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Farnham in 2024

A sense of belonging, community spirit, nature and green spaces, sport, recreational, artistic and cultural activities are just some of the factors that contribute to people feeling happy about living in an area.

These measures can be seen in abundance in Farnham and are celebrated in this 2024 edition of our residents' guide.

2024 promises to be a bumper year. We are ever mindful of the cost of living crisis so you'll find that many of the events we organise are free to attend.

To maintain a sense of pride in our town, our Farnham in Bloom programme provides numerous opportunities for people to get involved in improving the town and surrounding neighbourhoods.

We are proud to be a World Craft Town and want more people to discover their creative abilities. To help you on this journey, we have highlighted three ways you can get crafty this year.

Being a young person in today's world comes with challenges. Farnham Town Council has shown its commitment to Farnham's young people by agreeing to invest an additional £90,000 in ensuring they have a voice and are supported to succeed.

To give our young people the best possible future, we also need to ensure we look after their environment. You will find this guide includes a lot of information about what we are doing and what you can do too.

One of the reasons Farnham continues to prosper is because of the hundreds of people who generously give their time to volunteer for the good of the town. This includes our own Town Councillors, and the hundreds of people who get involved in providing services that are often described as a 'lifeline'. Thank you if you are one of these volunteers.

We hope you find something of interest in this guide and enjoy Farnham.

With all good wishes

Iain Lynch
Town Clerk

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What's on in 2024

January

Quilters' Festival
Sunday 14 January
Farnham Maltings
www.farnhammaltings.com

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

Music in the Vineyard
Sunday 28 January
Vineyard Church
www.farnham.gov.uk

February

Unravel – a festival of yarn
23-25 February
Farnham Maltings
www.farnhammaltings.com

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

Music in the Vineyard
Sunday 25 February
Vineyard Church
www.farnham.gov.uk

March

Farnham Literary Festival
1-10 March
Various locations
www.farnhamliteraryfestival.co.uk

Bloomin' Help Out
Saturday 9 March
Hale Cemetery
www.farnham.gov.uk

Commonwealth Day
Monday 11 March
Farnham Town Council.
www.farnham.gov.uk

Great British Spring Clean
15-31 March
Choose a place to litter pick
www.farnham.gov.uk

Vegan Market
Sunday 17 March
West Street
www.farnham.gov.uk

Farnham in Bloom
Community Day
Saturday 23 March
Gostrey Meadow
www.farnham.gov.uk

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

Music in the Vineyard
Sunday 31 March
Vineyard Church
www.farnham.gov.uk

April

Easter Bloomin' Kids' Activities
Tuesday 9 April
The Kiln, Badshot Lea
www.farnham.gov.uk

Easter Bloomin' Kids' Activities
Thursday 11 April
Hale Community Centre
www.farnham.gov.uk

Antiques and Brocante
Street Market
Sunday 14 April
West Street
www.farnham.gov.uk

Farnham Beerex
18-20 April
Farnham Maltings
www.farnhambeerex.org.uk

The Rotary Duck Race
Saturday 27 April
Gostrey Meadow



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

May

Arts and Craft Street Market
 Sunday 5 May
 West Street
 www.farnham.gov.uk

Farnham Walking Festival
 11 May to 2 June
 Various locations
 www.farnham.gov.uk

Bloomin' Help Out
 Saturday 11 May
 West Street Cemetery
 www.farnham.gov.uk

Farnham Sustainability Festival
 Sunday 19 May
 Gostrey Meadow
 www.farnham.gov.uk

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

Music in the Meadow
 Sunday 26 May
 Gostrey Meadow
 www.farnham.gov.uk

Rowledge Village Fayre
 Sunday 26 May
 Rowledge Recreation Green
www.rowledgevillage.uk

June

Surrey Artists' Open Studios
 1 to 23 June
 Various locations
www.surreyopenstudios.org.uk

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

80th anniversary of the
 D-Day landings
 Thursday 6 June
 www.farnham.gov.uk

Big Help Out
 7-9 June
 www.farnham.gov.uk



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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



Antiques and Brocante
Street Market
Sunday 9 June
West Street

 www.farnham.gov.uk

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

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

Armed Forces Day Flag Raising
Monday 17 June
Farnham Town Council.
 www.farnham.gov.uk

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

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



Farnham Carnival
Saturday 29 June
Town centre/Gostrey Meadow
www.farnhamcarnival.org.uk

