

Bracknell Forest

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Bracknell Forest ward boundaries review by Local Government Boundaries Commission for England

Local information submission from councillors on Bracknell Town Council

The warded parish of Bracknell Town covers about half of the borough of Bracknell Forest. The information below is submitted to help in decisions regarding future warding of Bracknell Forest, the intention being to ensure any changes reflect the interests and identities of local communities.

It is understood that adopted boundary changes will be followed by a local governance review.

For purposes of managing the information, it is under the headings of the present Bracknell Town wards

Bullbrook

Community hub: Bullbrook Community Centre/Bullbrook shops. Nearby is Holly Spring Primary School. The former infant and junior schools amalgamated September 2019, but the buildings were physically joined in 2011. Buses: 157 and 158, the North Bracknell circular route; 702 to Windsor and London, 703 to Windsor and Heathrow Terminal 5. Easy walking distance of Bracknell Town centre. Green spaces: The Elms, Lily Hill Park (serving a wider area in Bracknell) and Clinton Woods/Freeborn Way play area; Bluebell Hill, Bullbrook Drive; Bullbrook Drive play area. Also Bracknell Cemetery in Larges Lane; Bracknell Rugby Club and Bracknell Tennis Club at Lily Hill Park; St Joseph's Primary School; Scouts, Freeborn Way. Pubs: The Boot, The Royal Oak, The Running Horse. Well-defined neighbourhood NE and E of town centre.

Harmans Water

Community hubs are Harmans Water shops/St Paul's Church/Harmans Water Library, and The Parks Community Centre. Harmans Water Primary School is close to the shops. The road under the railway links well to the Calfridus Way area. Buses: 4, 156 town circular, 171/2 evenings and weekends, 194, 702 to Windsor and London, 703 to Windsor and Heathrow Terminal 5. Rail: Martin's Heron station. Doctors: Waterfield practice, Ralphs Ride. Green spaces: Harmans Water playing fields, The Parks playing fields, Calfridus Way playing fields. Allotments: Glenwood. The Wayz, Calfridus Way: 4 youth clubs for 3 age groups and LD. Well-defined as Harmans Water and The Parks, and within the larger BFC ward with Martin's Heron and The Warren. Links between Harmans Water, Martin's Heron and The Warren for schools, employment, shopping, doctors/pharmacy and transport. Also use of Allsmoor Field and Playgroup at Martin's Heron and The Warren Community Centre by Harmans Water residents

Crown Wood

Community hub is Crown Wood shops/Crown Wood pub/Crown Wood Primary School/Doctors surgery. Buses: 4, 171/2 South Bracknell circular. Green spaces: Nuthurst and Nettlecombe play areas, and extending to W and S of primary school playing fields. Well-defined, and within the larger Crown Wood BFC ward with Forest Park with which it

has highway links. Well connected via Savernake Park and The Warren for transport from Martins Heron Station and shopping.

Hanworth

Community hub is Hanworth shops/The Pines school and church/Hanworth community centre. Other facilities: Hanworth surgery; Forest Health Partnership; Sainsbury's; St Margaret Clitherow Primary School; Teepee Nursery; Birch Hill pre-school; South Hill pre-school. Green space: Dryden Woods, near Ditchling; Latimer/Lydney. Buses: 4, 171/2 south Bracknell circular. Good links with Birch Hill in the same Borough ward of Hanworth.

Birch Hill

Community hub is Birch Hill shops/Birch Hill Primary School/ library/surgery/Birch Hill community centre. Buses: 4, 171/2 south Bracknell circular. Includes South Hill Park arts centre (serving a wider area in and around Bracknell). Also Birch Hill surgery. Bracknell Hockey Club and astroturf pitches. David Lloyd (tennis), Coral Reef swimming pool and flumes (serving a wider area in and around Bracknell); Birch Hill Scouts. Green spaces: South Hill Park, Quintillis play area. Good links with Hanworth in the same Borough ward of Hanworth.

