

Community Wellbeing



Welcome to your Community Wellbeing update from the team:
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1.

As some of our seasonal and term-time services draw to a close we are focusing more of our time on supporting our communities throughout the Winter. We will be hosting lots of different exciting Christmas events at The Hive throughout December as well as processing applications to the Household Support Fund - available to families and individuals until 31st March 2022. We are also working closely with Father Christmas' workshop (aka Guildford High School) to support our families with Christmas presents again this year, we will be out delivering on official Christmas business later this month!



"It gave my little ones a chance to play with different toys to the ones at home and 'explore' the play area. They used their imaginations to dress up as different characters. They could safely jump in and out of the ball pit, landing on the thick mats. I felt quite relaxed knowing all the toys and room set up are safe for young children. They also loved sitting at chairs and tables designed for their height"



2. The Hive



Coffee Shop

Our community coffee shop, The Honeypot, is the heart of our community hub. With lots of delicious sweet and savory treats this is the perfect space to meet family and friends in your local community. If you are a registered carer, ask about our discount scheme!

Opening times:

Mon-Thurs: 9AM - 4PM
Friday's: 9AM - 3.30M

Playzone

The Playzone at The Hive is free to use with lots of exciting toys, activities & fancy dress.

To keep everyone safe we are currently taking bookings to use the space.
Book a slot by calling 01483 458055.

Mon-Thurs: 9-10AM / 11AM-12PM / 1-2PM / 3-4PM
Friday's: 9-10AM / 10.45-11.45AM / 12.30-1.30PM / 2.15-3.15PM

Activity Hub

Join us at The Hive's arts and crafts events. We run bi-weekly drop-in sessions all on a pay-as-you-feel-basis. All ages and abilities are welcome!

New - Upcoming dates:

- Christmas Bonanza!
17th December
10am-12pm
- Panto Dame's Big Day out 20th
December 10.30am - 12pm

Community Fridge

Our Community Fridge reduces food waste in the borough and celebrates the sharing of quality food in and for the community.
Take - Share - Thrive

Guildford Community Fridge is free to use and is open to everyone Monday - Friday 10AM-3PM. We are now open until 5PM on Thursdays!

We work in partnership with Aldi, Waitrose, Lidl, Sainsburys, M&S and Cheesemans



3. Panto Dame's Big Day Out!



Panto Dame's Big Day Out

AT THE HIVE



Dame Sally Cook will be visiting
The Hive on Monday 20
December between 10:30am-
12pm. There will be games,
prizes and lots of fun!

To be apart of Dame Sally Cook's visit, just turn up on
the day! This is a FREE event and no need to book!

 The Hive, Park Barn Centre, GU2 8EN



For more information:

01483 - 444150

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4. Park Barn Youth Café



PARK BARN YOUTH CAFE **DROP**in

The Youth Café's steering group have been working on a new discount card design for The Honey Pot Café at The Hive. This discount card will be issued to any young person who visits the Youth Café to use during the session, or on visits outside sessions, on food and drink!

We will run all the way up until the end of term, with the last Youth Café running on 9th December 2021 and re-opening in the New Year on 13th January 2022.



Who can come along?

Young people in school years
7-11

When is it?

Every Thursday during term-time
between 4-5.30PM

What is it?

A space in the community for young people to relax and hang-out, full of the activities of your choice!

How do I join?

Just come along on a Thursday!

How can I have my say on what is available at the Youth Café?

Join the young person's steering group who meet at the Café half an hour before sessions begin.

We have been working with local artist, Paul, creating art on the coffee shop walls during Youth Café!

Park Barn Youth Café Drop-in at The Hive, Park Barn Drive, Park Barn GU2 9UH

OPEN THURSDAYS BETWEEN 4-5.30PM



5. Recipe from Guildford Community Fridge



What you'll need:

- 200g/7oz self-raising flour, sifted
- 100g/3½oz golden caster sugar
- 100ml/3½fl oz sunflower oil
- 75ml/2½fl oz milk
- 1 large free-range egg
- 50g/1¾oz good quality dark chocolate, chopped
- 1 heaped tbsp high quality mincemeat
- 50g/1¾oz good quality white chocolate, chopped
- 50g/1¾oz dried (or fresh) cranberries



STEP 1 - Preheat the oven to 190C/375F/Gas 5 and put 24 mini-muffin cases inside a mini-muffin tin.

