



# Virginia Water Neighbourhood Plan Community Infrastructure

## Charity-led Facilities

### 1. Community Centre and Pre-School

The Community Centre and Pre-School operations from Virginia Water Community Centre, and has been part of the community for over thirty years

### 2. Trotsworth Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Water Scout Group

1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Water Scout Group was originally formed in 1950, giving young people more opportunities by offering a broader programme of fun and adventure.

Committed to providing an environment where young People can grow in confidence, increase responsibility, make a broader set of friends, build a sense of community and pursue activities they would not be able to try if it were not for Scouting.

### 3. Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion Virginia Water Branch is one of the oldest Clubs in the country having been incorporated in 1932 and has always been located at its existing site in the heart of Virginia Water village.

Historically the Club was covenanted to 'provide a Social club for Ex-Servicemen and the residents of Virginia Water' and this remains true to this day. Newly refurbished in 2022 the hall offers community facilities for private hire, and community events.

Located next to the railway station with convenient parking. The premises also houses one of the main defibrillators in the village.

### 4. Virginia Water Football Club

Virginia Water Football Club was formed during the 1919-1920 season and in the 1930's, during the reign of King Edward VIII, Waters gained financial support (patronage) from

the crown to the sum of £2 per annum. This was continued after his abdication by King George VI and continued throughout his reign.

Waters were a part of the Woking & District league during this time until 1964 when they joined the Surrey Intermediate league, and then the Spartan League.

In 1969 the clubhouse at the Timbers was opened by Sir Stanley Rous CBE, who was the then President of FIFA. The Timbers, on Crown Road, was named after the late Harry Timbers, one of the founder members of the club.

## 5. Knowle Hill Tennis Club

Knowle Hill Tennis Club offers coaching for all ages and skill levels, along with Junior coaching programs, social events and mix in sessions, tennis teams, leagues, and competitions.

Established by a group of passionate local tennis players in the 1960s, Knowle Hill Tennis Club has been providing a welcoming and supportive community for tennis lovers for decades, with newly resurfaced courts and a modern clubhouse where you can relax and mix with your fellow players.

At Knowle Hill Tennis Club you will find a group of friendly and supportive individuals who share your passion for tennis whether you're a seasoned player or just starting out.

## Public Houses

### 6. Rose and Crown Public House

The Rose and Crown Public House is a Grade II listed building. It is believed that the building was originally a detached hunting lodge of the Queen Anne period dating back to C. 17<sup>th</sup> century.

It remains to this date a country-feel pub with wood panelling and ceiling beams that give a traditional country feel. Winners of the Green King Pub of the Year Award 2022. With its outdoor dining pods and children's play area, this public house is a firm favourite with local families throughout the year.

### 7. Rose and Olive Branch Public House

Once an old beer and cider house, the Rose and Olive Branch is 250 years old, and stands on what used to be the Crossroads at the foot of a hill in Windsor Great Park. This hill was known then as Gallow Hill, on top of which stood at Gibbet, which over the years has been corrupted to be named Callow Hill.

Like all old houses, during the Civil War in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, the Royalist and Cromwellian forces met there to sign a Treaty, upon completion of which the leader of the Roundheads presented the elder of the Cavaliers with an Olive Branch as a symbol of peace, and it received in return a Red Rose. It was from this event that this Inn derived its name, and it is believed to be the only of one of this name in England.

### 8. The Wheatsheaf Hotel and Pub

Located in a picturesque lakeside location in Windsor Great Park, just off the A30, London Road, The Wheatsheaf Hotel is a beautiful 17th century pub restaurant with a warm atmosphere and excellent food.

The Wheatsheaf Hotel is truly idyllic, overlooking Virginia Water Lake and surrounded by lush English countryside in the majestic setting of Windsor Great Park. The Wheatsheaf pub's history has a distinctly regal flavour due to its location within The Royal Landscape on the Crown Estates.

## Religious Facilities

### 9. Christ Church

Christ Church, in the Church of England was completed in 1838 and established as a parish the same year.

The Duke of Wellington's brother-in-law lived at the 'Wentworths' house; this building now forms the Wentworth Club. In 1850, the house was bought by Ramón Cabrera, 1st Duke of Maestrazgo, an exiled Carlist general.

### 10. Harvestime Church

Harvestime Church is a local church in Virginia Water, Surrey and part of the global Fountain of Wisdom Ministries organisation founded by Rev. Kola Ewuosho and Rev. Mrs Funke Ewuosho.

As a teaching and prayer-focused church, our goal at Harvestime is to encourage spiritual growth in the lives of members and stir up the leadership potential within.

## Local Authority Schools

### 11. St Ann's Heath Primary School

St Ann's Heath is a three-form entry school situated in Virginia Water, Surrey, taking children from Year 3 to Year 6. Their creative curriculum is at the heart of the children's learning, where they make the very most of every learning opportunity, allowing for each child to reach their full potential.

St Ann's Heath has once again been recognised as a 'good school' by Ofsted (March 2019), aspiring to provide the best for every child at their school and aiming to build on good foundations, whilst looking ahead to an exciting future.

### 12. Manor Mead Primary School

Manor Mead School Specialist provision for primary aged children with Autism and/or Communication and Interaction needs (High COIN).

The curriculum goes beyond the experiences of the classroom to ensure pupils are exposed to the richest and most varied opportunities whilst focusing on developing positive outcomes in the 4 areas of the pupils' EHCP.

