

Shinfield Parish Council Newsletter

March 2025

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Shinfield Art Showcase 2025









The first ***Shinfield Art Showcase*** was a huge success!

We had 52 artists signed up and between them, we displayed **305** pieces of art in total. We used the Ryeish Green and Pound Green rooms which adjoin together, to make a large space perfect for an art exhibition.

48 pieces of art sold in total;

37 pieces raising £3668.00 for our local artists & parish public art fund.

11 pieces sold by David Cotton, Professional Artist who sat on our exhibition working party. David raised £575.00 for Alexander Devine Hospice.

Congratulations to all the artists involved, the feedback about your art was incredible.

Now for the thank you's!

Firstly, thank you to the artists, whom which we couldn't have done this without, were all amazing to work with and the quality of their work was outstanding.

Thank you to our community for attending and buying some artwork, this meant so much to the artists, especially those that this was their first exhibition.

Thank you to all those who contributed to the community 'fans of art' display - pictured.

Thank you to David Cotton for guiding and supporting us and Arts4Wokingham for your support and providing a free talk on public art - watch this space, some money was raised from this event to support public art in the parish fund.

Thank you to those who donated two pieces of art to Shinfield Parish Council, we will proudly display these in one of our buildings.

We are delighted and extremely proud to receive such amazing feedback from so many of you, we appreciate you taking the time to feedback, thank you - a few of examples below.

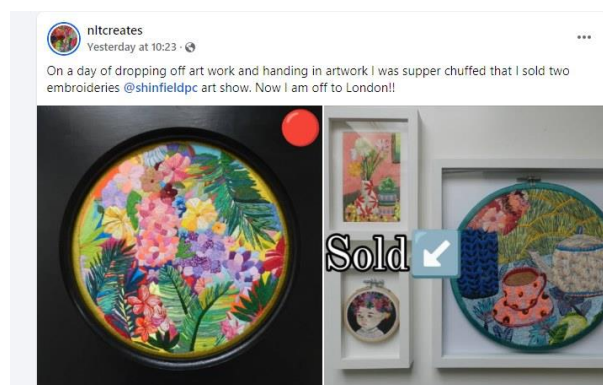


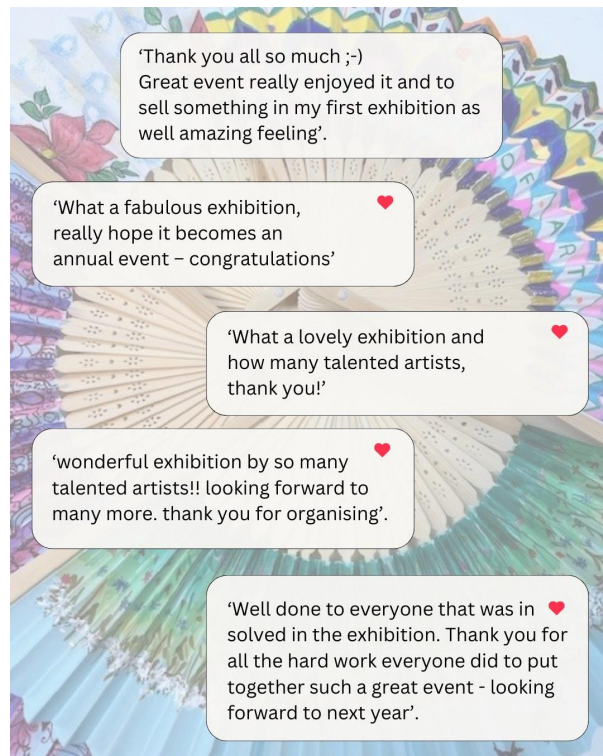
Community Fans of Art



David Cotton pictured with his art that was on sale to raise money for Alexander Devine Hospice.







Two paintings were donated to Shinfield Parish Council, thank you so much, we will be proud to hang them.