STEP 2 - Mix the flour and sugar in a bowl, then make a well in the center. Whisk together the oil, milk and egg and slowly pour into the bowl, stirring gently. Divide this mixture between two bowls. In one bowl add the dark chocolate and mincemeat.

STEP 3 - Add the white chocolate and cranberries to the other bowl. Stir very gently.

Step 4 - Divide the two mixtures among the 24 muffin cases and bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown and risen.

Step 5 - Remove the muffins to a wire rack and eat warm.

*Guildford Community Fridge is now open LATER weekly on Thursdays until 5pm! Find us at The Hive, Park Barn Drive, GU2 8EN



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Community Fridge



6. Carers Rights Day at The Hive



We celebrated Carers Rights Day 2021 at The Hive with a Carer's Fair, full of lots of different organisations working together to ensure carers, new or long standing, have the support they need and are entitled to. Alongside Action for Carers we believe that it's important that you understand your rights and are able to access the support that is available to you as soon as you need it! It was fantastic to see so many faces come along!



7. Thrive at The Hive



 The Hive (Park Barn Centre), Park Barn Drive, Park Barn, GU2 8EN

Thrive at The Hive provides spaces in the community for Guildford borough residents to access great quality essential items. This service is available to anyone looking to help reduce waste in the borough or if you need support sourcing everyday items. We stock clothing from new-born to seniors, kitchen and homeware, shoes for all sizes, toys, children's books and some essential larger items such as buggies. Everything is donated to us by the community, and we ensure the quality and cleanliness is of an extremely high standard. Everything at Thrive at The Hive is available on a pay-as-you-feel basis, meaning you can give as much or as little as you like for your items - all money donations go back into our community projects. You can visit us at Thrive at The Hive by appointment or drop-in between 9am-3pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you can't get to us, we can create and deliver a bundle to your home address, bespoke to your needs. We also take Thrive at The Hive on the road and 'pop-up' across the borough, so look out for where we are next!

Donations

To donate items for Thrive at The Hive you must make an appointment. We have certain timeframes when we are closed to donations and when we are accepting donations, we will only accept items from our low-stock list (below).

Please do not drop-off donations without an appointment or include any items that are not required.

Book an appointment!

We are currently taking bookings for visits to Thrive at The Hive weekly on Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10am-3pm. If these days are not suitable to you, drop-in on another weekday and we will try to accommodate your visit.

Request a bundle!

If you can't get to us but need items, request a bundle and we will deliver it to your home. We will need to know your address, items needed and any relevant sizing or age categories.

New! Volunteering

We have NEW volunteering opportunities at Thrive at The Hive. We are looking for people to work with us to support this project. If you are interested in volunteering in and for your community, please get in touch via the contact details below.

Donations required:

Gardening tools: wheelbarrow, large loppers, gardening gloves

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Update: We are currently CLOSED to any clothing, homeware, or kitchen items. Please bear with us as we process stock. Thank you to everyone who has donated.

To book an appointment for a visit, donation drop-off or request a bundle, please contact us on the below:

Community.wellbeing@guildford.gov.uk

01483 444150



8. Thrive at The Hive – On the Road!



Our next pop-up event will be at Victoria Hall in Ash 03 December 3-6PM



Bellfields

We popped up at Hazel Avenue's Homestart Group this November. We connected with a group of mums and toddlers who hadn't heard of us before and it was encouraging to see how much they enjoyed using this service. Many from the group requested bundles and booked future visits with us at The Hive! It's always positive engaging with new families in our communities.



Onslow

We bought THAT to one of our sheltered accommodation units, Dray Court, this past month. The residents were keen to get involved, asking lots of questions and loved the theme of sustainability at the core of this project. It is so important to us to support our elderly clients with essential items so we were pleased to see this community make the most of our adult clothing and homeware samples!



