

## *The Chain*

# Wokingham Borough's Voluntary & Community Group Newsletter

Every volunteer and community group is a link, in an ever growing chain and working together makes us all stronger



Happy 2016! We hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year, 2016 is here and we are already in February, I'm pretty sure it is going to be a busy year.

I'm going to start by talking about money and funding... Between 2009/10 and 2012/13, funding of the voluntary sector by local government across the country fell by £800m, according to the National Council for Voluntary Organisations' UK Civil Society Almanac 2015. Services in employment and training, culture, recreation and community development have been hit hardest.

The government says funding for local government will be maintained between 2015 and 2020. But the Local Government Association says declining central government funding means council budgets will fall by 6.7 per cent in real terms over the parliament. Smaller charities could suffer most. Some councils may cut funding for charities instead of working with them to transform services. (Full article here: [http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/continued-council-budget-squeeze-will-hurt-charities/article/1376827?utm\\_source=LINX+405+-+7+January&utm\\_campaign=LINX405&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/continued-council-budget-squeeze-will-hurt-charities/article/1376827?utm_source=LINX+405+-+7+January&utm_campaign=LINX405&utm_medium=email))

What does this mean to me? If you are a charity, this is a big deal! If you are a local business; now is the time to think about your contribution to the local community. If you are a citizen then there is a lot you can do right now! Volunteer, donate, fund-raise, get more involved in your community etc.

Take a moment to look at involves website as we are updating it all the time. We have tons of information on there about news, events, training opportunities and more. [www.involve.community](http://www.involve.community) If you want to put your events or news on there then just let me know. In 2016 we will be launching our YouTube channel and will be including more films on the website so watch out for them!

Finally, we held our first VCS Growth Club on 12th January – it was an excellent morning with many local charities attending, all of whom left with plans and goals for 2016. Our second Growth club will be in April so if you want your charity or community group to move to a position of greater stability or want to set your plans for growth, then contact us and book your space at the next VCS Growth Club!

That's all for now, enjoy the CHAIN! Phil

Voluntary Sector Growth Club is here.....



**A series of 4 growth clubs will be facilitated by involve to support voluntary, faith and community organisations.**

Take the time to sit down and plan out 2016. An interactive and highly focused 1/2 day workshop where at the end you will walk away with an action plan not only for 2016 but also for each Quarter.

This workshop will give you some time to;

1. Look at all the things you want to achieve, both personal and business
2. Make sure you have some great targets for the year - stretch yourself!
3. And will enable you to break your targets down into quarters, months, weeks or even days, so it looks to be more achievable.

**If these are for you or your trustees then please do get in touch to book as places are limited.**

**Dates of main growth club meetings are Apr to be confirmed, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> Oct – all will be held at Easthampstead Park Conference Centre from 9am-12pm**

Contact [clare.rebbeck@involve.community](mailto:clare.rebbeck@involve.community)

## **Voluntary Sector Consultation Lunch**

Come and join us for a light lunch and tell us how we are doing



Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb from 11.30am – 2.30pm

At the involve office, Amber House, Market St. Bracknell we will have an open lunch to network and tell us what challenges you are facing, what support you need from us, what we are doing well and what we can do to improve.

Please let us know you are coming to [clare.rebbeck@involve.community](mailto:clare.rebbeck@involve.community) with any special dietary requirements

# Community Awareness Event



## Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb @ The Bradbury Centre

(Methodist Church, Rose St. Wokingham) Light refreshments will be provided

### 10am to 12pm

### Children's Safeguarding 'It's everyone's business'!

**This event is open to all including residents, community groups, volunteers and statutory partners.**

A look at the local picture on national issues and what support is being delivered across the Wokingham Borough.

Wokingham Children's Safeguarding Board

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

PREVENT

Private Fostering

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

Our Speakers:

**Fran Gosling-Thomas** - Independent Chair of the Wokingham

Children's Safeguarding Board

**Rob France** – Wokingham Area Commander

Thames Valley Police

**Steve Buckley** - Head of Strategic Communications & Engagement Berkshire  
West Clinical Commissioning Groups

To book contact [clare.rebbeck@involve.community](mailto:clare.rebbeck@involve.community)



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## Calling all Activity Leaders

### Training Course—Including Everyone in your Activity

#### Course Content:

We examine the perceived barriers to including children with additional needs into mainstream activities and offer examples of different approaches to adapt the group so all children are involved to their own ability. There is the opportunity to put this knowledge into practice before finishing with a discussion on real life scenarios.

