



Badger Farm & Oliver's Battery

Community News

Summer 2026

**Badger Farm
Community Centre**



BADGER FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE



OPEN AFTERNOON

Everyone Welcome!



Saturday 22nd August 2026



2:00pm – 5:00pm

Drop in • Have a look around • Meet the team • Light refreshments
Find out what's on • Celebrate with us!

Many of the groups that use BFCC will be showcasing their activities-
take the opportunity to see first hand and ask questions, maybe even sign up!!

40 years at the heart of our community

Badger Farm Community Centre
bfobrca.manager@gmail.com
www.badgerfarmcommunitycentre.org

ACTIVITIES AT BADGER FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Aucott Karate	Thursday 6.45-7.45pm	Phil Aucott philaucott@gmail.com
Body Control Pilates	Every weekday except Tuesdays	Jenny Forster 07929 624526
Body in Harmony Pilates	Monday 5.30-6.30pm	Catherine Thomas info@bodyinharmonypilates.com 07818 038912
Pique Dance Fitness	Friday 9.30-11.15am	Gemma Feeney hello@piqueschoolofperformingarts.co.uk
Glenda Davis Tai Chi	Wednesday 2.15-3.15pm Beginners 3.30-4.30pm Experienced	Glenda Davis 07504 533771 taichienquiries@gmail.com
Dance for Parkinsons	Friday 2.00-3.00pm	bryettdanceschool@gmail.com
Legs, Bums & Tums	Wednesday 11am-12pm	Catherine Jones 07990 513434
Line Dancing	Thursday 1.45-3.15pm	Brian Woodford 07511 876149 07761 327488
Sarah B Yoga	Tuesday 9.15-10.15am 7.30-8.30pm	Sarah Barguidijan SarahBYoga.net
Slimming World	Saturday 8am and 9.30am Thursdays 6:30pm and 7pm	Suzi Buccheri suzibuccheri@hotmail.com
Weight Watchers	Wednesday 5.15-6.45pm Thursday 9.00-11.00am	Mary Blanchard mary.blanchard@ww.com Lorraine Small lsmall@ww.com
Winchester Tae Kwon-Do	Monday, Wednesday 6.30-8.30pm	Lucy Scott info@winchestertkd.co.uk
Wyeth Yoga	Monday 9.30-11.30am	Chris Wyeth c.wyethnobili@gmail.com
Gentle Seated Pilates	Monday - 2.00pm	Catherine Thomas info@bodyinharmonypilates.com

GENERAL INTEREST

Badger Farm Art Group	Thursday 1.30-3.30pm	Sarah Zimmer snippycards@hotmail.co.uk
Friday Afternoon Bridge	Friday 2.00-5.15pm	See website winchesteru3a.co.uk
Chess Course for Adult Beginners	Thursday 7.00-8.00pm	Lukasz Piecha 07711804361 chesshood@chesshood.com chesshood.com
Repair Cafe Winchester	2nd Saturday of the month 10.00am-12.00pm	See website for dates repaircafewinchester.org
Wessex Wargames	Tuesday 7.00-11.00pm	Alan McFarlane 01962 864210
Winchester Chess Club	Wednesday 7.15-10.30pm	John Schonenberger schoneys54@gmail.com
Winchester Basics Bank	Mondays 10-12 pm	winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk

OLDER ADULTS

Chat-Tea Cafe	Last Monday of the month 2.00-4.00pm	info@chat-tea.co.uk
Vital Life Fitness	Thursday 10.15-11.15am	Abby O'Connel abby@vitallifefitness.co.uk
Gentle Seated Pilates	Monday 2.00pm	Catherine Thomas info@bodyinharmonypilates.com 07818 038912

CHILDREN

Aucott Karate	Thursday 6.45-7.45pm	Phil Aucott philaucott@gmail.com
Badger Farm Pre-School Playgroup	Mon. Tues. Wed. 9.15am-3.00pm Thurs. Fri. 9.15am-12.15pm	Denise Tosdevine 07771 798 474 deniseinpreschool@hotmail.co.uk
Southern Karate	Friday 6pm-7pm	southernkarate.org
Winchester Junior Chess Club	Thursdays 6pm-7.00pm	Lukasz Piecha chessshampshire@gmail.com chesshood.com

These are some of the regular activities that take place at the Community Centre. For more details see bfobrca.org/activities or contact the group's organiser.

If you can't find what you are looking for or would like to enquire about setting up a new group, please email bfobrca.manager@gmail.com (Monday to Wednesday only).

Join the Celebration!

Badger Farm Community Centre Turns 40



Forty Years of Community at the Heart of Our Community!

The countdown is on! On 22nd August, Badger Farm Community Centre will proudly celebrate its 40th Anniversary, marking four decades of bringing people together and serving the wonderful communities of Badger Farm and Oliver's Battery.

This special milestone is the perfect opportunity to celebrate the people, activities and friendships that have made the Centre such an important part of local life since it first opened its doors.

An Afternoon Full of Entertainment

We're planning a lively and enjoyable day for all ages, packed with activities and attractions. You can enjoy live music, with some delicious cakes, tea and coffee. We will have a raffle with prizes including a Hamper and Day Pass to Mottisfont Abbey amongst many others. Join in with Tai Chi sessions and get crafty with our wool craft sessions at 2:30pm (all ages, children must be supervised) and 3:30pm (adults and 9+ years with responsible adult). You can find out about our local history and there are goodie bags for the first 50.

