### Next Stage

Implementation of the improvements depends on funding from developers. In the current economic climate it is difficult to know when the funding will be received.

However, we do have enough funding to be able to do some work this year.

### Work to be completed in 2009

- Improvements to seating etc. – completed
- Starting summer 2009 the first phase with play provision, a new pedestrian/cycleway and changes to management of the site to create informal sitting areas and encourage wildlife.

Phase One has been designed to provide improvements for as wide a range of the community as possible.

**Please have a look at the plans in the council office, and if you have any questions or comments, please either fill in the comment sheet or contact Margaret McGrath on 01256 845407 or email [margaret.mcgrath@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:margaret.mcgrath@basingstoke.gov.uk).**

### A New Name for the New Park

As part of the improvements we would like to give the park a new name and we would like local people to make suggestions. You may already have your own name for the park or you may know of local names which would be good.

We will be launching a competition to find a new name in September but if you would like to make any suggestions now please let us know on the comment sheet and we will include your suggestion in the competition.

*Editors Note: We will try to produce the plans in next months Popley Matters and a copy to be left in Melrose Community Centre.*

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# Julie's Gardening Tips

I always find this time of year the most exciting for gardening. The hard work we put in is now being rewarded with young plants growing fast.

I am pleased to say I got the permission to erect the greenhouse, and it didn't take long for the response. I had already started preparing the ground for the base, but it was more work than I expected. There was a large patch of crazy paving buried under block paving which had seen better days. I got all of it removed, but then had to think about what I was going to do with all the extra stone while I laid the greenhouse base. In the mean time I planted peas, climbing French beans, runner beans and berry tomato seeds in trays to get them started, and left them outside. They didn't take long to germinate so I had to get cracking to finishing the greenhouse. The poor greenhouse has moved house many times in its lifetime, so I was very happy when I got it put together without any mishaps. I only had to cut and replace one piece of glass which was broken before I moved house. All the staging and shelving had been dotted around the garden until then, so it looked far tidier once they were all in place in the greenhouse. I sowed more seeds as soon as I could. Although it was already a bit late for some of them, it was worth taking the chance, and the vegetables I had already sown were doing very well. I have tried a variety of herbs, dahlias and sungold tomatoes (which are my current favourite).

The peas and beans were getting to the point they needed planting out by this time, and I still hadn't got any ground prepared.

I spotted some arched canes in the shop where everything is a pound, and thought they would be ideal for the peas in large planters. I did have some 8 foot canes already so decided to use them tied into wig-wams for the beans. There was quite a bit of soil mounded up from where I levelled the ground for the greenhouse, so I used the crazy paving stones and built a dry-stone wall garden. All this means is that I laid layers of stone in rows, overlapping the gaps in the lower row, and not using any cement to hold it together. I piled the excess soil behind the wall, making a raised bed near the greenhouse. I think this will be ideal for a variety of herbs once they are big enough, but this year I used the space for climbing French beans. They will be supported by canes as they grow. The runner beans were also planted in a large planter, but I scrunched up a couple of newspapers in the bottom of the pot and gave it a good soaking before filling it with a mixture of soil and compost.

I was lucky this week to be given 2 nice rhubarb crowns and a bunch of young cabbage plants too. I got a nice deep hole dug out and mixed a load of compost into the bottom before planting it. There won't be any stems fit to pick this year, but hopefully next year there will be enough for a couple of crumbles – can't wait! The cabbages will be used to fill the gaps in the wall at the base of the beans. Once the beans finish, they will be cut back to give the cabbages more space.

I managed to persuade a young man to cut my front lawn while we had a couple of dry days. I just hope it doesn't grow too fast before I can get the mower over it again. The first cut of the year encourages the grass to branch out and grow. It was already too long for the mower, so I had to use the strimmer on it. While the weather is wet and warm the grass will need cutting at least once a week, and ideally twice if you want a lush lawn. Later in the summer if we get an extended dry period, the growth will slow down unless it is watered. I am just aiming to keep it under control this year as there is such a lot of other work to get done in my garden.

My next mission is to lay the rest of the salvaged paving blocks as a path to the greenhouse, and hopefully along one side to form an area for planters. This will make it easier to control slugs and snails at the same time as protecting the lower part of the greenhouse from damage by the grandchildren playing.

The garden still looks a mess, but by next month there should be signs of flowers and young peas and beans!



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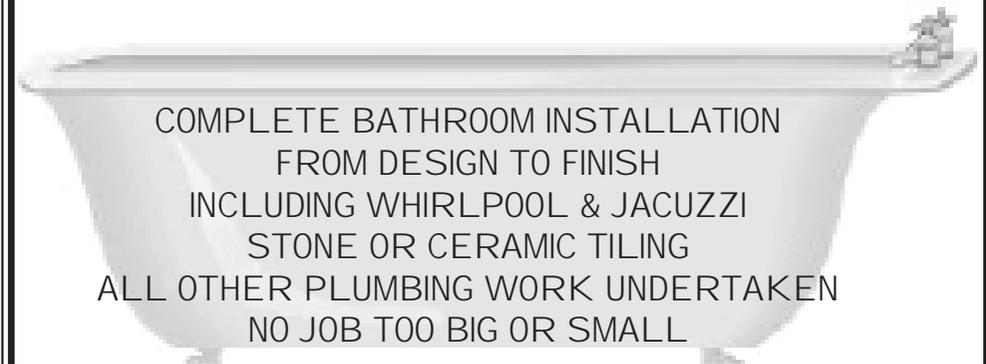
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# Over 55's Forum

The Basingstoke & Deane "Young at Heart" Over 55s Forum June Open Forum meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th June 2009 at the Carnival Hall. It will be held from 10.00 to 1.00pm and the speakers will be Maria Miller MP. Jeremy Older from Green Circle Project (Thrive) and Dr Elio Giallombardo (bnhft talking about Strokes). It is open to all and hope people coming for the first time will find it interesting and join. To date our membership stands at 480.

