



Annual Review 2022 / 23



Farnham Town Council is the smallest of the three tiers of local government and it focuses on advocating the needs of the community.

The day-to-day management of the 17 full time equivalent staff is led by the Town Clerk and decisions about the operation of the council are made by elected councillors.

Farnham Town Council's activities include managing four cemeteries, eight allotment sites, a comprehensive events programme, enhancing green spaces and the wider town. Each year, the Town Council responds to almost 1,000 planning and licensing applications and facilitates a number of civic functions.

The work of the Town Council is greatly enhanced by community organisations across the town and the unstinting contributions of hundreds of volunteers.

2022/23 was momentous and historic with the Platinum Jubilee, the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the proclamation of His Majesty King Charles III. The council incorporated appropriate commemorations alongside its normal work of delivering services and representing Farnham.



Apr



- New youth shelter opened for Farnham's young people giving a safe place to hang out with friends.

- New piece of public art at Longbridge commissioned.
- Over 100 children discovered their green fingers at the Bloomin' Kids Gardening Workshop.
- First volunteers' fair held to recruit new blood for conservation and environmental groups.

May



- Over 30 walks held over 22 days to create the Farnham Walking Festival.

- Combine 15 concerts by 15 bands with a tea tent hosted by 15 local charities to get a season of Music in the Meadow enjoyed by thousands.
- Over 40 stallholders at the Sustainability Fair shared tips with hundreds of people about how to reduce their impact on the environment.

Jun



- The final draft of the Farnham Design Statement went out for consultation.

- Thousands tucked into picnics fit for a Queen at The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Big Lunch.
- People of all ages came together for Picnic, Proms and Pop in the Park.
- A 30-year friendship between Farnham and its twin town of Andernach in Germany was reaffirmed by civic leaders.

Jul



- Farnham welcomed judges from South & South East in Bloom.



- The UK's leading mountain bike and BMX show visited Farnham for an afternoon of breath-taking stunts.

Aug



- Gostrey Meadow retained its Green Flag award for the second consecutive year.

- A skate and BMX display team performed grinds, spins and flips and gave coaching to an audience of hundreds of teens.
- Farnham's Ukrainian guests hosted a free Independence Day of Ukraine event at Gostrey Meadow.
- Michael Blower and Russ Mantle were the latest two names to be unveiled on Farnham's wall of famous names.

Sept



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- Farnham in Bloom received five top awards at South & South East in Bloom.

Dec



- Farnham Youth Choir performed for the tenth year at the Mayor of Farnham's Civic Christmas Carol Service.



- Shoppers braved the freeze to buy Christmas presents, decorations, food and drink from over 200 stalls at Farnham's Christmas Market.

Jan



- Music in the Vineyard brought monthly companionship and cheer to residents during the cold winter months.



- Work began to create a new garden of remembrance on the site of Hale's redundant chapels.

Oct



- Thousands of hours of volunteering and horticultural achievement were celebrated at the Farnham in Bloom Community Awards.
- Farnham won Gold at Britain in Bloom for the third time.

Nov



- 20 people made sure Farnham looked its best for Remembrance Sunday by collecting 25 sacks of rubbish in a town wide litter pick.
- Pupils from 15 schools in Farnham took part in a special schools' remembrance service.
- Crowds of people lined the streets of Farnham to pay tribute to service men and women who gave their lives in the course of their duties.
- A brand new app called Discover Farnham was launched so people can take part in self-guided trails and more around Farnham.
- TV star and Eastender's legend Anita Dobson brought showbiz sparkle to Farnham when she switched on the town's Christmas lights.
- 20 shop windows became canvasses for a local artist who created a snow window trail enjoyed by many.
- Town councillors signed a civility and respect pledge which promises to support positive cultural change in the local council.

Feb



- Guests at Music in the Vineyard enjoyed a surprise appearance from Rod Davis, the legendary skiffle musician from John Lennon's pre-Beatles band, The Quarrymen.

Mar

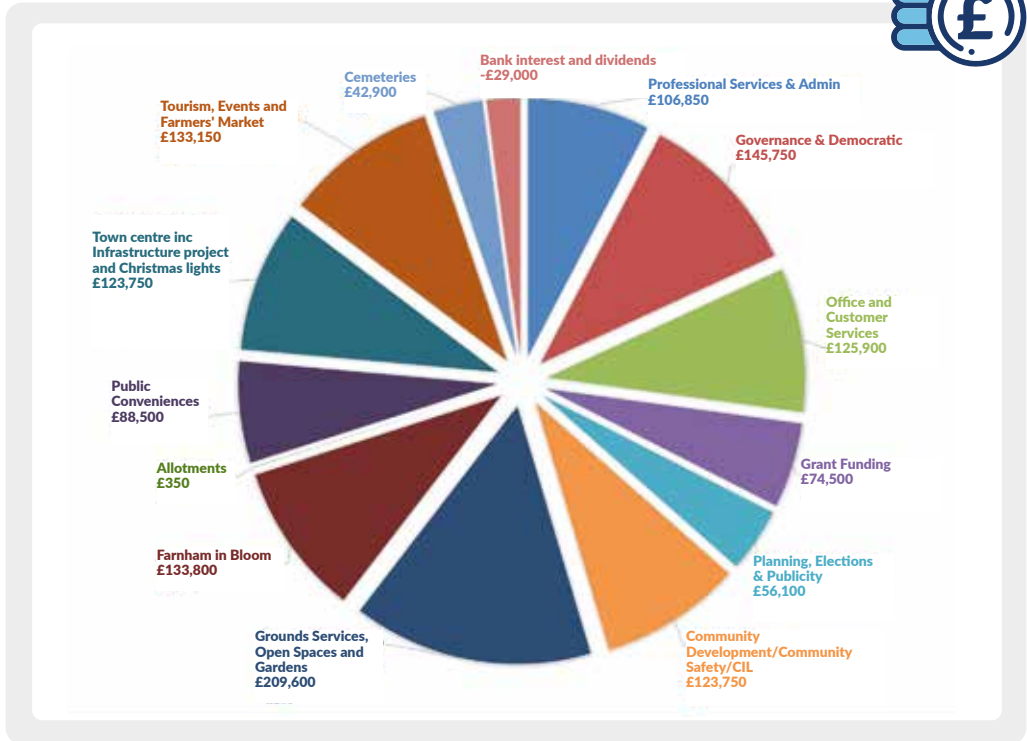


- Farnham's Literary Festival was a major success with many of its 40 events being sold out.



- HRH The Duke of Edinburgh planted the 70th tree in The Queen's Green Canopy, 'Jubilee Walk'

Estimated 2023/24 Net Expenditure



119



community events organised by Farnham Town Council and partners.

55,000



plug plants planted in 250 hanging baskets and 100 planters and troughs and 30,000 bulbs planted.

840



840 bags of rubbish collected by volunteer litter pickers.

40,000



hours generously given by volunteers.

11,418



followers across Farnham Town Council social media channels.

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