

# GOLDSWORTH NEWS

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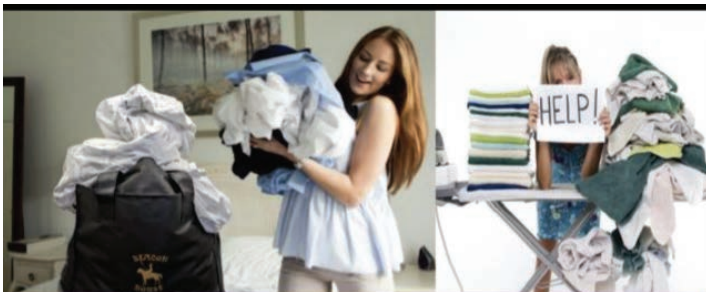
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Next public meeting April 2025 – Date TBA.

Membership of the GPCA is required to receive details of forthcoming meetings.

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# Views from a Trustee

**This year ends with an optimistic feel to GPCA.**

**Our AGM on 23rd October was well-attended by residents of Goldsworth Park and by our local and County Councillors. We enjoyed an interesting and informative talk from Janet Ashton, our Guest Speaker from Zero Climate, Guildford, in association with Surrey Climate Commission.**

Huge thanks are due to *Christina Candy*, who has valiantly connected with companies wishing to place advertisements in Goldsworth News. The revenue from advertisements pays for our Magazine, which is distributed to pretty much every property on Goldsworth Park. Without this revenue, there would be no Goldsworth News. Christina is now standing down as our Advertising Manager, and we wish her well in her "retirement". We are now seeking a new Advertising Manager, so please contact Chris Taylor on [editor@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk](mailto:editor@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk) if you would be interested in exploring this role.

We are also saying a big "Thank you" to *George Binyon*, who was editor of Goldsworth News for many years, and had also been Chair of our Committee for the last 2 years.

We had a record turn out from volunteers to our **Litter Pick** on 26th October – 23 Adults and 15 children. Please do join us on our next Litter Pick, which will be on Saturday 8th March 2025.

The GPCA Quiz Night on 8th November was a great success. Huge thanks go to Dueyna for organising the event and to Sophie Crossman for being a fabulous quizmaster. Thanks to Gary from Dianthus for hosting and together with Saj providing prizes for the winners. Raffle prizes were generously donated by local businesses ShyneFest, Woking FC, Emma Martin Mindfulness, Zotheka Lifestyle, Mandy Makes and Beacon House Dry Cleaners. The next GPCA Quiz Night will be on Friday the 28th February 2025 – see the poster on page 4 for more details.

As usual, GPCA laid a wreath at the Memorial by the Medical Centre on Remembrance Sunday.

Our next "big event" will be the Christmas Market on Friday 29th November from 6.00pm organised by St Andrew's Church, and supported by Goldsworth Guides and Brownies. The evening will start with the lighting-up of the Goldsworth Christmas Tree provided by Waitrose and decorated by the GPCA, followed by the singing of Carols – see advert on page 7.

There are plans afoot to make it possible to re-open the public toilets by the children's playground by the lake. Dianthus have offered to take on the responsibility for these toilets and are in negotiation with Woking Borough Council to facilitate this. We will keep you informed on how this is progressing.

So now it's left for me to wish, on behalf of the GPCA Committee, every resident of Goldsworth Park our very best wishes to you all in the run-up to Christmas and for Christmas itself! Have a wonderful time.

*Celia Young*

If you would like to be involved with the work of the GPCA please contact the editor for an informal chat on [editor@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk](mailto:editor@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk)

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## Community Litter Pick – Sponsored by



THE GPCA's next community litter pick is on Saturday 8th March, meeting at The Lodge car park, Wishbone Way at 2pm. Litter pickers, bags and high-vis safety vests are all provided. All welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Hope to see you there. Any questions please contact [editor@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk](mailto:editor@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk)

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**The AGM of the GPCA was held on 23 October 2024 and included a wide range of subjects. After the GPCA Chair, George Binyon, had welcomed everyone, there was an energy saving talk by a volunteer from Zero Carbon Guildford's Home Energy Advice Taskforce which provides a free no obligation, impartial energy efficiency advice service. Residents can request a free thermal home survey: [www.zerocarbonguildford.org/energy-surveys](http://www.zerocarbonguildford.org/energy-surveys).**

George gave an overview of the GPCA activities over the year, which included:

- Laying a wreath at the Remembrance Day service
- Supplying, erecting and decorating the Christmas tree in the shopping centre, with St Andrew's Church and Goldsworth Park Angling Club
- Meeting throughout the year with various members of Woking Borough Council and Surrey County Council
- Two GPCA Trustees attended a Surrey Wildlife Trust wildflower course, after which Yellow Rattle seed was planted: see the Natural Goldsworth Park article on this page for details.
- Running various working parties including litter picks and cherry laurel clearance
- Running the refreshment stall for the Woking and Sam Beare Hospice Dragon Boat race day
- Sponsoring the children's rides at the Summer Fair organised by the Guides and St Andrew's Church
- Supporting the Lakeview Community Fun Day; and
- Running a tea and cake afternoon for local residents.

