

## Allotments for Warfield!

As many of you will be aware Warfield Parish Council currently has no allotment sites within Warfield, despite the Parish Council's best attempts to acquire land for such. However, as part of the new development in Warfield, we are delighted to announce that a first parcel of land has now been made available for allotments. The new Quelm Allotments site is located close to the Quelm Park roundabout, being bounded to the north by Watersplash Lane and the new primary school, to the south by Harvest Ride, to the east by the new link road and to the west by Quelm Lane. Planning has started for the site, and we hope to invite interested residents to join us in this work – look out for further information in the next issue of the Wren.



## Warfield Community Hub

As part of the development taking place within Warfield, developer contributions are being made available to develop a new community facility. The new facility is planned to be adjacent to Priory Field and will be the hub for community activity within the Parish alongside the existing facilities. The Council has begun the early-stage discussions with Bracknell Forest Council over the site and likely size and make-up of the facility. The new facility is likely to be constructed from around 2020, but this is subject to the timetable of the developers in Warfield. We will keep you informed with news on the project as it develops.

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## Jealott's Hill Community Landshare – Queen's Award for Voluntary Service



Congratulations to Warfield-based Jealott's Hill Community Landshare which, on 13 October, was one of only four Berkshire groups presented with the prestigious Queen's Award for Voluntary Service by the Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire. The Community Landshare project's ambition is to share the joy of practical horticulture by recognising the power gardening has to enrich people's lives, especially those who have a disability or are disadvantaged. The project, which is a partnership between Bracknell Town Council, Bracknell Forest Homes, Warfield Parish Council and Syngenta, has rejuvenated land at Jealott's Hill which was previously used for field trial research. Further information can be found at [www.jealottshilllandshare.org.uk](http://www.jealottshilllandshare.org.uk).

## Parish/Borough Councillor Surgeries

We hold a monthly surgery where Parish and local Borough Councillors are available to discuss any problems and ideas you may have. So, if you have any planning, litter, parking, open space or any other issues, then come along to the Parish Office to meet your Councillors on:

Tuesday 1 March, 6 – 8pm

Saturday 2 April, 10am – 12 noon

No appointment necessary – just pop in at a time to suit.

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# The Wren of Warfield



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## New Warfield Development

*Land to the west of Avery Lane (known as area 2)* – construction continues on phase 1 of the Berkeley Homes' site, including the building of 87 homes at the south western corner of the site towards Frampton's Bridge roundabout/Jock's Lane Recreation Ground, and the new road linking the Quelm Park roundabout to Forest Road. Construction also continues on the first of Warfield's two new primary schools (a two-form entry school, including nursery), with the school expected to open in September 2016. In addition, planning applications for the Cut Corridor, for 93 homes immediately east of the phase 1 site, and for 58 apartments (40 shared-ownership and 18 private) have all been approved. Planning applications for 65 affordable senior living apartments, and for an east-west greenway running through the site are currently being considered by Bracknell Forest Council.

*Land to the east of Avery Lane and west of Maize Lane (known as area 1)* – an appeal against the refusal by Bracknell Forest Council of a planning application for 10 homes south west of Abbey Place is currently underway.

*Land to the east of Maize Lane (known as area 3)* – discussions are continuing regarding the development of a masterplan for this area.

*Cabbage Hill* – this site of Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANG), which will be open to all, is currently being developed.

### **Warfield Neighbourhood Plan Update**

In July 2015 the Warfield Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group enlisted the services of an experienced Planning Consultancy to ensure that its efforts are focussed on relevant and achievable targets. Thanks to grants and Parish Council funds the small Steering Group of residents and Parish Councillors, whose time and experience is limited, is now working actively with these Consultants.