Proms and Pop in the Park
Sunday 30 June
Gostrey Meadow
 www.farnham.gov.uk

July

Hale Carnival
Saturday 6 July
Hale Recreation Ground
www.halecarnival.co.uk

The Bourne Show
Saturday 6 July
Bourne Green
www.thebourneshow.com

Music in the Meadow
Sunday 7 July
Gostrey Meadow
 www.farnham.gov.uk

Music in the Meadow
Sunday 14 July
Gostrey Meadow
 www.farnham.gov.uk

Vegan Market
Sunday 21 July (TBC)
West Street
 www.farnham.gov.uk

Music in the Meadow
Sunday 21 July
Gostrey Meadow
 www.farnham.gov.uk

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

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

August

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

Music in the Meadow
Sunday 11 August
Gostrey Meadow
 www.farnham.gov.uk

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

Music in the Meadow
Sunday 25 August
Gostrey Meadow
 www.farnham.gov.uk



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

September

Music in the Meadow
Sunday 1 September
Gostrey Meadow
 www.farnham.gov.uk

Allotment Show
Sunday 1 September
Gostrey Meadow
 www.farnham.gov.uk

Heritage Open Days
6-15 September
Various locations
www.farnhamociety.org.uk

Gin and Fizz Festival
Saturday 7 September
 www.farnham.gov.uk

Farnham Pilgrim Marathon and
Half Marathon
Sunday 8 September
www.farnhampilgrim.org.uk

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

Farnham Food and Drink Festival
Sunday 29 September
Castle Street and the town centre
 www.farnham.gov.uk



October

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

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

Craft Market
Sunday 27 October
West Street
 www.farnham.gov.uk

Autumn Bloomin' Kids' Activities
Tuesday 29 October
 www.farnham.gov.uk

November

Venison Dinner
Friday 1 November
The Bush Hotel

Bloomin' Litter Pick
Saturday 9 November
Town centre
 www.farnham.gov.uk

Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 10 November
Farnham Town centre
 www.farnham.gov.uk

Christmas Lights Switch-On
Saturday 16 November
Gostrey Meadow
 www.farnham.gov.uk

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

December

Farnham Civic Christmas
Carol Service
Wednesday 4 December
St Andrew's Church
 www.farnham.gov.uk

Farnham Christmas Market
Sunday 8 December
Castle Street and The Borough
 www.farnham.gov.uk

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

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

Three ways to get crafty in 2024

Farnham is recognised worldwide for our diverse community of craft makers and skilled artisans and is designated as England's first World Craft Town. With a rich history of educating some of the world's most iconic crafts people at our university, we are fortunate to have so many ways to develop new skills and express our creativity through making. Whether a beginner, or a professional maker, everyone can get involved in craft right here on our doorstep.



1. **Visit an artist's studio**, to see them at work and find out more about their craft. The Old Dairy Courtyard at Pierrepont Farm in Frensham hosts a collection of makers and producers and welcomes visitors on the second Saturday of every month. Their summer open day on Saturday 29 June includes music, food and beer to celebrate all things local. See [instagram.com/old_dairy_courtyard_pierrepont](https://www.instagram.com/old_dairy_courtyard_pierrepont)

Alternatively, discover a new artist at Surrey Artists' Open Studios from 1 to 23 June. See who's taking part at www.surreyopenstudios.org.uk

2. **Try your hand at a new skill.** Low cost or free workshops take place throughout the year at Farnham Maltings, New Ashgate Gallery, Farnham Pottery and Farnham Library. Whether you are an avid knitter, or a novice potter, you'll find something to stimulate your creativity.
3. **Get involved as a volunteer.** Farnham Craft Town exists because of the passion and creativity of the people who get involved. Everyone can participate, whether helping with community workshops for local children, or distributing brochures in October Craft Month. There is something here for everyone. If you would like to find out more, email hello@farnhamcrafttown.com.

To check what is going on throughout the year, follow Farnham Craft Town on Instagram or sign up for our newsletter at farnhamcrafttown.com. But most importantly, take part in something new this year.

Farnham Craft Town is a collaboration between Farnham Town Council and organisations which include Farnham Maltings, UCA, New Ashgate Gallery and the Crafts Study Centre. Farnham Town Council funds the Craft Town Coordinator's role with contributions from partners.