The Treasurer's Report showed that the GPCA incurred a loss of £1,421 for the year ending 30th June 2024. The loss is down to the GPCA funding the fairground rides for the summer fair, donations to the Lakeview Community Fun Day, the wildflower course and insurance plus a shortfall between the cost of the Christmas tree and donations received. The sole source of GPCA income is from advertising in Goldsworth News but the aim is for advertising to cover magazine

costs rather than be an income source: this was achieved during the reporting period.

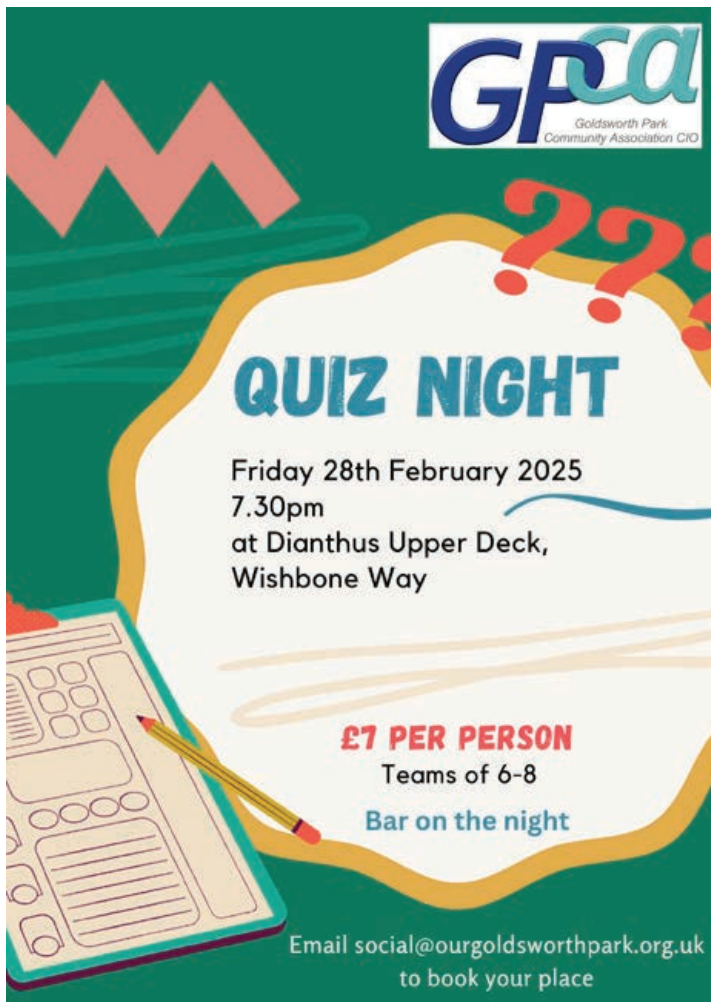
The Chair informed the meeting that the GPCA Facebook Group now has more than 1700 members, and thanked all the Councillors for responding to the various items raised via the Group.

Roger Westcott (Goldsworth Park Angling Club) spoke about activities supported by the club and about wildlife on Goldsworth Park Lake. The club has been operating for 10 years and has grown in strength with matches against other clubs, some of which raise money for charities. The Club continues to be involved in or to lead the planting and maintenance of the lake and lakeside and is always willing to assist and work with the GPCA.

He said that a wide variety of birds has been seen using the lake or lakeside throughout the year. Five cygnets are progressing well and starting to fly, so will at some point leave for pastures new. An item of concern is that people are feeding the wildlife. Roger pointed out that food left on the bank encourages rats so visitors should stop doing this so the rat population will decline. Visitors should not feed bread to the birds. Pellets are available and food must be thrown only on the water, NOT on the bank, which feeds rats. People should keep a distance from all wildlife so they do not become associated with humans and reliant on us. Roger and the Club were thanked for their ongoing support.

Under the election of Trustees, Bob Cowell and Hilary Addison were re-elected following the completion of their periods, while Celia Young, Dueyna Chinere and Tina Hartley had expressed their wish to continue as Trustees and did not require re-election. George Binyon announced that he is retiring as a Trustee and also as GPCA Chair. He was thanked for all his hard work over the years and presented with a gift from the Trustees.

The meeting closed after Saj Hussain (Surrey CC Councillor) had thanked the Trustees and volunteers for their support.



## Natural Goldsworth Park Update



Since the last magazine two GPCA Trustees attended a wildflower course run by the Surrey Wildlife Trust. The course was most informative and recommended the sowing of Yellow Rattle seeds on the meadow. Yellow Rattle acts as a partial parasite, locking into the grasses and feeding off them so making them weaker. This should then allow other wildflowers the chance to grow.

Seeding has taken place in over 100 2mx2m plots scattered around the meadow. The hope is that this approach will enable self-seeding to occur so that Yellow Rattle will spread naturally across the meadow. If successful other wildflowers can be sown in future years.

Further clearance of cherry laurel around the woodland walk is planned with the land owners, Thames Water. Please keep an eye on the NGP Facebook group page for a date.

The GPCA is still looking for someone to take on the role of NGP project manager to lead the efforts to conserve and manage the meadow and woodland as unspoilt open space. If you are interested or would like more information please contact [editor@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk](mailto:editor@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk)

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# A personal view

## Royer Slater



**“Goldsworth Park’s church was built upside down!” remarked a visitor to our parish church, St Andrew’s. It’s a fair comment because few churches have their main worship area upstairs.**

Visitors at weekday events in Andy’s community café may not even be aware there’s a huge upstairs space used for Sunday worship and special services such as weddings, baptisms (or “Christenings”) and funerals.

