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Welcome to the 2023 guide to living in Farnham. We hope that you will use this guide to get more out of living in Farnham.

We have designed it to be a practical tool to finding things to do locally, finding help if you need it and to help you be part of Farnham's community.

You will find a calendar of events such as markets, festivals and fairs taking place in every month of the year. We have included a taste of the clubs and groups that meet. If you are looking to enrich your life, broaden your interests or get to know more people locally, joining a club or volunteering in a community group is a great start.

We have also included information about support and help available for both the costs and pressures of day to day living and to build a resourceful community.

You will find the contact details of each town, borough and county councillor until the May elections. They are elected to represent you and your neighbours in the issues that concern you and they are ready to listen. Or why not consider standing for election yourself? Find out how in this guide.

With all good wishes,

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Farnham Literary Festival

Farnham Literary Festival has earned its place on the local events calendar. It celebrates literature in its broadest sense: books, poetry, spoken word, comedy, film, rap, and beyond!

With such a wide-ranging appeal, it is not surprising that the festival attracts thousands of people of all ages to workshops, performances, walking tours and other events. This year's festival runs from 3 to 12 March.



What to expect in 2023

There is nothing like a Dame so for 2023, the headline author will be the wonderful Dame Jacqueline Wilson who is a former Children's Laureate and best known for her Tracy Beaker books.

Dame Jacqueline will be joined by a host of local authors and internationally renowned writers. Expect over 50 events taking place in venues across Farnham including talks with award-winning poet, novelist and broadcaster, Ian Williams, theatre producer-turned climate thriller writer, Greg Mosse, and debut crime novelist, Ava Glass.

The festival makes the most of its local feel through partnerships with Waterstones Farnham, Blue Bear Bookshop, University for the Creative Arts, Farnham Maltings and Oxfam Books and Music Farnham.

Enjoy the festival

If you have never been to a literary festival before, now is your chance. Author talks and readings offer a relaxed opportunity to hear about new or popular works and to hear about writers' motivations and interests, while at workshops you can develop your own writing skills.

Why not try your hand at creative writing by entering one of the festival's competitions? 2022 saw some amazing entries from local writers. For people new to story or poetry writing, entering a competition is a fun way to challenge yourself – you might even win!

Look out for the full programme and ticket information in local outlets and www.farnhamliteraryfestival.co.uk



Celebrate literature all year round

Literature can sound like a lofty word but celebrating it is simply about sharing a love of books, bringing stories and ideas to life through performance, and creating new ones through creative writing.



Read

BOOK CLUBS: The U3A (www.farnhamu3a.org.uk) runs book clubs for its members. Farnham Waterstones runs a book club open to all (search 'Farnham Waterstones Book Club' at www.facebook.com).

EVENTS: Check Farnham Library (www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries) for author visits and book events aimed at adults.

Write

Farnham Maltings (www.farnhammaltings.com) and the Farnham Pottery (www.thefarnhampottery.co.uk) run creative writing courses. Try your hand at writing stories or poetry in a group of fellow beginners.

Speak (and listen)

Farnham Speakers (www.farnhamspeakers.com) meets twice a month. It welcomes new members, including people wanting to learn how to speak comfortably in a group.

Farnham Maltings hosts live performances of drama and comedy, including live streaming of National Theatre productions.

Children and young people

Farnham Library runs the Chatterbox reading group for children aged 7 to 12. For babies and pre-school children, there are weekly Pebble rhymetime and Storytime sessions, which are both excellent opportunities to nurture a love of language and storytelling.

DRAMA CLUBS: From the Maltings Youth Theatre at Farnham Maltings to school drama clubs and community-based theatre schools such as Showshack, there are options for children of all ages.



Celebrating walking

Farnham's varied countryside means there are literally miles of paths, hills, heaths and woods to explore. The town and village centres, pretty residential areas and parks are also worthy of an afternoon's walk.

But where to start? There are so many great places to choose from. And what if you get lost or need a toilet? Worry not! Farnham has walking groups, an annual walking festival and its very own trails app to help you take your first steps.



Walking festival

Farnham Walking Festival takes place in May to June each year. If you have not joined in before, why not book a walk in 2023.

Will there be a walk for me?

Almost certainly. There are walks for all abilities, including pram-friendly routes, short walks, strenuous and long walks. The festival programme includes walks on different days of the week and at different times of day. Often, there is even a nighttime bat walk.

All walks are led by an expert. The walking festival website gives lots of information about the level of challenge, theme and any practical information you need to know.

Walks are themed around common interests, such as history and heritage, wildlife, literature, culture and so on. Lots of the walks include a picnic stop or end with a pub lunch. The festival attracts a broad range of people of all ages so you are sure to find someone like minded to chat to.

What do I need to know before joining a walk?

For all but the most strenuous walks, all you need is a pair of comfortable, sturdy shoes or trainers. Walking boots are not at all essential and neither is special clothing. Just wear comfortable clothing suitable for the weather.

Many walks require advance booking and for some, there is a small charge. Check you are comfortable with the distance and terrain of your chosen walk before signing up, particularly if your health or mobility is limited.

Where do I sign up?

Visit the Festival pages at www.farnham.gov.uk or look out for local publicity.

Walk any time of the year

Farnham has several walking groups and there are also Surrey-wide clubs. Between them, there are options for people wishing to walk as a way of introducing regular exercise into their lives and people wanting to do longer, regular or more strenuous walks.



Useful contacts

www.farnhamwalker.com

www.surreyyoungwalkers.org.uk

www.farnhamu3a.org.uk

www.farnhamramblers.org.uk

Gay Outdoor Club Surrey
www.goc.org.uk/groups/surrey

Long Distance Walkers' Association
www.ldwa.org.uk/surrey

For information on Walking for Health
www.waverley.gov.uk

Surrey Young Walkers welcomes people in their 20s to 40s while Farnham U3A has a walking group for its members of retired and semi-retired people. The Gay Outdoor Club Surrey holds regular walks and welcomes new joiners.

Farnham and District Ramblers and the Surrey Long Distance Walking Association also organise regular walks. Waverley's Walking for Health group, which is especially for people wanting to improve their health, holds weekly walks starting at Farnham Leisure Centre.

App happy

Get to know Farnham better with the Discover Farnham app. It is pre-loaded with easy to follow walks and trails around Farnham town centre. Each one includes commentary about what you will see along the way, such as the history of buildings and the stories of former residents. The app is free and available on Android and iOS.

MORE APPS: Alltrails and OS Maps are just two popular walking apps.

Not convinced?

Here are our top 5 reasons to walk in Farnham:

1. It can be the perfect antidote to a busy, stress-filled life. Swap screen time for fresh air, walk and talk with a friend or take time out by yourself.
2. For people who think they are not getting enough (or any) exercise, walking provides a gentle introduction to being more active. Challenge yourself at your own pace.
3. Already active? Introduce walking into the mix to add variety to your exercise regime or use it as a way to stay active on your rest days.
4. Enjoy where you live. You will most likely see things in familiar surroundings that you have not noticed before, discover new short cuts and get to know the area better.
5. Walking groups tend to be friendly and welcoming. They offer social opportunities making them a fun way to get to know local people.

Free music shows

Two programmes of free live music events take place in Farnham. Both are provided by Farnham Town Council to give residents fun, free entertainment throughout the year.



Winter: Music in the Vineyard

To combat the winter blues, Music in the Vineyard is a free monthly concert from January to March.

WHEN: 3-5pm on the last Sunday of the month from January to March.