Fiona Byrne who is a glass artist from Ireland will be coming to Farnham in February to be an artist in residence for a month. She will be visiting all our main craft venues, and will work in the glass studios at UCA to make a piece of art inspired by what she sees here. This has been funded by Farnham South Street Trust and is part of a five-year commitment to host residencies for makers from other World Craft Towns and Cities. For information about Fiona and her work, visit www.fiona-byrne.com

Farnham Literary Festival

In March, we will be celebrating the enchanting world of words at the Farnham Literary Festival.

From 1 to 10 March, we invite you to let your imagination take flight. Book tickets for an engaging author's talk and discover new books for your reading list, take part in a creative workshop, or sit back and immerse yourself in a performance on the stage or big screen.

On 8 March, we are delighted to be hosting a conversation with Hugh Bonneville. He will be talking about his memoir 'Playing Under the Piano'.

We also have panel events which promise thought provoking discussions, and competitions for you to demonstrate your talents and share your work with a local audience.

The festival makes use of Farnham's rich architectural heritage to bring atmospheric and inspiring venues for every event.



Schools' programme

Research by the National Literacy Trust found that in 2022, fewer than 1 in 2 children aged 8 to 18 said they enjoy reading.

As part of this year's Farnham Literary Festival, we will be taking both local and bestselling authors into schools to share the enjoyment of books.

Competitions

Farnham Poetry Competition

The theme for the poetry competition is 'friendship'.

There is a children's competition, open to under-16s, and an adult one. This year, you are asked to write a poem on the theme of friendship – what it means to you, who your friends are, what is important about friends, anything about friendship.

Poems should be emailed to poetry@badshotleaandhale.org or by post to Farnham Poetry Competition, St Mark's Church, Alma Lane, Farnham, GU9 0LT, to arrive by 5pm on Friday 16 February.

The competition is free to enter and there will be prizes for both the first prize-winners and runners-up in both categories. The winners will be announced at the poetry final evening on Saturday 9 March at St Mark's Church at 5pm, when there will also be an 'open mic' for anyone to share their poetry.

Farnham's 'First Five Thousand' writing competition

On 1 March, the longlist for the 'First Five Thousand' writing competition will be announced. This will be followed by the shortlist on 10 March.

All shortlisted entries will be published on the Farnham Literary Festival website at www.farnhamliteraryfestival.co.uk

Find out more

For details about the events including how to book, visit www.farnhamliteraryfestival.co.uk or pick up a festival guide from the Town Hall in South Street.

Farmers' Market

Swapping something you usually buy from the supermarket for locally grown, seasonal produce from the Farnham Farmers' Market is one way to reduce your food miles.

Farnham's Farmers' Market is held on the fourth Sunday of every month from 10.30am to 1.30pm in Central car park.

Each market attracts around 40 producers who sell a range of items which they have grown, reared, made or baked.

You will find the producers approachable and keen to share their passion for local food with flavour.

Some of the producers you may see at the Farnham Farmers' Market include:

The Hampshire Shepherd

The Hampshire Shepherd Limited is a small first-generation family run sheep farming enterprise which has been based in Crondall for over 30 years.

Iain, Katie, Joshua and William McFarlane specialise in producing the finest traditional lamb, grass-fed and slow grown to allow for the best possible flavour. The McFarlanes describe their homebred lambs as being 'of the highest welfare'.

The Hampshire Shepherd sell directly to the public through local farmers' markets and via their online shop at www.thehampshireshepherd.com



Hell's Bakery

Helen White from Hell's Bakery has always enjoyed baking. She has fond memories of baking with her Mum, and says her Dad makes the best Viennese Whirls! When Helen was made redundant from her 'proper' job, it's no surprise that what started as her holiday fund hobby should become a full-time job.

Hell's Bakery make delicious cakes and baked goodies that Helen hopes you won't find anywhere else or bake yourself! The products are 100% homemade and the menus change weekly so there is always a new treat to try.

Helen says she has a fantastic and loyal customer base in Farnham and describes how farmers' market shoppers like to support local businesses and value being able to speak to the person who has created, reared, farmed or baked the very product you will be purchasing.

Big Ginger Sauce Co.

The Big Ginger Sauce Company is a solo operation run by Pete who is also known as 'Big Ginger'.

Pete is based in Pirbright where he produces small batch, hand crafted, artisan hot sauce and chilli products.

This venture was born from what Pete describes as 'an obsession with chilli, spice and bold, exciting flavours!' He says he was 'drawn to spicy food from a young age, and fascinated by the transformational effect that spice and heat can have on any meal'. Pete loves experimenting with flavour and tinkering with fresh ingredients and spice blends to create subtly different flavours in perfect balance!