Whether you're a long-time resident or new to the area, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

Discover What's Happening at Your Community Centre

Have you ever wondered what goes on at the Centre during the week? The anniversary celebration is the perfect chance to find out!

You'll be able to learn about the many classes, clubs and events that take place throughout the year. You might even discover a new hobby, meet like-minded people, or be inspired to start a group of your own. Our Centre has always been a place where ideas grow into activities that benefit the whole community.

A Journey Through Local History

History enthusiasts won't want to miss our displays exploring the fascinating stories of Badger Farm, Oliver's Battery, and the wider city of Winchester. Discover how our local area has developed over the years and learn more about the heritage that connects our communities.

Can You Help?

As we prepare for this landmark celebration, we're busy getting the Centre looking its very best. We'd be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer to help decorate, tidy, or otherwise spruce up the Centre ahead of the big day.

If you can spare some time and would like to get involved, please contact Ali at: bfoobra.manager@gmail.com

Every helping hand will make a difference and help ensure that our 40th Anniversary is a day to remember.

We Look Forward to Seeing You There!

The Badger Farm Community Centre has been at the heart of community life for forty years, and this anniversary is a chance for everyone to celebrate that achievement together.

So save the date — 22nd August — and join us for a afternoon of music, history, friendship, refreshments and fun. Let's celebrate forty fantastic years and look forward to many more to come!

Event Details

Saturday 22nd August 2026 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Free entry – everyone welcome!

*Badger Farm Community Centre Badger Farm Road
Winchester*



Tech Tips

Digital Asset List: The Gift No One Asks For (But Everyone Needs)

By Ann Jury

“Until recently, when a family member died you would look through their filing cabinet to find details of their accounts, browse their address book to find their contacts and inherit their physical photo albums. But my accounts for banks and utilities are online. My contacts are in Google and Outlook and my photos in several places, to keep them safe. Then there are my email accounts and accounts for all the social media, shopping, travel sites I use ... the list seems endless. I must get organised so I don't leave my children a digital nightmare.”

That's from a 2018 TechTips and I've been working on this ever since. Not because I'm disorganised or it's too complicated but because, as I wrote back then, “As this is sensitive data, I need to be careful where it's saved.” Over the years, I've tried various encrypted note-taking apps. But they were too expensive. Or lost my data. Or were difficult to share. But now I have a solution.

Based in Switzerland with its famously strict privacy laws, Proton is a company that puts security at the heart of everything it does. And in 2024, it delivered the answer to my problem: Proton Docs – secure, web-based documents created and edited within Proton Drive (drive.proton.me), with end-to-end encryption that protects everything inside. Even Proton can't read them.

Proton's free plan (proton.me/drive/pricing) gives 5GB of storage – plenty for this project. In my Drive, I have a Digital Asset List folder with subfolders like Finance, Admin, Family,

Work. In these, I have one Proton Doc per organisation containing all the relevant account information. All except the passwords which I keep separately in my password manager as sharing those is ... legally tricky, for reasons I'll come to! Then it's a question of making the information available to my family. Fortunately, Proton's secure “Share” feature makes this simple, providing a secure link they just save until they need it.

The legal side of things – with the caveat that I'm not a lawyer and this is not legal advice! The Property (Digital Assets etc) Act 2025 clarifies that certain digital assets can be treated as property under English law. However, the Computer Misuse Act 1990 prevents unauthorised access to accounts, as do many companies' terms and conditions. To avoid legal pitfalls, the best way forward is to update my will with my solicitor's guidance and create an accompanying formal Memorandum of Digital Assets, based on the Digital Asset List. Then my executors will have the information they need to deal with everything appropriately. And I'll finally have peace of mind knowing my digital life won't become my family's digital nightmare.

Hampshire County Council Update

Thank you to every one of you who supported me in the Hampshire County Council election for Winchester Downlands. While I am naturally disappointed to have lost the Winchester Downlands county council seat (which includes the parish of Badger Farm), it has been a privilege to represent and support all of you over the past 9 years on many important local issues such as safety around our junctions, traffic and highways, schools, children's and adult's social care. I will continue serving residents until 2028 as your Winchester City Councillor (this includes important planning issues) for the Badger Farm and Oliver's Battery ward.

Across Hampshire, the 2026 County Council election resulted in no overall control, with Conservatives winning 27 seats, Liberal Democrats 26, Reform UK 20, Labour 1, Greens 1, Independents 2, and two community party seats.

Congratulations to the newly elected councillor for Winchester Downlands and to colleagues across Hampshire County Council, led by council leader, Nick Adams-King. Thank you again for your trust, support, and friendship over the years.



Cllr Jan Warwick
Winchester City Councillor
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Badger Farm Trees Need Us Now

Badger Farm's green spaces are a huge part of what makes our estate such a great place to live. They give us room to breathe, places to walk, and a landscape that feels open and welcoming. Over the last few years, however, we've lost many established trees to ash dieback and structural issues such as bark inclusion. You've probably noticed it on the Ridge and across the estate: fewer branches overhead, less shade on hot days, and quieter wildlife.

The good news is that Hampshire County Council (HCC), Winchester City Council (WCC), and several charities have planted new saplings to rebuild our canopy. The challenge is that many of these young trees have had little or no after-care — and some have already died. We're currently liaising with WCC about improving care for the newly planted trees. A few of us in the Tidy Badger Farm litter-picking group have been watering and tending them, but with long dry spells, hot weather and a hosepipe ban this summer, it's simply too much for the current team to cover alone. These saplings urgently need our help.

