

Welcome to your Community Warden Update for Ash, Ash Green & Tongham, from your team:

**Claudia, Grace, Jo, Lesley, Tracy, Briony, Willow and Georgina!**

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Community.Wellbeing@Guildford.gov.uk

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**@GBCCommunityWellbeing**

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## 1. Team Update

Our first newsletter of 2020 and we are delighted to introduce you to the latest member of the Community Wellbeing Team, Briony Impett - Welcome Briony! You can read more about Briony inside!

We would like to start the year off by sharing with you our Team Values. The Team thought long and hard about just why it is we do the work we do and what our expectations are of ourselves as we felt this should be reflected in our day to day work and projects.

Lots of new ventures coming this year including: Moving forward with the 'Thrive at the Hive project and Community Fridge', taking the project mobile to include rural areas, additional Inter-generational project, Climate change project, bulb planting, mental health event at G-Live, as well as our usual settling in visits to new residents and talks/presentations to community groups.

Our Community Wellbeing values embrace every single part of what we do as a team. They are interwoven into all aspects of the work we do across the borough and we pride ourselves on each value that we chose together, believing they all have an incredibly important role.

Whether we are visiting a resident, hosting a community event or working to help you set up your exciting idea we value:



**Respect** – we are respectful of all people and treat people equally

**Positivity** – we strive to be an optimistic and positive team who always focus on successful and positive outcomes to tasks and projects

**Courage** – we are brave and go forward with ideas, even if they seem a little 'bold', learning from every experience

**Honesty** – we are honest with everyone, even if it means facing difficult conversations

**Dignity** – we give everyone the space to feel worthwhile and valued, we all have something to offer

**Empathy** – we listen, without judgement, and offer a safe space to be with someone that needs us

Call us anytime on:

**Claudia: 07890591971**

**Grace: 07966654888**

**Jo: 07901513652**

**Lesley: 07769642053**

**Willow: 078900592201**

**Georgie: 07890592197**

**Briony: 07970 032626**

**Tracy James: 07767 475822**

**Ash office: 01252 337831**



Dogbusters provide a 24/7 stray dog service for Guildford Borough so if you have found or lost a dog please do call on:  
07769 972813.

Dogbusters will collect any strays and take all calls regarding lost and found dogs to reunite owners with their dogs as well as ensuring veterinary care is received if necessary.

Please no longer contact Treetops Kennels or take any dogs to them for this service.

## 2. Meet our new Team Member!

It's our pleasure to introduce the newest member of the Community Wellbeing Team to you all.



*"Hello my name is Briony and I am very excited to be joining the Community Wellbeing team! I have seen the work they have done over the past few years and I feel very privileged to be part of such a wonderful team. I am looking forward to making a difference in the local community! I currently volunteer at a local greyhound rescue because I love dogs, so if you have a dog, please bring them to say hello". We think you'll fit right in here Briony with the rest of the team's dogs: Hector, George, Beau and Ellie!*

## 3. The Friary Brass Band in Ash!

This is always a very popular event – get your tickets before they all go!



**The Friary  
Brass Band  
in Concert**



**Sponsored by the Ash and Blackwater  
Valley Rotary Club  
With all proceeds going to**



**Saturday 8th February 2020  
The Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road,  
Ash, Surrey GU12 5DP  
6:30pm for 7:00pm  
Refreshments available.**

**Admission:  
By advance ticket £10.00  
On the door £12.00  
01252 328287**



## Neighbourhood Connector Service



Willow, our Neighbourhood Connector is currently taking referrals for anyone who is looking to take the next step in working towards a goal, starting volunteer work, struggling with their mental health, or just need help or advice for things such as debt relief or getting into employment. Willow also has a great array of services and contacts who she can work with to help you in the best way possible. Referrals can be done by you, a family or friend, or as a referral through a charity or organisation. If you have any questions or queries just drop Willow an Email or give her a call:

[Willow.Cobby@guildford.gov.uk](mailto:Willow.Cobby@guildford.gov.uk)

Tel: 07890592201

## 4. The Hive

You may remember us talking before Christmas about a new, exciting project we are involved with, collecting donations for the less advantaged in our community. We have called this project 'Thrive at The Hive'! This came about as part of the great changes to the Park Barn Centre, one of which being the change of name to 'The Hive'. Why not take a look, you will be amazed at the 'buzz' around the place. There is a fantastic Playzone soft play area for the little ones and the colourful Coffee shop serving delicious snacks, drinks and cakes, all at affordable prices.

We now have a fantastic array of donations, ranging from adults clothes, shoes, children and baby clothing, baby equipment and household items. Until we officially launch the project we have limited space to store all the items, but once our 'Hive' is up and running, we would love to receive further donations. This is likely to be around the Easter period.

