



COMMUNITY



WONKY VILLAGE SIGN!

You may have noticed that the village sign at the top of the High St / Lower Shott has gone missing! In the strong winds at Christmas the fixings for the sign were damaged. To ensure there is no likelihood of an accident the sign has been taken down temporarily.

A new sign is being manufactured and it shouldn't be too long before the sign is restored.

BRA NOTICEBOARDS

There is no charge to place a poster on BRA Noticeboards. To find out more please visit the BRA website or call 0300 030 9890.



NEW BOOKHAM YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE - SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVES £2.5M FUNDING.

Surrey County Council (SCC) have approved the funding of £2.5M for the construction of a new shared-use building to replace the old Bookham Youth Centre on Lower Road.

The new development at the Lower Road Recreation Ground has been designed to accommodate various community uses such as the Bookham Colts - youth football team, a children's day nursery and events that used to be held at the old centre.

This funding allocation is great news, but the next step in the project will be the anticipated granting of outline planning permission by Mole Valley District Council's (MVDC) Development Management Committee.

The granting of outline planning

Image above shows a Computer Generated Image (CGI) of the new centre. This is not the final design and is for illustrative purposes only.

permission then allows the detailed design of the facility to proceed.

The Computer Generated Image (CGI) shows the proposed location of the new centre replacing the existing building. This is not the final design and is for illustrative purposes only. (Images provided by SCC)

We very much hope that outline planning permission is granted and the project can move to the next stage to provide a much-needed facility for Bookham residents. So far over 90 people have supported the application along with local and national organisations. You can keep up to date with progress on the BRA website.

ENVIRONMENT



WOMBLING!

Although the monthly BRA Litter Picks have been suspended for the moment, we believe that "Wombling" can continue being part of daily exercise.

Many residents have adopted a road, or two, near where they live, and are Wombling there. They pick up any litter on their "patch" whilst keeping a safe distance from others, in order to keep the area looking pleasant. Get in touch if you would like to be involved and let us know which road will be on your "patch". You can email:

litterpick@bookhamresidents.org.uk

Alternatively call our message line: 0300 030 9890.

A huge "thank you" to all those who are already Wombling!

You can read more on these and many more stories on the environment, transport, infrastructure and local authorities on the BRA website. www.bookhamresidents.org.uk You may also contact us via phone on: 0300 030 9890

LOCAL AUTHORITIES



THE GARSTONS TRIANGLE - MVDC GRANTS ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE

We are pleased to announce that on 17th February 2021 the nomination to have the land at The Garstons adjacent to 1 Stonehill Close, Great Bookham as an Asset of Community Value under the Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012 has been approved by MVDC Planning Committee.

This is a great result for the village and we would like to thank the 170+ residents who supported this campaign by making submissions to MVDC during the consultation stage.

Following this designation of Asset of Community Value, the BRA team will be arranging for some seating and appropriate tree and shrub planting to give the Garstons triangle a much needed uplift for the community to enjoy.

Please help the BRA to continue its work for our village

The Bookham Residents' Association (BRA) is a voluntary membership organisation that is open to all Great and Little Bookham residents and is independent of all political parties. The purpose of the BRA is to provide a consultative link between residents with Councillors, public authorities and utility services.

The BRA also co-ordinates voluntary services such as litter picking, Tree Wardens, High Street Christmas lights and hanging baskets and where possible this year has been facilitating local COVID-19 wellbeing initiatives with MVDC and SCC.

The BRA does not have any paid staff and the BRA team are all volunteers.

The annual subscription is £5.00 per household and you can:

Pay online:

Visit the BRA website at www.bookhamresidents.org.uk to make your payment. You can use a credit or debit card to pay through our secure payment system.

Use the QR code:

Scan the QR code below with your smart phone and you will be taken to the BRA website payment page. When the link appears at the top of the screen on your smartphone, just tap on the link. You can also read the latest BRA news.

