

**OLD BASSETT
RESIDENTS
ASSOCIATION**
It's nothing without YOU!

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Christmas in the Community

A Traditional Christmas Party
for all the community

- * Bring and Share Meal
(finger foods: rolls, dips, nibbles, etc)
- * Songs and Carols
- * Raffle * Quiz
- * Christmas crafts for the children

Sunday 13th December, 4-6 pm
All Saints' Hall, Winchester Road

FREE!

(but we will be collecting for the Rose Road Association)

EVERYONE WELCOME!

*This event is jointly hosted by Old Bassett Residents Association
and the All Saints' Committee*

Neighbourhood Watch



Have you joined OBRAwatch yet? This new initiative is run as a separate neighbourhood watch scheme under the OBRA umbrella and is recognised by the Police. The aim is to support all neighbours and make the area a safe place in which to live. The scheme is being rolled out to all residences in the OBRA area. Each road will have its own representative who will call and introduce themselves to you. If you are not on email you can still register to get the information sent out and be assured your details are not released to any other organisation. Recent burglaries in the area have been notified to those residents who are signed up to OBRAwatch within 24 hours, alerting members to take extra security precautions. Current advice is to lock up bicycles and secure sheds, garages, and access gates. Keep an eye on or help elderly or vulnerable neighbours. With the coming of Christmas don't leave shopping on view in vehicles or put presents on view under Christmas trees. **Remember if you see anything suspicious call the Police on 101 or 999 if you observe a crime in progress.**

In the New Year we will be organising an open day with local police, the fire service and other service organisations looking at ways to keep our homes and the area safe. Please look out for further details to come along and support us and become part of this great community.

In the meantime why not join OBRAwatch at OBRAwatch@gmail.com to receive relevant up to the minute information? If you would like to help by becoming a street rep for OBRAwatch in Ashwood Gardens, Burgess Road or Burgess Gardens please contact Janet Pratley (OBRAwatch Co-ordinator) on 02380 790361 for more details.

Using facebook to keep up to date with OBRA

In order to keep OBRA members and other local residents up to date with information of events and happenings within the area we will be making increasing use of our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Old-Bassett-Residents-Association-227593440644315/>

to post short-term notices relating to planning applications, crime prevention, community news and events (rather than hoping that you will stumble across them on our www site). You don't need to sign up to facebook to visit and view our page, but if you do belong to facebook and "like" the page, you will then get notification of new postings.

Sports Centre Draft Improvement Plan

Southampton City Council has published the long-awaited draft improvement plan for the Sports Centre and is currently holding a public consultation on the ideas and options contained within the proposals. The original documents and online consultation can be found at:

<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/council-democracy/have-your-say/sports-centre-consultation.aspx>

The Friends of Southampton Sports Centre have prepared a summary document of the main features of the plan and this is available from:

<http://fosscc.info/uploads/FoSSCC%20summary%20of%20SCIP.pdf>

Other news in brief....

Bassett Neighbourhood Plan - the plan is progressing through the various stages and on Thursday 27th February an all day referendum is planned at All Saints' Hall. More details soon.

Southampton Libraries - the Council has voted to cease providing a Council managed library service at 6 libraries but the latest news is that a number of groups have offered to run them on a community basis.

Bin Collections - confused about your bin collection day? You can download a calendar for your bin collection from the Council's website - also available as an app. It's also worth knowing that if you find your bin has not been collected you can contact the council and they will make a separate collection.