Shinfield Cinema Listings March 2025

SHINFIELD CINEMA

www.shinfieldparish.gov.uk/shinfield-cinema

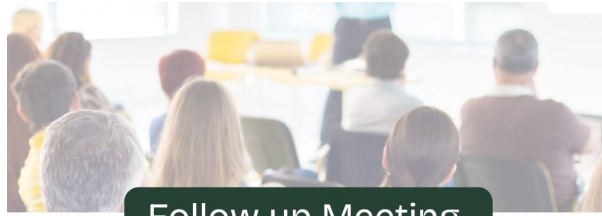
	4pm	7.30pm **mamma mia 8pm
14th March	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 1h39 After years of being sheltered from the human world, the Turtles set out to win the hearts of New Yorkers but they soon get in over their heads when an army of mutants is unleashed upon them.	Life of Pi (PG) 2h7 A young man who survives a disaster at sea is hurtled into an epic journey of adventure and discovery. While cast away, he forms an unexpected connection with another survivor: a fearsome Bengal tiger.
21st March	Wish (U) 1h35 A young girl wishes on a star and gets a more direct answer than she bargained for when a trouble-making star comes down from the sky to join her.	The Guard (18) 1h36 An unorthodox Irish policeman with a confrontational personality is partnered with an uptight F.B.I. agent to investigate an international drug-smuggling ring.
28th March	Moana 2 (PG) 1Hr40 After receiving an unexpected call from her wayfinding ancestors, Moana must journey to the far seas of Oceania and into dangerous, long-lost waters for an adventure unlike anything she's ever faced.	Mamma Mia (12) 1hr48 An independent hotelier is preparing for her daughter's wedding with the help of two old friends. Meanwhile Sophie, the spirited bride, has a plan. <i>(Includes a free glass of prosecco or soft drink)</i>

Book your tickets here

Join our cinema group on Facebook
'Shinfield Cinema'

****Mamma Mia tickets include a glass of prosecco or a soft drink**

Oakbank School



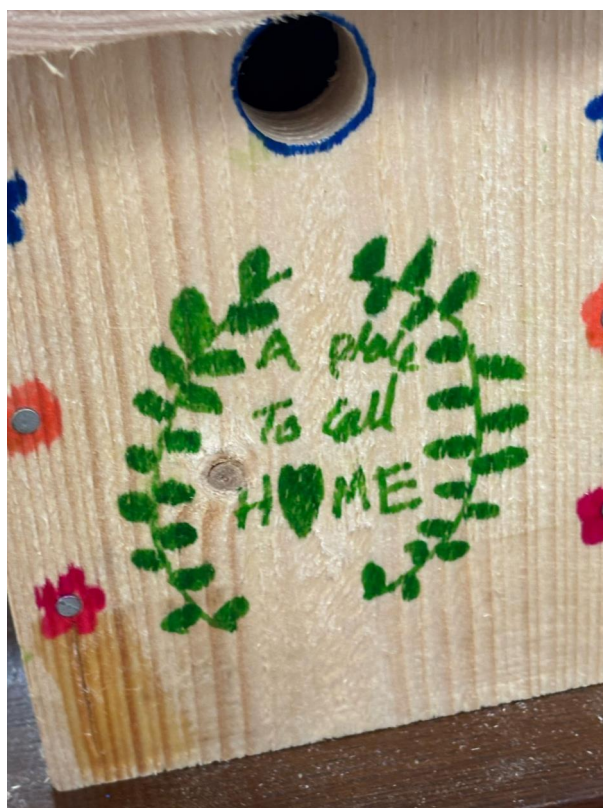
**Follow up Meeting
on Oakbank School
28th March 2025 at 6pm**

School Green Centre,
School Green,
Shinfield,
RG2 9EH



The follow up meeting is slightly later than planned but we wanted to make sure all the key members were able to attend.