Great Hollands South

Community hub (shared with Great Hollands North): Great Hollands shops/Great Hollands medical centre/ Great Hollands community centre. Wooden Hill Primary school. Green space: Great Hollands playing fields (serving a wider area in and around Bracknell) with Great Hollands Pavilion; Great Hollands Bowls Club; Ullswater Play area; Beedon Park; Helicopter Park (Oak Farm). Also Easthampstead Park school (secondary). Allotments: South Road. Downshire golf complex and Easthampstead cemetery and crematorium(serving a wider area in Bracknell). Buses: 4, 108, 194, 171/2 south Bracknell circular.

Great Hollands North

Community hub (shared with Great Hollands South): Great Hollands shops/Great Hollands medical centre/ Great Hollands community centre/Great Hollands primary school. Also Jennett's Park shops/Jennett's Park Community Centre/ Jennett's Park Primary School. Green space: Jurassic Park; Winscombe play area; Ringmead playing fields; Peacock Meadows country park (serving wider area in and around Bracknell). Allotments: Ringmead. Buses: 4, 108, 194, 171/2 south Bracknell circular. Footpath and cycleway links between Great Hollands and Jennett's Park.

Old Bracknell

Community hub: Rectory Lane shops/Easthampstead surgery/Easthampstead & Wildridings Community Centre. Also Fox Hill Primary School; Brakenhale School (secondary). Easthampstead Baptist Church a major Community Centre, meeting and small conference venue. Green space: The Green (conservation area with Point Royal and Rectory Lane); South Hill Road play area; North Lake, South Hill Park; Budham Way, Neuman Crescent Play Area, and between the Leisure Centre and Pond Moor Road; Bill Hill. Buses: 4, 108, 171/2 south Bracknell circular, 194.

Wildridings

Community hub: Wildridings shops/Wildridings Primary School. Green spaces: Wildridings playing field; Mill Park (serving a wider area in Bracknell); Ennerdale play area; Threshfields play area. Allotments: Crowthorne Road. St Michael & St Mary Magdalene church serving Old Bracknell, Wildridings, Great Hollands, Jennett's Park, Hanworth and Birch Hill. Also Ranelagh School (secondary). Buses: 108. Easy walking distance of Bracknell Town centre.

Priestwood

Community hub: Priestwood shops/St Andrew's Church/Priestwood Community Centre. Also Binfield Road shops (shared with Garth), and Meadow Vale Primary School. Green space: Queensway; Brook Green; Pollardrow play area; Stoney Road play area. Allotments: Limerick Close, Windlesham Road. Buses: 4, X4, 150. Easy walking distance of Bracknell Town centre. Priestwood and Garth are in the same Borough ward.

Note: Jocks Hill Pavilion and Park, owned and run by Bracknell Town Council, are in Binfield Parish

Garth

Community hub: London Road shops, Priestwood. Also Garth Hill College (secondary), Sandy Lane Primary School, Bracknell Methodist Church. Green space: Braybrooke playing fields and Braybrooke Hall (serving a wider area in Bracknell); Wick Hill woodland; Bull Lane green area Anneforde play area. Allotments: Anneforde allotments; Wilders Close. Western Industrial Area. Buses: 150. Easy walking distance of Bracknell Town centre. Priestwood and Garth are in the same Borough ward.

Town Centre

Central business district, with increasing numbers of high-density dwellings, but some traditional round Old Bracknell Lane, Woodridge Close and The Ridgeway. Holy Trinity Church, Langley Hall, Coopers Hill, The Lexicon opened 2017: shops, cinemas and restaurants; The Deck due to open 2022: shops and restaurants. Brooke House (Bracknell Town Council offices). Transport: Bracknell bus station: buses within Bracknell, and to Reading, Wokingham, Camberley, Maidenhead, Ascot, Wexham Park Hospital, Windsor, Slough, London and London Heathrow Terminal 5. Bracknell rail station: trains to Reading and London Waterloo, and intervening stations.

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