The Forum's future meetings dates are 12th August, 14th October and 9th December. The Forum have now purchased their own Hearing Loop for the people with hearing problems for their Open Forum meetings.

The Over 55s Carnival Chorus singing group are going from strength to strength and are now performing at local Residential Homes, such as the Grange (S.St.J.), Basingfield, John Eddie Court, Magnolia Court, Raglan Court and many others. The Carnival Chorus have been asked to perform at the BVS Charity Fair in Castle Square on 4th June. Anyone interested in joining can come along to the Carnival Hall every Tuesday between 1-30pm and 3.00pm or ring Marian the Organiser on 01256 462877 for more information.

The Forum "International Day" will be held on Saturday 26th September 2009 with good local acts, more news to follow.

The Music & Dance Concert arranged by Gerald L Merritt at QMC on 26th April 2009 raised just over £800 for Mobile Monitoring equipment for our Basingstoke & North Hampshire Foundation Trust Hospital. This equipment can be used in the local doctors surgeries to catch more men's illnesses at a younger age. Thank you for those who supported this event.

If anyone needs any more information about the Basingstoke & Deane "Young at Heart" Over 55s Forum, please ring the Secretary on 01256 412119

## Benefit Entitlement

### Are you claiming all of the state benefits that you are entitled to?

The entitlement for State benefits depends on your personal situation. The information below details the benefits you **may** be entitled to depending on your circumstances:

- **Unemployed ( available for work )** – Job Seekers Allowance, Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit, Child Benefit, Child Tax credit, Working Tax Credit (if partner working)
- **Pregnant** – Employment and Support Allowance, Statutory Maternity Pay, Statutory Paternity Pay, Maternity Allowance, Child Benefit ( if other children), Health in Pregnancy Grant, Income support, Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit, Healthy Start Scheme, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit (if working or partner working)
- **On low wages ( working at least 16 hours per week )** – Child Benefit, Pension Credit ( if over 60), Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit (if working or partner working)
- **Bringing up children**-Child Benefit, Pension Credit ( if over 60), Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit (if working or partner working)
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- **Widowed/ Bereaved civil partner**- Widowed Parent's Allowance, Bereavement Allowance, Bereavement Payment, Child Benefit, Pension Credit (if over 60), Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit (if working)

### Need further information or Help?

To work out if you are able to get any state benefit assistance, how to claim and help on understanding the system visit the Directgov website at [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk).

OR

Basingstoke Citizens Advice Bureau can help you any queries you have on employment issues, benefits and debt. We operate a drop-in service 10am-3.30pm Monday to Friday (except Thursday) and Saturday mornings 10am-12pm.

The Advice Line telephone number is 01256 322814.

The CAB outreach service in Popley operates on a Monday afternoon from 1- 3.30pm at the Bermuda Practice, Shakespeare House Health Centre, Shakespeare Road, Popley



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#### Lions Cycle Ride – Sunday 14 June 2009

By popular demand the Lions Annual Cycle Ride has been re-instated in our fundraising programme. It will take place this year on 14 June starting from Queen Mary's College between 9 and 10 am. Proceeds from the event will benefit local good causes that come to the notice of The Lions Club. Riders can, however, nominate a Charity of their choosing if they collect sponsorship. Entry for the event remains unchanged at £6. Sponsorship is welcome but not essential.

The routes for the Ride follow country lanes to the south of the town. There is a choice of 3 distances, varying between 10 and 30 miles, to accommodate the full range of abilities. This is not a race although we know that some participants use our event as a warm up for “The Big Wheel” in July. It is intended as an enjoyable morning out for families, friends and individuals who enjoy some stimulating exercise and would like to raise some money for charity. In the past the event has funded donations to REHAB, CLIC (childhood cancer support) and Naomi House as well as individual cases. Many of our riders return year after year, but new participants are always welcome.

Entry forms can be obtained by phoning 01256 352393 or emailing [philipjhwilson@btinternet.com](mailto:philipjhwilson@btinternet.com).



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## Councillors Page:

**Popley West:** The Aldermaston Roundabout is at last opened and the traffic lights working. Popley Way traffic lights need to have some work on the timings though yet.

The Travellers were moved off Popley. They went to Winklebury then came back to Popley and are now camped near the Viabes Centre. There needs to be a better and quicker method to move them on, or permanent sites around the country where they can park up and pay a rent etc like everyone else has to. Clearing up after them costs tax payers many thousands of pounds. The new path as you enter Abbey Road is now finished and the bus shelter floor now repaired. There will be other new paths and repairs done over the next few years. The tree survey is pressing ahead and in the coming months we should get a report of what is proposed. If there is to be some more planting we will be insisting it is not more sycamore (Hampshire Weed) with their self seeding seeds that blight so many gardens.