WHERE: Vineyard Centre, Church House, Union Road, Farnham, GU9 7PT.

COST: Free, booking not required. Drinks and snacks from the charity refreshments stall are available for a few pounds.

WHAT TO EXPECT: A warm welcome and sociable atmosphere. A different artist performs each time, singing popular covers and well-known tunes.

Tap your toes and chat to the person sitting next to you. Bring your own food or purchase a hot drink, cakes or a snack from the refreshments stall run by a different local charity each time. Arrive early as space is limited.

Summer: Music in the Meadow

Weekly outdoor live music shows in the heart of the town all over summer. A different local band or artist plays each time.

WHEN: 3-5pm, every Sunday from the end of May to early September.

WHERE: Gostrey Meadow, Farnham.

COST: Free. Bring a few pounds to buy refreshments from the charity tea tent if you wish.

WHAT TO EXPECT: A festival atmosphere and an audience of all ages. Bring a picnic blanket or deck chairs, claim your space on the grass and chill out while the band entertains you. A different local charity runs the tea tent at each show – or bring your own picnic.

Summer: Proms and Pop in the Park

On 25 June, Gostrey Meadow hosts an extended afternoon of live music and picnicking. Just like Music in the Meadow, it is held on a Sunday afternoon and welcomes music lovers with their blankets, camping chairs and homemade picnics. Enjoy an afternoon (usually 12-6pm) of bands and sample refreshments from local stallholders. Check Farnham Town Council's website for details of performers.

Details of bands for all events are published at www.farnham.gov.uk

Enjoy singing all year round

Ask anyone in a choir what they enjoy about it and they will sing the praises (quite possibly, literally!) of how it lifts their spirits, boosts their confidence, stimulates their minds and broadens their friendship groups – as well as teaching them about music and how to sing.

Farnham has numerous choirs and singing groups. Why not join in the fun?

Farnham and Bourne Choral Society

Meets weekly at South Farnham School during term times from September to May and performs around three concerts a year. No audition is necessary. A basic understanding of music is helpful but not necessary. The choir (www.farnham-choral.org.uk) sings classical choral music.

Farnham Rock Choir

Meets at the Spire Church, Farnham, with several options of times and days. The emphasis is on fun and friendship. No audition or music experience is necessary. Expect to sing pop and contemporary songs. More information at www.rockchoir.com

Waverley Singers

The Waverley Singers rehearse every Thursday in term time at South Farnham School. This friendly choir performs choral repertoire to a high standard, usually four times a year at various local venues. Prospective members are welcome to come and sing for a few rehearsals prior to auditioning. More information at www.waverleysingers.com



Have we missed your choir? Contact Farnham Town Council to find out how we can add your details to our directory of leisure groups. www.farnham.gov.uk



MORE OPTIONS:

Farnham Music and Drama
www.farnhammusicanddrama.com

The Full Circle Singing Group
www.fcvg.co.uk

Voices Together Farnham
www.farnhamvoicestogether.uk

Sound Company
www.soundcompany.co.uk

Vivaldi Singers
www.vivaldisingers.com

If you are a church-goer, why not join your church choir? Many church choirs welcome new members. Singing for the Mind runs regular singing sessions at Farnham Maltings for people experiencing dementia and their carers. Singing and music can greatly benefit people with dementia.

Farnham Youth Choir

Farnham Youth Choir (www.fyc.org.uk) encourages its members to reach the highest level; this renowned upper-voice choir performs internationally and provides expert tuition. All children aged 6-9 are welcome to join its Training Choir at any point in the year. Entry to the Junior and Senior Choirs for 9-18 year-olds is by audition, with open rehearsals held at the start of each term.

FYC runs a bursary scheme and regular free singing workshops in local primary schools, plus a free singing event for Year 2 children in June 2023.

MORE OPTIONS: For children who love singing, or simply want to give it a try, remember that primary and secondary schools often have their own choirs. Outside school, there are musical theatre clubs, such as Farnham Music and Drama and Stagecoach.

Try a new sport

Football, cricket, tennis, rugby – all popular sports with their own successful clubs in Farnham.

But have you heard of pickleball or boccia? Do you have what it takes to master the highly strategic game of croquet? Farnham has clubs for these sports too.



Pickleball

WHAT IS IT? A racquet sport in the tennis family. Players hit a lighter, less bouncy ball than in tennis, with a squarish paddle-type racquet over a net on a short court.

IS IT FOR ME? It is a fast-paced game where all serves are made with an underhand stroke. You can play in doubles or singles, indoor or out.

WHERE CAN I PLAY? Aldershot and Farnham Pickleball Club play out of Farnham Heath End School on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and from February, there will be drill nights on Fridays.

Alternatively, the David Lloyd Farnham Pickleball group meet at the members only club on Wednesday mornings. For details about both options visit www.pickleballengland.org and click on Club Locator.

Boccia

WHAT IS IT? Pronounced bot-cha, players throw, kick or push a ball down a ramp to get as close as possible to the jack ball. Played indoors, it is related to bowls and pétanque.

IS IT FOR ME? Boccia (www.boccia.uk.com) is designed for people with disabilities affecting their locomotor functions. It is a highly competitive team sport featured in the paralympics so there is opportunity to play at the highest level.

WHERE CAN I PLAY? Search Farnham Boccia at www.facebook.com to enquire about training sessions and matches.

Croquet

WHAT IS IT? Croquet is played on an immaculate lawn with large wooden hammers which players carefully swing from hip height to hit a ball through a small course of hoops. It is as much about strategy as technique and so sometimes likened to snooker.

IS IT FOR ME? Instead of peak fitness, speed and strength, croquet requires thought, skill and a reasonable level of mobility. Men and women, young and old can play together. Games last about 45 minutes and are played during the summer.

WHERE CAN I PLAY? Farnham Croquet Club is looking to build its membership. Find out more online, www.croquet-websites.org.uk/farnham

For a list of sports clubs, see Farnham Sports Council's website at <http://farnhamsportscouncil.co.uk/sports-directory>

What's on

January

Quilters' Festival
Sunday 15 January
Farnham Maltings
www.farnhammaltings.com

Farnham Farmers' Market
Sunday 22 January
Central car park
www.farnham.gov.uk

Music in the Vineyard
Sunday 29 January
Vineyard Church
www.farnham.gov.uk

February

Unravel – a festival of yarn
24-26 February
Farnham Maltings
www.farnhammaltings.com

Farnham Farmers' Market
Sunday 26 February
Central car park
www.farnham.gov.uk

Music in the Vineyard
Sunday 26 February
Vineyard Church
www.farnham.gov.uk

March

Farnham Literary Festival
3-12 March
Various locations
www.farnhamliteraryfestival.co.uk

Commonwealth Day
Monday 13 March
Farnham Town Council.
www.farnham.gov.uk

Bloomin' Communities Group Fair
Saturday 25 March
Gostrey Meadow
www.farnham.gov.uk

Bloomin' Litter Pick
Saturday 25 March
Gostrey Meadow
www.farnham.gov.uk

Great British Spring Clean
25 March to 10 April
At a location of your choice
www.farnham.gov.uk

Farnham Farmers' Market
Sunday 26 March
Central car park
www.farnham.gov.uk

Music in the Vineyard
Sunday 26 March
Vineyard Church
www.farnham.gov.uk



April

Antiques and Brocante
Street Market
Sunday 2 April
West Street
www.farnham.gov.uk

