Basingstoke and Deane

Buckskin Community Area Profile

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This community area profile captures key facts about community assets, community groups and activities in the ward of Kempshott and Buckskin. It aims to be a useful reference for local services and community groups looking to understand the strengths and assets in the ward. For this ward the two areas have their own profiles and this one is for **Buckskin**. Demographics cover both areas, as do crime statistics.

Population

10,609 (Census 2021)

Demographics

Within the ward:

- 58.8% are economically active* in employment (age group over 16), 2.6% are economically active* but unemployed, 36.7% are economically inactive. This compares to a borough average of 63%, 2.4% and 32.5% respectively.
- Educational attainment shows 14.4% having no qualifications compared to a borough average of 14.2%

- The levels of health are reported as very good 49.1% and good 35.8%, compared to the borough average of 50.1% and 35%
- The ethnic makeup has a majority being white 90.5% with 9.5% other ethnicities compared to a borough average of 88.5% and 11.5%

View more demographic information at the Office for National Statistics (https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/sources/census_2021/report)

*Economically active – People who are either in employment or unemployed
**Economically inactive - People who are neither in employment nor unemployed

Community groups and communication channels

Facebook pages

- Ridgeway Community Centre Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61552574669343)
- Buckskin Bullet News Facebook group (https://www.facebook.com/groups/BuckskinBullet)
- Highfields (Basingstoke) Residents Facebook group (https://www.facebook.com/groups/392831257430115)

Community venues

The Ridgeway Community Centre



Located at Blackdown Close, Basingstoke, RG22 5BW. The centre is run by Westside Community Association (https://www.facebook.com/people/The-Ridgeway-Community-Centre/61552574669343/) who provide:

- low cost activities for pre-school children throughout the week and extra activities during school holidays
- activities for older people
- a food pantry.

A range of social activities, health and wellbeing activities, support, advice and information sessions are also offered by organisations hiring the centre. Space is available for private hire for events and parties. Citizens Advice Basingstoke currently provide drop-in sessions at the centre.

Voluntary and community sector organisations in the area

Buckskin Ward Community Plan (https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/communityplans). Published in October 2017 following wide engagement led by the 4B resident group. The group continues to address the actions identified in the plan.

Buckskin Ward Community Plan Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/BuckskinCommunityPlan)

Leisure, sport and recreation

Stratton Park (https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/local-parks), Pack Lane, RG22 5AW
Site includes football pitches, a cricket pitch and tennis courts. There is a play area for children, space for informal recreation and a community centre.

Faith based venues offering wider community activities

Buckskin Evangelical Church (https://www.buckskin.church/), Chiltern Way, Basingstoke, RG22 5BB
Offers activities for parents, children and young people, a food pantry, coffee morning and craft group.

Pre-schools and nurseries

- Star Nursery (https://www.starnurseryandplayschool.com/), Chiltern Primary School, Chiltern Way, Basingstoke, RG22 5BB
- Park View Primary School Nursery (https://www.parkviewprimary.hants.sch.uk/nursery-3/), Pinkerton Road, Basingstoke, RG22 6RT

Primary schools

- Chiltern Primary School (https://www.chiltern-pri.hants.sch.uk/), Chiltern Way, Basingstoke, RG22 5BB
- Park View Primary School (https://www.parkviewprimary.hants.sch.uk), Pinkerton Road, Basingstoke, RG22 6RT

Secondary schools

There is no secondary school in Buckskin, however it sits within the catchment area for:

- Cranbourne School (https://www.cranbourne.hants.sch.uk/), Wessex Close, Basingstoke, RG21 3NP

Special educational needs

- Chiltern Way Academy (https://www.chilternway.org/our-academies/cwa-basingstoke), Pack Lane, Basingstoke, RG22 5TH

Health provision

- The Camrose, Gillies, Hackwood and Beggarwood Partnership (CGHB) (https://cghpartnership.co.uk/), St Andrew's Medical Centre, Western Way, Basingstoke, RG22 6ER
  It is run by Operose Health and includes a pharmacy.
- Health Visitor clinics are available weekly at Ridgeway Community Centre, Blackdown Close, Buckskin, Basingstoke, RG22 5BW

Other service providers working in area

Various housing providers have stock within the ward, these are Abri, Clarion, Guiness, MTVH, SNG, Southern Housing, Stonewater and Vivid. SNG Housing Association Buckingham Court Assisted Living (Communal Space)

Open spaces and play areas

Stratton Park has open play space, sports pitches, tennis courts and Kempshott Village Hall, which hosts Inspero (an organisation that promotes healthy eating) and the Scout Hut, which hosts the Men's Shed and Railway Club.

