



## What we do

### Farnham: Your Council – providing local services for local people

Farnham Town Council is committed to continuing to provide high quality services at an affordable rate for the people of Farnham. Farnham Town Council was created in 1984 and has 18 unpaid Councillors in 9 wards representing a population of approximately 38,000.

Farnham's share of the Council tax is £51.06 for a typical Band D property, just 98 pence per week. The Council is funded entirely from its council tax precept and from events and services it provides. No funding is received from direct government grants or from business ratepayers. The Town Council spent £967,124 in 2010/11. Income from council tax payers was £875,939.

The Town Council organises its activities through a series of Working Groups that report to Full Council. Members of the public are welcome to ask questions or make statements about items of interest. The Town Council is keen to involve members of the wider community where it can to ensure that its services are tailored to meet the needs of people of Farnham. Farnham Town Council nominates representatives to serve on local voluntary, public and community organisations, and supports a wide range of organisations with grant funding amounting to around £57,000 in 2010-11.



## Tourism & Events

Arranging events for the benefit of residents with additional benefits for the business community is a key area of activity. During 2010/11 the Spring Festival organised in association with the Farnham Maltings was enjoyed by over three thousand people and marked the start of series of events in Gostrey Meadow including Music in the Meadow, Picnic in the Park and the Christmas Lights Switch-on. The Feast of Food brought together pubs and restaurants in Farnham, offering a special meal each night for a fortnight, culminating in the Food Festival in Castle Street on the first Saturday in October. In addition, the Town Council organised twelve successful Farmers' Markets on the 4th Sunday of the month, jointly organised the Allotment Show and Secret Gardens Competition, and played an active part in the Heritage Open Days, celebrating the best of Farnham's built heritage.

A new Initiative during the year saw the Council working much closer with the local businesses to ensure that events could optimise the benefits for local businesses as well as visitors and residents.

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## Farnham in Bloom

An important year-round activity is Farnham in Bloom. In 2010-11, in addition to over 250 displays throughout the town, two special floral tributes were arranged - one to mark the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain and one to mark the Centenary Year of the Girl Guides. 12 local schools were involved and over 50 local businesses sponsored Farnham in Bloom. Countless volunteer hours helped make the Town shine with planting, litter picking and graffiti removal.

In 2010, Farnham Town Centre won the South and South-East in Bloom silver-gilt award. Folly Hill School won a Gold award, the Abbey School a Silver-Gilt and Potters Gate a Bronze.

## Cemeteries

The Council manages four cemeteries, with access available between sunrise and sunset throughout the year. The Council keeps the cemeteries in good order and ensures they are a safe place to visit. A new community group, The Friends of Farnham Cemeteries, was launched during the year. Volunteers are welcome to help raise awareness of the environment and heritage of Farnham's cemeteries.

## Planning

Farnham Town Council considered some 771 planning applications during the year and passed comment to Waverley Borough Council.

In 2010, the Farnham Design Statement was completed and adopted by Waverley Borough Council. It has already been used effectively to influence planning decisions to ensure development is appropriate for Farnham.

## Allotments

Farnham manages 8 allotment sites with some 263 plots. Demand is strong and a waiting list is in operation.

## Other services

The Town Council also provides a range of other services, including public conveniences and CCTV, and works in partnership with other organisations to make Farnham a better place in which to live, work or to visit.

## Council Offices

At the end of the year, Farnham Town Council took back ownership of the Council Offices in an arrangement with Waverley Borough Council that will see the offices become a base for wider public services in the future.

*You are welcome to visit the Town Council Offices which are open Monday to Thursday, 9am to 5pm and Friday 9am to 4.30pm.*

A copy of the 2010-11 Annual Report and accounts can be obtained upon request from Farnham Town Council or on the website.



in Bloom - Celebrating the Girl Guides Centenary

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