We do not agree with fortnightly collection of the dustbins, just to try to force residents into recycling. There needs to be a better way of doing the recycling. It is difficult to know what can and can't be recycled. The first you know is your recycling bin is left and you are then told there was something in it that was not recyclable so the bin was left. This is just not acceptable because most residents want to consider the environment but need to know what exactly we can and can't recycle as it is different across the country. Cllr Frankum

**Popley East:**  
**Popley Festival 17th May Alas we were hit by bad weather. My heartfelt thanks to those punters, car booters, stall holders, stage performers and volunteers who braved the elements. In the end we had between 2,500 and 3,000 people, most of whom appeared before 1pm. Had the weather been good, we would have had 4 times as many, but the event could easily have been a complete washout.**

**Faroe and Maldive Sentinel held a consultation evening at Marnel Junior School over the revised plans for the shops area. Seven options were presented for various layouts of houses; 3 with new shops and the existing pub; 2 with new shops and a new pub; and 2 with new shops and no pub. The pub has a very long lease so it's not likely to be freed up.**

**Longfellow Regeneration The new shop next to the Shakespeare Road Med Centre opened on 8th May and we had a very successful barbecue on 13th May to commemorate the opening on the field opposite the new shops. The 2 vacant units have already been let.**

**Mansell took possession of Longfellow Parade on 18th May and demolition will now commence.**

**Best regards,  
Andy**

## Celebrating a Century in Guiding

On 5<sup>th</sup> September 2009, Girl Guides around the world will begin their centenary celebrations. 100 years to the day, 1.2 million Girlguiding UK members and guests will be attending parties across the United Kingdom to mark this illustrious occasion and, in doing so, launch a year of Centenary Celebrations which will run to 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

Guiding has come a long way since a small group of girls stepped forward at the 1909 Boy Scout rally at Crystal Palace Park and asked Robert Baden – Powell to develop a similar movement especially for them. Since then, Girl Guides have continued to change their lives and the lives of those around them through activity, fun and friendship. Guides have often been at the forefront of helping people in conflict situations and in natural disasters.

As we celebrate the achievements and reflect on the lives that have been positively changed, we also look ahead to the next century and how we can influence the things we care about. In many parts of the world, the situation for girls and young women has improved enormously since 1909. However there is still a lot to be done to ensure that girls and young women enjoy a world free from poverty, hunger, disease, violence against girls and women, lack of education, inequality and injustice.

We will be running a series of events and activities across Popley, Basingstoke, Hampshire and beyond including Rainbows Go Wild!, The Big Brownie Take Over, The Great Guide Getaway, Senior Section Ultimates and Adult Adventures with the centre piece of our celebrations being a centenary camp at Harewood House, near Leeds, next summer. There will also be a Big Gig pop concert in London later in the year featuring big names from the music industry.

The Centenary Finale events will be taking place across the UK giving every member of Girlguiding UK, from Rainbows to the Trefoil Guild, the opportunity to renew or make their promise in October 2010. Our local event will be happening at Milestones Museum.

We have a lot to celebrate, both about the past and for the future!

GirlGuiding is alive and well in Popley with a Rainbow Unit, two Brownie packs, a Guide Unit and a Senior Section offering a range of activities and challenges for girls aged 5 – 25 and beyond!!

If you, or your daughter, are interested in joining us either as a member of a unit or as an adult volunteer then please contact our District Commissioner, Sue Saunders, on 07778 301948.

A special DROP IN CENTRE has been arranged for NHS hearing aid users to have aids re-tubed and checked at.

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## DIARIES FROM THE OLD CODGER.



Well as I write this the sun is out and starting to warm up. Now the thing is due to the medication I take, over the last few years I have started to lose the pigmentation in my skin, so I can no longer sit in direct sunlight, and I can't go out without a hat on. Now a lot of people say I should wear a full face mask as I would look better, especially Her Indoors. I think she has been knitting me one for the summer. No it is not a bad condition to have, but a nuisance as I love getting out in the garden even only doing bits. When I was fit I built a garden shed it has stood the time well, but it was damaged by builders. I could not see this until my son found it. I do know they knocked it off its plinths and with iron bars put it back on them. What I did not know is they broke two of the main supports and over time they have rotted. I am looking at replacing it but boy do they cost a lot of money nowadays! I need a garden version of DIY SOS to build a new one. Not much chance of that happening so I will just keep saving the pennies.

When we first came to Basingstoke we had to go to the Council Office on our estate to get the keys. He woman sorted it all out for us. She was lovely and when all the paper work was done, Her Indoors and I were about to leave and my dear beloved said Thank you; I said Thank you very much, you have made it so easy for us darling. Boy she hit the roof, "I am not your darling" she went at me like a mad dog. But we came from a place where every one was called darling, it was just a manner of speech. Did I get out quick!

How things have changed over the last forty years or so. We had men come along that cut every one's front grass. They came along and cut back grass off the footpaths each year so they looked neat and clean. They came round with weed killer spraying the weeds along the garages and paths. We had a real person that went along with a real broom and would sweep the estates. Dustmen came in the garden to collect your bin. At Christmas they got a drink from us. Sorry, by saying drink it's not water, but a couple of quid/pounds you always kept on their good side. All of this was the community people all working alongside each other. If a person down the road needed help he would know who to ask to get the job done and for no money, because you would need him one day to help you. You can just walk along paths now and see the state of some people's front gardens. They should hold their heads in shame because it is not necessary to have gardens looking a mess when others work hard on keeping their gardens nice. If our senior citizens do have a problem I am sure they have a neighbour that they could call on, or family. Well if I can get Her Indoors out digging the garden it must work. I do make her a cuppa now and then just to keep her sweet, because sitting down watching her sweat is hard work you know!