Old Down Woodland Park a site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) is within the Kempshott and Buckskin ward. The park has open space and a playground.

Other play areas and play spaces include:

- Blackdown Close play space
- The Bunny hole play space
- Sidlaw Close
- Pennine Way play area
- Highfields play space
- Dorset Crescent play space
- Old Kempshott Lane play space





Allotments

- Highfields, RG22 5FG
- Chiltern Way, RG22 5ES
- Cambrian Way, RG22 5AJ

View the full list of allotments in the borough (https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/allotments)

Biodiversity

Our Natural Environment Team is involved in a range of work that protects and enhances the borough's landscapes and habitats, such as developing strategic guidance including the Green Infrastructure Strategy, our Biodiversity Strategy and the emerging Tree Strategy.

Read the Biodiversity Strategy (https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/content/page/85440/Biodiversity%20Strategy_accessible.pdf)

Within this ward there are:

- three Sites Important for Nature Conservation (SINC)
- five Local Green Spaces (LGS)
- 78 parcels of priority habitats, including mainly lowland mixed deciduous woodlands, some chalk grassland and some arable field margins.

Sites Important for Nature Conservation (SINC) - locally designated sites of value for their biodiversity. They must be considered in any planning application.

Local Green Spaces (LGS) –introduced in 2012 NPPF and provide the same level of protection as Green Belt to areas of green space that are particularly valued by their local communities

Priority habitats – habitats of 'principal importance' listed within in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan (UK BAP) as required under Section 41 of the NERC Act 2006. Also known as 'S41 habitats'

Other local facilities

There are a range of shops located at:

- **Blackdown parade**
  - The Ridgeway Community Centre café
  - Takeaways/restaurants
  - Convenience store
- **Old Kempshott Lane**
  - Convenience store
- **Worting Road**

- Petrol station

There are two pubs and one social and sports club within the ward.

Transport

In Kempshott and Buckskin 11.8% of households had no access to a car or van, compared to 15.2% for Basingstoke and Deane as a whole. 3.4% had access to four or more cars or vans.

Buckskin and Kempshott are served by the number 8 Stagecoach bus route. The route connects Basingstoke town centre to Kempshott Park seven days a week.

Find out more about local cycle routes (https://basingstoke.activemap.co.uk/)

Green infrastructure and climate change

View our green infrastructure strategy (https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/natural-environment)

Our Green Team are engaging with residents, communities and organisations in the area, including through events, the parish council and offering residents home energy surveys.

Find out more about the Green Team (https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/green-team)

Future development, planned works or consultations

Sovereign Network Group (SNG) – Shaping the future of South Ham and Buckskin. SNG are looking to invest in the area and work with residents to create a plan for the future. Work is already underway Find out more about Shaping the Future of South Ham and Buckskin (https://shapingthefuture.commonplace.is/).

There is an active residents Facebook group Save Buckskin and South Ham from Redevelopment (https://www.facebook.com/groups/savebuckskinandsouthham) specifically related to the redevelopment plans.

Political representation

Find details of ward councillors representing the area (https://democracy.basingstoke.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?FN=WARD&VW=LIST&PIC=0)Find details of Hampshire County Council Councillors (https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/councillors)

The Kempshott and Buckskin ward is within the Basingstoke Parliamentary constituency.

Find details of your local MP (https://members.parliament.uk/members/Commons)

Other local information

Data from Hampshire Constabulary Business Objects shows that over the past five years the number of crimes reported to the police in Buckskin beats have fallen by 25% since 2021/22 and

reports of anti-social behaviour have reduced by 55%.

Police recorded incidents by year	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Crime	628	690	659	491	473
Anti-social behaviour	128	115	84	62	58

Over the past year in Buckskin, the most common types of:

- Crime recorded were violence against the person, theft offences and criminal damage.
- Anti-social behaviour reported to the Police were youth related issues, neighbour-related incidents and vehicle nuisance.

The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is working hard to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour across the borough. The current priorities for the partnership are:

- improving feelings of safety and health outcomes within the CSP area
- serious violence
- domestic abuse
- anti-social behaviour
- town centre and business crime and anti-social behaviour.

Many actions are being undertaken in relation to these priorities and to address the issues seen locally.

Find out more about the Basingstoke and Deane Strategic Assessment (https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/content/page/89005/Safer%20North%20Hampshire%20-%20Basingstoke%20and%20Deane%20-%20Strategic%20Assessment%202024-25.pdf)

Our Community Safety Patrol Officers (https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/cspo-team) focus on anti-social behaviour affecting people and places.

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