Easter Bloomin' Kids' Activities
11 & 13 April
West Street
www.farnham.gov.uk

Farnham Beerex
20-22 April
Farnham Maltings
www.farnhambeerex.org.uk

Farnham Farmers' Market
Sunday 23 April
Central car park
www.farnham.gov.uk

Farnham Duck Race
Saturday 29 April
Gostrey Meadow

May

Coronation celebration
Saturday 6 May
Gostrey Meadow
www.farnham.gov.uk

Farnham Walking Festival
13 May to 4 June
Various locations
www.farnham.gov.uk

Arts and Craft Street Market
Sunday 21 May
West Street
www.farnham.gov.uk

Music in the Meadow
Sunday 28 May
Gostrey Meadow
www.farnham.gov.uk

Farnham Farmers' Market
Sunday 28 May
Central car park
www.farnham.gov.uk

Rowledge Village Fayre
Monday 29 May
Rowledge Recreation Green
www.rowledgevillage.uk



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June

Surrey Artists' Open Studios
 3-18 June
 Various locations
surreyopenstudios.org.uk

Festival of Transport
 Sunday 4 June
 The Hart car park
www.farnhamfestivaloftransport.co.uk

Music in the Meadow
 Sunday 4 June
 Gostrey Meadow
www.farnham.gov.uk

Thread
 Saturday 10 June
 Farnham Maltings
www.farnhammaltings.com

Antiques and Brocante Street Market
 Sunday 11 June
 West Street
www.farnham.gov.uk

Sustainability Festival
 Sunday 11 June
 Gostrey Meadow
www.farnham.gov.uk

Music in the Meadow
 Sunday 18 June
 Gostrey Meadow
www.farnham.gov.uk

Armed Forces Day Flag Raising
 Monday 19 June
 Farnham Town Council.
www.farnham.gov.uk

Farnham Carnival
 Saturday 24 June
 Town centre
www.farnhamcarnival.org.uk

Farnham Farmers' Market
 Sunday 25 June
 Central car park
www.farnham.gov.uk

Proms and Pop in the Park
 Sunday 25 June
 Gostrey Meadow
www.farnham.gov.uk

July
Allotment Show
 Date TBC
 Gostrey Meadow
www.farnham.gov.uk

Hale Carnival
 Saturday 1 July
 Hale Recreation Ground
www.halecarnival.co.uk

The Bourne Show
 Saturday 1 July
 Bourne Green
www.thebourneshow.com

Music in the Meadow
 Sunday 2 July
 Gostrey Meadow
www.farnham.gov.uk

Music in the Meadow
 Sunday 9 July
 Gostrey Meadow
www.farnham.gov.uk

BioBlitz – free nature activities
 Saturday 15 July
 Tice's Meadow
www.ticesmeadow.org

Music in the Meadow
 Sunday 16 July
 Gostrey Meadow
www.farnham.gov.uk

Ethical Vegan Market
 Sunday 16 July
 West Street
www.farnham.gov.uk

Music in the Meadow
 Sunday 23 July
 Gostrey Meadow
www.farnham.gov.uk

Farnham Farmers' Market
 Sunday 23 July
 Central car park
www.farnham.gov.uk

Music in the Meadow
 Sunday 30 July
 Gostrey Meadow
www.farnham.gov.uk

August
Music in the Meadow
 Sunday 6 August
 Gostrey Meadow
www.farnham.gov.uk

Music in the Meadow
 Sunday 13 August
 Gostrey Meadow
www.farnham.gov.uk

Music in the Meadow
 Sunday 20 August
 Gostrey Meadow
www.farnham.gov.uk



Farnham Farmers' Market
 Sunday 27 August
 Central car park
www.farnham.gov.uk

Music in the Meadow
 Sunday 27 August
 Gostrey Meadow
www.farnham.gov.uk

September
Farnham Gin and Fizz Festival
 Saturday 2 September
www.farnham.gov.uk

Pilgrim Marathon
 Sunday 3 September
www.farnhampilgrim.org.uk

Music in the Meadow
 Sunday 3 September
 Gostrey Meadow
www.farnham.gov.uk

Heritage Open Days
 8-17 September
 Various locations
www.farnhamsociety.org.uk

Antiques and Brocante Street Market
 Sunday 10 September
 West Street
www.farnham.gov.uk

Farnham Food and Drink Festival
 Sunday 24 September
 Castle Street and the town centre
www.farnham.gov.uk

Farnham Farmers' Market
 Sunday 24 September
 Central car park
www.farnham.gov.uk



If you are holding a public event, you can add advertise it for free on our events calendar at www.farnham.gov.uk/events

October

World Craft Town –
October Craft month
1-31 October
Various locations
www.farnhamcrafttown.com

Festival of Crafts
14-15 October
Farnham Maltings
www.farnhammaltings.com

Autumn Bloomin' Kids' Activities
Tuesday 24 October
West Street
www.farnham.gov.uk

Arts and Craft Street Market
Sunday 29 October
West Street
www.farnham.gov.uk

Farnham Farmers' Market
Sunday 22 October
Central car park
www.farnham.gov.uk



November

Venison Dinner
Friday 10 November
Farnham Castle

Bloomin' Litter Pick
Saturday 11 November
Town centre
www.farnham.gov.uk

Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 12 November
Town centre
www.farnham.gov.uk

Christmas Lights Switch-On
Saturday 18 November
Gostrey Meadow
www.farnham.gov.uk

Antiques and Brocante
Street Market
Sunday 19 November
West Street
www.farnham.gov.uk

Farnham Farmers' Market
Sunday 26 November
Central car park
www.farnham.gov.uk

December

Farnham Civic Christmas
Carol Service
Wednesday 6 December
St Andrew's Church
www.farnham.gov.uk

Farnham Christmas Market
Sunday 10 December
Castle Street and The Borough
www.farnham.gov.uk

Farnham Farmers' Market
Sunday 10 December
Central car park
www.farnham.gov.uk

Explore the world of crafts

You may know that Farnham is England's first World Craft Town but what exactly does that mean?

There are craft cities (sometimes towns or regions) in every continent, all part of a network (www.wccinternational.org) that promotes crafting through education, fellowship between crafters and economic development through craft-related activities. Farnham is a part of that valuable network.



Why Farnham?

Craft exists in the fabric of Farnham's history and is alive today in the way Farnham celebrates its heritage and in contemporary life, too. Among others, pottery and textiles are important to Farnham's history.

During October Craft Month there are craft-related exhibitions, workshops and talks but throughout the year, there are clubs, classes, markets and self-guided walks, all dedicated to crafting.

Craft cities

Farnham is in great company: among the 57 craft cities are Shiraz in Iran, Trinidad in Cuba (for its embroidery), Naryn in Kyrgyzstan (yurt making) and Beit Sahour in Palestine (olivewood carving). If these sound somewhat tricky to visit, here are some closer to home.

BORNHOLM, DENMARK A small beautiful island between Denmark and Poland with a rich crafting history (www.bornholm.info/en/arts-and-crafts). Bornholm has a craft month from September to October celebrating ceramics, glass blowing, textiles and woodcraft. The island's small but perfectly formed tourist industry (supported by the island's airport) welcomes visitors.

KILKENNY, IRELAND Home to Ireland's National Design and Craft Gallery and about two hours from Dublin, Kilkenny (www.visitkilkenny.ie) describes itself as a one-stop shop for craft skills. It has several craft related attractions, including the Design Craft Centre and Ireland's oldest woollen mill.

LA BISBAL D'EMPORDA, SPAIN Ninety minutes north of Barcelona, the historic Catalan town is known as the ceramics capital of Spain (www.visitlabisbal.cat). It has its own registered trademark for ceramics, and pottery has long been key to the local economy.