Please, if you get a chance, go and look or sit for a bit at the new addition to the Poets between Dryden and Wordsworth. Three benches have been made for the area. They are works of art. Let's hope our youth appreciate them and make sure they are not damaged because they are for them as well. I hope you all can understand why the words were put on them and the meaning of them. It took a great lot of work by the artist, our local Councillors, Sentinel and Mansell plus the backing of the Council. Well done to you all, you should all give yourselves a pat on the back.

I hope you all keep well.

The Old Codger

The Beavers continued to monitor the tadpoles in the pond on one of several walks in Basing Wood, closely followed by the Cub Section in a more adventurous mode! The Beavers have also made miniature gardens and hunted caterpillars!!! Plans are afoot for a 'sleepover' for older members in July.

Twelve Cubs will attend District Cub Camp at Runways End in June where they hope to take part in archery, abseiling and 'rock'face climbing. They've also explored the town trail to develop their local knowledge, flown kites at Crabtree, handled a snake and seen birds of prey. What's next on the programme?

Several Scouts from the troop assisted with a car-wash day at Basingstoke Fire and Rescue Station which raised over £1,000 for the Air Ambulance Service. The older Scouts attended a weekend camp with the Air Explorer Scout Unit based at Lasham Airfield and hope to join with them for other events during the summer. The troop has also practised backwoods cooking skills ready for the District Competition later in the year.

All sections attended the District St. George's Parade in Basingstoke Town Centre in April. New members welcome in all sections. Give the section leader a ring or simply turn up for a free 'taster' evening to see what's on offer. Subscriptions are £1.50 per week payable weekly or per term as preferred.



Enquiries concerning the use/availability of Base 2000 for fund-raising events, children's parties, meetings or other community occasions contact Colin on 10256 410559 or e-mail [bookings@base2000.co.uk](mailto:bookings@base2000.co.uk) Special rates for charities and non-profit making organisations.



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Boys and girls aged 8-10½  
Tuesday 6:30-8:15pm  
Elaine Devenport 323453



Boys and girls aged 10½-15  
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### NEW SESSIONS AND GROUPS

Here at Pebbles we are starting new sessions and groups for the summer which we hope will be popular with the families of Popley.

#### DROP IN SESSIONS:

##### COFFEE MORNING

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2nd Saturday of each month  
9.30 – 11.30 am  
Saturday, 9th May,

13th June, 11th July  
Is your child aged 5 or under? Would you like to have somewhere to go with your children at the weekend for a fun filled morning. Activities will include outdoor play, messy play, games, reading.

##### NATIONAL FAMILIES WEEK - MAY HALF TERM

##### Tuesday, 26th May - Story Time

9.15 am – 1.00 pm  
Walk to Chineham Library for Story Time and craft activities. Return to Pebbles for picnic lunch (bring own picnic).

##### Thursday, 28th May - Sports Day

10.00 – 11.30  
For Under 8s  
Enjoy racing, throwing, jumping, toddling etc. Bring plenty to drink. This will NOT take place if wet.

##### Friday, 29th May - Family Feast

10.00 – 12.00 am  
Learn how to prepare a Sunday Roast and then have the meal with your child. Creche available.

Cost £2 per adult, £1 per child.

##### BABY PEEP GROUP

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##### BUMPS, MUMS & DADS

Wednesdays 7.00 – 8.00 pm  
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##### INTRODUCTION TO BIG SCHOOL

Wednesdays 10.00 – 11.00am  
A 4 week group. Do you have a child about to start school? Would you like to know what to expect.  
Starts 3rd June.



# Tornados

Next season the Tornados will go from mini soccer to full size 11 a-side with full size goals. We have had 2 friendlies so far against Overton and Oakley and the boys have adapted very well. Mixing the Whirlwinds and Tornados has been a bit of a challenge for me and Paul, but I think we have sorted it NOT! The first ten minutes against Overton were a bit twitchy trying to get used to the size of the pitch. We beat Overton 10-2 and even though they played three U12s we still finished the stronger.

We played Oakley a week later and beat them 6-4. We started the game with what I think is our strongest starting line up, and boy did they deliver. We were 5-0 up at half time and looked very impressive. Jacob and Gaiyain were immense in the midfield with Gaiyain scoring a cracking free kick and Jacob hitting a SCEEEEEEEEEEAMER! from 25 yards out. But the goal of the game for me had to be Fynnlie Judds, latching on to Jacobs corner with a well timed perfectly executed volley in the top corner. Well done!

Josh Lunnon, Billy Wagstaff, Cameron Grist and Denis Brittain were also outstanding playing some exciting football, not panicking and linking up with others very well.

### Presentation Evening

On 22nd May we will have had our presentation evening. I won't say how it has gone because I am writing this on the 19th, so I will report on the winners and how it went next month. Who knows what's gonna happen? For all I know I could turn up in a tutu, Kev Rush in a Mankini and Danny Oates could turn up in a thong, AAAAAAAGGGGGHHHHH! LOL

Thanks for your support, united always!