This is where our community can shine. We've set up a

WhatsApp group — Badger Farm Trees — where volunteers coordinate watering routes close to their homes. It's simple, neighbourly, and genuinely makes a difference. You can also find updates on our Facebook litter-picking group, Tidy Badger Farm: facebook.com/groups/tidybadgerfarm. Follow the group, and message the admins – James Miller, Jo Rzepka or Mike Davies to get involved.

Young trees under one year old need watering twice a week, and those under two years old once a week during dry weather. Half a 10- or 12-litre watering can is enough per tree. It's a small act that supports your wellbeing, your neighbours, and the nature around us.

Many hands make small work — and right now, Badger Farm needs more hands. If you can spare just 10–20 minutes a week and carry one or two watering cans on a warm evening, please join us.

Let's help our young trees survive — and keep Badger Farm thriving for everyone.



Oliver's Battery WI



Since my last article, we have, as a group been very busy. Some of our members went on the Hampshire Federation holiday to Devon, and enjoyed great days out travelling by coach, steam train and boat, plus a few cream tea's and the odd glass of wine or two.

In April it was our WI's 26th Birthday and we celebrated with a visit from vocalist Debbie Corbett, she was amazing and kept us all entertained.

As we head into the summer we are all looking forward to the warmer days and our visits to Highclere Castle and Bere Mill, plus our monthly meetings where we get to enjoy each other's company, and be entertained by some very incredible speakers.

Our Lunch Group have visited many wonderful venues, the most recent being 'Shoal' where a feast of fish and chips were very much enjoyed.

Our Craft and Knit & Natter Groups together with the help of most of our members, who were challenged to knit one strip each, have been very busy making, so far 25 blankets for the children's ward at Southampton hospital. A few of these beautiful blankets will be entered into the New Forest Show in July.

Our Walking Group have been out enjoying the countryside, they particularly enjoyed exploring the Bluebells in the woods accompanied by a much deserved tea break.

Our Book Club is going strong with a wide variety of books being read.

If you think the Oliver's Battery WI sounds interesting and would like to visit us, just pop in or contact us for more information at: oliversbatterysec@hampshirewi.org.uk

We are a very friendly group of ladies and would love to see you join us.

We meet the 3rd Monday of the month at St. Marks Church Hall, Oliver's Battery. Doors open 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

Sandra Herron (OBWI vice president)

oliversbatterysec@hampshirewi.org.uk

www.hampshirewi.org.uk



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For children from 2 years to school age.

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Thursday – Friday ~ 9.15 – 12.15

Spaces are now available!

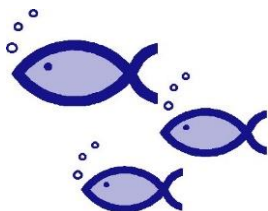
All Government Funding options available.

Ideally situated in Badger Farm Community Centre next to Sainsbury's

Our staff are highly experienced and qualified. We ensure a high ratio of 1:6 for 3 and 4 year olds and 1:4 for under 3 year olds enabling plenty of individual time and attention.

"The friendly and nurturing staff build positive relationships with children and attend swiftly to their needs. This helps children to feel safe and secure. Children treat their friends with kindness and respect. Staff support children to develop their language and communication skills. Children are confident communicators" Ofsted 2023

The playgroup operates an open door policy so please feel free to call in at any time and see us or call the playgroup manager Mrs Denise Tosdevine on 07771 798 474 to arrange a visit. You can also see us in action and get more information on our website badgerfarmpreschool.co.uk and follow us on our Facebook page



Little Fishes Pre-School

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"Children attending the school's Little Fishes Pre-School make a strong start to their education" Ofsted



Have a look at the school website www.stpetershants.co.uk or telephone 01962 852820 for more information and to arrange a visit

Winchester Samaritans Appeal

Samaritans (Winchester & District Branch) is a team of 130 local volunteers providing confidential, 24/7 emotional support to anyone experiencing distress, despair, or suicidal thoughts. In April Winchester Samaritans took almost 2000 calls. This year they are 50 years old.

While part of the national charity, the Winchester branch is independently funded, delivering vital support through telephone and community outreach services across the local area. Their mission is simple but critical: to improve mental wellbeing and help reduce suicide.

Only one in three people who die by suicide had contact with specialist mental health services in the year before their death. Demand for support is rising, while frontline services are under increasing pressure. Waiting lists for counselling and talking therapies can exceed three months, leaving many people without help when they need it most.

They have a new campaign to raise £50,000 to support them to:

- Expand and enhance their premises to increase service capacity.
- Maintain essential reserves to ensure continuity of support.
- Future-proof the branch to meet rising local demand.

They understand that this is a challenging financial climate for many people. Your support—whatever the level—will make a real and immediate difference to people in our community.

They ask you to consider supporting them by making a donation via:

<https://www.justgiving.com/charity/Winchestersamaritans>

Please give your newsletter's name as a reference.