The church was designed to satisfy the wishes of early church members for a church building that would be used seven days a week and by the wider community of Goldsworth Park.

Let’s step inside. The beautiful upstairs space is reached by stairs at each side, or by a lift at the car park end. The seating is usually arranged for services in a semi-circle, rising in tiers towards the back. Unlike traditional aisled churches, no one is seated far from the front and everyone can see and hear what’s happening. The intimacy and informality of this arrangement has been acclaimed by visitors to such events such as weddings and baptisms. (By contrast I’ve sat on uncomfortable pews in traditional churches, where pillars blocked my view of the wedding or baptism I had come to see!)

The congregation area at St Andrew’s is fully carpeted, the seats are comfortably upholstered and there’s a super-duper sound system with a deaf aid loop, as well as a pair of overhead projectors that display words and pictures during services.

The semi-circular seating reflects the intimacy early worshippers had enjoyed on Sundays in the school hall at Beaufort School, where members of the new parish of St Andrew’s Goldsworth Park would meet on Sundays until the church building opened in 1988 at Goldsworth Park Centre.

There are other interesting aspects of the building’s design, which was by the renowned church architect Robert Potter – St Andrew’s Goldsworth Park is cited on his

Wikipedia page! The sloping roof sections above reflect the tents used by worshippers in biblical times and also that the apostle Paul supported himself by making tents while preaching Jesus’s Gospel.



The church is dedicated to the first disciple to be called by Jesus, St Andrew, who was a fisherman so the dais is pointed like the prow of a ship.

The design also fosters a sense of intimacy even when the church is full. During Sunday services it reinforces the sense that membership of St Andrew’s is to be one of a

church family, where people know, love and support each other.

Down at ground level, the building was designed for the wider community: welcoming newcomers and visitors and supporting those in need have always been key parts of the St Andrew’s philosophy during the week as well as Sundays. The largest area on the ground floor is Andy’s Community Café, which is where many community events are held on weekdays. The St Andrew’s Chapel, used for church meetings of up to 30 people, occupies one corner at the south side of the building. The church office is nearby, as well as a smaller office used by the Christian charity, Engage Woking Schools.

At the other end of the building are the east-facing main entrance (with sensor-operated doors for easy disabled access), toilets, utility rooms, storerooms and access to the A2 Youth & Community Hall.

The design on two levels makes optimum use of land donated for the church by Goldsworth Park’s developers, Ideal Homes. The location benefits from being at the heart of the Goldsworth Park community, between the shops and Health Centre. However, the site was too narrow to accommodate everything on one level, so the architect’s design places those areas where visitors are welcomed during the week on the ground floor, and makes the whole upstairs area available for the main “worship area”.

If you’ve never seen inside St Andrew’s Church, someone will be pleased to show you around: contact the church office Monday to Thursdays, 9.30am to 4pm on 01483 723879.

The St Andrew’s church web site ([standrewgwp.org](http://standrewgwp.org)) includes lots of information on the church and its building, and even reassuring advice if you’re going to church for the first time.

# News from Ann-Marie Barker



## Lakeside lights

Work has now been done to remove foliage around lights 4, 5, 12 to 15 and 17.

## Brockhill

The sale of Brockhill to the successful bidder has been agreed. New homes have been identified for all present residents.

## Lakeview maisonettes

Work began on Tuesday 29th October to put in place a temporary solution to weatherproof and reinsulate external walls of Lakeview maisonettes. It is hoped this work will be completed on all affected blocks before Christmas.

## Traveller encampments

Councillors met with council officers and police in October to discuss the traveller encampment that affected Goldsworth Recreation Ground this summer. Work is being done to make the gate to the site more secure and consider any further measures that may be taken.

## Toob

Following many concerns about Toob posts being erected with local notice to local residents Cllr Barker has written to the company to express her concerns and Cllr Sullivan is arranging to meet them

with residents in the coming weeks.

## Play equipment at Goldsworth Centre

Cllr Barker has asked the managing agents to add a notice near the playground advising who to contact if there are issues with playground equipment.

## Fly tipping

Fly tipping continues to be an issue in a number of areas of Goldsworth Park. Cllr Oades has reported multiple incidents in Lakeview.

# News from St Andrew's by Revd Scott Smith

## Greetings Goldsworth Park!

**It seems September and October have flown by!**

September here at St Andrew's began with a 'Welcome Lunch' – an opportunity for all those who have joined us over the last year or so to meet with me and others on the team, outside of the busyness of a Sunday morning. It was lots of fun.

Since then, we've held Messy Church, hosted 'Encounter' a Woking-wide Youth event, celebrated Harvest (another lunch) and seen people from across Woking publicly declare their faith at an evening celebration of baptism and confirmation at Christ Church in the town centre.

In January 2025 (beginning on the evening of the 22nd) we'll be running the Alpha course. It's an opportunity to have conversations about faith, life and God, to watch a series of short-films together and for you bring any questions you might have about the Christian faith. You are warmly invited.

As you might expect, we're currently in the midst of our Christmas preparations. We'll be gathering and celebrating together in lots of different ways. Again, you are warmly invited to join in. We're looking forward to welcoming Beaufort and Sythwood schools back during December for their Carol Concerts, which are always such fun.