The Hangout @ Shinfield (youth club) visit to the Eco Skills Centre
making bird boxes 26.02.25



Rachel, Youth Club Leader

'The Wonderful Billie from [Spencer's Wood Repair Cafe](#) invited us to make our very own bird boxes from scratch in preparation for the coming of spring! They invited us to be their very first users of the Eco Skills Learning Centre!! They can accommodate a maximum of 30 children. The children worked in pairs and made a birdbox together, then decorated their boxes. They were able to take one each home'.

'Wow what a brilliant time the kids had at the Eco Skills Centre last night! Huge thanks to Nicky for organising! Becca and Beth for supporting all the kids last night. It was definitely a hit! Watch this space for our next trip there because we will most definitely be going back!'

For more information on this amazing Youth Club, visit [Youth Club - Shinfield Parish Council](#)

Community Annual Litter Pick - Easter 2025



SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL COMMUNITY LITTER PICK 2025

Join us for our annual community litter pick!
Help make our community a cleaner, greener place by volunteering to pick up litter - equipment provided. **#prideinourparish**

 **16.04.2025**
AT 10:00 AM

 **ADOPT A STREET**
Shinfield Parish Council

 **Shinfield**
Parish Council

Laurels Plant Centre reopens for Spring 2025



**Open Saturday 8th
March 10:00 - 4:30**

Open 7 days a week 10am – 16:30pm for spring & summer bedding, tree's & shrubs

Family owned and run Nursery since 1972 – We grow the majority of our plants onsite, guaranteeing quality, and passing on savings to our customers.



- Mother's day pots & baskets from £9.95.
- Polyanthus, Primroses, Pansy, Viola, Wallflowers, Spring bulbs.
- Herbaceous perennials.
- Ornamental trees, fruit trees, acers & shrubs.
- Hanging basket re-fill service - bring your old summer baskets or pots in for us to replant for you (baskets available for collection from 1st June).

Laurels Plant Centre, 29 Hyde End Lane, Spencers Wood, Reading, RG7 1EP

Shinfield Garden Centre officially opens in March

The Shinfield Garden Centre (Prev Dobbies) official opening takes place over the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, March 1 and 2.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place at 10 am on Saturday, March 1, and the store will remain open until 6pm that day.

On Sunday, March 2, doors will be open from 10 am until 4.30pm.

For information visit: britishgardencentres.com

Shinfield Parish Council Job Vacancy



JOB VACANCY

Part-time Facilities Officer
Responsible for maintaining council assets & supporting the Facilities team



Visit www.shinfieldparish.gov.uk/job-opportunities/

The parish council is growing and we are taking on more community assets, to be able to manage these effectively, we need extra facilities support.

So we are recruiting a new Facilities Officer, part-time 27 hrs per week - *closing date for applications 14th March 2025*

[Click here for more information, job description, person spec and application form.](#)

Wokingham Borough Council plan consultation



Now is the chance to have your say on the strategies that will help shape our borough for the next five years 📝

What do you think is important? What goals should we have? Join in the conversation by taking the short survey 💬

Find out more ➡ <https://engage.wokingham.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/council-plan-2025-2030>

Forestry Commission - Invasive Spruce Bark Beetle Awareness

**Forestry Commission**

DO YOU OWN, MANAGE OR KNOW OF SPRUCE TREES IN YOUR LOCAL AREA?

If so, they could be at risk of infestation by the highly destructive tree pest *Ips typographus*.



Ips typographus



Spruce trees



Breeding gallery

Pests and diseases are a continual threat to the health of trees and woodlands. The eight-toothed spruce bark beetle (*Ips typographus*) is a serious pest of spruce trees, and we need your help to deal with it.

If this pest becomes established in England, it will have a major impact on our environment and wood-based industries. By actively managing woodlands, we can increase their resilience, protect them against future threats and prevent this and other pests from spreading further afield.