Thank you

Oliver's Battery Community Film Club

We are a small Community Film Club showing a mixture of mainstream films and National Theatre Live productions in St Mark's Hall in Oliver's Battery. We currently have the following film left from our current programme:

- Wednesday 19th August - Hamnet (Starring Jessie Buckley and Paul Mescal)

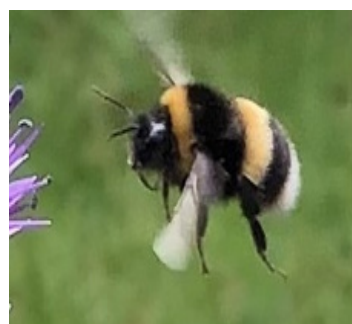
With numerous award accolades, "Hamnet" dramatises the early family life of William Shakespeare and his wife Agnes Hathaway as they cope with both love and loss.

Full details for the above film can be found on our website www.obcfilm.co.uk, where you can keep in touch with all our latest news by signing up to our newsletter.

Please come along and support us!



SUMMERTIME A JOY TO BEHOLD



River Itchen: photo supplied by Simon Lever

Gentle country walks, Water Meadows, woodland, hills and River Itchen. Freeing senses, absorbing beauty of Winchester and beyond. True majesty of countryside visits all to see and feel.

Summertime; freedom of heart, warmth caressing senses, scenes enlivening imagination.

River Itchen surface shining bright, paddling ducks enjoying every moment. Splashing happy, taking off.

Greeted by elegance of majestic swans, superior in manner. Royal family, supreme beings, angelic presence.

Bright summer glow enveloping all with warmth and optimism. Longer days lifting heart.

Heart drifts caressing senses, transmitting joys of positivity, tranquility and kindness.

Once more to the River Itchen, swans alighting, wonderful to witness. Floating, flying through Summer's warmth and glory, brightening days for all to see and feel.

Simon Lever

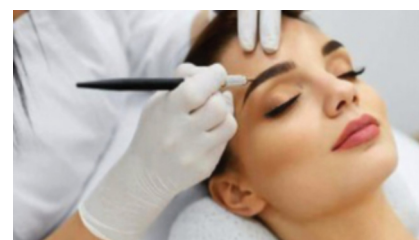
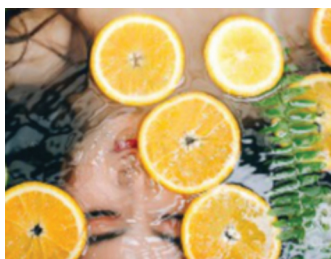
Free little library



A free little library has been set up by the Elder Close – May Tree Close cut-through.

It is aimed mainly at children, but there is a range of books available for everyone to enjoy.

Look and Feel Beautiful,
Book an Appointment Today!



theresa harrison

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Little Fishes Pre-School

places available from September

Little Fishes offers a warm, secure and welcoming environment for our pre-school children to learn and explore. It is based on the St. Peter's Primary School site in a large and sunny purpose-built room with an extensive outdoor area, which is used every day whatever the weather. The Little Fishes team works alongside the Early Years teachers to provide the EYFS curriculum.

Have a look at the Little Fishes page on the school website for a virtual tour and information on session times, funding/charges, visits and how to apply:

<https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/little-fishes-pre-school>

Tel: 01962 852820

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Little Fishes Pre-School |
St Peter's Catholic Primary School |
Winchester



Fighting for investment in our hospital

Danny Chambers MP for Winchester

My team and I speak to constituents regularly about the issues they care about the most. I always work as hard as I can to take your message to Westminster and I do everything possible to make sure your views are heard. In just the first two weeks of June, I spoke in Parliament eight times - on our hospital, water industry, community pharmacies, children's safety and immigration.

During Prime Minister's Questions, I challenged Keir Starmer again on the state of our hospital in Winchester. After having been promised 40 new hospitals by the last government that we knew were never going to happen, the current government is now promising us a new hospital in Hampshire in 20 years' time, if it gets built at all.

Our hospital in Winchester is vital for the community; people rely on A&E and maternity services being available right here in the city. But the hospital is facing a huge repair backlog. It desperately needs investment for repairs to its roofs, windows, the car-park, generators and lifts.

That's why I asked the Prime Minister to break this cycle of governing parties promising us hypothetical hospitals and to instead commit to fixing our existing hospital in Winchester. If the government can find millions of pounds to purchase land for a hospital that may never be built in 20 years time, surely they can find the money to get these repairs sorted

right now.

I challenged the Home Secretary over the consequences of her immigration policies. We're all far more likely to be treated by immigrants working for our NHS than we are to be waiting in queue behind them. In our local hospital, staff come from 104 different countries and a third of the social care workforce in Hampshire come from outside of the EU or UK.

I urged the Home Secretary to reflect on how her immigration reforms could seriously impact our NHS and social care workforce. Trying to copy Nigel Farage by enacting policies designed to drive away skilled legal migrants would just make the crisis in the NHS and social care even worse.

Finally, I'm pleased to see that after having campaigned on this issue alongside my Liberal Democrat colleagues over the past year, AI chatbots will finally start to be regulated for young people. This is a brilliant first step - but far more must be done. I will be continuing to call for tougher regulation on AI chatbots giving out health advice or emotional support.

If there are any issues you'd like to get in touch with me about, please contact me at: danny.chambers.mp@parliament.uk



Wishing You Well by Amanda Turner

Summer sun fails to fix vitamin D gap in at-risk groups



"Findings show that many people could be living with low vitamin D all year round without realizing it. This has implications for bone health, general well-being and longer-term health risks."

There's growing recognition of how important vitamin D is for our health. However in recent research, Vitamin D levels were shown to stay low throughout the year for vulnerable groups in England, questioning the assumption that summer sunlight alone will restore them.