Goldsworth Guides and the church will be hosting a Christmas Market and Community Carol Singing on Friday 29th November (see poster below), followed by Christmas Messy Church on Saturday 30th November. Andy's 'Out of Hours' Christmas Special with live music and entertainment is on Saturday 7th December. See page 11 for details of all these events.

Also on page 11 you'll find details of our Christmas services at St Andrew's: Carols by Candlelight, a Crib & Christingle Service, a

'Midnight' Communion starting late on Christmas Eve and then a fun-filled Christmas Day Celebration.

In Luke's gospel account we hear the angels say: *'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.'*

In all our Christmas celebrations, we look to remind ourselves of the truth that whatever we face, whatever comes to pass, we are not left alone; that we never have to face the hardest things in life alone. God is present to His world. God comes to us. God comes to this earth, to this people, and He comes as one who is with us and for us.

Whatever this Christmas holds for you, (whether you celebrate or not) my prayer is that you might know that you are not alone, and that God loves you, is with you and is for you.

Outside of Christmas, there's always lots going on through the week at St Andrew's, including Parent & Toddler groups, a monthly Hearing-Aid clinic, a weekly Craft group and an Art group. We also have our community cafe (Andy's) which is open every Wednesday and Thursday during term-times. Please see our website [www.standrewsgwp.org](http://www.standrewsgwp.org) for more details, or pop in and see us.

You may have seen that our Wildlife and Wellbeing Garden is now open. Do please come in and enjoy it – it's for everyone.

With warmest wishes and every blessing for Christmas and the year ahead.

Scott.



## GPCA seeks the following volunteers

**THE GPCA** is seeking to recruit 3 volunteers:

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- Advertising Manager for Goldsworth News
- Natural Goldsworth Park Project Manager

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## Christmas Market

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Community Carols

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# Goldsworth Park Scout Group

By Akela (Hilary) CUB Leader

## 1st Goldsworth Park Scout Group 2024 Winter Update

### GROUP CAMP

On Friday 19th July the 1st Goldsworth Park Scout Group hosted a Pirate themed camp at Earleywood Scout Campsite, Windlesham, made available to all sections and kindly funded by the Woking Sparks Fund. Over 40 members attended the camp beginning with an afternoon start on Friday by our adult volunteer leaders and parents.

Our Scouts and Cubs arrived later and began to set up their temporary homes for the two nights by erecting tents and sorting their personal belongings. On Saturday morning we were joined by our youngest members, the Beavers and the real adventure began. The young people across all three sections took part in a number of adventurous activities including climbing, traversing, crossbow, archery and orienteering; complemented by a number of crafts such as painting pirate ships, modelling balloon swords or parrots and decorating their own bandanas. On Saturday evening we gathered around the campfire for songs and reflection before heading to off to bed. A nice early start on Sunday took us straight back to more activities before lunch, after which we began shutting down ready to head home after a fun, exciting, yet tiring weekend.

We have received some great feedback following the event:

- "Thanks so much everyone... Great Camp, it was brilliant to see them all interact and even more between the age groups." *Miri (Parent helper)*
- "The camp was great, Eli and I really enjoyed it. Nice to work together with everyone." *Jess*
- "Thanks all, the boys and I had a great weekend." *Matt (Parent helper)*
- "My two scouts Josh and Tilly had an amazing time. Josh loved the archery and Tilly really enjoyed the climbing. Spending time in the fresh air and camping under the stars, not many kids get to do that these days." *Jo (Parent)*
- "My son Toby, in Beavers had a great time. He loved the variety of activities, especially the crazy golf. He really enjoyed the camp fire too." *Carly (Parent)*

## Goldsworth Park Girlguiding

Goldsworth Park Girlguiding is a vibrant community where girls aged 5 to 14 can come together to explore their interests, develop new skills, and make lasting friendships. We encourage girls to be their best selves while having fun, make new and memorable memories.



In September, we as a District enjoyed a fun-filled weekend away, with a lively group of girls aged 5-14 years from Goldsworth Park units. We gathered for an action-packed camp filled with laughter, creativity, and adventure. Set against the backdrop of nature, the camp was a perfect blend of fun activities, crafting, and bonding, making it a memorable experience for all.

If you're a young girl or know one who's looking for a place to have fun and grow, consider joining a unit in the area. With endless adventures waiting, it's the perfect opportunity to make new friends and learn something new – all while having a fantastic time!

Contact: [gpbrownies4@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gpbrownies4@hotmail.co.uk)

### REMEMBRANCE SLEEPOVER & PARADE

It has become a tradition of 1st Goldsworth Park Scout Group to attend the Remembrance Parade along with our Guide sections, and join the St Andrews Church congregation with members of the public at the memorial stone, in front of the GWP Heath Centre.



Photo: Pam Taylor



Photo: Anne Catley

2024 was no exception and this year we also helped the RBL Poppy Appeal by selling poppies outside the Waitrose shop complex. The Beavers, Cubs & Scouts then had the opportunity to 'sleep-over' at the Generation Centre.