#### Who is the course for?

Anyone who wants to ensure that all children in their group are able to access the activities presented.

#### How is the course delivered?

In the two and a half hours you will participate in practical activities to demonstrate how they can be easily adapted.

#### Learning Outcomes:

- To make your group accessible and fun for all
- Understanding of the different approaches to inclusion
- Knowledge of a range of needs, and how to include them in a range of activities
- Confidence to adapt activities to make accessible to all
- Strategies and approaches to enable children / young people with additional needs into mainstream groups

#### Training Dates:

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016, Woodley, 6.30 – 9pm

If you have any further questions or to book a place please email Tess Eagles, info@me2club.org.uk.

Spaces will be limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

# Help shape the future of Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service

You can find more information on the proposed changes and provide online feedback on our website at [www.rbfrs.co.uk](http://www.rbfrs.co.uk)

The public consultation will run  
from 4 January – 4 April 2016.



Your feedback is important to us.

To get in touch with us or for assistance in accessing the information in an alternative format or language, please contact:  
[irmp@rbfrs.co.uk](mailto:irmp@rbfrs.co.uk) 0118 938 4331

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## COURSES FOR UNPAID CARERS

We have a programme of courses developed by Bracknell & Wokingham College in partnership with Wokingham Borough Council to provide a bespoke learning opportunity for unpaid carers who are residents, or who care for residents, of Wokingham Borough and those who care for children with physical or learning disabilities with the Borough. Carers develop the confidence to move forward and progress to learn new skills knowing that support and guidance is available when needed. There is a £5 non-refundable subscription charge to our programme each term.

**For further details or to enrol call: 0118-984-7600 or visit our website [www.bracknell.ac.uk](http://www.bracknell.ac.uk)**

### **NPCC Regional CSE Problem Profile Urgent Information Request**

In my role as National Policing lead for Child Protection and Abuse Investigation (CPAI) I am responsible for enhancing the policing response to a range of areas including Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) across England and Wales. CSE has been subject to significant attention nationally due to a number of high profile investigations, research / Inquiry reports, and related media reporting all of which has culminated in it being designated a national threat.

I am consequently writing to you to request your support in providing information gathered from your services work on CSE. My secretariat in conjunction with colleagues from academia have developed a specific set of questions which we believe if populated will enable an enhanced level of understanding of the regional picture and a more effective response accordingly.

**Please can you respond no later than Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016**

All documents for this request are attached to the email in which The Chain newsletter was sent out or you can request from  
[clare.rebbeck@involve.community](mailto:clare.rebbeck@involve.community)

# YOUR INVITATION TO THE CHARITY BALL OF THE SEASON!

**The Dingley Ball - when Hollywood meets Bollywood-** Come along and join us!

**Date - Friday 18th March 2016**

**Location - The Hilton Hotel, Drake Way, Reading, RG2 0GQ**

**Arrival:** From 6.30pm onwards

(For ladies who have pre-ordered a sari, you may arrive from 5.30pm onwards where dressers will help you prepare for the evening!)

## What's included:

- 3-course Dinner, Vintage 'Hollywood' soundtrack, Welcome drink & canapés, Henna 'decoration' stall, Bar and Wine station open for dinner drink orders, Photographer (with themed props) - present throughout the evening Dancing to Junoon UK plus disco, Bollywood drummers will call us in for dinner **which commences at 7.30pm**

During the evening we will have a **silent auction, a raffle** and not forgetting our **main auction** that will be taking place in the main dining room.

**Dress - Formal, Black Tie or Bollywood style**

**Sari ordering -** Ladies who wish to order a sari may do so for a minimum donation of £30. A genuine Sri Lankan sari will be ordered for you and our team of ladies will help you to dress for the evening. These must be ordered and paid for by the 10th February 2016 please. Please order using the contact details below.

## 3-Course Menu

### *To Start*

- Tandoori Chicken skewer, served with mango chutney and shredded salad garnish
- Vegetable Pakora, with mango chutney and shredded salad garnish (V)
- Classic prawn cocktail

### *For Main*

- Marinated chicken fillet, served with dauphinoise potato, baby vegetables and red wine jus
- Lamb Rogan Josh served with steamed rice, raita and naan bread
- Spinach and ricotta cannelloni (V)

### *For Dessert*

- Fruit salad
- Passionfruit charlotte with mango coulis and chocolate sand/pebbles

You will be asked to make your menu choices as you book your tickets. Please advise if there are any particular dietary requirements.

