School Green Centre Ribbon-Cutting and Grand Opening

It has been a busy time at the School Green Centre (SGC)! The new community facility was officially opened by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Reading in a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday 10th November. The name of the centre was chosen in a poll by local residents and reflects its location in the Parish.

On Saturday 20th November, we were pleased to open the doors of the new School Green Centre to everyone. The open day gave everyone a chance to look around and see for themselves the new resources that the centre offers the community. Attendees enjoyed a range of stalls from local businesses and community groups, whilst children had fun with crafting tables and a treasure hunt.







Spencers Wood Pavilion

The three rooms at the Spencers Wood Pavilion are available for hire, with several parties and regular meetings already booked in over the coming months, make sure to enquire soon if you wish to use any of the spaces! Now that the new School Green Centre has opened, the parish staff have moved out so there should be plenty of space available at the Pavilion. These three rooms, with the additional seven rooms at SGC, makes a grand total of ten rooms available in the parish.

Sports Strategy for the Parish

Millworth Lane is currently undergoing a tidy up and the Parish Council's Sports Strategy Working Party is working with specialists to create a sports strategy for the whole parish. The team is working to create a network of green, open, leisure and play spaces, fostering a greater sense of community, activity and wellbeing. This involves connecting our existing spaces with any future spaces, some of which will be handed over to the parish, while others will be run by the Borough Council.

New café, Robyn's Nest, launching at the Shinfield Community Centre

We are delighted to be setting up shop in Shinfield's new community centre, School Green Centre. You may already know us from our Robyn's Nest Café in Warfield, and as Robyn herself is a local Shinfield resident, we cannot wait to bring our offer to this exciting, brand-new community facility.

We will be putting on our usual spread of homemade cakes, great tasting coffee along with some café classics from the hot counter. Plus, we're a community first bunch and look forward to being your go-to meeting place for runners, cyclists, walkers and baby groups. We look forward to welcoming you, the Shinfield community, to Robyn's Nest.







SHINFIELD STUDIOS

Shinfield Studios Coming Soon

Shinfield Studios is an exciting new, state of the art film and television production Hub in development at Thames Valley Science Park. In March 2021, temporary planning permission was granted for the first four film stages and workshops which are due to be completed this Autumn.