You can buy Big Ginger Sauce online at www.biggingersauce.com, through selected local retailers, farm shops and farmers' markets.

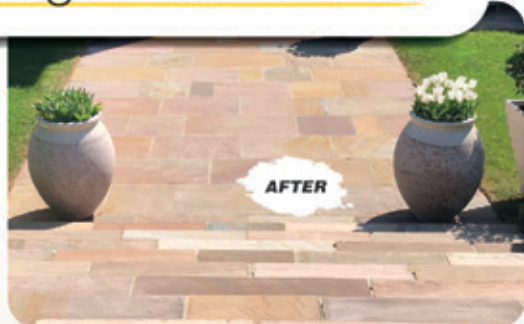
To meet more local producers and the chance to sample their wares, visit the next Farnham Farmers' Market.

Visit www.farnham.gov.uk/farmersmarket to see a list of producers who regularly attend the market.

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A sporting chance

Farnham provides opportunities to play around 30 different sports with clubs for all. Farnham Sports Council aims to increase the number of people taking part in sport and physical activity. It also provides support and acts as a voice for the town's many clubs.

Thank you to David Gill for contributing this insight into the role of Farnham Sports Council.



What Farnham Sports Council does

Farnham Sports Council was established in 1973 and was set up as an independent, voluntary organisation to support and promote sport and physical activity in and around Farnham. Sport matters in Farnham and we want to ensure that our proud sporting history and heritage is sustained.

Our most high-profile event each year is the Farnham Sports Awards where so much good work, incredible achievements and amazing talent just comes out of the woodwork.

How did Farnham Sports Council celebrate its golden anniversary

First, we held a 50th Anniversary event at Frensham Pond Sailing Club with a special presentation – in fact, it was a countdown of ‘50 sporting highlights’ in Farnham from the past 50 years.

Secondly, in 2024, the sports council will be working with clubs and key partners to develop an environmental sustainability project in relation to sport. We will be monitoring our precious parks and recreational open spaces because we need to protect them for future generations.

What advice would you give to residents who might be thinking of taking up sport or some form of physical activity?

Sport and physical activity, first and foremost, has got to be enjoyable or, at least, worthwhile. When considering a new activity choose something you might be passionate about and/or join a club or activity with a friend or family member as you are more likely to stick with it. But think ‘safety first’ and be prepared to pace yourself.

Sport and recreation can do so much good for people’s health and general well-being. And Farnham is lucky to have the best sports clubs and volunteers anywhere and they can give advice and encouragement. These volunteers are the heartbeat of community sport and is why they were placed at number one position in our ‘50 sporting highlights’.





Inclusive sport

Farnham Sports Council wants everyone to enjoy the benefits of sport and aims to support community clubs to be as inclusive as possible.

The following specialist clubs share more about what they are doing to provide sporting opportunities for people with disabilities.

Rowledge Disability Cricket Hub

The hub offers an all-inclusive opportunity for young people between the ages of 11 and 25 to play an enjoyable and fun format of cricket.

During the summer months, they deliver weekly cricket activities at Rowledge Cricket Club and in the winter months at Weydon School Gymnasium.

The coaches are ECB Level 2 qualified and are fully supported by the Surrey Cricket Foundation. They have full DBS accreditation and possess safeguarding and first aid qualifications.

It is always open and welcoming to new members of any ability who would like to play an enjoyable format of soft ball cricket.

Please contact their Head Disability Coach at davidroyan@btinternet.com for further information.

Frensham Pond Sailability

Frensham Pond Sailability provides exciting sailing opportunities for children and adults with a wide range of disabilities or long-term illness. No previous experience is necessary. They encourage everyone to learn to sail either solo or with an experienced buddy to provide assistance using their fleet of stable, specially designed dinghies.

Sailors can develop their skills as far as they wish from relaxing cruising around Frensham Pond to racing at national and international level. Their sailors frequently comment that, when sailing, they are totally independent, freed from their limitations, and can compete on equal terms with any non-disabled sailor.

Sailing sessions are on Thursday and Saturday mornings from April to October.

For further information, see www.frenshampondsailability.org.uk or email membership.fpsailability@gmail.com

Farnham Swimability

Farnham Swimability offers a swimming session at Farnham Leisure Centre on Wednesday afternoons between 2 and 3pm for anyone with a disability or who is in need of rehabilitation from injury, a stroke etc.

They have exclusive use of the pool so some members like to swim lengths whilst others just use the water for strength.