At Manor Mead School Virginia Water, the curriculum is further enhanced by cultural capital which prepares pupils with the essential knowledge and skills for their education

and provides learning experiences that promotes confident, self-motivated pupils, eager for lifelong learning.

### 13. Trumps Green Infant School

Trumps Green School was opened in January 1975 as a First School (5-8 years). It was re-designated in 1993 as an Infant School (4-7 years) under the Age of Transfer reorganisation. TGIS is a feeder school for St Ann's Heath Junior School.

From September 2014 TGIS is a fully two-form entry with 6 single-age classes with up to 30 children in each class, having a teacher and full-time teaching assistants in each class. The school buildings are spacious and well-resourced. Since September 2014, there are six main classrooms, an additional room for small-group teaching, a large hall and a spacious conservatory housing the school reception area and library. All classrooms have outdoor canopies and gardens to enable the children to work outside. The school buildings can all be accessed via step-free routes.

The school has an extensive early years play area, a main playground attached to a courtyard area with seating and shelter, and a second smaller playground, as well as a large playing field for sports and outdoor activities, and a refurbished outdoor swimming pool with changing rooms.

## Outdoor Facilities (owned/maintained by Runnymede Borough Council)

### 14. Virginia Water Memorial Gardens

This memorial garden is in commemoration of all those of the parish who gave their lives during the First and Second World Wars.

This area is for public use and features seating opposite a brick-built shelter with a dedication around the upper stone of the inside wall.

The dedication is in blue and the names of the fallen are given underneath in red. The garden is partially laid to lawn, with trees, shrubs and a path.

### 15. King George V Playing Fields

King George V playing field is a welcoming and well-equipped green space ideal for families, sports, and community gatherings. Located off Crown Road (GU25 4HS), and falls under the Fields in Trust scheme in memorial to King George V.

The playing fields include two full size grass football pitches, tennis courts, a multi-use games area, and a sports pavilion offering changing rooms and toilets.

### 16. Cabrera Trust Riverside Walk

The Cabrera Riverside Walk in Virginia Water is a peaceful and ecologically valuable green space running alongside the River Bourne. Managed by the Cabrera Trust, it provides a natural retreat for residents while supporting local biodiversity.

Spanning around 21 hectares, the area is designated as a local nature reserve, reflecting its environmental and community importance. The landscape consists of wet woodland

and drier areas with oak and birch trees, creating habitats for a variety of wildlife. Deer, foxes, and bats are often present, along with numerous bird species.

A network of informal footpaths winds through the woodland and along the river, making it ideal for dog walking. The Trust carefully balances conservation with public access, ensuring the space remains largely natural.

The Riverside Walk is a cherished part of the village, contributing to wellbeing, biodiversity, and the character of the local environment.

## 17. Coronation Fields

The Coronation Fields in Virginia Water are a valued community open space, supporting both recreation and local life. The field provides open grassed areas for informal activities such as dog walking.

Widely used by residents, the field acts as a social hub where families and neighbours gather, particularly in warmer months. Beyond recreation, it contributes to the village's wider network of green spaces, promoting wellbeing and outdoor activity. Overall, the Coronation Fields are an important communal asset, enhancing both the character and lifestyle of the local community.

## 18. Edgell Close Play Area, Stroude

The Edgell Close Play Area in Stroude is a small, local playground designed for children's recreation and outdoor play.

It features safe, age-appropriate equipment such as swings, slides, and climbing structures, making it popular with families in the neighbourhood. The play area provides a convenient and accessible space for younger residents to be active, socialise, and enjoy outdoor activities close to home.

Edgell Close Play Area forms part of Virginia Water's network of local recreational spaces, contributing to family-friendly amenities and the wellbeing of the local community.

## 19. Cabrera Avenue Playground

The Cabrera Avenue Playground is a well-used local play area catering to children and families. Situated within easy reach of surrounding homes, it features a variety of equipment, including swings, slides, and climbing frames, providing opportunities for active play and social interaction.

The playground is designed with safety and accessibility in mind, making it suitable for younger children. Alongside other nearby green spaces, it contributes to the village's network of recreational amenities, offering residents a convenient and enjoyable outdoor space for exercise and community engagement.

## 20. Stroude Road Allotments

The Stroude Road Allotments are a community-managed space providing local residents with plots for growing vegetables, fruit, and flowers.

They offer an opportunity for sustainable living, outdoor activity, and hands-on engagement with nature. Allotment holders benefit from a sense of community through shared gardening knowledge and neighbourly interaction.

The site is well-maintained, supporting both productivity and biodiversity with hedgerows, trees, and flowering plants. As part of Virginia Water's network of green spaces, the Stroude Road Allotments contribute to local wellbeing, environmental awareness, and the character of the village.

## Other Facilities

### 21. Packers Doctors Surgery

Packers Surgery is a long established, respected and reputable private GP service providing both private and NHS support and currently has approximately 5,200 registered patients.

During 2021/22 Packers Doctors Surgery underwent an exciting complete refurbishment and extension with all the latest infection control and accessibility standards. It has now been transformed into a two-storey building with a lift to better serve patients and their needs. It is planned that the new surgery will undergo professional landscaping including replacing the trees that were on the property prior to the refurbishment.

### 22. Library

The Virginia Water library was at threat from closure due to running costs until members of the Virginia Water Save the Library committee was formed with more than 50 villages volunteering for duties to take over the running costs and to ensure the library doors remained open.

The volunteers continue to focus on ensuring the library remains successful and to prove that the library is in good hands. Plenty of books to borrow and many regular community activities.