## Carriages at 1.00am

If you would like to order some tickets please do so along with your menu choices by emailing [admin@dingley.org.uk](mailto:admin@dingley.org.uk) or by calling Shellie on 07930 351534.

On behalf of Dingley, thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you at the ball of the season.

# Volunteer Management Workshop

**Date: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

**Time: 9.30am – 2.30pm**

**Location: The Wokingham Volunteer Centre, 10, Denton Road, Wokingham  
RG40 2DX**

**Cost: £20, including light lunch and course materials; £25 for groups outside  
Wokingham Borough**

Groups that depend on volunteers can maximise their effectiveness by paying attention to every aspect of volunteer management. Join this workshop to learn more about good practice in recruitment, induction, development of roles and policies, valuing volunteers and dealing with problems – all designed to help your group find and keep good volunteers for longer. Course materials will include specimen documents and templates that can be used to generate your own.

Please register direct with Christine or Helena at the Volunteer Centre  
Tel. 0118 977 0749 or email [volunteers@wok-vol.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@wok-vol.org.uk).





## Charities and Community Groups delivering in Bracknell Forest



### Mayor's Hatter Charity Tea Party Theatre and Tea



**Wednesday, 16 March, 12.30pm**

South Hill Park, Ringmead, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 7PA

**Arrival:** Wilde Theatre entrance

**Raffle tickets:** £1 per ticket (bought on the day)

**Parking:** There is plenty of parking in the public parking area.

**Food:** Sandwiches, cakes and scones

**Beverages:** Tea and coffee

**Dress code:** Victorian themed – ladies please feel free to wear hats.



On arrival you will be offered refreshments and a tour of the South Hill Park Theatres. Then settle down to enjoy your afternoon tea with some performances from the cast of Oliver.



Invitees will be able to book and make payment by calling customer services on 01344 352000

This event is in aid of the Mayor's chosen charity Make-A-Wish United Kingdom

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## NCVO - updates

Happy New Year. I hope 2016 is a good one for your organisation and your local sector, despite the challenges we're facing.

If you have a monthly or weekly bulletin that goes out to your local voluntary sector I'm hoping that you can highlight some new free resources.

We have rewritten or refreshed a great deal of the content on our KnowHow website relating to commissioning and contracting:

There's a new section on [commissioning](#). This covers all aspects of the commissioning cycle and contracting - from deciding whether or not to bid through to writing successful pre-qualification questionnaires and tenders, and monitoring and evaluating public service delivery. It also explains some of the technical aspects of commissioning in detail, for example the law covering TUPE.

We've updated the section on [cultural commissioning](#) with a wealth of information and [case studies](#) showing how public bodies can commission arts and culture to deliver health and wellbeing and other outcomes for communities.

And we've added a section explaining [social investment](#) and all the different finance products that are available to charities and social enterprises.

Over the coming weeks I will be writing blog posts highlighting specific content, and [my first post of 2016](#) is aimed at smaller organisations, and outlines some of the key things for voluntary organisations to be aware of when thinking about bidding for public service contracts.

Finally, related to this, NCVO is now an approved provider for [Big Potential \(breakthrough route\)](#) and [Big Potential \(advanced route\)](#). We can support you or your local members to raise a development grant that will build capability either to attract social investment or £1M+ contracts.

Thanks Lev

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## Development Workers Network

Do you work or volunteer in the community?

This meeting is for front line staff and volunteers from statutory services and the voluntary sector!

Next meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> March – 12.30 -2.30 (bring lunch)

@ The Rainbow Community Centre, Winnersh

This meeting will be a discussion as part of the consultation for libraries in Wokingham and their use going forwards so please come along!

Contact [rose.green@wokingham.gov](mailto:rose.green@wokingham.gov) to book

## ME2 Club

**Are you looking to get back into work after a career break but need to get some current experience on your CV before applying for jobs?**



Then why not join us as a committee member at the Me2 Club and help yourself whilst also helping a young person with additional needs?

The Me2 Club is a Wokingham based charity with the aim of providing young people with additional needs **with** a volunteer so that they can take part in main stream social and leisure activities.