OUTER HEBRIDES, SCOTLAND Designated a craft region (www.visitouterhebrides.co.uk) for its famous Harris Tweed which is kept alive partly by local craftsmen and women who use traditional designs in their crafts and partly by fashion designers who still love to use the fabric in their clothes. Inspired by the stunning landscapes, islanders also embrace traditional crafts such as bookbinding, stonework and pottery.

Farnham Repair Café

Farnham Repair Café meets once a month and offers a place for local people to get free advice and assistance on repairing a wide range of household items. The types of items which have been brought to the café for repair include clothing needing a new zipper, bicycles with sticky gears, chairs with broken legs, lamps with damaged cables and clocks that no longer keep time.

When and where is the Café

The Café is run by volunteers. It operates from 10am to 1pm on the second Saturday of the month at the Spire Church in South Street Farnham.

Is there a charge for repairs?

The Café makes no charge for looking at or attempting to repair the item. The owner of the item will need to pay for any spare parts or materials that might be needed.

If you wish, you may make a donation towards the café's running costs.

How to volunteer

If you would like to volunteer at the Café and help with booking in repairs at the check-in desk or becoming a repairer, please do visit the café and speak with one of the trustees.

Further information

Visit www.frc.cfsd.org.uk



Back on track

Mark and his family used to spend their summer holidays visiting his Granddad in Bournemouth. During one holiday in 1962, they visited a summer church fete. Mark entered the raffle and to his delight won a Hornby Train Set consisting of a Triang R52 Jinty class tank locomotive and a Royal Mail carriage set. This was Mark's first electric train set and over the years, extra trains, track and carriages were added.

The arrival of a grandson and a move to Farnham has seen Mark's interest in his boyhood train set reignited.

After being stored in various lofts for many years, the trains were in need of some attention. Thanks to the experience and expertise of the team at the Repair Café, the trains are now running smoothly and Mark plans to set up a permanent track in the loft where it can be used and enjoyed again by himself and his grandson.



5 simple ways to be greener

Tackling climate change can seem like an overwhelming prospect but here are a few things you can do from today to help.

1. Discover the size of your environmental footprint

Take the first step towards seeing what you can do to reduce your environmental footprint by completing WWF's free questionnaire. By answering a few quick questions you will discover the size of your annual footprint and how it compares to the UK average. Visit footprint.wwf.org.uk

2. Eat with the seasons

One of the ways to reduce your carbon footprint is to eat with the seasons and to buy British, and preferably local, food. You can do this by shopping at the monthly Farnham Farmers' Market or by growing your own.

If you like to garden with other people, there are some great community initiatives in Farnham. Become a member of Farnham Community Farm's local vegetable growing project. See www.farnhamcommunityfarm.com

Alternatively, you can get growing at Hale community garden on Tuesdays from 2-3pm.

No gardening experience is necessary; you just need a willingness to help with planting and maintaining the fruit and vegetable garden for the whole community to enjoy. See www.halecommunitycentre.org.uk

3. Recycle, repair, reuse household items

If you have a household item that has broken, before you buy a replacement, take it to the Farnham Repair Café to see if it can be fixed. See page 16 for details.

If you have unwanted furniture that could be used by somebody else, the following local charities might be able to help it go to a good home.

SUE RYDER

Furniture showroom at 16 South Street. Visit www.sueryder.org to arrange free collection of furniture.

LIONS COMMUNITY STORE

Volunteers distribute domestic items to families in need. Visit www.communitystore.org.uk

THE FURNITURE HELPLINE

Collects good quality donated furniture and offers it to local people in need. See www.furniturehelpline.co.uk

PHYLLIS TUCKWELL HOSPICE CARE

Furniture showroom at Dogflud Way. To donate an item of furniture, call 01252 710679.

4. Refill it

Download the refill app to find out the location of refill stations for water, coffee, food containers and plastic free shopping. See www.refill.org.uk

5. Leave the car at home BIKE

Search on the internet for 'cycle routes in Farnham'. There are cycle racks at:

- Lower Hart car park, near the supermarket
- Farnham Library
- Waggon Yard car park
- Central car park
- Farnham leisure centre
- Behind Farnham Town Council
- Railway station

BUS

People who are eligible for a bus pass can travel free during off peak hours on buses.

You can apply for a bus pass at Farnham Library.

Farnham residents can also use their bus pass on the hoppa bus service. See page 29.

WALK

Farnham has a network of footpaths to get you from A to B. Visit Surrey's interactive map at www.surreycc.gov.uk



Eat local at the Farmers' Market

The farmers' market is a popular monthly attraction for people who love to buy fresh, local seasonal produce direct from those that grow it, rear it, make it or bake it.

It is held at Central car park on the fourth Sunday of every month, 10.30am to 1.30pm (December market is on the second Sunday).

There are between 35 and 45 hand-picked stallholders, every month, who are chosen for the quality of their local produce. The market also boasts a local charity tea tent and often has live music from local musicians.

The market atmosphere is very relaxed and stallholders are happy to talk to customers about their products.

Meet the producers SODT AND FARNHAM MILK CLUB

SØDT makes traditional artisan breads and pastries alongside a range of original rye based recipes, developed and made exclusively by SØDT. We use natural ingredients and slow fermentation for extra depth of flavour. All our ingredients are sourced as locally as possible and we favour small producers.

We have recently joined forces with Milk Club, an eco, local and easy delivery service for the best quality food and drink delivered straight to your doorstep.



T & V VEGETABLES

Our farm and the crops we grow are the core of our business. A family concern with a reputation for innovative horticultural practice, we are proud to be specialist growers of tender market garden produce including an extensive range of vegetables, salad leaves, herbs and soft fruit, providing a variety of traditional and unusual crops.



CHEESE ON THE WEY

Our ethos is local sourcing, local production, and local supply whilst minimising any effect on the environment. Whatever we do affects the environment and cheesemaking is no exception, but We use our experience in sustainable construction to reduce water, materials, and energy use to the minimum both in the building work and in the cheesemaking process.



Enjoy Farnham's green spaces

One of the wonderful things about a trip to the park is that it is different every time you visit. Some of the changes will be seasonal while others will be from our work to ensure the green spaces are well managed and bring joy to all who use them.

Take a walk in the park to see what we have been doing and our plans for 2023.



We are proud to have retained a Green Flag award for the second year running for our work at Gostrey Meadow.

Gostrey Meadow WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED

- Won Gold in South and South East in Bloom.
- Planted 15 yew trees to replace those lost in the drought.
- Taken down the old bowling green pavilion.
- Created a new carpet bed.

PLANS FOR 2023

- Plant allium bulbs for summer colour.
- Replace two plastic benches with hardwood oak.
- Plant a new flower bed with sustainable perennial plants.
- Transform old bowling green into a croquet lawn.
- Plant specimen trees.

Batting's Garden WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED

- Planted an additional large wildflower area.
- Refurbished flower beds and planted bulbs.

PLANS FOR 2023

- Create a 'friends of' group.
- Add to new planting.
- Extend wildflower area.
- Put in additional bin and bench.

Haren Garden WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED

- Taken out dead trees and a large bush.
- Created a sustainable flower bed for both annuals and perennials.

PLANS FOR 2023

- Plant additional bulbs.
- Plant ivy to cover and hide a concrete wall and to create additional habitats for wildlife.