Lee

Dear Friends

Last weekend a whole bunch of us from St Gabriel's hired a coach and, along with the other Churches of the Basingstoke Team, journeyed down to Winchester for a day out visiting the Cathedral. We all had a great time exploring this magnificent 1,000 year old building and its grounds. It always fascinates me how they put up such a massive structure without the aid of modern building machinery and scaffolding!

What was the most fun? Trekking around the Cathedral with some of the children following the 'Kiddies Trail' searching out hidden treasures in carvings, statues and tombstones – they especially loved the 'bony Bishop' tomb! It may seem a bit gruesome walking around looking at tombs and old bones but they do serve as a reminder that all of us, great and small, come to the same end. I wonder, too, about the life and times of these people long gone – what years of joy and suffering, crisis and companionship that they lived through in the years of their lives!

But! The cathedral is also a living church. There was a confirmation service in the afternoon that the staff was preparing for, as well as the regular Sunday and daily worship. Each year the cathedral attracts thousands of tourists from all over the world and there is something very special about it as a place to meet with the living and eternal God as well as discovering its history!

I wonder what future generations may make of our lives! Just of late there has been so much uncertainty in the air about what the future might hold for us as a nation and as individuals, that uncertainty is centred on the economic crisis that has gripped this country. Places like the Cathedral serve to remind us that the things of men come and go. My mentor at theological college always used to say to me at crisis moments in my studies 'this too will pass!' And he's right!

What stand eternal and unchanging are the word and the promises of God found in the Bible. It is so easy to become a slave of the things of this world and lose sight of our eternal destiny. Jesus promised freedom to those who would follow him, freedom from the burdens and anxieties of this world, freedom to enjoy life in all its fullness and, greatest of all, freedom to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. I have found all of his promises to be true! So, if you're in a place where you feel trapped, weighed down or anxious about the future why not seek him out for without a doubt he is seeking you! May your summer be filled with fair weather and good memories!

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**Basing Wood Projects**

Firstly thanks to those of you who came and spoke to us at the Popley Festival. Despite the rain and wind we still had a steady stream of people coming to discuss the designs throughout the day. We were really pleased with the way the plans have been received and with the number of people who signed up to receive our bi-monthly newsletter.

**Free Events and Activities:**

As part of the Sense and Motion project we are organising lots of free events and activities, a selection of which are listed below. Please look on our webpage for a full list of activities.

**Green Volunteer Days:**

- Every second Sunday of the month. 10am to 3pm.
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June
- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July
- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Activities will cover a wide range of tasks including habitat enhancement, tree planting and facility construction. It's a great way to keep fit, meet people and get involved with nature. It's also good as practical work experience or to enhance your CV.

**Family Den Building Day:**

- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 10am to 12pm
- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 10am to 12pm

**Walk with a Wildlife Ranger:**

- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2pm

Join a Forestry Commission Wildlife Ranger to take a closer look at Basing Wood's wildlife.

**Health Walks**

- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 10am

Start summer the right way by joining us for a short brisk walk in Basing Wood. Perfect for burning off the calories. These walks will be taking place regularly throughout the summer and will offer a variety of distances.

**What's happening on the ground...**

The newly dug pond is settling nicely and in the years to come will provide yet another great aquatic habitat in the wood. Our forest craftsmen have started work on the entrance to the wood adjacent to the Community Centre. They will be improving accessibility by widening the entrance and upgrading the path surface. Volunteers and groups from the Probationary Service have done some really good scrub clearance and have opened up a number of ride edges. This means more light will reach the rides and as a result the sunnier edges will provide a wonderful habitat for butterflies and invertebrates.

If you would like to information on the project, one of our events or to receive the newsletter please contact either Nayana or Emily, on 01962 795079 or email [senseandmotion@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:senseandmotion@forestry.gsi.gov.uk). Alternatively you can look up our website at [www.forestry.gov.uk/senseandmotion](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/senseandmotion).



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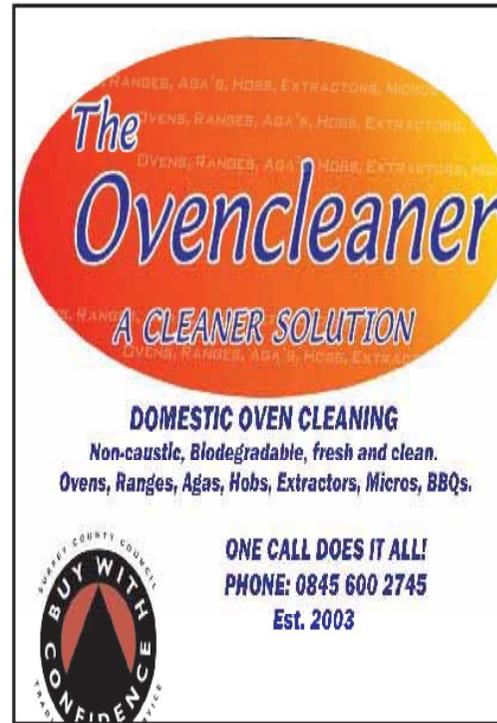
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Ann and Iris would like to thank everyone who attended our coffee morning in aid of Diabetes UK. We raised a grand total of £100.50. We hope to see you all again soon at our twice weekly 'Friendly Café', all welcome including children.