### GUIDES AND SCOUTS GANG SHOW

Another tradition are our fundraising efforts for the continued running of the Generation Centre, in the form of a Gang Show. This takes place every 18 months (as it takes a while for the adults to recover!) and not only raises valuable funds but gives our young people the opportunity to perform on stage in front of an audience. This builds confidence and can act as a springboard to future careers in the performing arts.

I will report in the next edition of GPCA News on how it all went!

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# Lakeview Community Centre

By James Sanderson, Chair, Lakeview Community Action Group

In this edition's update from Lakeview, I would like to introduce our longest running activity at the Lakeview Community Centre: "Lift Up Together" which meets on Thursday afternoons at the Centre, 12 to 3.30pm. I will let them tell their story in their own words:

"I am Karen and our wonderful group of people is called **Lift Up Together** – and that is what we do: we lift each other up emotionally and with no judgement. Mainly for those suffering with mental health issues (diagnosed or not), we also cater for those at risk of developing mental health issues i.e. the lonely and isolated, such as new mums, those new to the area, the recently divorced or separated and also those in care homes. We also welcome family and unpaid carers, or friends of the people who are affected. We have a membership of about 45 people at present but it fluctuates through the year.

"At each session we provide a hot lunch in the colder months and sandwiches, wraps and similar during the warmer months plus hot and cold drinks year round. To avoid temptation and risky behaviour, alcohol and drug use as well as bullying are not tolerated.

"We also run activities such as bingo with treats at prizes such as cakes and chocolate, and a quiz which each table enters as a team and small sweets are given to all who participate on the winning table. Mums who come to our group are grateful to be able to bring their preschool children during term time and all children during the school holidays during the weeks we are open.



"As well as weekly sessions throughout the year, we usually have a summer outing and a party in the run-up to Christmas. We celebrated our 20 year anniversary recently with a party, which was enjoyed as much by the volunteer staff as by the members.

"This warm and welcoming group is completely free to all. We are actively looking for funding to keep this group open for another 20 years at least! If you'd like more information please contact me, Karen Smith, on 07914639956."

In other news, in October I was pleased to join Woking's ROC (Reclaim Our Communities) Conversation. It was a great opportunity to meet up with a wide variety of different community groups from across Woking and see how we can work together. For Lakeview specifically, I highlighted the need for more volunteers to help restart our children's group "Little Minions" targeted at the primary school age group.

We are already thinking about how we can run more activities at the Lakeview Centre next year and hope to hold another Fun Day in the summer. The next Lakeview Community Action Group meeting is on the 7th January 2025 at 7.30pm at the Lakeview Community Centre.

## Woking ShopMobility

### Power Chair or Scooter?

by Woking shopMobility

Many of our members use our hire service because they have temporary or permanent mobility issues. There is often a strong preference for either powerchairs or larger mobility scooters. However, there is a distinct difference however between the different types of equipment we have for hire and how they can help you while you are in Woking Town Centre or for home and holiday hire.

Recently a client booked a power wheelchair to have ear wax removed at Specsavers. They told us afterwards that the staff found it a lot easier to accommodate the power chair in the treatment room, than a mobility scooter which is much longer and not so easy to turn, so the door has to stay open during the procedure, reducing privacy.

Therefore for visiting Specsavers (where shopMobility members get 25% off glasses) a power chair would be a better option than a scooter. Power chairs can also be easier to get in and out of lifts, as you can turn the chair without having to reverse to exit. They are also easier to manoeuvre in shops where access is limited.

We offer advice and help for all our equipment so if you have not used a power chair before our team can help. Just let us know in advance and we will give you a complete guide to how to use a chair and let you practice before you go out into the shopping centre. Whether you are using a powered wheelchair or mobility scooter remember these are powerful machines and must be driven in public spaces with respect. It is essential to maintain low speeds at all times and to watch what is happening around for everyone's safety.

### Woking shopMobility Survey

To help us improve our service we have just launched a survey to get as much feedback as possible about our service and as many ideas as possible about how we can improve it within our budgetary constraints. The survey can be accessed via our website [www.wokingshopmobility.co.uk](http://www.wokingshopmobility.co.uk). Alternatively you can pick up a ready printed questionnaire from our office to fill out by hand.

We really hope you will help us by taking part so we can make sure our service is the best possible for you.

Please refer to our website (as above) for all the information needed to access our services. For updates and news follow us on Facebook and Instagram @wokingshopmobility.

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# Dates for your diary



## Regular Events

\*Events marked with an asterisk, and possibly others too, may take a break during school holidays. We recommend checking with the organisers.

■ **WARM WELCOME Tuesdays, drop in 9am-midday** | Friendly chat and company on in Andy's Community Café at Goldsworth Park Centre. Free entry and with free tea, coffee and biscuits.

■ **COFFEE AND CHAT First, third and fifth Tuesdays of each month, drop in 10.30am-midday** | Conversation and company at **Warm Welcome** in Andy's at Goldsworth Park Centre. Church pastoral assistants are available to offer support to those struggling in any way.