Windblown, snapped, stressed trees

BEAT THE TYPOGRAPHIC BEETLE

Recently windblown, snapped, stressed, dying and sawn trees are particularly susceptible to infestation. The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Forestry Commission encourage proactive management of spruce to remove or reduce the risk of beetle establishment. [Watch our video guide for more information.](#)

Ips typographus was first identified in Kent in 2018, with further outbreaks found in the South East in 2021, 2022, 2023 & 2024, also in 2024 breeding populations were found in East Anglia. An extensive surveillance programme is in place to locate and eradicate all *Ips typographus* establishments.

Control measures exist in the *Ips typographus* Demarcated Area (DMA) for spruce to be inspected and authorised before any forestry operations. If you are in the DMA you need to:

1. Monitor your spruce and remove stressed, dead and dying material wherever possible.
2. For any planting, movement, felling or other forest operations on spruce, all landowner or managers must seek authorisation from the Forestry Commission.
3. Report any suspect findings to TreeAlert.
4. Conduct swift destruction of any spruce timber that is left in situ, either by burning or chipping, especially in the *Ips typographus* flight season (April – September).

All Landowners or managers looking to stack timber in situ to season (dry out) must also seek authorisation first from the Forestry Commission before adopting any approach of timber stacking.

Guidance and information on support can be found on the GOV.UK *Ips typographus* webpage. Grants are available through the Tree Health Pilot scheme to manage or fell your spruce trees, restock your woodland and maintain your newly planted trees.

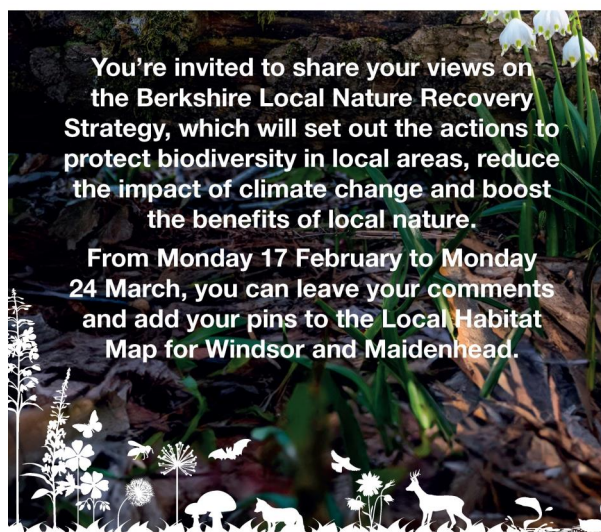
If you have any questions or would like to know more, please contact ips.t@forestrycommission.gov.uk:



Please submit any reports of susceptible spruce to TreeAlert using the QR code.

Launch of the Berkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Have your say on the Berkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy



You're invited to share your views on the Berkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy, which will set out the actions to protect biodiversity in local areas, reduce the impact of climate change and boost the benefits of local nature.

From Monday 17 February to Monday 24 March, you can leave your comments and add your pins to the Local Habitat Map for Windsor and Maidenhead.

Visit rbwmtogether.rbwm.gov.uk/berkshire-lhrs-public-consultation-page or scan the QR code.



Wokingham Borough Pharmacy Survey

We would like to hear how you access and use local pharmacy services

Wokingham Borough Council carries out a survey of pharmacy services in the area every three years, in order to understand what is working well and identify areas that need improvement. The results of the survey help us ensure that services meet the health needs of Wokingham Borough residents in the future.

*We would be very grateful if you can take five minutes to complete the confidential survey, and encourage your friends, family and colleagues to do it too. Your input and experiences are important. Visit <https://engage.wokingham.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/give-us-your-views-on-pharmacies-in-the-borough> to provide your input **before 9th March 2025**.*

Thames Valley Police launches antisocial behaviour campaign 'It's that antisocial'



Thames Valley Police (TVP) and Milton Keynes College have launched a campaign to empower witnesses and victims of antisocial behaviour (ASB) to speak out and report incidents.