It was great to see so many of you at our Bring and Buy Plant Sale on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. There were many bargains and all proceeds have gone to our

Gardening Club fund.

We will be holding our AGM on 29<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm, all are welcome. If you would like to become a member of our committee please ring Vicki in the office for a nomination form.

Are you thinking of having a party or looking for a venue for your group? We have very competitive rates, free parking, disabled access, hearing induction loop, kitchen facilities and more! Call the office for your no obligation quote or to arrange a viewing of our hall.

**WHATS ON:**

- MONDAY:** 9.30am-12pm Friendly Café  
7.30pm-10.00pm Peregrine Healing and Holistic
- TUESDAY:** 4.00pm-7.30pm Petite School of Dance  
8.30am-3.00pm Marnel Early Years
- WEDNESDAY:** 10.00am-11.30am Popley Little People, Mother and Toddler group  
9.00am-11.00am Quit Smoking Clinic  
12pm-2pm Oasis Lunch club
- THURSDAY:** 9.30am-12pm Friendly Café
- FRIDAY:** 6.30pm-7.45pm MCF Youth Club - age 5 to 10 years  
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- SATURDAY:** 9.00am-12.30pm Petite School of Dance
- SUNDAY:** MCF - Contact Pastor Phillip Keble on 462351 for times of services.

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**ADD LIFE TO YOUR YEARS, NOT YEARS TO YOUR LIFE**

Everest Health and Leisure Club are providing mobility classes for the residents of Magnolia Court and Abbey Court in Popley. The club, which is part of the new Everest Community College, is committed to working in partnership with the community to provide health and leisure to everyone.

One of the full time instructors, Terry Derrick, decided after being made redundant as an IT consultant to retrain as a Personal Trainer at the age of 63, and after qualifying was employed at the club as a full time instructor last year.

The Seniors at Magnolia Court and Abbey Court enjoy a 45 minute mobility class on Mondays led by Terry, who provides a seated session for 12 - 15 residents. Chris Scragg, Health and Leisure Club Manager, says "We know the benefits of exercise to seniors but not all of them can get to a gym or class, so we took the initiative and offered the classes to the residential homes. Terry is a great example of keeping healthy and mobile in later years so the groups can really relate to him. This is one of many community projects we have achieved in the first year of opening"

**A Day in Our Street, Circa 1920**

The tall houses, fortified by iron railings, faced each other, spies were kept at bay by heavily curtained windows, behind which aspidistras kept watch. Lamp posts stood to attention.

Rat-a-tat tat! the postman's knock heralded the action. Women, in cross-over aprons, took their jugs to the milk-float. Their menfolk, in working garb, walked or cycled to their labours. Like the Pied Piper, the school bell clanged. Boys in short trousers and girls with starched pinafores vanished from sight.

Coarse aprons were donned, mats shaken, door-steps scrubbed and whitened. An armada of sheets sailed behind the lines. Dustbins clattered. A rag and bone man cried "Any old iron?".

The release of the children shattered a brief lull. Lines were chalked for hopscotch, tops spun, hoops rolled, lamp-posts were climbed. Little girls with dolls sought the safety of the door-steps.

A solitary figure approached. Armed with a long pole, he lit the gas lamps. Menfolk walked or cycled home, their labours done. Cries of "Tea's ready" called for a hasty retreat.

Lights in the windows winked at each other. Peace at last. Until ..... tomorrow.



# Letters to the Editor.



Dear Editor; I know you have put it in Popley Matters before, but I find it so frustrating. It's that a load of old rubbish again, some may say, but that's the point. I am fed up of having to manoeuvre around left out rubbish and recycling bins. If people can drag them out to leave on the pavement why can't they drag them back? What about mums with prams or disabled people in their buggies. They have to step out into the road sometimes. It is like an obstacle race without the fun. The bins often smell, especially in the summer. Please think about others and put your bins back.

Mrs B, Popley Islands

***Editor's reply: Yes, it is a subject we keep on bringing up in the Matters. I do agree up to a certain point, but I can understand people's frustration when the bins are left in clumps sometimes some distance away by the "bin men". I can't see the reason why they cannot be returned as they usually have the house number painted large and clearly on them.***

Dear Editor; Why do drivers, well some of them, have to park over the white lines. They then take up two places and force people to park on verges. I spoke to one driver who said that because in the past another driver marked his door, he wanted plenty of space each side! I think some of the parking spaces seem to be designed

for a small car leaving a medium or the bigger cars to struggle sometimes, But is that an excuse to park so badly? Another thing that makes my blood boil is people who park in disabled bays when they should not. If the disabled person is not a passenger in the car at the time, why does the fit person need to park in a disabled bay? How mean, how inconsiderate can they be? I bet if they were really disabled they would be the first to moan.

Mr T, Merton Rise.