To date the Steering Group has undertaken a full review of the evidence base and draft policies, confirmed all formal assessments required, and researched policy options for residential development, community needs, infrastructure, open spaces, footpaths and bridleways. There is much to be undertaken this year despite the considerable effort already made. The Steering Group is currently creating several short updates on the various topic areas and these will be shared via the Neighbourhood Plan website –

[www.warfield-np.org.uk](http://www.warfield-np.org.uk) – very soon. The next steps are to hold informal consultation sessions with residents before submission of the draft Neighbourhood Plan to Bracknell Forest Council for formal consultation with residents. Following the formal consultation a final Neighbourhood Plan document will be prepared for submission to Bracknell Forest Council, and subsequent examination and approval by a Planning Inspector. If approved, a referendum will be held where residents and businesses can vote on whether or not the Neighbourhood Plan should be adopted; this is expected to take place in December 2016.

### **Clean for the Queen Community Litter Picks – Saturday 5 March and Sunday 6 March**



**CLEAN FOR  
THE QUEEN**

Warfield Parish Council, in partnership with Warfield Environment Group, has signed up to Country Life magazine and Keep Britain Tidy's campaign to clear

up Britain in time for The Queen's 90th birthday and we are looking for as many volunteers as possible to join us at either (or both!) events. On Saturday 5 March, 10am – 12 noon, we will be clearing the areas around Larks Hill (meet at Larks Hill car park), and on Sunday 6 March, 1.30 – 3.30pm, we will be clearing the footpaths around Tesco (meet at the recycling area of Tesco's car park). Accompanied children welcome. Please wear suitable clothes and footwear, and bring gloves. Litter pickers and bags will be provided. Do come along!

### **Parish Assembly – Wednesday 20 April**

The annual Parish Assembly will take place on Wednesday 20 April at 7.45pm in Whitegrove Community Centre. The Assembly gives residents the opportunity to hear what the Parish Council is doing and to have a say. We will also have a guest speaker, Hilary Coplestone from Bracknell Forest Council who will provide us with an update on the new development in Warfield.

### **Warfield Award 2015 – Nominations Welcome!**

We are looking for nominations for the Warfield Award which is presented annually to an individual, couple or group who have made a significant contribution to the community in Warfield. If you know of anyone who you feel has made an outstanding contribution over the last year please let us know by Friday 18 March. The cup will be presented at the Parish Assembly on Wednesday 20 April.

### **Vegetable Take & Grow – Saturday 23 April – Help Required!**

We are looking for volunteers to help with our annual Vegetable Take & Grow. Free vegetable and herb seedlings, as well as seeds, will be available to our residents to encourage them to 'grow their own' to benefit health and the environment. As well as help on the day (the event is open to the public 10.30am – 12 noon in Whitegrove Community Centre), we need volunteers to grow and donate seedlings to the event; we can provide seed trays/pots if required. If you would like to help then please contact the Parish Office.

### **Budget 2016/17**

The Parish Council has set its budget and precept level for 2016/17. Our precept for 2016/17 is £155,075 compared to £139,581 in 2015/16, which equates to an increase of £2.52 per year for the average household. The extra money raised from residents will be used in supporting and improving our existing community facilities at the Brownlow Hall, Whitegrove Community Centre, the Memorial Ground play area and Frost Folly Country Car Park as well as planning for the future; development of the Warfield Neighbourhood Plan, Community Hub and allotments will all require financial support. The Parish Council is also looking at future investment requirements for other play and sports facilities, road, footpath and cycleway improvements, and environmental projects. We continue to support community groups and events such as the annual Warfield Village Fete, the Warfield Produce Show, our Summer of Fun event and Arts Week.

### **Councillor Vacancy**

A vacancy exists for a councillor in the Quelm ward of the Parish. Please look out for notices from early February as to how this vacancy will be filled, which will either be through a by-election or direct co-option by the Council. For more information please contact the Parish Clerk.

### **Changes at the Parish Council**

Following the elections in May 2015 the Parish Council's committees have been revised to reflect the changing role of the Parish Council within Warfield. The Planning & Transport and the Finance & General Purposes Committees remain, but the Brownlow Hall and Whitegrove Community Centre Management Committees have been combined into one Facilities Committee which will manage both buildings together with the maintenance of the playground at the Memorial Ground. The Facilities Committee will, in the future, also manage the new Community Hub (more information on this below). In addition a new Environment Committee has been created to reflect the importance which residents and the Parish Council place on the green environment in Warfield; this Committee is responsible for the development of new allotment sites in Warfield (see below).