So you can discover whether Farnham Swimability is for you, it offers an initial taster session. If you decide to join their small group, the annual cost is £5 per person or £8 for a family. There is a 50 pence charge for each swimming session you attend.

It is a small friendly group and holds some social events during the year. If you would like to know more, please see their website www.farnhamswimability.org.uk where you will find a short video showing what to expect when attending.

Here to disrupt!

Farnham Town Football Club is one of the largest and fastest growing community clubs in the south of England. They have over 1,200 players competing across 70 teams which include mini monsters, walking football, the Saints (a team for young people with a wide range of disabilities and/or learning difficulties), under 23s, under 18s, vets and youth which includes seven girls' youth teams.

Every season, the club gives away 6,000 free tickets to children and families from local schools as part of its schools' outreach programme.

Since 2021, Farnham Town Football Club has been a drop zone for Farnham Foodbank. They regularly offer promotions such as free entrance for those who bring donations for the foodbank.

Farnham Town Football Club is a Community Interest Company so all its profits are reinvested into improving the club and its offering to the local community.

See how you can support the team at www.ftfconline.com

Farnham young people – supporting our future

Support and activities for Farnham’s young people will be prioritised in 2024/25 with Farnham Town Council committing an additional £90,000 to its budget.

This boost in funding will help to strengthen the outreach support that already exists for young people from existing organisations. An example includes 40Degreez which received £8,000 from Farnham Town Council in 2022/23 to support its outreach youth work.



Projects that Farnham Town Council helped to fund in 2022/23

Singing Spree 2023

Organiser Farnham Youth Choir
Grant awarded £1,200 community grant
Purpose of the project To inspire the next generation of singers by providing 300 year two children from six local schools with a free singing morning. The children experienced singing with Farnham Youth Choir and their professional conductors and piano accompanist.
Feedback “A fabulous morning where ALL our children were engaged and inspired to sing and dance!”

Dyslexia support in Farnham

Organiser Helen Arkell Dyslexia Charity
Grant awarded £1,000 community grant
Purpose of the project The grant provided life-changing specialist dyslexia support to two young people at a critical time in their education. Both received an assessment which has provided detailed information about their learning needs.
Feedback “My child has flourished in his confidence and determination to succeed since his assessment outcome. We have accessed the correct support at school and as a direct result, his reading comprehension, ability to decode words and therefore maths, have all improved.”





Talking Teens

Organiser space2grow

Grant awarded £4,000 community grant to run four five-week courses

Purpose of the project The accredited course allows parents and carers the time and space to reflect on their relationship with their teen. The course offers parents and carers practical advice on how to help navigate this stage of their child's development with empathy and understanding.

Feedback "We rarely take time to stand back, think and reflect on how we behave as a parent, and how this can impact on family dynamics. The course has been really helpful in allowing me to press pause, rewind and reset."

Find out more For information about courses in 2024, email or visit www.space2grow.space

Young Cross Stitch Masters with Jane Browne, Surrey Artist of the Year

Organiser New Ashgate Gallery Trust

Grant awarded £1,000 community grant

Purpose of the project To offer a free community activity aimed at families making craft together. Participants were introduced to cross stitch and the idea of taking it up as a hobby.

Feedback 258 people took part in the workshop. Participants said: "We wouldn't have done this at home." "My daughter is inspired to continue at home."

Sculpture workshop

Organiser Farnham Heath End School

Grant awarded £500 South Street Trust Fund

Purpose of the project Year nine fine art students were given the opportunity to take part in an all-day sculpture workshop led by an artist. Students were encouraged to explore structure, surface and found materials. They were supported to work outside their comfort zones and created some amazing experimental sculptures.

Feedback "We had a fabulously creative day."

Escaping into Art

Organiser Hale Community Centre – Girlz Club

Grant awarded £390 South Street Trust Fund

Purpose of the project To provide girls from the GirlzClub with a chance to paint their own canvas following the theme of 'Messy Meadow'. The girls learnt artistic techniques and painting skills and were taught about colour and texture and the nature around them. They were shown mounting techniques and exhibited their work in Hale Community Centre.

If you would like to apply for funding for a project that will support young people in Farnham, see page 31 for details about our grant schemes.

Hale Chapels' Garden

A pair of derelict chapels in the heart of Upper Hale are receiving national recognition after being given a new lease of life.

History of Hale Chapels

In 1871, the Burial Board of Farnham agreed to invite tenders for the building of two chapels, a lodge, gate and walls in what was to become Hale Cemetery.