Key points:

- Vitamin D stays insufficient year-round for key at-risk groups in England, including during summer months.
- Research from Newcastle University examined nearly 300 people across northern Britain.
- The research, published in the European Journal of Clinical Nutrition, focused on adults aged 65+, alongside people from minoritised ethnic backgrounds of all ages.
- Over half of older adults showed insufficient vitamin D;

rates climbed even higher in minoritised populations.

- Summer sunlight failed to boost levels in some people, disproving the idea that sun exposure alone suffices.
- Researchers highlight the importance of consistent, year-round strategies to sustain healthy levels, even in southern England.
- Future research will investigate personalised, culturally-sensitive approaches to improving vitamin D status.

The takeaway even in Southern Britain = test, don't guess. NHS teams and local pharmacies may offer information on laboratory testing, or private GP-led labs include Medichecks (no affiliation).

*Goddard et al. Circannual prevalence of vitamin D insufficiency in older and minoritised ethnic adults in Northern Britain. Eur J Clin Nutr (2026)

This is general educational information only, not advice. As part of charity/community work, Amanda Turner BSc (Hons) is a volunteer for the Public Health Collaboration and

Badger Farm Parish Council Community News Summer 2026



In the Spring edition I said that Badger Farm PC would remain as an independent Parish following the local government review, however, clusters of Parish councils will be encouraged to work together to provide some services. This could change with HCC amongst other counties going for judicial review on how the whole local government review has been handled by Central Government.

Following the elections in May we sadly lost Cllr Jan Warwick as our County Councillor; she was universally recognised as an excellent Councillor by all Parties. Fortunately, Jan is still one of our District Councillors until the formation of the Unitary Councils in 2028.

Residents may have noticed the demise of the Kings Coronation beech tree. Unfortunately, the proximity of the new gas main and the weather sealed its fate. The tree will

be replaced later in the year when the weather is right.

The Parish Council is currently looking at replacing the large play unit on the Davis Kick About. The slide was removed due to cracks appearing on it and an independent inspection indicated that the whole unit was coming to the end of its life.

We are also looking to replace the two goals on the Central Kick About, these goals would have reinforced goal mouths so they would be useable year-round.

At the time of writing the outside temperature is 34° and a long cold drink is calling me. I hope you all have a good summer holiday.

Cllr John Godbold
Badger Farm Parish Council

As we near the end of another busy school year, we have been reflecting on a term full of learning, opportunity and adventure.

Our pupils have enjoyed a range of exciting trips, including visits to Marwell Zoo and Southampton Art Gallery. Year 3 had a wonderful day immersing themselves in Egyptian history, while Years 5 and 6 visited



St Swithun's School for a 'Play in a Day' and a day of sport. Our Sports Day was a great success, with all the children taking part enthusiastically and showing fantastic team spirit.

We also held an exciting Wellbeing Week, which included a production of The Secret Garden, yoga classes, a petting zoo, an author visit and a colourful 'Colour Run' – leaving both children and staff happily covered in bright powder! Our collaborative heart mural celebrates our individuality alongside our community.

We were also incredibly fortunate to welcome Aaron Phipps, a Paralympic gold medallist to our school. Aaron inspired the children with his powerful stories of courage and determination.

Thanks to our dedicated Hampshire Gardens volunteers, our Edible Playground continues to flourish. The children have loved planting and growing flowers, fruit and vegetables, learning about nature and healthy eating along the way. Our after-school gardening club has also proved very popular.

We are looking forward to our Summer Fair on Saturday 11 July, from 11am to 3.30pm, and hope it will be a real community event – everyone is very welcome.

As we prepare to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils, we wish them every success as they move on to secondary school. We will then look forward to welcoming our new Year R children to Squirrels Class.

If you have a child due to start school in September 2027, or are simply looking at school provision for your primary aged child, why not come along to our Open Afternoon on Tuesday 22 September, 2–3.30pm? Our Year 6 Ambassadors will be pleased to give you a tour. Please register your interest by email our friendly admin team at admin@oliversb.com

For a personal tour with Miss Vittle our Headteacher, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

She will be delighted to show you around our fabulous school.



OPEN AFTERNOON

Tuesday 22nd September
2:00 – 3:30pm

Come and have a tour of the school with our pupil ambassadors and see for yourself what we can offer you and your child.

Please email to register your interest

Everyone is Welcome

Everyone Belongs

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Pilates class timetable

Monday

12.45 Twyford Village Hall

5.30 Badger Farm Community Centre

Wednesday

12.10 & 1.10 St Mark's Hall Oliver's
Battery

Gentle seated Pilates based
exercise class

Monday

2pm Badger Farm Community Centre

Wednesday

11.15 St Mark's Hall Oliver's Battery



BODY IN HARMONY
Pilates

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Badger Farm Preschool

Another academic year has passed and we finished with loads of fun activities including following the World Cup with flags, learning about new countries around the world and different food!

Our annual trip to Moors Valley Country Park was a great hit with all the children and parents/carers. Mr Badger enjoyed the train ride and told us it's the highlight of the year!

Sports afternoon was well attended, with a group picnic lunch and races for all ages! The medal ceremony completed a fun afternoon!

We said our farewells to the children and families leaving us and moving on to "big school", and very much look forward to meeting our new little ones and their families in September.

We have spaces available, so if you are looking for a setting that promotes family values alongside an experienced staff team, then please contact us to arrange a visit. We operate an open-door policy during term time, so do pop in.