The Hive will be open every Tuesday, this will be a 'Pay as you feel day' and will include special relevant activities. The Hive will be open to everyone to come and have a look.

We also plan to take our 'Hive' out to rural areas to make these items available to people who may need them. Watch this space!

In conjunction with this, we are also going to have a Community Fridge at the Park Barn Centre and we are working with Co-op 'Foodshare' to make food items available to those that might need it. We will also be encouraging those that want to donate food items to the fridge and looking to have the Community Fridge up and running by the 18 February.



## USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS:

### Guildford Borough Council

Phone 01483 50 50 50

Email [customerservices@guildford.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@guildford.gov.uk)

Web page

[Guildford Borough Council](http://www.guildford.gov.uk)

Facebook

[Guildford Borough Council](https://www.facebook.com/guildford.gov.uk)

### Ash South & Tongham Councillors



Cllr Paul Spooner

07970 953232

[Paul.spooner@guildford.gov.uk](mailto:Paul.spooner@guildford.gov.uk)

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Cllr Graham Eyre

07913 658313

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Cllr Paul Abbey

07850 013149

[Paul.Abbey@guildford.gov.uk](mailto:Paul.Abbey@guildford.gov.uk)

## 5. Fostering Information Evening

Are you interested in finding out more information on fostering in Guildford? See below about



### Fostering Information Evening

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020

6:30pm – 8.30pm

Discovery Youth Centre, Ward Street,  
Guildford, GU1 4LH

Come along to a Q&A session with the Fostering team,  
Foster Carers and a Young Person in Foster Care  
Try our Virtual Reality experience

For more information or to book call us on  
0800 096 9626

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOSTERING SERVICE



## 6. Ash Velo

Here are the next cycle rides organised for the next few weeks.

Saturday 1st February - 10am - Joolz - 10-15 miles

Sunday 9th February - 9am - Richard - 25+ miles

Saturday 15th February - 10am - Shona - Leisure Ride (suitable for families or beginners)

Sunday 23rd February - 9am - Steve - 25+ miles

Saturday 29th February - 10am - Shona - Leisure Ride (suitable for families or beginners)

Sunday 8th March - 9am - Steffan - 25+ miles

Saturday 14th March - 10am - Tim - possible MTB ride

Sunday 22nd March - 9am - Steve - 25+ miles

Saturday 28th March - 10am - Tim - 10-15 miles

Saturday 4th April - 10am - Shona - Leisure Ride (suitable for families or beginners)

Sunday 12th April - 9am - Steffan - 25+ miles

Saturday 18th April - 10am - Joolz - 10-15 miles

Sunday 26th April - 9am - Steve - 25+ miles

Sunday 3rd May - 9am - Richard - Lasham epic ride 30+ miles

Saturday 9th May - 10am - Tim - MTB Ride

Sunday 17th May - 9am - Joolz - 25+ miles

Saturday 23rd May - 10am - Shona - Leisure Ride (suitable for families or beginners)

Sunday 31st May - 9am - Steffan - 25+ miles

All rides will start at the Wharf in Ash next to Bridges.



## USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS:

### Ash Vale Councillors



Cllr Nigel Manning  
01252 665999

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Cllr Marsha Moseley  
01252 665999

Marsha.moseley@guildford.gov.uk

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### Ash Wharf Councillors



Cllr Jo Randall  
01252 344929

Jo\_randall@yahoo.co.uk

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Cllr Andrew Gomm  
01252 316411

Andrew.Gomm@guildford.gov.uk

## 7. Ash Youth Centre

You may be aware of plans to get the Ash Youth Centre reopened.

Staff from SCYP (Surrey Clubs for Young People) attended Ash Fantasia recently to recruit volunteers. They chatted to lots of people about getting activities in place for the youth of Ash.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Matthew Plumridge, Volunteer Coordinator on: 07899 727080 or email: [volunteering@scyp.co.uk](mailto:volunteering@scyp.co.uk)

A recent Press Release which was posted on Facebook:

*We're really pleased to say that after some proactive and successful community engagement we have already recruited eight volunteers and are in the process of inductions and training. We have applied for and are currently awaiting funding to set up the basketball games at the club when it opens.*

*The club will continue to need the support of the local community to offer a safe environment where young people can meet up, make new friends and participate in a range of worthwhile activities to build confidence and life skills. Youth clubs are not just about 'getting kids off the streets' they are an opportunity for communities and individuals to give peer support and act as the positive role models that young people both want and need. Giving them the abilities that they require as they go on to lead productive, happy lives and become giving members of their communities.*

*You can find information about our volunteering programme and the work that SCYP does across the county on our website [www.scyp.co.uk](http://www.scyp.co.uk)*