■ **TODDLER GROUPS Mondays and Wednesdays, drop in 10am-11.30am\*** | With toys and ride-ons, crafts and singing. Run by St Andrew's Church during school term times, in A2 Youth & Community Centre (next to the church). These are drop-in groups but entry may have to be restricted if max number is reached. Optional donation £2 per family. Details: email [toddlers@standrewsgwp.org](mailto:toddlers@standrewsgwp.org)

■ **BUMP & BEYOND Fridays, drop in 10am-11.30am** | Relaxed group for parents-to-be and parents with babies not yet walking. Offers support and opportunities to make friends and share experiences. Fun for babies with toys and activities. Run by St Andrew's Church in Andy's Café (or the A2 Centre if there is an event in the church). Optional donation £1 per family. Details: email [bumpandbeyond@standrewsgwp.org](mailto:bumpandbeyond@standrewsgwp.org)

■ **SING GOLD Wednesdays, 2pm to 3.30pm** | Goldsworth Park's Community Choir meets to have fun singing songs of all kinds in the Chapel at St Andrew's Church, GP Centre.

■ **WOKING YOUTH Wednesdays, 6.30pm-8.30pm** | Drop-in for young people aged 11-19 in Lakeview Community Centre, Tracious Close. See [www.wokingyouth.org.uk](http://www.wokingyouth.org.uk) for details. Volunteers needed to help at sessions: for info please email [admin@wokingyouth.org.uk](mailto:admin@wokingyouth.org.uk)

■ **YOUTH EVENING Alternate Fridays, 7.30pm-9pm\*** | For young people aged 11-16, with games and activities, and a termly trip out. Run by St Andrew's Church in the A2 Youth & Community Centre at GP Centre. For information and dates email [youth@standrewsgwp.org](mailto:youth@standrewsgwp.org).

■ **LIFT UP TOGETHER Thursdays, 12pm-3.30pm** | Social self-support group aiming to destigmatise mental health issues in a safe environment. With lunch, newspapers and magazines and activities such as bingo, quizzes and games, in Lakeview Community Centre, Tracious Close.

■ **ANDY'S COMMUNITY CAFÉ Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10am-2.30pm (during term times)** | Offers a range of superb barista coffees, teas and snacks and a "pay as you feel" menu: no fixed prices – just pay what you can afford (or nothing if you're feeling the pinch), so no one goes hungry. Toddler-friendly play space with train track, books and toys, free Wi-Fi, comfy sofas or tables to work from, dog friendly. Andy's is on the ground floor at St Andrew's Church, GP Centre, GU21 3LG. Details: [www.standrewsgwp.org/andys](http://www.standrewsgwp.org/andys)

■ **CRAFT GROUP Thursdays, 10am-11.30am\*** | With a variety of craft activities in Andy's Community Café. Materials provided, all FREE.

■ **ART GROUP Thursdays, 1pm-3pm** | Creativity, conversation and coffee. All abilities welcome. Meet and make friends in Andy's Community Café. Materials provided, all FREE. The event does not take place when the leader is away, so it is recommended you check with the St Andrew's Church office on 01483 723879.

### ■ **BOAT TRIPS ON THE BASINGSTOKE CANAL**

The Basingstoke Canal Society owns two passenger boats providing pleasure trips on the Basingstoke Canal. *Kitty* operates from The Town Wharf in Woking, while *John Pinkerton II* operates from Odiham. For details and bookings visit [basingstoke-canal.org.uk/boat-trips](http://basingstoke-canal.org.uk/boat-trips)

■ **THE LIGHTBOX – Tuesdays to Sundays, times vary (closed Mondays and Bank Holidays)** | Art exhibitions (changed regularly), Woking's Story (museum) plus workshops for adults and for families with young children. For full details of current exhibitions and events visit [thelightbox.org.uk](http://thelightbox.org.uk) or call 01483 737800.

■ **WOKING REPAIR CAFÉ operated by Woking Environment Action (WEAct) – 10am to 12.30pm** | Volunteers offer free repairs for small electricals/mechanicals, clocks, furniture, toys, garden tools, clothing and textiles. Donations welcome to cover costs. Only items that can be carried by one person will be accepted. No petrol-driven items for safety reasons. Upcoming dates/venues: **7th December** at Old Woking Community Centre GU22 9AT; **18th January 2025** at Trinity Methodist Church GU21 4LH; **8th February** at Andy's Community Café, Goldsworth Park GU21 3LG; **8th March** at St Mary's Community Centre Byfleet KT14 7LZ. If possible, email beforehand with details of what you wish to bring: [hello@wokingenvironmentaction.com](mailto:hello@wokingenvironmentaction.com).

## Diary Dates

### November

■ **FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER Christmas Market and Community Carols at Goldsworth Park Centre, 6:00pm-9pm** | Enjoy lighting of the Christmas tree donated by Waitrose then carols with a band from 6pm-6.30pm followed by a Christmas market from 6.30pm to 9pm with lovely handcrafted crafts and other gift ideas, drinks and treats – hosted by St Andrew's Church and Goldsworth Guiding. Thanks to generous sponsorship from the **GPCA**, children can enjoy Christmas storytelling with a free gift (from 6.30pm to 8pm in 15 minute intervals – first come first served).

■ **SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER Messy Church, 3pm-5pm** | Join us for fun, crafts, games, songs and food. Aimed at families with children aged 4-10 (primary school age), but older/younger siblings are welcome). St Andrew's Church, GP Centre.