Have you ever experienced nuisance neighbours, loud and disruptive road users or people using drugs in your area?

And have you ever thought 'I didn't think it was serious enough to report' or been told 'it's not that bad' or 'not that antisocial'?

Click below for full details;

[Thames Valley Police launches antisocial behaviour campaign 'It's that antisocial' — Matthew Barber - Police & Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley](#)

Shinfield Junior Races - Bank Holiday Monday 5th May 2025





A cross-country event across the green pastures at Langley Mead, opposite School Green, Shinfield. Come and join in the fun.

Trophies for the first three girls and boys in each event and a medal for all finishers.

BLUE Race - 2k - Ages 4,5,6 - Starts 11.30am

GREEN Race - 2k - Ages 7,8,9 - Starts 12 Noon

RED Race - 3k - Ages 10,11,12 - Starts 12.30pm

YELLOW Race - 4k - Ages 13,14,15 - Starts 12.30pm

Plus Spot Prizes from Honeysuckle Day Nursery

There is also a 10k race for Age 16+

Visit <https://readingroadrunners.org/races/shinfield/> for more information.

What's on in the Parish



Register here: [Edith Morley Lecture 2025](#)





Trading Standards Service | Bracknell Forest
West Berkshire
Wokingham

Illegal Money Lending and Loan Shark Awareness Raising Event

The Public Protection Partnership in conjunction with England Illegal Money Lending Team will be delivering an Illegal Money Lending and Loan Shark Awareness raising event for residents across Wokingham.

This free event will give residents the opportunity to learn more about:

- What illegal money lending is
- How to check if a money lender is legitimate
- How to spot a Loan Shark
- What to do if you, or you suspect someone you know has borrowed money from a Loan Shark

There will also be opportunity to meet with members of the Public Protection Partnership's Fraud and Scams team and other partners.

Wednesday 12th March 2025, 6:00pm - 7:30pm

The Bradbury Centre, Rose Street, Wokingham,
RG40 1XS

No booking is required. Refreshments will be served from 6:00pm with a presentation starting approx. 6:30pm.

A shared service provided by
Bracknell Forest Council,
West Berkshire Council and
Wokingham Borough Council



Share Shinfield

Every Monday 12.30 -1.30pm
Plentiful surplus food available
(Fruit, veg, bread, bakery,
fridge/freezer items)
plus free cafe
@Shinfield Community Church
1 Fairmead road, RG2 9DL
£1 donation
[www.facebook.com/
helpinghandshinfield](https://www.facebook.com/helpinghandshinfield) for more
details
caring more, wasting less

Voluntary Driver wanted to join our friendly team



**Do you have around
4 Hours a week to share?**

**Help bring clients to and from
their Medical Appointments**

- Use your own car with expenses paid
- Choose when and where you drive

Rewarding role – Local charity – Training given

Interested? Simply leave your Name & Number
for our Manager to get back to you



**Shinfield
Voluntary Car Service**

Registered Charity No. 1152423

**Office: 0118 9883400
shinvol@gmail.com**



**CROSFIELDS
SCHOOL**



**Senior
Open Morning**
13 March 2025



**Nursery
Open Morning**
29 March 2025



**Junior
Open Morning**
08 May 2025

Visit our open events to see for yourself what makes Crosfields such a vibrant and nurturing educational environment. Learn more about the rich academic opportunities we offer, meet with current pupils, explore our facilities, ask questions — and even get involved in a class or sport!



www.crosfields.com/events

Crosfields School, Shinfield Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG2 9BL



Pancake Sunday

Alder Grove School Hall

9 March 10.00 – 11 am

Pancake breakfast games & races,
worship songs, videos

Free event with option to donate to charity

admin@shinfieldbaptist.org.uk



ARTSY CRAFTSY WITH SHUBHI
PRESENTS

♦ PAINT & SIP SATURDAYS ♦

CHOOSE YOUR CONVENIENT DAY :