We are looking for people **with** a few extra hours to spare each month with good communication, organisational and decisions making skills. We are an established local charity **with** many plans for the future, constant decisions to make, policies to **write**, people to **network with** etc and this is where your passion and energy can make a difference.

You will be valued, gain confidence, be able to dust off your existing skills whilst learning new ones and you will have the support of a friendly team of like minded people, all whilst making a difference to the lives of young people.

Having read this far and hopefully feeling that you have nothing to lose and all to gain, then give us a call on 01189 636963 or send us an email on [info@me2club.org.uk](mailto:info@me2club.org.uk).

We would love to hear from you.



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Useful dates in the Charity World Calendar;

[www.changestar.co.uk/app/uploads/2016/01/ChangeStar-whats-on-in-the-charity-world-2016.pdf](http://www.changestar.co.uk/app/uploads/2016/01/ChangeStar-whats-on-in-the-charity-world-2016.pdf)

Berkshire Community Foundation Sports Relief Community Cash

<http://www.berkshirecf.org/grants/sport-relief-community-cash-2016/>

## Open Gym Session – for mental wellbeing



### Open Gym Session for Mental Wellbeing

The Gym can be a great place to be! The gym is popular because many people love working out in their own time, set personal targets and watch fitness goals be reached! So come and drop in our **FREE** open gym sessions and join in. Designed for people with mental health conditions to enhance mental wellbeing.

Health and Wellbeing Zone, Loddon Valley Leisure Centre, Rushey Way, RG6 4GD

**Starting** 12th January. Every Tuesday 2-3pm.

For more information please contact Stephen Orwin on [stephen.orwin@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.orwin@wokingham.gov.uk) or call (0118) 974 6962 or 07710 117 680.



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The staff at involve have just received a fabulous, fun training session by Martin Starkey to assist us in presenting effectively, manage the nerves and engage the audience!



2016 is an exciting year for Parenting Special Children because it marks our 10th Anniversary. To celebrate this milestone we are planning a series of events and fundraising activities, culminating with a black tie ball in November. If you want to be involved and help celebrate by organising your own a fundraising event, please contact the office. Events could include anything from a cake sale, quiz night or pamper evening to a sponsored walk, head shave or car boot sale.

The Arcade Building, 11 Glebe Road  
 Reading, Berkshire. RG2 7AG  
 0118 9863532

[admin@parentingspecialchildren.co.uk](mailto:admin@parentingspecialchildren.co.uk)

**Are you ready to support your child to prepare for school?**

**Do you struggle with maths and numbers?**

**Do you want to support your child with their maths development but need some support yourself?**

**If Yes ..... Come and try our bite-sized maths course and increase your confidence with numbers**

Places are limited, book your space at:

**Red Kite Children's Centre, Chestnut Crescent, Shinfield, RG2 9EJ**

**[www.wokingham.gov.uk/family/centres](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/family/centres)**

**0118 908 8181**

**Mon 22nd Feb—21st Mar 2016**

**9.30-11.30am (weekly attendance is required)**



**WOKINGHAM  
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**Course held at: Alexandra Place, South Lake  
Crescent, Woodley RG5 3DW**

# **Introduction to Henna Painting**

**Come along for 4 weeks to learn the art of Henna  
Painting**

**Thursday evenings**

**4th, 11th, 25th Feb. and 3rd March 2016  
18:30-20:30**



You may be entitled to enrol on this course for a fee of  
£4.00. Please call or drop in for more details.

Interested? Then please telephone **Ashwani Gupta** on  
**07825.195503** to book a place.

Working in partnership for Wokingham Borough residents.

# February Soccer School



**Venue:**

ACADEMY TRAINING CENTRE (DOME)

Madejski Stadium, Reading RG2 0FL

**Date:** 15<sup>TH</sup> & 16<sup>TH</sup> OR 15<sup>TH</sup> TO 19<sup>TH</sup> Feb 2016

**Number of days:** 2 DAYS or 5 DAYS

**Age:**                      **Time:**                      **Price:**

6-14 yrs 9AM TO 3PM    £62 for 5 days (£18 individual days), £42 for 2 days,

**Venue:**

THE GOALS CENTRE,

Woodley RG5 3EU

Woodlands Avenue,

**Date: Number of days:** 5 DAYS 15<sup>TH</sup> TO 19<sup>TH</sup> Feb 2016

**Age:**                      **Time:**                      **Price:**

6-14 yrs                      10AM TO 3PM    £60 FOR THE 5 DAYS (£18 individual days),