Evelyn Borelli Garden of Rest WHAT WE HAVE DONE

- Maintained the public art.
- Extended the avenue of trees.
- Taken out old, damaged trees.
- Strimmed overgrown scrub to improve sightlines.

PLANS FOR 2023

- Planted more trees to continue the avenue of trees.
- Add to wildflower area.
- Possible location for a further public art project.

Meeting places

If you would like to expand your social circle this year, visiting your local community café is a great way to make connections and meet new people.

Here are some of the places you can visit:

Coffee Spot

WHERE: Rowledge Village Hall

WHEN: Every Friday from 9am to 12noon

WHAT TO EXPECT: Enjoy delicious homemade cakes with a cup of tea or coffee served by village volunteers. Everyone is welcome and all profits go to the village hall.

CONTACT: Email helen.mortimer0610@gmail.com if you would like to make cakes or help out.

Warm Hub

WHERE: St George's Church Hall, Badshot Lea

WHEN: Mondays from 2pm to 6pm

WHAT TO EXPECT: Hot drinks, snacks, puzzles, games, books and company in the comfort of a warm room.

CONTACT: Email admin@badshotleaandhale.org or call 07842 761919.



If you run a community café and are not listed, please do let us know and we'll make sure you are added to our online directory.

www.farnham.gov.uk

History of Hale Project

Coffee Mornings

WHERE: Hale Village Hall

WHEN: Last Saturday of the month from 10am to 12 noon

WHAT TO EXPECT: Try out the coffee and cake, browse the history exhibition and look through volumes of local postcards, family photographs and other material. Bring along your photos and memories about Hale. All welcome.

Seniors' Coffee Morning

WHERE: Hale Community Centre

WHEN: Wednesdays from 10.30am to 12noon

WHAT TO EXPECT: A welcoming group for people aged 50+.

Hale Youth Centre also hosts clubs and meet ups for local young people. Details at

www.halecommunitycentre.org.uk

Tuesday Coffee Morning

WHERE: Cobbett Room, St Thomas-on-the-Bourne

WHEN: Weekly coffee morning which starts at 10.30am

WHAT TO EXPECT: A popular coffee morning which is open to all.

Wednesday Coffee Morning

WHERE: St Martin by the Green, Lower Bourne

WHEN: Wednesdays from 10.30am to 12noon

WHAT TO EXPECT: Drop in and meet others. All welcome.

Coffee Mug Café

WHERE: St James's Church, Rowledge

WHEN: Second Saturday of the month, 10am to 12noon

WHAT TO EXPECT: Refreshments and conversation for people living locally and visitors to Alice Holt or the church.

The Spire Café

WHERE: The Spire Church, South Street

WHEN: Open 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 12noon on Saturday

WHAT TO EXPECT: An independent café serving morning coffee, tea, light lunches and a selection of home-baked cakes and biscuits.

Welcome to Farnham

A local community initiative started in 2022 by Rowledge resident Kate Larmer and Tatyana Moskalenko saw the people of Farnham showing outstanding kindness and hospitality when they opened their homes and hearts to the people of Ukraine, those fleeing war and looking for asylum.

By the end of 2022, over 150 Ukrainian families had arrived in Farnham and surrounding areas with that number still increasing.

Throughout the year, local authorities and volunteers worked together to create a safe and welcoming environment for the Ukrainian community. Several volunteer organisations continue to provide ongoing support for families living in the area. These include:

FARNHAM HOMES FOR UKRAINE

The group created a website where key information for hosting families and their Ukrainian guests can be found. Simple instructions guide families through the challenges they might face on their arrival in the UK. All information is provided in Ukrainian and English. See www.fhfu.org

FARNHAM STANDS WITH UKRAINE

This organisation arranges a number of weekly events for members of the Ukrainian community to meet up, cook together and express themselves in various crafts.

To find out more details about the schedule of the events please send a request to farnhamswu@gmail.com

Can you help?

With the conflict continuing, some Ukrainian families are moving into their own accommodation. Whilst Waverley Borough Council is providing help to Ukrainian families with finding accommodation, suitable places to stay are in short supply so new offers of accommodation are being sought.

If you would like to continue to support the Ukrainian community and have a property or space you could rent out to Ukrainian families, please visit www.farnham.gov.uk to register your details.

Useful contacts

Waverley Borough Council
ukraine@waverley.gov.uk

Farnham Town Council
customer.services@farnham.gov.uk
or 01252 712667





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Volunteering

Farnham enjoys an active volunteering community, greatly benefiting town and village life and the volunteers themselves.

From youth clubs to older people's clubs, litter picks to gardening, companionship to fixing things, there is both need and opportunity for more volunteers. Administrators, networkers, great listeners, people with practical skills and people with no skills (yet) – there are roles for anyone interested in volunteering.

If you would like to volunteer, good places to look are those you already have links with: your child's or grandchild's school, your favourite park or sports club. Or contact Voluntary Action South West Surrey (www.voluntaryactionsws.org.uk) to find out about other opportunities.



Farnham is proud to mark the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III on 6 May 2023.

For details about community celebrations, see www.farnham.gov.uk/events

Meet three volunteers and recipients of Services to Farnham Awards

The Services to Farnham awards recognise volunteers who have provided outstanding or crucial services to Farnham. Previous winners represent a wide range of volunteering backgrounds. Read more about the awards, including how to nominate, on the town council's website.

RACHEL BRITTON SERVICES TO FARNHAM THROUGH GUIDING

Why do you volunteer?
"Volunteering breaks up my day and is a way for me to give back to the community. I volunteer alongside some great people who have become good friends. Guiding offers a safe, girl-only space where we can be ourselves, have fun and learn new skills."



Why do you recommend volunteering?
"Volunteering is for people who like to be busy. It takes you away from the day to day stuff. It's a real joy when girls come back to visit and talk about how much they enjoyed being a guide."

RICHARD HORTON SERVICES TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND BADSHOT LEA

Why do you volunteer?
"My initial motivation was to do something for the environment and our neighbourhood. I then found I really enjoyed meeting people and having fun outdoors. I've also discovered there are many benefits for health and wellbeing."



Why do you recommend volunteering?
"For all the reasons above! If you are thinking about volunteering and feel a bit apprehensive about joining one of our working parties with people you don't know, I would say come along because everybody is always very encouraging and its very rewarding."

JOANNA MICHAELIDES SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH HEARTSTART



Why do you volunteer?
"I performed life saving CPR on a man who collapsed in the street and 4 years later came to the rescue of a motorist who suffered cardiac arrest."

I now manage Heartstart Farnham Lions, a bi-weekly, free class teaching CPR to the public, held upstairs at the Ball and Wicket. The group was founded ten years ago, and has taught over 2,000 people in formal classes, along with many more in schools and community groups. I am also a trustee of the Aston Defibrillator fund, looking at the provision and maintenance of defibrillators in Farnham."

Why do you recommend volunteering?
"I am a proud recipient of the Services to Farnham award for my work as part of a team, teaching CPR to the local community. I can vouch for the fact that basic first aid saves lives so please sign up for a class and locate your nearest defibrillator!"

www.heartstartfarnhamlions.co.uk
www.astondefibs.org.uk

Nominate a volunteer

Nominations are welcome from local organisations and from members of the public.

If there is somebody you would like to put forward, you will need to explain why you are nominating them and will require a seconder.

To make a nomination, complete the Services to Farnham nomination form at www.farnham.gov.uk/servicesofarnham



How young people give back to Farnham

Farnham has lots to offer families and young people. But did you know that young people offer lots to Farnham?

