Kempshott 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 the purposes of this document the ward has been split into two areas, this profile is for **Kempshott**. 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

Active place-based community groups

Inspero (https://www.inspero.org.uk/) a Basingstoke-based charity that work to enhance the lives of the local community by providing food, education and wellbeing services. The charity uses several venues within Basingstoke, including their community garden based at Kempshott Village Hall.

Facebook pages

- Kempshott Village Hall Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/KempshottVillageHall)
- Old Down Hall Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100081811767345)
- The Kempshott Notice Board Facebook group (https://www.facebook.com/groups/229853051736300)

Newsletters and magazines

The Kempshott Kourier (https://kempshottkourier.com)newsletter covers the Kempshott and Highfields areas. You can read editions of the newsletter online (https://kempshottkourier.com/).

Community venues

Kempshott Village Hall, Pack Lane, Basingstoke, RG22 5HN.
The hall hosts a variety of activities, groups and classes such as dance/fitness, social groups, activities for children and older people, arts and crafts.
Find out more about Kempshott Village Hall (https://www.facebook.com/KempshottVillageHall)



Old Down Hall, 364 Kempshott Lane, Basingstoke, RG22 5LX.
The hall hosts a variety of activities, groups and classes such as fitness, social groups and arts and crafts.
Find out more about South Kempshott Community Association (https://www.olddownhall.co.uk/)

Voluntary and community sector organisations in the area

- Friends of Stratton Park Facebook page (/file:///C:/Users/cke/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/CZLEG71I/Friends%20of%20Stratton%20Park%20Facebook%20pag
- Old Down Wildlife group's website (mailto:Old%20Down%20Wildlife%20group%E2%80%99s%20website) or email odandbwd@gmail.com (mailto:odandbwd@gmail.com)
- Fuzzy Drove Conservation Group website (https://naturalbasingstoke.org.uk/conservation-groups-sites/conservation-groups/fuzzy-drove-conservation-group/)
- Kempshott Conservation Group (mailto:Kempshott%20Conservation%20Group)

Leisure, sport and recreation

Stratton Park (https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/local-parks), Pack Lane, Basingstoke, 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.

Down Grange (https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/downgrange), Pack Lane, Basingstoke, RG22 5HG
Facilities include an athletics track and field events arena, artificial turf pitches, football and rugby pitches, pétanque, a shooting range, BMX jumps, a sports pavilion and open space.

Arts and culture

Kempshott Pantomime Group Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/KPG.pantomime/). Local community theatre group that perform pantomimes.

Faith based venues offering wider community activities

- St Marks Church (https://www.parishofbasingstokedown.org.uk/), Homesteads Road, Basingstoke, RG22 5LQ
  Hosts a variety of social groups.
- Kempshott Methodist Church, Kempshott Lane, Basingstoke, RG22 5LF
  The church is no longer used as a church. Meraki Dance School (https://merakidance.co.uk/), a local dance school, currently operate from the church.

Pre-schools and nurseries

- Shooting Stars Nursery School (https://www.shootingstarsnurseryschool.co.uk/) with two locations in Kempshott:
  - Old Down Hall, 364 Kempshott Lane, Basingstoke, RG22 5LX
  - Kempshott Village Hall, Pack Lane, Basingstoke, RG22 5HN
- Kempshott Under 5's (https://kempshott.hatchwarrenunderfives.co.uk/), St Mark's Church, Homesteads Road, Basingstoke, RG22 5LQ

Primary schools

- Kempshott Infant School (https://www.kempshottinfants.com/), Old Down Close, Basingstoke, RG22 5LL
- Kempshott Junior School (https://www.kempshott-jun.hants.sch.uk/), Old Down Close, Basingstoke, RG22 5LL

Secondary schools

There is no secondary school in Kempshott. The catchment school is:

- The Blue Coat School (https://www.tbcsbasingstoke.org/), Western Way, Basingstoke, RG22 6HA

Special educational needs

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

After-school and holiday clubs

- Chiltern Way Academy (https://www.chilternway.org/our-academies/locations), Pack Lane, Basingstoke RG22 5TH
- Kempshott Junior School (https://www.kempshott-jun.hants.sch.uk/), Old Down Close, Basingstoke, RG22 5LL

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.

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.

Open spaces and play areas

- **Stratton Park,** RG22 5HN
- **Old Down Woodland Park,** Kempshott Lane, RG22 5UY
- **Down Grange Meadow and the Walled Garden**, Down Grange Sports Complex, Pack Lane, RG22 4ET
- **Heather Way play area**, Heron Way, RG22 5PS
- **Kendal Garden Orchard**, RG22 5QU. The orchard is looked after by the Kempshott Conservation Volunteers.





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/biodiversity-strategy)

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 shops located at:

- **Pack Lane parade**
  - Barbershop
  - Restaurant
  - Post Office

- Balloon store

- **Buckingham parade**
  - Convenience store
  - Pub
  - Takeaway
  - Charity shop
  - Hairdressers

There is one pub 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

The Natural Environment Team have engaged residents in the future plans for improvements to Old Down green space (https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/old-down) which will be funded by S106 developer contributions.

There are also S106 developer contributions from the Long Acre development to extend Old Down Hall. Plans have been developed and the project is at the planning permission stage.

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 Kempshott beats have remained fairly stable whilst reports of anti-social behaviour have risen by 173%.

Police recorded incidents by year	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Crime	195	154	182	166	162
Anti-social behaviour	41	51	55	104	112

Over the past year in Kempshott, 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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