**Venue:**

THE GOALS CENTRE,

Woodley RG5 3EU

Woodlands Avenue,

**Date: Number of days:** 2 DAYS

**Age:**                      **Time:**                      **Price:**

6-14 yrs                      10AM TO 3PM    £30.00 for 2 days, £18 per individual days

**Venue:**

GOALKEEPERS @ GOALS

Woodlands Avenue, Woodley RG5 3EU

The Goals Centre,

**Date: Number of days:** 2 DAYS 17<sup>TH</sup> & 18<sup>TH</sup> Feb 2016

**Age:**                      **Time:**                      **Price:**

6-14 yrs                      10AM TO 3PM    £30.00 for 2 days - £18 per individual days

**Venue:**

HENWICK PLAYING FIELDS ,

Henwick Lane, Thatcham RG18 3BN

**Date: Number of days:** 5 DAYS 15<sup>th</sup> to 19th Feb 2016

**Age:**                      **Time:**                      **Price:**

6-14 yrs                      10AM TO 3PM    £60.00 for 5 days - £18 per individual days

To book contact 01128 968 1460 / 1480 and book/pay with card



## Changing Place Toilet Facility



We would like to let you know about the Changing Place toilet facility in Wokingham town centre. A Changing Place is a fully accessible toilet and personal care facility for people with disabilities and complex health needs and includes an adult sized changing table and hoist. Standard disabled toilets do not meet the needs of all people with disabilities or their carers which might mean they aren't able to leave their homes for long periods of time. The Changing Place facility allows these people to be more independent and take part in their community. You can read more about the importance of Changing Places and the impact they have on people's lives, here: [http://www.changing-places.org/the\\_campaign/why\\_are\\_changing\\_places\\_toilets\\_important.aspx](http://www.changing-places.org/the_campaign/why_are_changing_places_toilets_important.aspx)

The Changing Place in Wokingham town centre (located underneath the Elms multi-storey car park, opposite the Brown Bag café in Alexandra Place) has been open since 2013, and is accessed by joining a membership scheme. However take up to the scheme has been disappointingly low; we do not think this reflects the level of need in the borough.

## Involve Training

### Health and Safety Level 1

£20 (£25 for non-Wokingham organisations)

Thursday 11 February 2016

09.30 to 13.00

The Oakwood Centre, Headley Road, Woodley, Reading, RG5 4JZ

Making candidates aware of key health & safety issues and the part that they should play in keeping themselves and others safe in the workplace.

### Communication Skills Training

£20 (£25 for non-Wokingham organisations)

Thursday 3 March 2016

13.30 to 16.30

The Oakwood Centre, Headley Road, Woodley, Reading, RG5 4JZ

This is a 3hr workshop looking at how to change simple habits we all have in our communication.

This will include looking at questioning skills, listening skills and positive vocabulary.

### Food Safety Level 1

£20 (£25 for non-Wokingham organisations)

Thursday 3 March 2016

09.30 to 13.00

The Oakwood Centre, Headley Road, Woodley, Reading, RG5 4JZ

This qualification has been developed to raise awareness of food safety issues and to provide employees with an introduction to food hygiene.

To book contact [claire.page@involve.community](mailto:claire.page@involve.community) or call 01344 304404





# Green Action Trainees

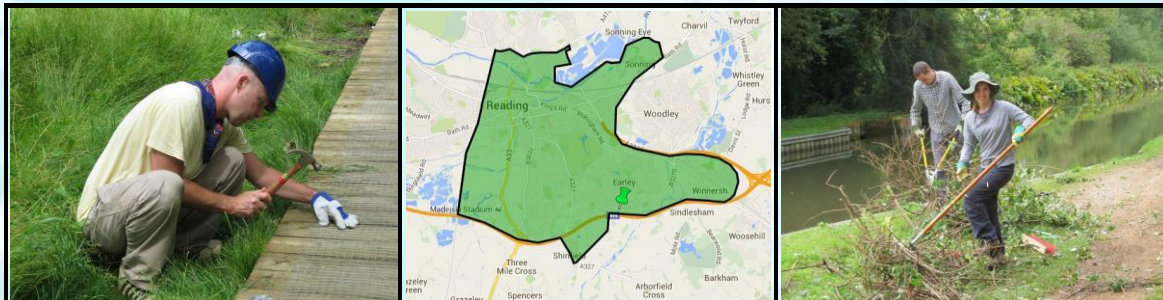
Being a Green Action Trainee is a fantastic way to learn new skills, develop a knowledge base and undertake training. You will also meet new people, feel valued, have fun and get active.

