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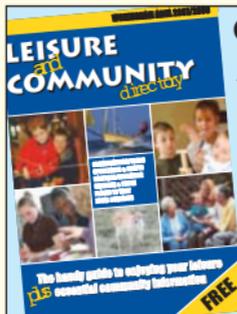
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Our Calendar of Events will guide you through next year's activities; there really is something for everyone at Wellington Country Park.





www.wellington-country-park.co.uk
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Wokingham District Council Countryside Service

Wokingham District Council Countryside Service manages 12 sites including Dinton Pastures and California Country Park. The Service also maintains the district's public rights of way. Events are organised by the Countryside Service all year round and include bat watches, children's workshops, health walks and volunteer days. Find out more by contacting the Service on 0118 934 2016 or visiting www.wokingham.gov.uk/countryside



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Route 190 takes you to some of the best shopping in the Berkshire area, from the charm of Wokingham to the exhilaration of Reading. Buses also stop outside Sainsbury's at Winkless, whilst Bracknell offers a mix of specialist and top-brand stores, including Bentsalls department store.

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Wokingham District Family Information Service

Wokingham District Family Information Service provides free, confidential and impartial information, advice and assistance to parents and carers on a full range of childcare options, help available towards the cost of childcare, early years education, schools and education services, leisure activities, play, sports and recreational facilities, services for children with additional needs, family learning, health services and support groups for children aged 0 - 19 years.

If they do not hold the information you need they will be happy to put you in contact with someone who does, or find it for you.

You can telephone, e-mail or visit the Family Information Service. The service is open Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm.

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Clubs & Organisations

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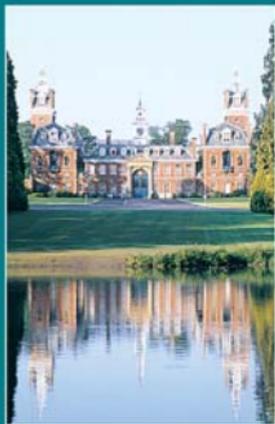
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Working With The Community

Community Safety is a key focus of Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service. They work with schools, businesses and residents across the county to raise awareness of fire safety and how to reduce the risk.

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Just phone **0118 944 0293** and leave your name and address so we can arrange to deliver the pack to you free of charge. This only takes a few minutes.

Earley Town Council

Earley Town Council pride themselves on keeping the residents residents informed about what is going on locally.

They have a Help Shop at the Town Council Offices in Radstock Lane, Earley, which stocks a wide selection of literature - including booklets, leaflets, posters, reports and other publications which give details of the Council and its services.

A Newsletter is regularly distributed to all of its

residents and there is an extensive and informative web site which can currently be reached on earleytc.co.uk. (The website will be changed over the course of the next year to: earley-tc.gov.uk)

Further information can be obtained by emailing administration@earley-tc.gov.uk The Town Council supports the Mobile Information Centre which regularly provides a service from the District Centre near to the Asda Supermarket.

Halls for hire in Earley

If you are having trouble finding the right venue to suit your requirements, Earley Town Council has facilities suitable for family parties, wedding receptions, and for all types of local organisations.

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Information about bookings can be obtained from Valerie Robinson at the Town Council Offices.

Tel: 0118 986 8995.



Warm welcome by the Help Shop staff.

Vantage Pharmacy – your local independent pharmacy

Your friendly independent pharmacy, Vantage has a consultation room set aside for confidential advice. The 'Minor Ailments' service allows the pharmacist to advise on and supply appropriate medicines, either free of charge or for the NHS prescription fee to customers with a Reading GP. Vantage also offer a specialist smoking cessation service, blood pressure checks and emergency hormonal contraception.

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If you are interested in volunteering please call our local branch at: Hope Cottage, 2 Mount Pleasant, Bracknell. Tel: 01344 455556 or email: jo@samaritans.org

Discover libraries in Wokingham district...

Wokingham district libraries offer free membership to anyone living, working or studying in the area. Membership gives you access to a wide range of services, from borrowing books to tracing your family tree!

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Wokingham Library's Learning Zone offers IT access, information on adult education and a **learnirect** centre. The centre offers a range of **learnirect** courses, with tutors to get you started and offer support. Many library services are provided with help from volunteers, including children's events and deliveries to homebound readers. Volunteer expenses are reimbursed.

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For more information: Library enquiries: (0118) 978 1368. **learnirect**: (0118) 978 8069
Volunteer Service: (0118) 974 6263. Berkshire Costume Service: (0118) 973 4796



Earley CResCent Community Resource Centre

The Community Resource Centre is by the police station and is staffed largely by volunteers; it offers a wide range of first-class facilities and activities for the community.

Training is a key activity at the centre with a diverse programme of courses open to all local residents. Courses to support voluntary and community groups, such as first aid, food hygiene, Protection of Vulnerable Adults & child protection are also run.