8TH MARCH : 2:30 – 4:30 PM
22ND MARCH : 2:30 – 4:30 PM

LOCATION: SCHOOL GREEN CENTER, SHINFIELD, RG2 9EH

£35

INCLUDES REFRESHMENTS, CANVAS AND ART SUPPLIES

@ArtsyCraftsyWithShubhi

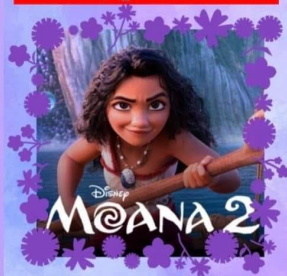
@thenewinmystudio Shubhi - 07931942227



Easter Workshops

Monday 7th April
WICKED
10am-4pm

Last 7 places left



Tuesday 8th April
MOANA 2
10am-4pm

Last 10 places left

★ Learning dancing, acrobatics,
singing, acting, arts & crafts

📍 Venue ~ School Green Centre, Shinfield

☀ Children aged 5-14 years
(Minimum school year Y1)

☀ £35 per child/per day

www.starletdance.com

**The Repair Cafe at Lambs Lane
Primary School Spencers Wood.
Back Lane RG7 1PW**



2025 Dates
19th January
16th February
16th March
20th April
18th May
15th June
20th July
17th August
21st September
19th October
16th November
21st December
10 am to 1pm



billie@spencerwoodrepaircafe.co.uk
spencerwoodrepaircafe.co.uk
07718 6792827



Citizens Advice will be at:

School Green Center

Thursday 13th March
between 13:30 and 15.00

with our Mobile Advice Unit.
Providing free, confidential
advice, information and support.





SPENCERS WOOD: READING RG7 1DY

FRIDAYS

Creative Learners (walkers – 2 years) 10:15am - 11:00am

Social Superstars (2 - 4 years) 11:20am - 12:05pm

SARAH 07495819733



@TODDLERCLASSESREADING



SWALLOWFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

(www.swallowfieldshow.co.uk)

SPRING SHOW

SATURDAY March 22nd 2025

to be held in Swallowfield Parish Hall

Staging from 11am to 12.30pm

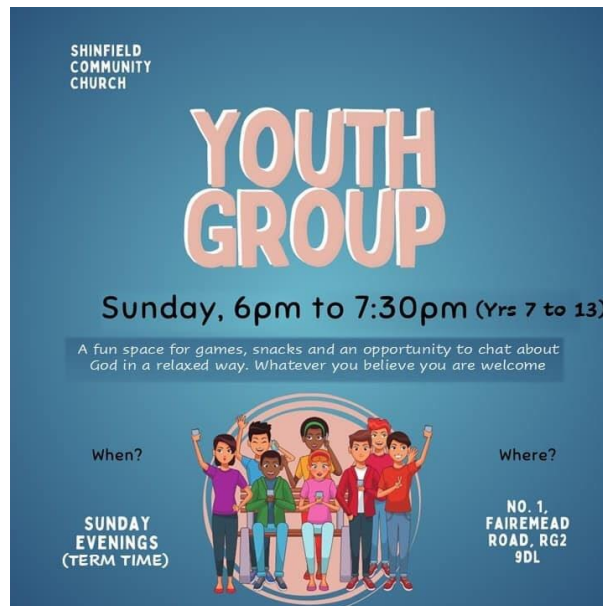
Please read your schedule carefully

JUDGING commences at 12.30pm

Open to the public 2pm – 4pm

**Closing date for entries 20th March
the THURSDAY before the Show**

ENTRY NUMBERS to Paula Martin either by
telephone 0118 9888678 or email: entries@swallowfieldshow.co.uk



For more information on *what's on* locally visit [What's On and Events Calendar - Shinfield Parish Council](#)



School Green Centre, School Green, Shinfield, RG2 9EH

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www.shinfieldparish.gov.uk

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