The Conservation Volunteers is looking for two trainees to join our small team based in central Reading. These voluntary positions will support us in delivering a range of community and biodiversity focused projects in and around Reading.



**The trainees** will need to be available for at least 3 days a week and be able to get to the Reading International Solidarity Centre, a two minute walk from the Oracle Shopping Centre. To be considered for these roles you need to live in the area on the map below, be over 21 and have held a driving licence for over two years. You do not need to have any prior experience but do need to be enthusiastic, willing to interact with the team, comfortable working in all weathers and have excellent time keeping and basic computer skills.

The application deadline is 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016. To apply or for more information email or call us using the details below.



For more details:

<http://www.tcv.org.uk/southeast/news>

or email: [volunteer-reading@tcv.org.uk](mailto:volunteer-reading@tcv.org.uk)

or ring us on: 0118 956 8959

The Earley Charity



*by hook or by crook*

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) is seeking views on its plans for the next five years as it develops its approach to regulation.

CQC has changed the way it works over the past three years and in its consultation document *Shaping the future*, published today, it sets out a vision for the future regulation of health and social care.

The way health and social care is delivered has changed and is continuing to change, with increasing numbers of acute NHS trusts providing social care, more GP federations, and technology playing a greater role in the way services are delivered - coupled with the demographic challenge of increasing numbers of older people with needs that will be met by more than one service. In this consultation document, CQC sets out proposals that respond to these new ways of working.

CQC is also asking for views on its proposed approach to using data, which will support a risk-based approach to regulation. In turn, this will support a more targeted and tailored inspection programme that allows CQC to inspect services rated good and outstanding less frequently and to lend greater support to those performing less well.

Feedback from the consultation paper published last October indicated broad support for CQC's regulatory approach. Respondents said CQC should focus on areas such as working better with its partners and ensuring it stays on the side of the public and people who use services.

For more information see the attached letter from CQC's chairman and our chief executive.

The consultation is open until 14 March. CQC will formally respond to the feedback provided when it publishes its strategy in May this year.

- A link to the consultation document *Shaping the future* can be found [here](#).
- You can respond to the consultation through our [web form](#) or by email [strategyconsultation@cqc.org.uk](mailto:strategyconsultation@cqc.org.uk).

You can also tweet us your thoughts at #cqcstrategy.

Lunchtime Concert programme for 2016.

Location: Main Hall, Town Hall, Wokingham

Time: 12-1pm      Entry: Free

Refreshments included.  
Donations in aid of the  
Town Mayor's charity **Macmillan Cancer Support** welcome

No booking required

***2016 Programme***

**4th February  
Acorn Singers**

**17th March  
Cameo Singers**

**5th May  
Cameo Consort**

**10th December  
Christmas Sing-a-long**

For further information about these and other events in Wokingham, please visit

[www.whatsoninwokingham.co.uk](http://www.whatsoninwokingham.co.uk)

**Wokingham In Need (WIN)**

Raising funds for local causes

**Quiz Night on Sat 6th at Kings Place, Wokingham**

Only £5 a ticket, bring your own drinks and food.

For details and to book contact [wokinghaminneed@gmail.com](mailto:wokinghaminneed@gmail.com)

## Message from NHS Berkshire Health Network

Every three months, each of the four Berkshire West CCGs holds a governing body meeting in public, where developments in the local NHS are discussed.

The next meetings are listed below; to attend, please click the date link and register your details on the Eventbrite page.

- Newbury and District CCG [Thursday 11 February 2016](#), from 2-5pm
- North and West Reading CCG [Tuesday 16 February 2016](#), from 1:30 – 4:30pm
  - Wokingham CCG [Tuesday 1 March 2016](#), from 1:30 – 4:30pm
- South Reading CCG [Wednesday 2 March 2016](#), from 9:30am -12:30pm

If you know someone else who would like to come along, do pass these details on to them. The meeting agenda and papers will be published on each CCG's website, five days working days before the meeting. If you would like to ask a question about something on the agenda, to be answered at the meeting, please email your question to [ppiteam.berkshirewest@nhs.net](mailto:ppiteam.berkshirewest@nhs.net) or write to PPI Team, 1st floor, 57-59 Bath Road, Reading, RG30 2BA.

