

Community Wellbeing



Welcome to your Community Wellbeing update from the team:

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1. Team Update

September went by in a flash and October is here already, and with it Autumn has well and truly arrived. The past month saw us revive our space at Thrive at The Hive, welcome our communities and young people back to the Park Barn Youth Café, re-launch Playrangers after a long summer and celebrate Guildford's first Car Free Day event!



"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 savoury 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!

Upcoming dates:

- 8th September - Flower Arranging
- 23rd September - Pottery Painting
- 25th October - Tie Dyeing

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

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

Guildford Community Fridge is free to use and is open to everyone Monday - Friday 10AM-3PM



3. Where in the borough is Ben?



EXPLORE YOUR BOROUGH LIKE NEVER BEFORE

This month instead of visiting one place we have been all over the Guildford borough, celebrating the many amazing walks that have happened this September as part of the annual Guildford Walkfest.

Our team have been really pleased to support this event throughout September. There have been more than 50 free and well-attended walks led by experienced volunteers and members of local walking clubs & associations. These have been exploring many different places and themes. The walks are designed to be inclusive for all, with walks that suit most ages and abilities, including family and dog friendly walks.

[Home | Guildford Walkfest](#)



<https://www.guildfordwalkfest.co.uk/copy-of-2021-walks>



4. Park Barn Youth Café






PARK BARN
YOUTH CAFE DROPin



OPEN ON THURSDAYS

Starting 9th September
4:00 - 5:30 PM

FOR YEARS 7-11

The Hive,
Park Barn Drive
GU2 8EN
NEAR KINGS COLLEGE

Retro Gaming
Pool table
Table Tennis
Arts Stuff

What you need to know:
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 are looking for adults to get involved! Are you an 18+ Guildford resident looking for a volunteering opportunity or experience working with young people? Or, have skills you'd like to share? We'd love to hear from you, so get in touch at community.wellbeing@guildford.gov.uk



5. Recipe from Guildford Community Fridge



These spooky chocolate balls are great for decorating with the family!

Ingredients

100g / 4oz madeira cake (or any plain sponge)
100g Oreo cookie
100g bar milk chocolate, melted
200g bar white chocolate, melted
Smarties and icing pens, to decorate

Eerie Eyeball Pops



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You will also need: 10 wooden skewers and 1/2 small pumpkin or butternut squash, deseeded, to stand pops in!

Method

Step 1 - Break the Madeira cake and cookies into the bowl or a food processor, pour in the melted milk chocolate and whizz to combine.

Step 2 - Tip the mixture into a bowl, then use your hands to roll into about 10 walnut-sized balls. Chill for 2 hours until firm.

Step 3 - Push skewer into each ball, then carefully spoon the white chocolate over the cake balls to completely cover. Stand the cake pops in the pumpkin, then press a Smartie onto the surface while wet. Chill again until the chocolate has set. Before serving, using the icing pens, add a pupil to each Smartie and wiggly red veins to the eyeballs!



6. Lakeside Fun Day



Our annual celebration of Lakeside Nature reserve is back!



**LAKESSIDE
FUN DAY!**

CELEBRATE LAKESIDE NATURE RESERVE WITH US.
THERE ARE LOTS OF FUN OUTDOOR-BASED ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FAMILY INCLUDING:

- A NATURE TRAIL AND BINGO AROUND THE LAKE
- PLAYRANGERS WITH OUTDOOR PLAY ACTIVITIES
- THRIVE AT THE HIVE
- FAIRGROUND GAMES
- ARTS AND CRAFTS

REFRESHMENTS & TOILET FACILITIES AVAILABLE / LIMITED
PARKING, PLEASE WALK WHERE POSSIBLE

THURSDAY 28 OCTOBER,
2021, 10AM-2PM
LAKESSIDE NATURE
RESERVE, LAKESSIDE
ROAD, ASH VALE

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One of our teams favourite community event is back this Halloween (Thursday 28th October) to celebrate Lakeside Nature Reserve, located in Ash Vale.