Here are a few of the ways children and teenagers have contributed to the community.



CREATING: In Badshot Lea, pupils from nearby schools and young people completing their Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteered to help create a new community garden. They got stuck in, worked in all weathers and learnt about gardening.

LITTER PICKING: Muslim young people from Farnham took part in a litter pick in Farnham. They were all members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association (AMYA).

PLANTING: Children from 11 schools worked at the Farnham in Bloom nursery to create hanging baskets and tend to plants.

COMMEMORATING: Uniformed young people's groups including cadets, scouts and guides, play an important role in Remembrance Sunday services in Farnham, Badshot Lea, the Bourne, Hale, Rowledge, Weybourne and Wrecchlesham. They also participate in Armed Forces Day and Commonwealth Day.

GARDENING FOR BIODIVERSITY: Farnham Heath End is a key player among schools in Farnham in Bloom. They are developing their garden by attracting more pollinators through their planting scheme.

BUILDING COMMUNITY SPIRIT: The internationally acclaimed Farnham Youth Choir performs at local community events throughout the year. See page 9.

FUNDRAISING: Young people in Farnham raise money for charities through sponsored swims and runs, through school mufti days and cake sales, at their places of worship and clubs, often for charities close to their hearts or with a local connection.

Would you like to encourage more young people to join or volunteer in your community group? Maybe you are a young person wanting to try something new or hang out with new friends?



A place to do business

Retail vacancy rates and High Street footfall data show that Farnham is a desirable place to do business and are indicators of why over 700 businesses choose to be based here.



Farnham Business Together

Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) are an effective way for businesses to take control and improve their trading environment.

BIDs are funded and controlled directly by the businesses that pay for them. Funds are raised by charging a levy on all business rate payers. Businesses choose which projects they want the levy to be spent.

Farnham's BID

A number of businesses are working together to develop a BID for Farnham. The BID area includes 500 businesses. It has the potential to raise £200,000 for spending on projects that will benefit local businesses.

FARNHAM BID'S TIMELINE

- October-December 2022 – Business engagement and consultation
- February 2023 – Business planning
- April-May 2023 – Campaign
- June 2023 – BID ballot

FIND OUT MORE

If you are a local business and want to get involved or be kept informed about the Farnham BID, you can:

Visit www.farnhambid.co.uk
Email info@farnhambid.co.uk

Relaunch of Farnham Chamber of Commerce

Farnham Chamber of Commerce has a new leadership team who have ambitious plans to reshape and relaunch the Chamber.

They are keen to return to the Chamber's original core principle which is 'to support and promote business in Farnham'.

HOW THE CHAMBER CAN BENEFIT YOUR FARNHAM BUSINESS

- Knowledge – the Chamber offers members an up-to-date opportunity to learn and share best practice.
- Networking – a chance to meet, challenge, learn and swap ideas with other Farnham businesses.
- Member to member benefits – popular membership add ons.

If your business is based in Farnham or the near vicinity within Surrey and you are interested in joining the Chamber, visit www.farnhamchamber.org.uk.

Farnham directory of businesses

Farnham Town Council offers Farnham businesses a free listing in its directory of business. To add your details, visit www.farnham.gov.uk.



How Farnham is shaping up for the future

The Farnham Infrastructure Programme is working to transform how people travel around the town, with the aim to reduce congestion and improve air quality.

The programme consists of Surrey County Council, Waverley Borough Council, Farnham Town Council and Jeremy Hunt MP. It reached a significant milestone in 2022 when a consultation found that people supported two proposals for the town centre – to make improvements to Castle Street and Downing Street, and to widen pavements along The Borough.

The programme team is now taking a detailed look at the consultation feedback and potential impacts elsewhere in the town before drawing up plans which will be discussed by the partners later in 2023.

Also in 2022, the programme progressed the strategic outline business case for the A31 corridor with the Department for Transport, implemented



HGV restrictions in Castle Street and Upper Hale, removed A road category status in the town centre, and made a bid for funding improvements for the Water Lane roundabout.

In 2023, installation of the new wayfinding signs in the town centre will continue – these will help visitors travel around on foot or cycle.

There is further work underway to prepare for new 20mph zones in the town centre, Weydon Lane and Upper Hale Road. Network Rail is also due to paint Wreclesham Bridge to make the low height more conspicuous to HGV drivers, while longer-term solutions to bridge strikes are investigated.

For more information on the Farnham Infrastructure Programme, visit www.surreycc.gov.uk/farnhamprogramme.



Artist's impressions based on the proposals from the summer 2022 consultation.



Visit the Farnham Farmers' Market



Buy fresh, local seasonal produce direct from those that grow it, rear it, make it or bake it.

Fourth Sunday of the month
10am to 1.30pm
Central car park

Over 40 stalls
Charity tea tent
Entertainment

Find out more about the farmers' market and the stallholders at www.farnham.gov.uk/farmersmarket



Help for your community project

Have you got an idea that could help Farnham's community but lack the money to get it off the ground? Are you part of a community organisation wanting to do more or be more effective?

Farnham Town Council administers two key funds: the South Street Trust and Community grants. Applying is straightforward and all the information, including application forms, is at www.farnham.gov.uk/grants.



Other sources

Farnham's thriving community sector means there are other organisations looking to fund projects that benefit local people. Each has its own priorities, criteria and application process so visit their websites to find out if they are suitable.

The Dempster Trust
www.thedempstertrust.org.uk

The Farnham Institute Charity
www.farnhaminstitutecharity.org

Farnham Round Table
www.farnhamroundtable.org.uk

Hale Carnival
www.halecarnival.co.uk

The Hedgehogs
www.the-hedgehogs.org.uk

High Sheriff Youth Awards
www.highsherrifofsurrey.com

Isabella Schroder Trust (Wreclesham only)
www.farnham.gov.uk/grants

Lions Club of Farnham
www.farnhamlions.org.uk

Rotary Club of Farnham and Rotary Club of Farnham Weyside
www.rotary-ribi.org

Visit www.farnham.gov.uk/grants and Voluntary Action South West Surrey (www.voluntaryactionsws.org.uk) for more sources of support.

Grants at a glance

	Community grants	South Street Trust
What does it fund?	Projects that benefit Farnham's community life or environment.	Art-based educational activity. By 'art,' the trust means visual (not performing) arts.
Examples of successful applications	Play facilities, community building repairs, projects for older people, environmental sustainability projects, heritage projects.	Clay exploration for school children. Commissioning an artist to work with schools.
Who is eligible?	Not-for-profit organisations.	Farnham organisations.
How much?	Up to £2,000	No maximum stated per grant but the total available fund per year is around £20,000.
How long?	One-off projects or schemes needing funding for up to three years.	One-off projects.
When to apply?	October to early December.	December to early January.
When are grants paid?	April-May. Decisions made in March.	April-May. Decisions made in January.

Help when you need it

We all need help from time to time. Support is available, close to home in the Farnham community. Asking for help is sometimes the toughest step but organisations are ready to support you.



Money advice

Frontline Farnham offers confidential advice on getting out of debt, benefits and managing your bills and money. If you have money worries, ask for help as soon as possible.

Frontline Farnham offers drop-in sessions (no need to book) or they can call, email, message or video call you at a time that suits you.