### December

■ **MONDAY 2 DECEMBER Seniors' Tea, 2pm** | Free event (donations accepted). Guest speaker to be announced. In Andy's Community Café (within St Andrew's Church). Booking essential: please call 01483 727834 or email [pastoral@standrewsgwp.org](mailto:pastoral@standrewsgwp.org)

■ **WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER Hearing aid clinic: drop in from 1pm-3pm** | NHS hearing aid general maintenance including cleaning retubing, general advice and free NHS batteries. St Andrew's Church, GP Centre. Free service run by NHS-trained volunteers. For details visit [www.standrewsgwp.org/hearing](http://www.standrewsgwp.org/hearing)

■ **FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER Trefoil Guild, 7.30pm-9.30pm** | Monthly meeting for current and past Guiders who enjoy meeting like-minded folk. The Generation Centre, GP Centre, Denton Way. Details: email [sylvia.lambart@ntlworld.com](mailto:sylvia.lambart@ntlworld.com) or call 01483 766001

■ **SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER Woking Borough Council Councillors Surgery 11am -12pm** | Meet your local councillors and your MP Will Forster in Quackers Café, Wishbone Way, Woking GU21 3RT.

■ **SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER Andy's 'Out of Hours' Christmas Special, 7.30pm-10pm** | Live music and entertainment with a licensed bar and food. For December we welcome The Diversion, Graham Armfield and Billy Liberator. Tickets FREE (donations accepted) but please book here: [tinyurl.com/andysoooh](http://tinyurl.com/andysoooh)

■ **SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER Carols by Candlelight, 6:30pm** | A service of Carols and St Andrew's Church, Goldsworth Park Centre.

■ **SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER Crib & Christingle Service, 4pm** | A fun-filled service for all the family (from pre-schoolers to grandparents!) with songs, a nativity and Christingles. St Andrew's Church, Goldsworth Park Centre.

■ **SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER Midnight Communion, 11:15pm** | Join us for a service of Carols and Communion as we welcome in Christmas together. St Andrew's Church, Goldsworth Park Centre.

■ **SUNDAY 25TH DECEMBER Christmas Day Celebration, 10am** | A fun-filled service for all ages as we celebrate the birth of Jesus – Happy Christmas! St Andrew's Church, Goldsworth Park Centre.



## January 2025

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■ **TUESDAY 14 JANUARY Hymns We Love 11am** | We'll enjoy a beautiful rendition of a hymn, explore the story behind it and the meaning behind the words. There will also be time to chat. St Andrew's Church, GP Centre. For more information or to express an interest, email [community@standrewsgwp.org](mailto:community@standrewsgwp.org) or call the church office on 01483 723879.

■ **SATURDAY 19 JANUARY Messy Church, 3pm–5pm** | Join us for fun, crafts, games, songs and food. Aimed at families with children aged 4–10 (primary school age), but older/younger siblings are welcome). St Andrew's Church, GP Centre.

## February

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■ **SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY Repair Cafe 10am to 12.30pm** | At Andy's Community Café in St Andrew's Church, GP Centre. For full details see the "Organisations" section (above).

■ **TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY Hymns We Love 11am** | We'll enjoy a beautiful rendition of a hymn, explore the story behind it and the meaning behind the words. There will also be time to chat. St Andrew's Church, GP Centre. For more information or to express an interest, email [community@standrewsgwp.org](mailto:community@standrewsgwp.org) or call the church office on 01483 723879.

■ **FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY GPCA Quiz Night 7.30pm – 9.30pm** | Dianthus Upper Deck, Wishbone Way. See poster on page 4. To book your place or for more details email [social@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk](mailto:social@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk)

## March

■ **WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH Hearing aid clinic: drop in from 1pm–3pm** | NHS hearing aid general maintenance including cleaning retubing, general advice and free NHS batteries. St Andrew's Church, GP Centre. Free service run by NHS-trained volunteers. For details visit [www.standrewsgwp.org/hearing](http://www.standrewsgwp.org/hearing)

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■ **SATURDAY 8 MARCH GPCA Community Litter Pick, 2pm** | Meet at The Lodge car park, Wishbone Way. Litter pickers, bags and high-vis safety vests are provided. All welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. For more details email [social@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk](mailto:social@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk)

## Local Organisations in Goldsworth Park

### ■ GOLDSWORTH PARK GUIDES AND SCOUTS

Meetings are in The Generation Centre at The Goldsworth Park Community & Shopping Centre.

**GUIDES:** Rainbows (ages 5–7) – Monday, Tuesday and Friday 4.45pm to 5.45pm; Brownies (ages 7–10) – Monday Tuesday and Friday 6pm to 7.30pm; Guides (ages 10+) – Tuesday 7.45pm to 9.15pm. Contact: Hannah Lambart on 01483 766001 or email [gpbrownies4@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gpbrownies4@hotmail.co.uk)

**SCOUTS:** Beavers (ages 6–8) – Wednesday 5pm to 6pm; Cubs (ages 8–10) – Thursday 5.45pm to 7.15pm; Scouts (ages 10+) – Thursday 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Contact: Dave Morris on 07985 684086 or email [gsl.gpark@gmx.com](mailto:gsl.gpark@gmx.com). Dave says the group needs extra leaders or helpers so they can accommodate young people on the waiting list: can you help?