We will have a variety of family friendly activities that you can get stuck in with, with free access to all.

It's important to remember that this event is outside, so wrap up appropriately so you don't catch a chill!

For more information, please feel free to get in touch with us, via the contact details to the left.



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 residents to access great quality essential items. This service is available to anyone in 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 Wednesday's and Thursday's. 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.

Thrive at The Hive on the Road!

- 21st September 11.30AM-13.30PM - St Alban's Church, Woodstreet Village, GU3 3ES
- 28th October 10AM-2PM - Lakeside Nature Reserve, Ash Vale, GU12 5AA

Donations needed!

- Girls' clothing aged 8-14
- Ladies jeans size 20-22
- Gardening tools: wheelbarrow, waste bucket, secateurs, large loppers, gardening gloves

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

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8. Thrive at The Hive - New look!



Thrive at The Hive is back and better than ever before! We have been busy bees giving our shop a brand-new look which we hope all the community will love and enjoy. During the weeks we have been closed, we got crafty with our paint brushes and gave the shop a well needed lick of paint, which has made it vibrant and bright. We have also spent time readjusting the space to make it easier for residents to browse and see all the fantastic items we have to offer. Providing a warm and welcoming space for our residents, to access essential items, is so important to us, we strive to support you thrive by creating an experience that we can be proud of.



9. Playrangers



This October we'll be exploring the skills of archery and getting our spook on with Halloween activities!

The graphic features the word 'Playrangers' in a large, bubbly, light blue font with a dark blue outline. The letters are set against a background of a stylized landscape with green hills, a tree, and a sun. Below this, the words 'OCTOBER DATES' are written in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a blue outline. The background of the entire graphic is a purple and blue sky with clouds.

Week 1 + 3:
Tuesday 12th – Pirbright Village Green
Wednesday 13th – Park Barn Drive
Friday 1st + 15th – Hornhatch Green, Chilworth

Week 2:
Tuesday 5th + 19th – Coronation Gardens, Ash
Wednesday 6th + 20th – Bellfields Green

Are you looking for something FUN to do after school? Come and join the Playrangers for FREE outdoor play sessions, with something for everyone we are open for children of any school year!

There will be activities such as cooking on the fire pit, nature crafts, den building, water sliding, games and more! If you are under 8 years old you will need to bring a responsible adult with you.

Please remember, always wear appropriate clothes for outdoor messy play!



10. What's new at The Hive?



Period Dignity

We are proud to announce that we have teamed up with Surrey County Council and Binti to support their fantastic Period Dignity initiative.

Every woman should have access to sanitary products during their cycle - which is why here at The Hive we now have a space for you to collect products and donate products for others. You can find everything you need as you enter our lovely building.

The bin to the left is for taking items and the bin on the right is for donating, For more information on this initiative or find out the other locations in Surrey this is happening, visit surreycc.uk/perioddignity or email us at community.wellbeing@guildford.gov.uk

To find us:

The Hive, Park Barn Drive, Guildford GU2 8EN



Re-usable drinks cups!

Our coffee shop, The Honey Pot (located at The Hive) have launched a re-usable drinks cup range! These reusable coffee cups can be used over and over, reducing waste and helping keep the environment cleaner and healthier. Not only do these cups support your communities environment, the insulation keeps your hot drinks hotter and your cold drinks colder!

You can purchase one of these re-usable cups from our coffee shop for £4!





11. Car Free Day



The team have been recovering from the wonderfully busy Car Free Day event, held in Guildford town centre on 26th September. We were able to engage with lots of people about our services, gave items new homes from Thrive at The Hive, and even put on exciting Street Play!

Guildford Borough's first car-free day in over 20 years was a huge success. It was great to see the town buzzing with such a wide range of activities, from children playing in the street to the Rock Choir singing outside The Guildhall. It was also an excellent opportunity for environment awareness groups to get their important message across about helping to reduce Guildford's carbon emissions and tackling climate change, one of our key priorities as a council.





12. 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!



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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

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