*We welcome the local community to be part of this exciting venture and join us in making a positive and vital contribution to Guildford."*



## USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS:

### Surrey County Council

Phone 03456 009 009

Email [contact.centre@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:contact.centre@surreycc.gov.uk)

Web page [Surrey County Council](#)

### Police Neighbourhood Team

#### **Ash Neighbourhood team**

PCSO Morgan Webb  
PCSO Nicola Carr

Web page  
Guildford Police on Twitter  
[@surreypolice](#)

### Other local contacts

Catalyst

Phone 01483 590150

Website [www.catalystsupport.org.uk](http://www.catalystsupport.org.uk)

Guildford Action for Families

Phone 01483 560003

Website [Guildford Action](#)

Surrey Against Domestic Abuse

Phone (24 hours) 01483 776 822

Website [Surrey Against Domestic Abuse](#)

Boom Credit Union (savings & loans)  
01483 917959

Voluntary Action SW Surrey  
Phone 01483 565456

<https://voluntaryactionsws.org.uk/>

Drop in to 'Community Point' at VASWS  
39 Castle Street, Guildford to find out  
about social activities, local services and  
volunteering opportunities across  
Guildford and Waverley that support  
wellbeing

## 8. Ash Parish Dementia Action Alliance

The APDAA weekly music sessions at the Shawfield Centre are proving to be very popular and numbers are increasing all the time. These sessions are great fun and everyone gets a lot of enjoyment from them. We have some students from Surrey University interested in helping out and perhaps leading a few of the sessions.

There are also monthly 'Active Minds' sessions held on the second Monday of each month where different activities are provided from those living with Dementia, while their loved one/Carer are able to chat to a Dementia expert and get some support and useful advice.

Please feel free to come along and join us at these sessions, or if you would like to chat to someone, give us a call.



## Memory Lane

Every Monday 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Shawfield Social Centre,  
Shawfield Road, Ash, GU12 6QX

Music is good for the brain - it awakens many memories!  
Everybody welcome to our fun sing-a-long sessions in a relaxed and  
friendly environment.

No booking or singing experience and free of charge.

Just a willingness to have fun!

Refreshments provided

For more information contact Jo Packman, Community Warden

Phone: 07901 513652

Email: [Community.Wellbeing@guildford.gov.uk](mailto:Community.Wellbeing@guildford.gov.uk)



Do you fancy yourself as the next Michael Buble or Kylie Minogue?

How about a bit of magic like David Blaine?

Contact:

[chairman@victoriahall.org.uk](mailto:chairman@victoriahall.org.uk)

Or: 07533 186831

For more information



**TALENT SHOW**

Have you got Talent?

Take part in our Special Show

Singing Dancing  
Comedy Magic

Saturday 29 February  
7.30 pm start  
Ash Victoria Hall—GU12 5DN

Interested ?  
Contact— [chairman@victoriahall.org.uk](mailto:chairman@victoriahall.org.uk) Tel. 07533 186831  
To watch the show tickets available £10 (£5 for concessions) from chairman

Pay bar Raffle

All proceeds to **Phyllis Tuckwell** Hospice Care

## 9. Nominations invited for Mayors Award

Do you know anyone in your community who goes out of their way to improve the lives of others?

Mayor of Guildford, Cllr Richard Billington, explains: “It’s really important to recognise those in the community who have made an outstanding contribution to support people in the borough. We are asking for people to nominate those who have gone the extra mile to improve the lives of others or foster good relationships.”

The Mayor’s Award for Service to the Community aims to recognise and encourage positive community working in the borough, and celebrates residents and groups who make a real difference by volunteering or foster good relationships.

“A key theme to this year’s award is to recognise individuals and groups who have done exceptional work in their community. We are very lucky to have so many people in the borough who contribute to the happiness of others and this award recognises their acts of kindness.” adds the Mayor.

Award recipients are nominated by the local community. To make a nomination, please complete the online form at [www.guildford.gov.uk/mayorsawardforservicetothecommunity](http://www.guildford.gov.uk/mayorsawardforservicetothecommunity)

Alternatively, you can email [CivicSecretary@guildford.gov.uk](mailto:CivicSecretary@guildford.gov.uk) or call 01483 444031 for a form.

The deadline for nominations is Monday 3rd February. The Mayor will present the awards at an informal ceremony on Saturday 18th April 2020.



Why not drop in and see us in our office if you fancy a chat. We do very good tea! We are in Japonica Court, just Press the ‘Community Wellbeing Team’ buzzer at the main entrance and we will let you in. Alternatively, if you want to come to the small car park on Shawfield Road, there is a doorbell at the side entrance and we can let you in from there.

Our next newsletter will be in March – if you have anything you would like us to include, please contact us 😊