



# Bulmershe Community Association

## Autumn Newsletter 2009

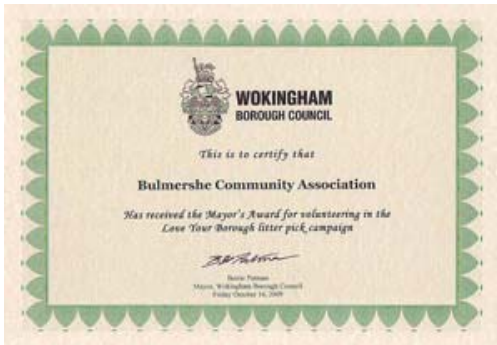
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### BCA Update

Are you concerned about your **child's internet safety**? Do you know what they are up to when they are chatting on Facebook or Myspace? How can we help them to stay safe online? The BCA will be holding a PIE session (parents' information evening) on **Internet Safety on Tuesday 17 November at 8 pm**. Our speaker, David Hobbs-Mallyon, will tell us more about the digital world and how to protect our children using material developed by the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre. Come and join us in the school library for refreshments before the talk. The session will last around an hour.

The BCA held a very successful sale of **second-hand goods** at the Pagoda at Woodley shopping centre on the 7 November and raised £271. Thank you to all who supported us by donating goods, helping on the day or popping over to buy something from the stall.



The BCA was presented with a Mayor's Award in October in recognition of our contribution towards the **Wokingham Big Tidy Up** at the end of April 2009. BCA volunteers collected over 20 bags of rubbish from The Bulmershe Field area and made a significant difference to the local environment. We have since run two more successful litter picks and hope to take part in the Big Tidy Up again in March 2010. Pictures of the Tidy Up are on the BCA website.

The BCA will be helping with refreshments at the **school production of Hairspray** on 2, 3 and 4 December. If you would like to help us prepare and/or serve interval refreshments, please contact us. All are welcome!

We are always looking for new ideas and for new volunteers. Help can be as simple as serving tea and coffee at Parents' Evenings once a term—you don't have to make a big commitment to make a big contribution to our school community – as the saying goes...Every little helps!

If you use **Facebook**, take a look at the new Bulmershe Community Association group and join us in cyberspace (search in groups and click on request to join).

You can contact the BCA via email or by leaving a note in the school office. For more information or to be added to our mailing list, please take a look at the BCA website [www.bulmershecommunityassociation.org.uk](http://www.bulmershecommunityassociation.org.uk).





## Future Events

Here are some of the events that the BCA will be helping with in the next few weeks....

**Internet Safety Talk**, Tuesday 17 November, 8 pm. Find out how to keep your child safe online. School Library—all very welcome.

**GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening**, 9th December. The BCA will be helping to serve mince pies and mulled wine to the families of last year's GCSE students. Helpers need from 5.00 pm.

**Year 11 Parents' Evening**, 10th December, 4.00 pm - 6.00 pm. Volunteers are needed to help serve refreshments to parents and staff.

**Christmas Celebration** 15th December from 7.00 pm - helpers will be needed to serve warm drinks and mince pies.

### Quiz Night

There will be another BCA Quiz Night in early 2010. Keep an eye on newsletters and our website for more details nearer the time.

## Keep in Touch

Find out what the BCA is up to by:

- ◆ Visiting our Website at [www.bulmershecommunityassociation.org.uk](http://www.bulmershecommunityassociation.org.uk)
- ◆ Sending us an email at [contact@bulmershecommunityassociation.org.uk](mailto:contact@bulmershecommunityassociation.org.uk)
- ◆ Send us a message via the school office
- ◆ Come and talk to us at parents evenings etc—we are trying to serve refreshments at most school events
- ◆ Come to our next Committee meeting on Tuesday 17 November, 7.15 pm in the School Library (before the internet safety talk)



## Think of the BCA Webshop for your seasonal shopping



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If you are smart enough to avoid the Christmas rush in town and buy all your gifts online, please think about using our Webshop for your shopping.

There are major retailers such as **Amazon**, **Waterstones**, **Play.com**, **Marks and Spencer**, **Next**, **Expedia**, **Thorntons**, **Mothercare**, **HMV**, **Littlewoods** and many more on our Webshop.

By buying through the Webshop, you pay exactly the same amount, but the BCA receives a commission.

This is an easy way to help raise funds for The Bulmershe School. The total spent via the Webshop has now exceeded £10,000 and it is a useful source of income for the BCA.

To find out more about the full range of companies available through the Webshop, please go to: [www.buy.at/bulmershecommunityassociation](http://www.buy.at/bulmershecommunityassociation) All your purchases help us to raise money—spread the word to family and friends!