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HAMPSHIRE CALLIGRAPHERS

The word Calligraphy means 'Beautiful Writing'. In western-style calligraphy, there have been many historical forms from Roman times onwards – Uncial, Gothic, Italic, Copperplate and, of course, Roman Capitals to mention just a few. Before the invention of the printing press, all important books and documents were written by hand, often with illustrations and illuminated in real gold. There are many such examples of wonderful books and manuscripts. Today there are still highly skilled calligraphers producing beautiful documents such as mayoral scrolls and royal proclamations – even a whole Bible a few years ago. As calligraphers, we admire and learn much from the past, but also we continue to evolve and innovate 'beautiful writing' in all its forms. Indeed, calligraphy today it is much more than just names on invitations and certificates!

Hampshire Calligraphers are a local group of enthusiasts for all forms of the lettering arts. Our members range from professional calligraphers to those who have just started their calligraphy- learning 'journey'. We are a friendly group who welcome all who have an interest in the subject. We hold regular all-day workshops at Badger Farm Community Centre on a variety of calligraphy and calligraphy-related subjects with qualified and knowledgeable tutors, and also usually a couple of online workshops each year. At the present time we do not run

classes for complete beginners, although some of our workshops are suitable for those with little or no calligraphy experience. Our members receive a regular full-colour Newsletter which gives details of workshops and other items of calligraphic interest. Each summer we hold an Exhibition of members' work at several venues around Hampshire, with a different theme each year. The 2026 Exhibition theme is "Folklore, Myth and Fable". For more information, and also to see pictures of work in past exhibitions, please go to our website: www.hampshirecalligraphers.co.uk

We are also on Facebook and Instagram where you can find lots of pictures of our Group's activities.



Winchester Gardening Club

Summer is still with us in all its glory but will be merging into Autumn by the time the next edition of Community News is due. In between we as gardeners will have spent many hours tending our gardens, including the frequent watering so necessary in the hot weather, but we will also take time off to enjoy looking at what our labours have achieved - colour in the borders and healthy vegetable in the kitchen garden. There is always room for improvement, so on the second Wednesday of every month, we head for St. Mark's Church Hall in Oliver's Battery to spend a couple of hours listening to a variety of interesting talks by knowledgeable speakers and to socialise with fellow gardeners. We also run a couple of in-house Mini Shows in March and August and organise outings to private gardens. Our programme for the next few months covers the following topics:

- Wednesday, 12th August 2026 If you are interested in starting a Wildflower Meadow or learn how best to look after it, Souren Ala will guide you in the right direction. Our Mini-Late Summer Show will take place alongside.

- Wednesday, 9th September 2026 The evening's speaker will be Paul Eslinger, chairman of Eastleigh Bonsai Society, who will enlighten us on the skillful technique of Bonsai.
- Wednesday, 14th October 2026 David Tite will share his expert knowledge of Carnivorous Plants with us.

All our meetings take place at St. Mark's Church Hall, Oliver's Battery Road South, Winchester SO22 4EZ. We would be pleased to welcome you to one or all of the above talks. Visitors £5. For more information visit our website:

www.wingardenclub.weebly.com

Maya Whitmarsh

Badger Farm Art Group



Badger Farm continues to meet on Thursday afternoons,

1.30-3.30 during term time.

Recently we have been looking at Art from around the world, on the theme of animals. We have also been looking at collage techniques, and have just completed a little project on Churches.

We use a variety of materials, styles and techniques, and sometimes reference famous artists, or more contemporary ones.

The group is very friendly and relaxed, with a variety of Art experience. The sessions are 'Pay as you go', so you don't need to book ahead, or pay upfront. Come and meet us if you are interested, and your first session is free.

Any questions please email [Sarah. snippycards@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Sarah.snippycards@hotmail.co.uk)





Winchester Food & Basics Bank

Emergency food, clothing and school-holiday lunch support for local households

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The purpose of the Winchester Food & Basics Bank (founded in 2004) is to provide emergency food and clothing for people who are facing difficulty following an unexpected event in their lives. In addition to this we run a programme during the school holidays of supplying weekly food to families with children who normally get free school meals. We also support other local food projects that seek to help low income households in the community.

Our clients are referred to us by over 80 agents that include the City Council, Citizens Advice Bureau, Housing Associations, local caring charities such as the Trinity Centre and local schools and churches. Clients receive 5 days' supply of food at one time and can visit us 4 times using self referrals followed by further access to our services via the support agencies.

Food is donated by churches, schools and directly from local residents via our collection points in Sainsbury's Badger Farm and the town centre, Waitrose Stockbridge Road, Tesco in Winnall and the Co-op in Alresford. Financial donations come from generous individuals, businesses and charitable groups.

We then distribute the food via our hubs:

The Holiday Scheme

Since 2022 we have been inviting families with school-aged children (who live or attend a school in the city of Winchester and some surrounding areas, including

Alresford) who feel they need some extra help over the school holidays to register for our Holiday Lunch Scheme. The aim of the scheme is to provide food to cover 5 lunches per child per week for the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays.

We offer a delivery service for those in the area who might have mobility issues or live more than 2 miles from a hub and have no means of transport. This service is provided by a dedicated team of volunteers. Below are locations delivered to in 2025.

Some numbers....

In 2024 we served 8562 people. That is 1140 separate families across the Winchester and District area.