DROP-INS: Wednesdays, 10am-12pm, Bethel Baptist Church, Rushden Way. Fridays, 10am-12pm, the Vineyard Church Centre, Union Road.

www.farnham.frontlinemoneyadvice.org

Tel: 01252 560752 (messaging service available).
Email: info@ffma.org.uk

Food and groceries

The foodbank provides nutritious food parcels to people who need them. Call the foodbank on 07901 581539 or visit www.farnham.foodbank.org.uk to find out how it works and what you need to do to get help. You can access the foodbank through your GP, health visitor, school, Frontline Farnham and other local agencies.

Community Fridge and Cupboard

Community fridges and cupboards work on the ethos that you take what you need and give what food you don't need or want so it can be used by others instead of ultimately ending up in landfill. It is free to all regardless of financial situation.

VISIT: Hale Community Fridge and Cupboard at Hale Community Centre. Open from 12noon to 1.30pm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Brambleton Hall Community Fridge, Talbot Road. Open every Friday from 1-4pm. Contact brambletonfridge@outlook.com for information.

Energy

Farnham Lions (www.farnhamlions.org.uk) runs Project Wenceslas to help local people unable to pay for gas or electricity to heat or cook.

Meals on wheels

Nutritious hot meals, sandwiches and ready-to-heat frozen meals can be delivered to your door if you cannot cook for yourself. All food is freshly made from scratch (dietary needs are accommodated) by Brightwells Gostrey.

Call 01252 727280 or visit www.brightwellsgostrey.org



Transport

Care Farnham's (www.carefarnham.org.uk or 01252 716655) volunteers will drive you to your GP practice or hospital for a voluntary contribution to cover the driver's costs. So long as you are able to get in and out of a car safely, Care Farnham can take you to your appointment – even to hospitals further afield such as in London.

Waverley hoppa provides door-to-door transport in its wheelchair accessible buses. On-board staff help passengers on to the bus and ensure they get into their homes safely. Hoppa takes passengers wherever they want to go: town centres, dental appointments, hairdressers, to friends, etc. Register (www.hoppa.org.uk or 01428 681701) to use the service and then book in advance. Farnham bus pass holders travel free.

Grants

Local charitable trusts including the Isabella Schroder Trust, the Dempster Trust and Farnham Hedgehogs provide grants to households in need of one-off items such as basic furniture, children's school uniform, a school trip, computer equipment for university students or a home adaptation for someone with a disability. Each grant fund has its own eligibility criteria.

Isabella Schroder Trust (Wrecclesham residents only): www.farnham.gov.uk/grants

www.thedempstertrust.org.uk

www.the-hedgehogs.org.uk

For other grants, visit www.farnham.gov.uk/grants

Government support

In Waverley, the government's household support fund, which is for essentials such as food, energy bills or boiler repairs, household appliances such as a cooker is available through Waverley Borough Council.

For Farnham residents, this is administered by the town council's Farnham Support Fund. Visit www.farnham.gov.uk/grants to apply.

Farnham Support Fund

The Farnham Support Fund aims to provide financial support or assistance to individuals and families in Farnham who find themselves facing difficult circumstances due to financial pressures.

Applications for up to £350 are invited from residents who need urgent assistance with essentials such as:

- Paying for gas or electric
- Providing food
- Replacing an essential household appliance such as a cooker
- Acquiring equipment eg wheelchair, care alarm service etc
- Getting furniture and household items like a bed and bedding
- Other urgent needs

You can apply online or request an application form. Your application will need to be supported by a referee such as a headteacher, GP, social worker or health visitor. Your referee will need to:

- Be able to confirm your situation
- Provide a covering letter or email
- Provide their name, occupation and contact details

Your application will be assessed by a panel of people and you will be notified of the outcome within two weeks of applying.

If you have any queries about the Farnham Support Fund please email supportfund@farnham.gov.uk or call 01252 712667.

Can you give time, money or gifts-in-kind?

Every voluntary organisation featured in these pages is looking for more support: financial donations, partnership work, new volunteers and so on. Contact them direct if you think you can help.

Directory of support

Surrey County Council has put together a directory of all the financial and welfare advice on offer in the county. See www.surreycc.gov.uk/health-and-welfare/support

Farnham villages

Farnham town centre is a focal point for shopping and leisure activities. Its independent shops, restaurants, rich arts scene, green spaces and interesting walking trails make it an ideal place to spend an enjoyable few hours and support local businesses.

Surrounding the town centre are several villages with their own distinct identities. Here is a snapshot of the villages within the Farnham Town Council catchment area.



Badshot Lea

At the heart of Badshot Lea is a fine church, an active infants' school and several individual shops. The village boasts a large garden centre with a popular café, a community centre and a village pond.

Badshot Lea has an active community association led by volunteers. Badshot Lea Bloomers is a sub-group of the Association. Volunteers help with the upkeep of the village by organising litter picks, working parties at the pond and helping to look after the church and school grounds.

Badshot Lea Cemetery won Gold and Best in Category at South & South East in Bloom 2022.

For anglers, Farnham Angling Society provides some wonderful fishing opportunities at Badshot Lea big and small ponds.

Tice's Meadow, an award-winning nature reserve on the site of a former quarry, is considered to be one of the best inland sites to watch birds in the south east of England. The site is managed by Tice's Meadow Bird Group. Visit www.ticesmeadow.org for information and details of volunteering opportunities.

www.farnhamanglingsociety.com
<https://badshotleacommunityassociation.wordpress.com>
<https://www.facebook.com/BLCA1>

The Bourne

The Bourne is a vibrant village with shops and a large village green which has been the location for the annual Bourne Show for over 90 years.

St Thomas-on-the-Bourne is a lively church at the heart of the community and Langham's recreation ground has a popular children's playground. The Bourne Woods are owned by the Forestry Commission and have featured in several blockbuster movies.

The village is well served by community groups, sports clubs and activities for young people.

The Bourne Beautification Project enhances the appearance of the village centre. Volunteers help with watering the hanging baskets and flower tubs and carry out regular litter picks.

www.thebourne.org.uk
www.bourneconservation.org.uk
www.thebourneshow.com

Hale and Upper Hale

North of the town centre is the area of Hale and Upper Hale. With a successful annual carnival and fayre held on the first Saturday in July, the recreation ground is a focal point for the village.

Adjacent to the recreation ground is an enclosed playground suitable for younger children, a tennis court and two basketball courts which are free to use. The recreation ground includes an 11 a side football pitch and a cricket pitch which can be booked via Waverley Borough Council.

There is a scout hut, cemetery, Hale Community Centre, the Hale Institute Village Hall and a pub.

The area has a number of churches. Visit St Mark's to see Emily, the beautiful Edwardian pipe organ and murals painted by artist Kitty Milroy.

Hale History Project holds regular coffee mornings on the last Saturday of the month (except December) in Hale Village Hall, 10am-12 noon and all are welcome.

www.halecommunitycentre.org.uk
www.badshotleaandhale.org
www.halehistoryproject.co.uk
www.halecarnival.co.uk

Heath End

As the Army expanded in neighbouring Aldershot, the village of Heath End was formed. Rowhill Nature Reserve makes a natural boundary between the two towns: this ancient site is good for walking and provides a precious haven for wildlife and flora. The area is also home to Farnham Rugby Union Club and Aldershot and Farnham Hockey Club. Heath End is home to a private gym and the popular Farnham Heath End Secondary School with its all-weather pitch for community use.

Rowledge

To the south of Farnham, on the Surrey Hampshire border, is the village of Rowledge which has a thriving centre made up of a butcher, post office and

convenience store, coffee shop, hairdresser, garage and pub.

The village green hosts a fayre on the second bank holiday in May.