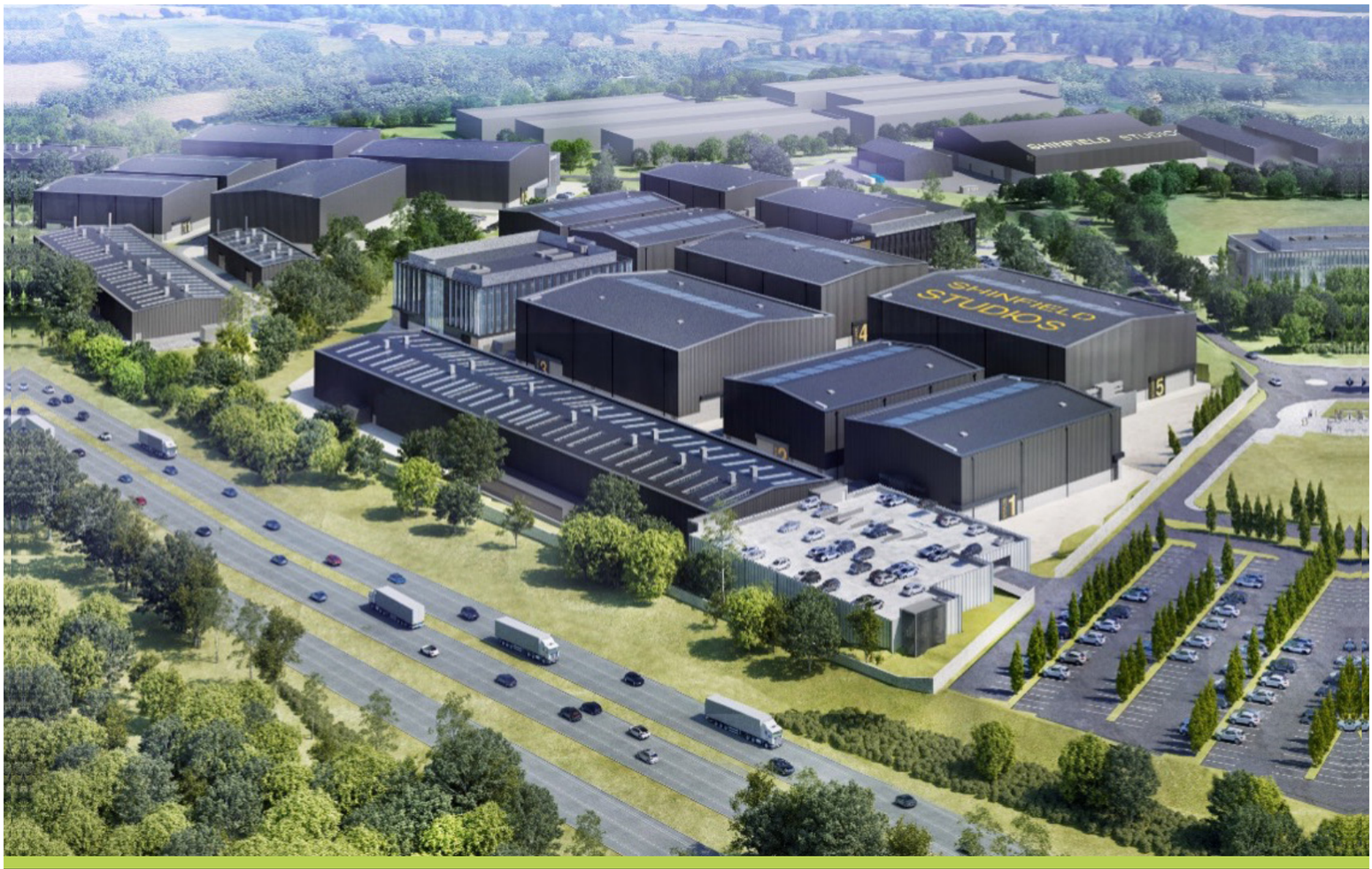
In May 2021, a full planning application was submitted to create the larger permanent Creative Media Hub. This main site, subject to planning, would be completed in phases and fully open by the end of 2023 on a scale to service the largest blockbuster productions. Building on the UK's global reputation for producing world class content, this new Hub will offer film and television producers 18 new purpose-built sound stages together with workshops, a contemporary office environment and post-production facility.

Shinfield Studios will create a substantial and diverse range of employment opportunities for Wokingham. Drawing in significant international inward investment, it will be a beacon for the creative industries, inspiring people to look to the future with careers in film and television production.

Working with the University of Reading, Wokingham Borough Council, and Shinfield Parish Council alongside many local stakeholders, the team at Shinfield Studios is excited by the opportunities this new Creative Media Hub will offer and will put Shinfield on the global film map.

The councillors and parish staff recently had the opportunity for a tour of the new studios and were hugely impressed by the size and scale of the development and the opportunities that this will bring to the area.

For more information and to contact us please visit our website at: https://www.shinfieldstudios.com/



Meeting with the Police Crime Commissioner

The Parish Council recently had a meeting with the newly elected Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Matthew Barber. PCC's are elected by the public to hold the Chief Constable and the force to account, making the police answerable to the communities they serve. The presentation was found to be very informative and has provided the Parish Council with a strategy to help reduce the speed limits within the parish. If you would like further information, please get in touch using the contact details at the end of this newsletter.

Planters

Following the success of the new flower planters on School Green, we are looking at a variety of winter plants and additional planters to brighten up the Parish landscape next season.

Allotments

Some of you may know, there is always work to do when you own an allotment. This is also true for the Parish Council. We needed to replace the old (and leaking!) pipework at the Millworth Lane allotments and, to become more sustainable, placed dip troughs both here and at Deardon allotments. We also installed standpipes to help you keep your hands and tools clean.

The annual agreements have been sent out to allotmenteers, so we hope you have a successful growing season next year!

Work is progressing on the Orchard Rise allotments which, once opened, means the parish will have over 280 allotments in total. We are dependent upon the developers of the Orchard Rise site to complete the work before they are handed over to us to run, so hopefully it won't be too long until we can open the gates.

Security Bollards

The wooden posts around our green spaces need replacing due to wear and tear. To keep up with the community's sustainability efforts, the new bollards are made from durable recycled plastic. Replacement works have been completed at Spencer Wood Recreation Ground and Three Mile Cross, where the bollards stop vehicles from parking on grassed areas. Next year the bollards on School Green will be replaced and we expect this to happen in Spring 2022.

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