In 2025 the numbers dropped from 2024 but we still gave out 5 days-worth of food to 8324 people.

For holiday lunches, in 2024 232 families with a total of 525 children were provided with 10 weeks' worth of weekday lunches. This was an increase in children of 52% on 2023.

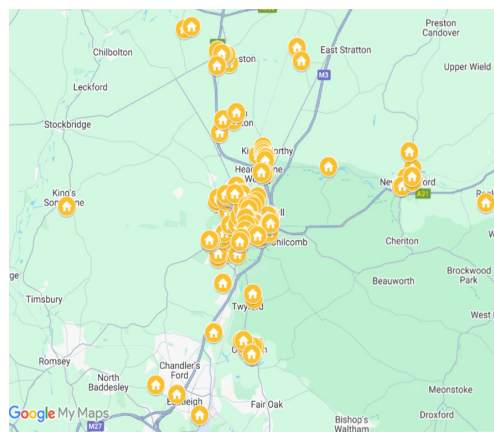
In 2025 the numbers dropped slightly to 193 different families and 460 different children.

Expenditure

In 2025 we gave out £165,000 worth of food and hygiene products. 33% of that (£54k) was purchased using donated funds.

Food & Basics Bank hubs and collection times

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Winchester Vineyard Church 10.00 am to midday Badger Farm Community Centre 10.00 am to 12.30 pm	Penton Place, Milland Road 10.00 am to 3.00 pm	St Gregory's Church, Alresford 10.00 am to midday (food only)	St Barnabas Church, Weeke 10.00 am to 12.30 pm (food only) Winchester Vineyard Church 10.00 am to midday	Penton Place, Milland Road 10.00 am to 3.00 pm



Donated food and food bank hubs ready for local families.
Thank you for helping us support our neighbours in need.

Winchester City Councillors' Update

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

As you may have heard, the government is seeking to replace our two-tier system of city/district councils and county councils to create a new unitary authority. In our area, we will be part of a new authority likely to be known as 'Mid Hampshire' (there's a possibility the new authority will decide on a different name). The new ward that will include our WCC ward of Badger Farm and Oliver's Battery will have the same boundaries as the existing County division and will have 3 councillors. Overall, there will be a total of 78 councillors for the entire unitary authority. This works out at about one councillor for every 4,800 residents. Many of the details and arrangements for a smooth transition are already ongoing and our council officers are already working hard on an implementation plan that will be safe and legal and that delivers a fully functioning authority from May 2028.

LGR and our Next Local Plan

On 24 March 2026 Winchester City Council adopted the Winchester District Local Plan 2040. The adoption of the Local Plan represented the culmination of several years of evidence gathering, consultation, examination and decision making and provides an up-to-date development plan for the

But this process is now complicated by two significant national policy developments which have implications for future plan making across Hampshire. The first is the Government's programme of Local Government Reorganisation (LGR), which will replace the existing two-tier structure across Hampshire with new unitary authorities. The second is the Government's introduction of a new plan-making system under the Levelling Up and Regeneration

Whilst each reform individually presents significant change, their interaction creates an added challenge for authorities such as Winchester that are expected to commence preparation of a new 30-month Local Plan whilst simultaneously preparing for substantial boundary and

governance changes. The challenge is that WCC will cease to exist during this process and only a legally constituted local council can produce a valid local plan!

The Leader of Winchester City Council has written to Whitehall, pointing out these contradictions which appear to have been overlooked. The letter has been acknowledged and we await advice.

Grants for good causes! District Small Grant Scheme for 26/27

The Winchester District small grant scheme is designed to provide small-scale, one-off grants of up to £700 to local voluntary/not for profit groups and organisations.

The funding is aimed at activities which require one-off expenditure or initial set up/pump priming costs. The grants are available for one-off pieces of expenditure on projects, equipment and other items which will help your organisation to do more, to reach more people, to provide better services or to try something different. Examples of eligible costs include new or start-up equipment, set up costs for new groups, special events and activities.

The fund closes to applications on midday 31 January 2027 - or sooner if the fund is fully allocated.

To learn more or to apply, please visit:

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/grants-for-not-for-profit-organisations/small-grant-scheme>



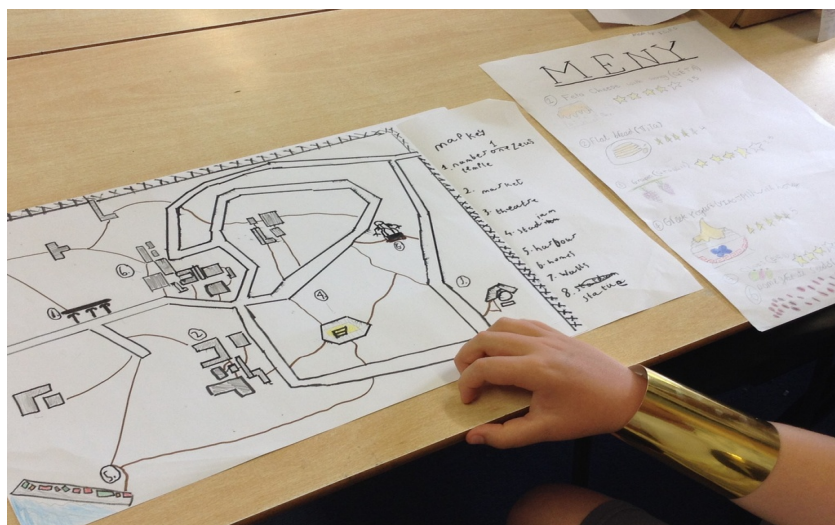
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Cllr Jan Warwick - jwarwick@wcc.gov.uk

City Councillor and former County Councillor



Ancient Greece Day



City-state planning and Greek feast activities

At St. Peter's, we offer a rich and exciting curriculum and we would like to share some recent examples of this with you, alongside our work as a School of Sanctuary.

