

Shinfield Rise Community Flat

Update from the Community Flat

Hello everyone,

I can't believe how quickly the time has flown, and soon I will be returning from my Maternity Leave.

*My official back to work date is **Monday, 17th December.***

It would be great to see you all, so please do feel free to pop in anytime that week, I will make sure I am stocked up on Coffee/Tea and biscuits!

If you are new to the area, or haven't visited the Community Flat before, I would be very pleased to meet you and chat more about my work and the wider project. Although our roles are ever-changing, I will continue to be based at the Flat, supported by my colleagues in the redeveloped Community Engagement Team.

My contact details have also remained the same; you can email me on: cherish.risi-elford@wokingham.gov.uk or call/text me on: 07885 983 396

I look forward to meeting and welcoming you back to the Community Flat, Cherish x

Community Club

Youth Group Update

Mondays 4.30-6pm at the Flat, for 8-12 years

Term-Time Only

We are always looking for new members and helpers at Youth Group, please get in touch if you would like to join us, or come along to a session and see what you think!

Please contact Zoran for more information. Phone: 07717 690 205 or

Email:

Zoran.matic@wokingham.gov.uk

Housing Surgery Information

Please note the Housing Officer for this area is

Tabitha Davis.

Tabitha will continue to host the Housing Surgeries at the Community Flat, every Thursday from 11am to 1pm.

If you would prefer to contact her directly, please Email:

tabitha.davis@wokingham.gov.uk

For any Rent, Council Tax & Benefit-related queries please contact Wokingham Borough Council directly:

0118 974 6000

You will also be able to find helpful links and further information on the website:

www.wokingham.gov.uk

*Social Club for residents aged 50+

All sessions are on a Monday from 7-9pm at the Community Flat.

The next dates are: 15th October / 12th November / 10th December.

Please contact Jennie Grieve for more information by phone: 07920821919 or email: jennie.grieve@wokingham.gov.uk

Ongoing Contact/Support

Please remember Zoran Matic, Community Engagement Officer, is regularly based at the Flat and is able to offer advice on a variety of council-related topics. If you would like to contact him directly, or arrange a time to visit, please find his details above.



Christmas Panto Trip, supported by Shinfield Parish Council

The annual trip will go ahead as usual, this year we will be enjoying Aladdin at Reading Hexagon on Friday 21st December!

Tickets are £6 per person, to include transport via coach.

Tickets will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

To secure your place please leave the money with Zoran or drop through the door at the Community Flat, with your details on the envelope. Full payment will need to be received by Monday 3rd December.

We will meet at the Community Flat for a 6pm pick-up and hope to arrive back on the estate for around 9.30pm.

For more information please contact Zoran directly.



Community Champion

We are very pleased and proud to announce that local resident, Janet Woodruff has been awarded with the brand new Wokingham Borough Mayor's Roll of Honour award, in recognition of all the volunteer work she does in the Shinfield area and more recently across the borough, as part of the Tenant Involvement project.

Cllr John Kaiser, the Borough Mayor, said: "Wokingham Borough is full of fantastic people who make our communities special. I'm honoured to acknowledge the effort and contributions Janet and Sukhdev (another recipient of the award, pictured) make to others. They volunteer tirelessly to make a real difference and this recognition is thoroughly deserved."



On behalf of us all, thank you Janet and please don't stop!

New Year / New Challenge

If you are looking for a great volunteering opportunity for 2019 please do get in touch with Cherish or Zoran.

We are looking for local people who are interested in making a difference to their community— lots of roles available to suit your skills and interests, so please do get in touch with any time or ideas you are willing to offer!

We are, for example looking for someone who enjoys gardening to volunteer regularly at the Community Flat, to help with the upkeep of the garden and make it a friendly, welcoming space for all. There is lots of potential in the garden and we are also keen to grow some vegetables and herbs, so again if you can help, please do let us know!

New Games Night

at the Community Flat

Playing board games can help lower stress, improve cognitive functions, increase speed in your response time, take people out of social isolation and are great fun to play.

If you are 18 and over and would like to join Zoran at the Community Flat on the 7th

November from 5pm for a game of Monopoly please contact him on 07717 690 205.



As we look ahead to the new year, its important that we hear your voice, ideas and opinions on what you would like to see happening locally, so we can shape our Community Engagement projects to fit the changing needs and aspirations of the area.

The Community Flat was created to support and inspire residents, to offer a safe space to meet and start groups which can benefit all. If you have an idea of what you would like to see happening then

please do get in touch. We have contacts across a range of services and will work with you to deliver what you want to see happening. Please do get in touch!

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