***Editor's reply: I am in agreement with you on both counts. Some people think if they are "running an errand" for a disabled person they can use the blue badge. The blue badge is for the individual because they have a disability or mobility problem. Why can't the driver park and walk? It is different if you are going to pick the disabled person up I will agree. I suppose if people see others doing it they think, "I might as well do it too!"***

**Editor's Note: We look forward to reading your letters on all sorts of subjects. We do not print your name or address if you wish us not to but of course we cannot accept letters that are sent anonymously.**

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email: [editor@popleymatters.org.uk](mailto:editor@popleymatters.org.uk) or phone 819924**



## Sherborne St John Tennis Club

The Sherborne St John Tennis Club has been running in the village for over thirty years, and is open to players of every ability regardless of where they live. The Club operates regular Saturday coaching sessions throughout the summer, participates in the Basingstoke and District Tennis League, and operates a highly popular programme of organised events, including regular scheduled tennis matches both outdoors in the summer on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (weather permitting) and indoors in the winter on Tuesdays and Fridays, as well as social events, such as skittles evenings and barbecues.

Membership of the Club entitles members to free, unlimited use of the two courts at the Chute Recreation Ground, all year round. The Club also arranges coaching by a professional tennis coach on Saturday mornings throughout the summer, for which a small charge is made to cover costs. In addition, the Club organises regular matches for players with every level of experience. For experienced players, the Club operates teams (men, women and mixed) in the Basingstoke and District Tennis League, while players of all standards are encouraged to participate in the Club's Tennis Rota.

The Tennis Rota is open to all members, of all abilities, and provides scheduled games, on dates suited to you, throughout the summer, at the Chute Recreation Ground, and throughout the winter on indoor courts, at Totally Tennis in the centre of Basingstoke. A small charge is made to cover the cost of tennis balls, which are provided by the Club, and, in winter, the hire of the courts at Totally Tennis. Just to repeat: the rota is for all members, of all abilities. Games are scheduled, wherever possible, to bring together people of similar ability, so don't worry if you are a little rusty, or if you only want to play once a month. But first of all, don't forget to renew your subscription, or ask for an application form.

For further information, and an application form, contact the Club Secretary on 01256 851175, or [nicholas.montegriffo@btopenworld.com](mailto:nicholas.montegriffo@btopenworld.com).



## Cycle Safety On The Road.

Cycling is a fun, convenient and healthy way to get around - but if you don't follow basic safety guidelines you could end up a statistic:

- ⊗ Every year thousands of cyclists are killed or injured in the UK.
- ⊗ 90% of accidents occur in urban areas.
- ⊗ 75% happen at, or near, a junction.
- ⊗ 80% occur in daylight.
- ⊗ 80% of cyclist casualties are male.
- ⊗ About one third of the cyclists killed or injured are children.
- ⊗ Around three quarters of cyclists killed have major head injuries.

Before you go out on the roads, stop and THINK! Here are a few basic safety tips that can help you stay out of trouble:

- ⊗ First and Foremost, wear a helmet.
- ⊗ Get trained and keep control.
- ⊗ Be seen and heard.
- ⊗ Check/maintain your bike regularly.
- ⊗ Be alert and plan your route.
- ⊗ Stay legal.

An experienced trainer can help you get the best from your bike and the road. They know the dangers and how best to avoid them. They can also help you become safer and more confident when cycling in traffic, what's the best gear to wear, and how to check and maintain your bike.

Useful contact points and further information:

RoSPA website: [www.rospa.com](http://www.rospa.com)

Cycle Sense website: [www.cyclesense.net](http://www.cyclesense.net)

Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service: [www.hantsfire.gov.uk](http://www.hantsfire.gov.uk)

Community Fire Safety Department: 023 8062 6809

Email: [community.firesafety@hantsfire.gov.uk](mailto:community.firesafety@hantsfire.gov.uk)



## **BERMUDA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

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A round of applause for everyone who attended and supported the Easter Family Prize Bingo evening held at Popley Fields. Once again it was a great success, due to all the generous people of Popley and beyond. Thank you. We would also like to thank the local businesses, Tesco, Wessex Bowl, Odeon Cinema (Leisure Park), Planet Ice and Fastfare in Abbey Road who all kindly donated prizes for the evening.

We look forward to seeing everyone again at our next Family Prize Bingo on Friday 12th June. Doors will open at 6pm, eyes down at 7pm. Bingo books : 90p a set- Raffle: £1 a strip of 5

Food and Bar available, Kiddies Tuck Shop Marnel Explorers Summer Fete.

Bermuda Community Association Table Top Sale is on Saturday 27th June 2pm till 4pm.

### **Evening Weekly Activities:-**

**Monday:-** Ladies Keep Fit 6:30 to 7:30

**Tuesday:-** Bingo Night Doors open at 7 eyes down at 7:45pm

**Wednesday:-** is available for hire

**Thursday:-** Paper Craft 7 till 9pm

**Friday:-** Kiddies Friday Club 6:30 till 7:30pm

**Saturday:-** Available for hire

**Sunday:-** Christian fellowship 4 till 6-30pm

To hire the hall please call Janet Ward on 01245 363156 or 07881652036

## **MAGNOLIA COURT SUMMER FAYRE**

### **Not to be missed !**

We will be holding an Open Day and Summer Fayre on Saturday 20th June 2-4pm. There will be a raffle, Tombola, Bric-a-brac, Games, Jigsaws, books, furniture, face painting and teas. All proceeds will go towards entertainment and activities for the residents of Magnolia Court.

## Parental Involvement in Pebbles Children's Centre

About once a month or so, a group of parents get together at Pebbles Children's Centre to have a good discussion about the centre and what it offers. We discuss past activities, such as our recent Grand Opening or Messy Play Days, how they went, were they well received, feedback from the local community, that sort of thing.