The Mobile Information Centre (MICE) takes all available community information around the Wokingham District using a purpose built vehicle.

The welcoming and informal atmosphere of the CResCent Moon Café offers you the chance to catch up with friends & find out what is going on while enjoying a relaxing coffee – any time – or a leisurely lunch on a Wednesday.

The Centre can be contacted on Tel: 0118 921 0555 or look at the website on www.earleyrescent.org.

contacts

Community organisations & contacts

AIR AMBULANCE
Thames Valley Air Ambulance
Stevie Horton (Mrs) 07979 604604

CATS PROTECTION
Reading East, Wokingham &
Bracknell 07050 262493

CHILDREN FRENCH
Le Club Français
Denise Walker 0118 973 0534

CIVIC SOCIETIES
Wokingham Round Table
Mark Lawrence 0118 973 2046

COMMUNITY
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Community Matters Berkshire
Judith Ludovino
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Wokingham Without
Community Association
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CONSERVATION
Berkshire Conservation
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England (Berkshire Branch)
Mrs E Still
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CONSERVATIVE PARTY
Conservative Association
Wokingham
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Henley Tourist Information Office
Town Hall, Market Place,
Henley On Thames, Oxon,
01491 578034
Mobile Information Centre
0796 646 0851
0118 921 0555
lillianking@btconnect.com
www.earlycrescent.org
Nextstep Berkshire
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info@berkshire-tag.org.uk
www.nextberkshire.org.uk

Reading Information Centre
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Reading 0118 956 6226
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Nine Mile Ride, Cracknell
01344 354409
Wokingham Information Centre
Town Hall, Market Place,
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Whitegates
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Colin Thorne 0118 957 6633
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National Trust Finchampstead
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Committee
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NEIGHBOURHOOD
Neighbourhood Watch
Janine West 01753 506761

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PEACE
Wokingham Peace Group
Pam Vassie 0118 978 0148

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Pedestrians Association
Peter Caunter 0118 926 2948

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REAP Resettlement Agency
Kay Graham 0118 956 7210

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ASSOCIATIONS
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Residents Association
Mrs R J Goldsmith
0118 978 1185

ROOM HIRE
Crescent Resource Centre Earley
0118 921 0555

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Samaritans
08457 909090

SAVE THE CHILDREN
Save the Children (Reading)
P Wallington 0118 954 8458

SENIOR CITIZENS
Age Concern (Twyford & District)
Janet Potter 0118 934 4040
Age Concern (Woodley)
Mr L Green
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mike.bogue@btinternet.com
www.bacchus-singles.co.uk
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Mr W Sturt 0118 940 3574
Royal British Legion
(Wokingham)
Mr B Moore 0118 977 6883
The Royal British Legion
Winnersal
Mr G A Kay 0118 934 0748
Wokingham No1 Branch Old
Age Pensioners Club
Mrs Newbrook 0118 979 2929

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Wokingham Town
Twinning Association
Mr Adrian Oldfield 0118 979 4359

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("Earleybus")
0118 975 7320
Readibus
0118 931 0000
bookings@readibus.co.uk
www.readibus.co.uk

VICTIM SUPPORT
Reading & District Victim
Support
0118 958 6166

VIVISECTION
Humane Research Trust
Mrs C Buntton 01344 428574

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St John Ambulance Woodley
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Wokingham Volunteer Centre
Sue South 0118 977 0749
Womens Royal Volunteers
Services
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Mr C Durrett 01344 483894
Reading Ornithological Club
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Swan Lifeline
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Mrs J Jones
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Mrs D Walker
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Winnersal Women's Institute
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0118 926 8799
BulmersheYC@wokingham.gov.uk
Earley Centrepoint Youth
Centre
0118 931 2051
EarleyYC@wokingham.gov.uk
The Silverdale Centre
Earley
0118 966 9529
silverdaleYC@wokingham.gov.uk

Twyford Youth Centre
0118 934 0891
TwyfordYC@wokingham.gov.uk
Wokingham Villages Project
0118 979 7915
villagesyouthproject@
wokingham.gov.uk
Wokingham Youth Centre
0118 978 3610
WokinghamYC@wokingham.gov.uk
Woodley Airfield Youth Centre
0118 944 0449
WoodleyYC@wokingham.gov.uk

LIBRARIES

Arborfield Container Library
Parish Council Car Park, Swallowfield Road, Arborfield Cross
0118 976 1084

Lower Earley Library
Chalfont Close, Chalfont Way, Lower Earley
0118 931 2150

Maiden Erleigh Library
Off Silverdale Road, Earley
0118 966 6630

Spencers Wood Library
Basingstone Road, Spencers Wood, Reading
0118 988 4771

Twyford Library
Polehampton Close, Twyford
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Wargrave Library
Woodlyffe Hotel, Church Street, Wargrave
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