This term, Year 6 has enjoyed taking part in a bread-tasting session as part of their new DT unit. The children carefully considered the taste, texture and appearance of a variety of breads. This helped them when they designed and made their own flavoured loaves. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience and was keen to share their opinions, 'I enjoyed trying the naan bread,' explained Rae 'the seasoning was exquisite!' Alice agreed stating 'I liked how each type of bread had a unique taste linked to the country it originates from.'

Year 5 meanwhile held an exciting Ancient Greece Day, immersing themselves in the fascinating world of gods, goddesses and legendary city-states. The children arrived dressed as ancient Greeks, from Hades of the underworld, to mythical characters, ready for a day of learning, creativity and fun. Children worked collaboratively in teams to research, design and build key features of city-states, taking on roles such as politicians, artists, merchants, priests, priestesses and town planners. To round off the day, the children enjoyed a Greek feast, sampling traditional-style foods and celebrating their hard work and achievements. Hazel said 'Some of the food was really exotic; I tried everything and it was all delicious', while Kendall added, 'I loved the pomegranate seeds, they were so juicy.'

Mission Ambassadors from St. Peter's regularly visit St Catherine's View Care Home to provide company,

entertainment and hopefully some joy. Recently, a group of our musicians provided wonderful entertainment for residents and their guests at an intergenerational afternoon tea in aid of Dementia Action. Guest of honour was the new Mayor of Winchester, Jamie Scott, accompanied by his wife, the Lady Mayoress Wendy Scott. The children, who played a variety of songs in the sunshine whilst guests enjoyed their cream teas, made the event extra special for all who attended. It was a very special afternoon.

St. Peter's is a School of Sanctuary, meaning that we foster a culture of welcome and safety for people seeking sanctuary and build empathy and intercultural awareness through promoting the voices and contributions of people seeking sanctuary.

Last week some of our Year 5 students were invited to Winchester University as part of Refugee Week. At the University, they took part in workshops and a tour of the gallery to view refugee art by artist Wendy Couchman, a Winchester based sculptor. Wendy then led a workshop for the children where they designed their own spaces where they felt safe and a sense of belonging. These fantastic sculptures were then taken to be put on display with Wendy's art in the University Gallery. Author, Onjali Q Rauf, then gave a talk about what inspired her to be an author and how the experience of refugees and refugee camps inspired her story 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'. The children found her inspirational. Ivy summed up the experience best when she said, "Before I had sympathy for refugees and now I have empathy." It was a great experience for the children and one that we know they will remember for a long time.

Summer 2026

A pond in the garden, however small, will always entice wildlife. A few years ago I purchased a half barrel from a local garden centre and with help, sat it on a solid base. Whisky or wine barrels are by nature water-tight as long as they haven't dried out. By adding water, the wood will swell and not leak, and from there you are on your way to making a decorative wildlife habitat. I put loose gravel and pebbles in the bottom and bricks on various levels to accommodate water plant holders. Next I filled the barrel with tap water and left it for a few days to settle and neutralise. The plants went in next, a yellow flag iris and a blue one, a miniature water lily and lots of pond weed to help aerate the water and give shelter to any invertebrates. The weed has since become quite thick, allowing the birds to sit on it and bathe in the water. I also added some water snails from a friend's pond and some frogspawn to complete my wildlife sanctuary. Lastly, a solar-powered fountain adds the blissful sound of running water.

We have had several sightings of hedgehogs in our locality. Most of the neighbours in my road have a hedgehog highway or gaps in their fences or hedges to allow



hedgehogs to access their gardens. A wild corner, compost bin or log pile in the garden can play host to all sorts of snails and bugs for the hogs to eat. Hedgehogs pass a surprising amount of poo due to their fibre-rich diet and on close inspection contain fragments of beetle shells and other small creatures. Hedgehogs can

roam far and wide in a night, looking for food or a mate and crossing roads can be a dangerous activity.

Recently, a friend gave me a bunch of peonies from her garden. The flowers were in tight bud and as she was going on holiday she wanted someone to enjoy the blooms when they opened. I put them in a tall vase which I then set down on the floor next to my dog George's bed and looked forward to the beautiful blooms. After a couple of days I noticed a few ants scampering across the carpet and was baffled as to where they had come into the house. The next day I saw more and these seemed to be around George's bed. To my horror found hundreds of the little blighters dashing around to get out of

Wendy Bramall

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Badger Farm & Oliver's Battery

Parish Council Meetings

Our parish councils meet every second month starting

Members of the public are welcome to attend.



Badger Farm Parish Council

meets at 7.30pm every second month starting January 2026 at Badger Farm Community Centre. For more information, please check the council website

(badgerfarm-pc.gov.uk) or contact the clerk, Christine Howe clerk@badgerfarm-pc.gov.uk.

Oliver's Battery Parish Council

Please see the Parish Council website (oliversbattery.info) and Facebook page (@[OliversBatteryParishCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/OliversBatteryParishCouncil)) for information on the dates, times and location of future meetings.

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