We discuss and plan future activities, voice new ideas, make ideas that already in the pipeline more finalised and generally have a bit of a brain storming session about what else Pebbles can offer. There are a lot of laughs, a good chat and generally we all have a good time

While we are doing this, our children are being well cared for in a crèche run by the centre's staff. During the time that we are there, which is normally about an hour and a half, we can also relax a little from the relentlessness that is involved when you care for small children.

We call this monthly get together "The Parents Forum" and it is open to any parent or carer of a child under the age of 5yrs old within the local community, whether or not they already attend any of Pebbles activities.

At the moment there is a core group of parents that attend but obviously we want to reach out and bring in more parents and carers in order to get a fuller representation of what our community needs.

Parent forums provide an excellent opportunity for parents to come together, share ideas, and put forward their views to the centre staff and other parents:

- To give parents a voice and increase their active involvement in decision-making.
- To develop a partnership between the centre and parents/carers in order to support and promote the development of babies and young children.

So why don't you come along to one soon!

Dear Parent

I am writing to invite you to join The Parents Forum which has being set up to help parents get more involved in Pebbles Children's Centre

The forum is being led by parents, for parents and all parents are welcome to come along. Please try to come and encourage other parents to come too. There will be a crèche, which needs to be booked in advance.

The next Parents Forum meeting will be on 8th June 2009.

Hope you can come and join us!

Wendy Taylor

## Sherborne St John Parish Council

**Logo** SSJ Parish Council is looking for a new logo and has announced a competition to design one. Residents of all ages including children are asked to submit their designs to the Parish Council by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009. There will be prizes (vouchers) for the adult and children's competition. The winner will be announced at the Parish Council meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2009. So start painting, drawing and designing today! Entries to The Clerk at the address below.

**Footpath** The feasibility of creating a safe footpath between the village and the Merton Rise and Marnel Park areas is to be studied. With more village children attending the Everest Community College a safer way to walk than along Sherborne Road and Chineham Lane is preferable. Possible routes for a footpath are being investigated.

**Bottle bank** The quest for a quiet bottle bank and its location are continuing. The previous bank broke the Health and Safety noise level rules, so a solution to this ongoing concern is being investigated.

**30mph speed limit** Note that the 30ph speed limit will be extended on the A340 through the village by about 200 yards. This is another effort to reduce the speed of traffic through the village. Also the Speed Indicator Device (called SID) is already installed on the A340. This will be moved around the village at regular intervals.

**Seniors coffee morning** A grant of £500 has been awarded from the Four Lanes Trust for transport to the fortnightly Seniors Coffee Morning at the Village Hall. This will be much appreciated by parish residents. For further details of the event (and if required there is free transport for +60s), contact Shelley Moore tel: 850577.

**Rents** The annual rent review called for no increases for the tennis and football clubs use of grounds and facilities. Also allotment rents will not be increased this year. There is a short waiting list of parish residents for allotments (though a lot shorter than other local areas) and investigations are proceeding to acquire additional land for this use.

**Additional meeting** It is proposed to hold an additional SSJ Parish Council meeting at the Everest Community College in September so that new residents of the Merton Rise and Marnel Park areas have and opportunity to meet the councillors and express their views.

Jonathan Eales, Parish Councillor, SSJ Parish Council

**Logo Competition entries to:** Clover Morgan, 24 Vyne Road, Sherborne St John RG24 9HX or [ssjclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:ssjclerk@btinternet.com).

**Grounds maintenance services in North Hampshire**

Shaw Trust Horticulture Basingstoke, Elizabeth Road Allotments, South Ham, Basingstoke, RG22 6AX

Creative, well managed grounds can make a real impact on your business. Our flexible approach means that we can manage complex sites requiring a high level of horticultural knowledge and skill.

**We provide grounds maintenance for:**

- Housing Associations
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- Community Spaces

- Community Centres
- Domestic properties



Before



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**Do you want your garden regularly maintained by qualified horticulturalists?**

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**A grounds maintenance service to match your needs**

Our flexible approach means that we can manage both complex public spaces as well as domestic gardens. We can provide a comprehensive and cost effective package to suit your needs, budget and schedule.

**What will it cost?**

For domestic gardens we have a fixed rate:

Hourly rate:	£18.00 per Hour for a team of 3-4
Additional Costs	£ 60.00 full trailer
(if necessary)	£ 30.00 half trailer
	£ 1.00 per bag of waste

Larger areas and contracts will be priced accordingly. Please note that all prices are Subject to VAT.

**Our range of services includes:**

- Shrub border maintenance.
- Hedge maintenance and renovation.
- Mowing of lawns.
- Control of weeds (Chemical and manual) in borders or hard-standing surfaces.
- Ground level tree maintenance work.
- Soft landscape projects carried out.
- Garden clearance and reinstatement.



Grounds clearance



Finished area

**Taking care of staff and clients**

All our staff are trained in Health and Safety at work and are equipped with personal protective equipment relevant to the task at hand. We operate according to appropriate risk assessment and safe practices to protect the well-being of both our staff and clients.

**Social Enterprise**

Shaw Trust Basingstoke is an emerging social enterprise. We provide training, work experience and work opportunity to disabled and disadvantaged people. Income generated is used by the project to benefit more people. By contracting with us you benefit from the value we add which stands us apart from others in the industry – providing training and work opportunities for those disadvantaged in the workplace.

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