Rowledge Village Hall hosts a range of regular events including the very popular Friday morning Coffee Spot.

www.rowledgevillagehall.com
<https://rowledgevillage.uk>

Weybourne

Located to the east of Farnham, Weybourne has a village hall, sub post office, shops, bakers, pubs, private gym and recreation ground. Weybourne House was once home to John Henry Knight, inventor, engineer and local landowner. He is famous for building the first petroleum carriage for two people made in England in 1895.

Wreclesham

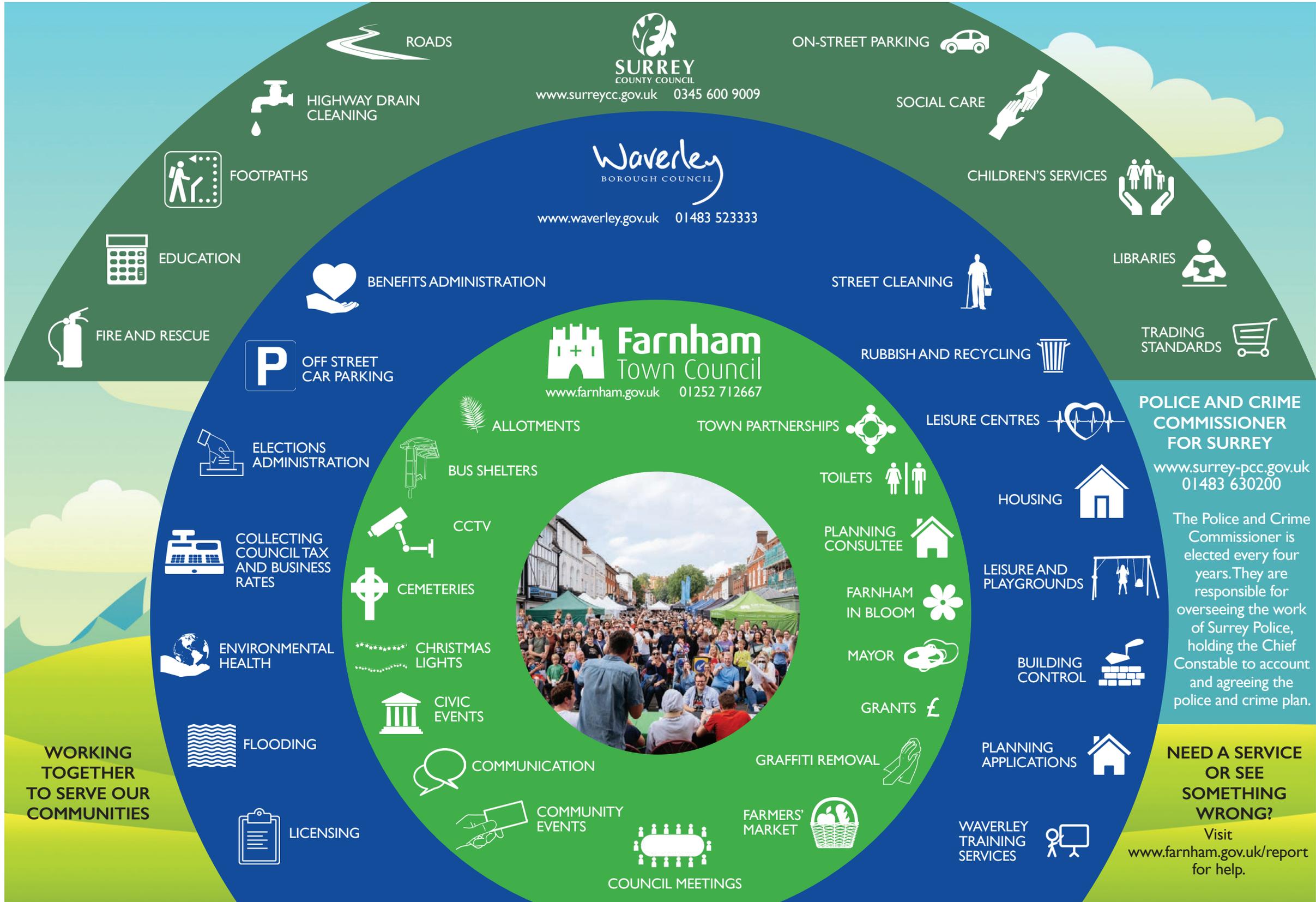
On the southern fringes of Farnham is the village of Wreclesham. There is a recreation ground which hosts the annual village fair, plus cricket, football and tennis clubs. Wreclesham Community Centre is a focal point for local clubs and activities.

Wreclesham acquired village status in 1840 when its first place of worship was built.

The village of Wreclesham is best known for its pottery. To this day it is home to one of the best-preserved examples of a working Victorian country pottery left in England.

www.wrecleshamvv.co.uk/
www.wrecleshamcommunitycentre.org.uk/
www.wrecleshamhistory.wordpress.com/
www.thefarnhampottery.co.uk





Could you be a councillor?

2023 is an election year which means that Farnham Town Council is looking for people to come forward as candidates.

Do you care about your local area? Would you like to change things for the better? Are you prepared to work with other people, even when you disagree with them?

You do not need special skills or knowledge to be a great town councillor. Nor do you need to have an important job or an impressive education. You need to know about where you live and be prepared to get to know your community really well. You also need to be prepared to give your time and energy to learning more about local issues, understanding how to bring about effective change and getting things done.

Whether you are an ideas person, a 'can do' person, a methodical thinker or a reflective listener, there is a place for you on Farnham Town Council.

What next?

1. Decide. Chat to friends and family if that helps: would they encourage you to stand? Search 'Be a councillor' online. The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and Local Government Association (LGA) have helpful information including short videos from current councillors talking about their experiences.
2. Check that you are eligible to stand and decide whether to stand as an independent candidate or for a political party.
3. Contact Waverley Borough Council for a nomination form. Submit it (you will need a proposer and seconder) and wait for it to be accepted.
4. Plan and carry out your campaign.
5. Wait for the result on polling day.

Useful sources of information

www.farnham.gov.uk

www.nalc.gov.uk

www.electoralcommission.org.uk

www.local.gov.uk

www.waverley.gov.uk

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Both appointments are elected at the Annual Council Meeting in May.

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In May 2023 new ward boundaries come into force and the number of councillors will reduce from 18 to 16. See www.farnham.gov.uk

Waverley Borough Council

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Conservative

Farnham Castle

David Beaman
Farnham Residents

George Hesse
Farnham Residents

Farnham Firgrove

Jerry Hyman
Farnham Residents

John Neale
Farnham Residents

Farnham Hale and Heath End

Sally Dickson
Farnham Residents

Michaela Wicks
Farnham Residents

Farnham Moor Park

Andy MacLeod
Farnham Residents

Michaela Martin
Farnham Residents

Farnham Shortheath and Boundstone

Kika Mirylees
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John Ward
Farnham Residents

Farnham Upper Hale

Penny Marriott
Farnham Residents

Peter Marriott
Farnham Residents

Weybourne and Badshot Lea

Daniel Hunt
Liberal Democrats

Mark Merryweather
Liberal Democrats

Wrecclesham and Rowledge

Peter Clark
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Brian Edmonds
Farnham Residents

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Surrey County Council

The county councillors who represent Farnham are:

Farnham Central

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Farnham North

Catherine Powell – Farnham Residents

Farnham South

Michaela Martin – Farnham Residents

For your county councillor's contact details, visit www.surrey.gov.uk/councillors or email them using the email convention name.surname@surreycc.gov.uk. Tel: 03456 009 009



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