



**FARNHAM  
WORLD  
CRAFT TOWN**  
A World Crafts Council Craft City

## October Craft Month

It's time to get crafty this October with a month-long celebration of craft and craft-makers.

This year's bumper programme is bigger than ever with 100 events for you to choose from and take part. On Saturday 1 October at 12 noon, Kate Malone, who is one of the UK's leading ceramic artists, will officially open October Craft Month at Farnham Pottery.

For early birds there will be a free drink on arrival plus additional refreshments served by The Hobo Co café. Throughout the day there will be free pottery, lino print and drawing workshops, plus a patchwork and quilting demonstration. In addition, there will be demonstrations by Farnham Sculptors and a pop-up artists' exhibition.

To book a workshop and for more details please visit [www.thefarnhampottery.co.uk](http://www.thefarnhampottery.co.uk).

## A sample of what's happening this Craft Month:

### Workshops

There are dozens of workshops offering the opportunity to try your hand at something completely new or to revisit a craft you may not have done for a while.

Workshops include:

- Patchwork and applique for beginners and improvers
- Create an ovenproof flan dish
- Calligraphy for beginners
- Flower arranging
- Pottery taster day
- An introduction to Indian Black Printing
- Introduction to stained glass
- Willow sculpture

### Half term activities

There are plenty of craft activities to keep children entertained during the October half term.

How about a fun fused glass workshop or learn how to make a cheery sunflower from a recycled CD. There's a mini maker workshop where children can build a wooden character or a car project of their choice or take the family craft trail through Farnham.

### Exhibitions

'A world of craft on our doorstep' is a celebration of craft behind the doors in and around Farnham. It's free to enter and is on all month at The Bush Hotel.

You can also see work by Jessica Stroud, the Surrey Artist of the Year 2021 at the New Ashgate Gallery or visit a friendly exhibition of photographic work by the Kiln Photo community.

### Pop up events

Discover original art for your home or find a special gift at the Making Matters Pop-up Shop (1 October to 24 December), Festival of Crafts at the Farnham Maltings (15 and 16 October) or the Anytime Artisan Autumn Market on 22 October at the Museum of Farnham.

### Free and social

Nimble Fingers is a free weekly knitting and crochet drop-in at the Farnham Maltings for makers of all abilities or, stretch, slump and move with sheets of soft clay at a free workshop that guarantees to 'release your creativity without impediment!' On 10 October there is a workshop for adults interested in learning how to cut glass and receiving a basic introduction to glass fusing.

### Behind the scenes

See artists at work as they throw open their doors and invite you in. There are several open studio events including an artist who will show you how she makes bowls, bird feeders, mugs, an opportunity to find out about Windsor chair making and more.

*Farnham was granted World Craft Town status in 2020 and is the first town in England to do so.*

## Bloomin' kids' gardening workshop



Introduce the young people in your life to the pleasures of gardening this October half term with Farnham Town Council's free gardening workshop.

The autumn themed workshop is on Tuesday 25 October from 10am to 12 noon or 1pm to 3pm.

Children will get to take part in a variety of gardening themed activities and arts and crafts. The sessions are very popular, and places are limited so please book early at [www.farnham.gov.uk/bloom](http://www.farnham.gov.uk/bloom).

The workshops are best suited to children aged five and over.

## Litter pick volunteers wanted for autumn clean up

Help spruce up the town centre ahead of this year's Remembrance Sunday parade. Farnham Town Council has organised a Bloomin' Litter pick on Saturday 12 November from 10am – 12pm.

If you would like to take part, meet at Farnham Town Council where you will be provided with litter picking equipment. Refreshments will be provided.

## Make your project idea possible with a Community Grant

Badshot Lea Tennis Club, Sailability and Challengers are just three of the many recipients that have received grant funding from Farnham Town Council this year.

Farnham's Community Fund provides one-off funding to local not-for-profit organisations for projects or activities that promote community life or the wider environment. Sports facilities are an excellent example of what the fund is for as people in Farnham are keen to enjoy active, healthy lifestyles but other examples include arts and heritage projects, facilities or activities for people with disabilities, disadvantaged communities and for young people or elderly people.

Applications for the next round of funding are now open. Information about the scheme is at [www.farnham.gov.uk/grants](http://www.farnham.gov.uk/grants). Not-for-profit organisations considering applying can request reminders about the scheme via the website.

## Famous Names of Farnham



Two new names have been revealed on the Famous Names of Farnham wall in South Street. The wall features plaques bearing the names of men and women connected with Farnham who have achieved great things.

Family and friends gathered to see the unveiling of a plaque for Michael Blower MBE FRIBA FRSA, former councillor and Mayor of Waverley, Surrey County councillor and architect. Michael has committed decades of his life to recording and preserving west Surrey's architectural heritage. Some of the key buildings where Michael has played an important role include the Farnham Maltings, the Farnham Pottery, the Victoria Garden and the New Ashgate Gallery.

The second Famous Names of Farnham plaque is for Russ Mantle, a world class cyclist who is the first Briton to cycle 1,000,000 miles. Among other accomplishments Russ won 28 open time trials during his racing career which began in the 1950s and he holds a plethora of local records. Throughout his lifetime he has been an active member of Farnham and Surrey cycling clubs and at 85 continues to ride.

The wall of famous names proudly displays the names of 28 people who were born, lived or were educated in Farnham or who established their careers in the area.

## Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 1926 to 2022

It was with great sadness that Farnham Town Council learnt of the death of HM The Queen.

On behalf of the people of Farnham, the Mayor paid tribute to The Queen for her lifetime of service, wise counsel and sense of duty.

Throughout her extraordinary life, The Queen touched the lives of many and will forever be an inspiration and role model.