Westborough

We were at THAT headquarters, The Hive, over one weekend in November when we supported the Carers Fair with a special Saturday open day. We were able to support carers access essential items for themselves and for the people that they are caring for. This was a great opportunity for carers and organisations supporting carers find out how they can access important items in the future!



9. Playrangers



The days have got shorter and darker and with it comes the Playranger Winter Break...



Playrangers has now stopped for the winter. Thank you to all of you who attended over the course of the term. We hope you had a fun, playful time and the team want to wish you a very festive season! At the end of this term we say goodbye to Joey, our regular Playranger, who is sadly leaving us to pursue other opportunities - we will all miss Joey and wish her the best in the future! Thank you for all your hard work for the young people across the Borough! The Playrangers will be back in the New Year!



10. Crowdfund Guildford



Cash for local projects - find out more

Back in November, we launched Crowdfund Guildford - our new community crowdfunding platform just for Guildford borough. It gives you the opportunity to pitch your idea, big or small. As well as raising funds from the crowd, you can tap into the thousands available for funding from our partners on Spacehive. Simply upload your project idea and we'll match you to all relevant funds. Easy. Find out how to get money for your project by joining our hour-long online workshop on 12 January 6-7pm. Book your free place - visit

www.spacehive.com/movement/guildford



11. Household Support Fund

Click here to find out how to apply → [Household support fund - Guildford Borough Council](#)

Please contact community.wellbeing@guildford.gov.uk if you need help applying



HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

Guildford Borough Council has been given funding to support households most in need of food and energy provisions this winter as the economy recovers.

This support fund is aimed at those who are struggling with their food shopping and energy bills. This funding is for families and people living alone

If you would like to apply for this fund, or know of a household that may benefit from this, please fill in the application form found www.guildford.gov.uk/householdfund and send to the Community Wellbeing Team at:

community.wellbeing@guildford.gov.uk

The Household Support Fund has been funded by the Department of Work and Pensions

 



12. Spotlight Ward



This month we are looking at the wonderful community in Friary and St Nicholas!

Community Wellbeing in Friary and St Nicholas

In November, the Community Wellbeing Team, held our winter Grassroots Network lunch at St Nicolas Community Centre, where organisations, agencies, volunteers and partners all came together to share their ideas, projects and initiatives. Wonderful to listen to [Reconnections Guildford and Waverley's](#) presentation and learn more about [Guildford Borough Council's](#) new Crowdfunding platform.



Little GURCKins - Baby and Toddler Group

Meets weekly on Monday's between 10-11.30AM at
Guildford United Reform Church

For booking and more information please email Liam at childrenfamsworker@gmail.com or visit the website →
[Little GURCKins - Baby & Toddler Group - Guildford United Reformed Church \(guildfordurc.org.uk\)](http://Little GURCKins - Baby & Toddler Group - Guildford United Reformed Church (guildfordurc.org.uk))

Youth Hideaway at The Hideaway Café

Tues-Thurs 3:30-5:30 - Y7-13's

This Youth Café is in Guildford Town Centre at The Hideaway Café, Allen House Pavilion, Guildford, GU1 4AZ

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[@thehideaway.cafe](http://thehideaway.cafe)

Your Friary and St Nicholas Councillors



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Friary House – Community Garden



Tracy and Jo caught up with the residents at Friary House this week, who we have been supporting with their greening podium project! Their growing space was thriving and looked glorious in the November sunshine, with such a clear and beautiful view of the Guildford cathedral. Gardening is such a great activity to improve your wellbeing and come together with those in your immediate community.



14. Community Information



Come and visit us at our base!

The Hive (previously the Park Barn Centre), Park Barn Drive, Guildford GU2 8EN

It's now easier than ever to find us! Just follow the signs to Community Wellbeing. We have plenty of parking and are on main bus routes if you are coming on the bus



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Follow us on social media!



@GBCCCommunityWellbeing

For general enquiries about the community, resident engagement, booking Thrive at The Hive, how to access our services or have an idea for a project where you live - get in touch!



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Find your Local Councillor

Borough Councillors are elected by the community to decide how the Council should carry out its various activities. They represent the public interest as well as individuals living within the ward in which he or she has been elected to serve a term of office.

[Find Councillor - Guildford Borough Council](#)