If you would like to come to the meeting or submit a question, we'd like to hear from you by noon the day before the meeting.

### Is your charity or organisation based in Wokingham Borough? Do you desperately need help with gardening or painting to help improve the lives of the clients you support? Could you benefit from a team of volunteers for a day?

These days, Corporate Social Responsibility is becoming an increasingly important part of daily life for companies and businesses. The Wokingham Volunteer Centre runs a scheme that links and businesses to do this, by combining a team building exercise with a chance to give something back to the local community. It provides an invaluable resource to the charities they help and the teams find it an extremely rewarding experience.

Projects over the past few years have involved; creating a new pond area for a centre that provides day relief for people with MS, painting for a charity shop in Wokingham, gardening for a cancer charity in Wokingham, creating a learning garden for a school in Wokingham, painting and gardening for a lunch club that supports the elderly and fixing and painting fences for sheltered accommodation in Wokingham.

However big or small the task you have, it may be perfect for a group of local employees. I have a couple of organisations currently looking for a task!

**Please contact Helena Badger at the Wokingham Volunteer Centre on 0118 977 0749 or email [volunteer@wok-vol.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@wok-vol.org.uk)**



**Message sent by**  
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## **No Cold Calling Zones – Update**

*Last January we started working with Trading Standards to set up No Cold Calling Zones in the Wokingham Borough area. We hoped to initially set up 10 schemes and we are very happy to say that to date we have set up 81 schemes plus 17 schemes pending including a fantastic scheme set up in Sonning Village with 652 premises.*

**Why set up NCCZ:** *We always advise residents never to engage with people selling goods or services on the doorstep. Also from time to time we send out messages about particular sellers involved in doorstep trading and who to look out for and types of business they may be running. Currently we are aware of Roofing|Property Maintenance|Driveway companies who may do doorstep selling and/or a leaflet drop. Some companies have been operating in the Bracknell and West Berks area and if you have any information on these traders please let us know details.*

**What next:** *Obviously there are still many roads in the Wokingham Borough area who may not have heard of the No Cold Calling Scheme or maybe 2016 is the right time for your road to be a NCCZ. I have attached the information sheet on what to do and how to start this process off (you can just email me to get the process under way: [christine.seal@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:christine.seal@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)) I have also attached a sheet of the roads now in the scheme.*

*Any queries or questions please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Gary Williams from Trading Standards [GJaques-Williams@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:GJaques-Williams@westberks.gov.uk)*

Thank you - Christine

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TVPCC would like to invite you to 'Restorative Justice (RJ) for All – Making it Happen' to be held on **9<sup>th</sup> March 2016** at The Clare Charity Centre, Wycombe Road, Saunderton, Buckinghamshire, HP14 4BF - an event for third and statutory sector staff involved in public services and/or support work, particularly those who may come across clients who have experienced victimisation and might benefit from restorative justice (RJ). We welcome those with little prior knowledge of RJ to this event to help build knowledge and understanding.

This is a free event, with refreshments provided, running from **10am – 2:30/3pm** which will outline a new restorative justice service, launched this autumn, to provide victim-initiated and pre-sentence RJ to victims across the Thames Valley. The new service, delivered by Thames Valley Partnership's Restorative Justice Team (TVRJS) is funded by The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Thames Valley.

The availability of RJ services to all victims, especially those who are vulnerable and excluded, is vital and this event will equip key stakeholders and frontline colleagues with the information and practical guidelines to be an effective channel in this process, and provide victims with fully informed options.

We will have the opportunity to:

- *Learn in detail how the new service works, Look at eligibility criteria and the referral process itself, Hear directly from both referrers and victim ambassadors on their personal experiences, Consider how you can help promote this service, making it readily accessible to all those who may benefit, Through breakout sessions, network and strengthen relationships with other agencies in your locality to offer more effective support to victims*

This is very much a collaborative event and I would be delighted if you could join us - if you would like to attend please confirm using the attached Reply Form to [bron@thamesvalleypartnership.org.uk](mailto:bron@thamesvalleypartnership.org.uk) as soon as possible (and no later than 22 February please). Please note that spaces will be limited, and we will not be able to guarantee a space until nearer the event but we will endeavour to accommodate all requests. Full details will be issued to confirmed delegates nearer the time.

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