### ■ GOLDSWORTH PARK RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB

Grassroots football opportunities for boys and girls, based at Goldsworth Park Recreation Ground. Details: visit [gprfc.org](http://gprfc.org) or email [clubsecretary@gprfc.org](mailto:clubsecretary@gprfc.org)

### ■ SEA CADETS WOKING

Through activities and adventures, we learn teamwork, respect, loyalty, self-confidence, commitment, self-discipline, honesty and how to be the best version of ourselves. We meet at the Dianthus Building, Wishbone Way GU21 3RT. Sea Cadets (ages 12–18) – Mondays and Thursdays 7pm–9pm; Junior Cadets (ages 10–12) – Mondays 7pm–9pm; Royal Marines Cadets (13–18) – Mondays and Thursdays 7pm–9pm. Details: visit [www.sea-cadets.org/woking](http://www.sea-cadets.org/woking) or email [info@wokingseacadets.org.uk](mailto:info@wokingseacadets.org.uk) or call 01483 901909.

### ■ WOKING HOCKEY CLUB

With many teams (men's, ladies, mixed, youth and touring sides), plus "back to hockey" sessions, the clubs offer hockey to players of any ability. Details: [www.wokinghc.com](http://www.wokinghc.com) or email [secretary@wokinghc.com](mailto:secretary@wokinghc.com)

### ■ GOLDSWORTH PARK BADMINTON CLUB

The club seeks new members who currently play or are thinking of restarting badminton. Meets in Woking High School Sports Hall on Saturdays 1pm–3pm. The club has a friendly but strong level of badminton using feather shuttles whilst enjoying the fun and social side. For details email [paulrussell01@aol.com](mailto:paulrussell01@aol.com)

### ■ ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Goldsworth Park's friendly, community-focussed parish church, at the heart of Goldsworth Park near the shops. Our church family is made up of all ages and backgrounds from a variety of nationalities and cultures. We'd love to welcome you at a Sunday service in our upstairs Worship Area (we have a lift!) or during the week at our many events downstairs in Andy's Community Café. Details: [www.standrewsgwp.org](http://www.standrewsgwp.org) email [office@standrewsgwp.org](mailto:office@standrewsgwp.org) or call 01483 723879.

### ■ SALVATION ARMY

We invite you to join with us on Sundays at 11am for our worship meeting. In addition, we offer many programmes at our Community Church throughout the week so please know that you're welcome at The Salvation Army Community Church, Sythwood, Woking GU21 3BE. For details visit [www.salvationarmy.org.uk/woking](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/woking) or email [woking@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:woking@salvationarmy.org.uk) or call 01483 793704.

### ■ LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Meets Sundays at 10am for worship, teaching and Holy Communion in the Dianthus Building in Wishbone Way, GU21 3RT. Other meetings during the week include Holy Communion, prayer and house groups. For more information visit [lcfwoking.wixsite.com/lakeside](http://lcfwoking.wixsite.com/lakeside) or email [lcf\\_woking@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lcf_woking@hotmail.co.uk) or call 01483 870045.

### ■ RADIO SAILING WOKING

We sail model boats on Goldsworth Park Lake on Sundays from 11am (weather permitting), sometimes Wednesday and Fridays, plus competitive meetings (listed on web site). For details see [www.rudiosailingwoking.uk](http://www.rudiosailingwoking.uk)

### ■ GOLDSWORTH CARE

A good neighbour scheme offering help to residents who find it difficult to get around. Volunteer drivers take clients to health centres, shops etc and wait to take them home again. They may also do shopping for housebound people. For details, registration and to request a pickup call 07751 801587, Monday to Friday, 10am–12 noon.



# SEYMOURS STEAL THE SHOW, WINNING THREE AWARDS AT THE PRESTIGIOUS ESTAS 2024.

Seymours are beyond ecstatic to announce that we won not one, not two, but **THREE** awards at this year's magnificent ESTAS awards.

Held at London's Grosvenor House in the Heart of Mayfair on 18th October, the 21st annual ESTAS Awards was a night to remember. When it comes to UK real estate, no awards ceremony can compare to the ESTAS. 1,200 of the best real estate agents, mortgage brokers, and conveyancers in the United Kingdom celebrated and mingled at the industry's key event, where none other than real estate guru Phil Spencer announced the winners.

Seymours' passion and dedication did not go unnoticed, and we proudly walked away with three incredible awards. The team were overjoyed with the wins and the support from all who attended the event, which was truly memorable and a milestone in Seymours' journey.

"Our team work tirelessly to put us at the top of the field, building lasting relationships. Is it easy? No. Are there hard times? Certainly. But it is all worth it. The acknowledgement of our commitment to the industry and our collective dedication and love of property makes every bit of hard work worthwhile." Said Seymours partner, Zo Khan.

Our clients know we relentlessly work to ensure our high standards never drop, and we are immensely proud of that. These awards solidify our position as a professional, devoted, and trusted estate agent who takes pride in giving back to the community.

So, what did we win?

- Seymours Woking won Best Estate South East Gold
- Seymours Woking won Best Estate Agents in County (Surrey)
- Amy Sandys won the People's Award

Zo Khan added, "Amy has been absolutely amazing, working above and beyond to look after our clients. She has had over 100 great online reviews and truly deserves the People's Award. We are extremely proud to have Amy on the team and are thrilled with her achievements."

Above all, we want to thank everyone for their support - without that, we would not be where we are now. We will continue to aim high and hope you join us on our journey to even bigger things. Thank you to our clients and to every member of our team. See you at the next awards!



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