Sidney Stapley who had a practice at 23 West Street, was appointed as the architect and surveyor. He designed the constructions to be built in flint and brick which are materials traditional to this area of Farnham. The work was completed in 1872.

Changing times

Over time customs changed, the chapels fell into disuse and were deconsecrated in 2013.

Having taken on the management of the chapels, Farnham Town Council worked with Farnham Building Preservation Trust to commission a report to assess the condition of the chapels and to seek proposals for their future use.

The Hale Chapels Trust was formed to look at several options. After exploring a number of proposals, it was eventually concluded that the buildings were too far gone to save at a cost that was acceptable and so the idea for a community garden was taken forward.





Creation of a garden

To achieve a space that was sympathetic to the chapels and the surrounding cemetery, Farnham Town Council enlisted the help of multi award-winning garden landscapers, Landform Consultants and chose a design created by Graduate Landscapes.

What you can see

The garden creators incorporated the chapels into a peaceful space. This what you can see:

- The chapel walls reduced to a safe height
- Flint setts repurposed at ground level to mark the boundaries of the former chapels
- Seating around the corners of the chapels
- Decorative gable and arched head windows retained
- Gable window and stone mullions from the western chapel stabilised at a lower height and preserved
- Ground level decorative planters from the eastern chapel's gable window and stone mullions
- Planting scheme inspired by plants from the bible.



Award-winning

The gardens were officially opened in July 2023.

At the end of 2023, Farnham Town Council heard it had been selected as a 2024 regional finalist in the prestigious Civic Trust Awards. Reaching this stage means the Civic Trust consider Hale Chapels Garden to be of significant merit, and 'to be contributing to the quality and appearance of the built environment whilst being sustainable, accessible and providing a positive contribution'. The outcome of the awards was due to be revealed in January which is after this Residents' Guide was printed.

At the BALI National Landscape Awards in December, Landform Consultants was crowned Principal Award Winner in the 'Regeneration Scheme – Under £500k' category. The award recognises 'exemplary levels of professionalism, workmanship and client satisfaction the brings credit to the landscape industry'.

Visit the garden

If you would like to see the garden for yourself, you will find it in Hale Cemetery, Alma Lane, Upper Hale, GU9 0LR.



Climate change – join us in the

Steps we have taken

In 2019, Farnham Town councillors declared a climate emergency and committed to take action to reduce carbon emissions at a local level.

We are continually reviewing our operations and the way we deliver services so we can fulfil our aim to be carbon neutral by 2030. Some of the actions we have taken so far include:

Managing outside spaces

Equipment

- Transitioning to electric or gas-powered vehicles.
- Expanding the range of low noise electric tools used by the outside workforce.
- Single use oil containers are no longer used.

Farnham in Bloom

- Reducing bedding plants by ten per cent each year and including more drought tolerant perennial plants.
- Planting nearly 400 trees in two years with over 9,300 kilogrammes of CO₂ captured.
- Planting 6,000m² of open space with wildflowers.
- Enabling 90 per cent of the bulbs in our floral displays to be reused by community groups.
- Choosing spring bulbs and spring flowers to support early pollination.
- Using peat free compost and baskets and troughs with reservoirs so that no water is wasted.
- Reuse plastic trays and plant pots.

Public spaces

- Seeking advice from a national expert in hydrology, geomorphology and plant ecology on steps that can be taken to enhance the stretch of the River Wey that runs through Gostrey Meadow.
- Recycling bins installed in parks.
- Plastic flowers discouraged in cemeteries.
- Providing allotments so more people have the opportunity to grow their own.



Biodiversity

- Monitoring bugs and insects in cemeteries and parks alongside the Farnham Biodiversity Group.
- Organising environmental events such as the Big Help Out. In 2023, over 100 people volunteered to help Farnham Biodiversity Group create a 10-metre dead hedge. The hedge aims to increase biodiversity, provide shelter and a food source for wildlife.
- Supporting moth habitats.
- Installing bat and bug boxes to increase wildlife.
- Adopting 'No Mow May' where appropriate.

Community events

- No petrol or diesel generators used at events at Gostrey Meadow.
- Organising an annual Sustainability Festival with Farnham Community Farm.
- Sourcing recyclable plastic banners to advertise events.
- Avoiding single use plastic wherever possible.

Travel

- Providing Waverley hoppla Community Transport with £20,000 towards the purchase of a new electric bus servicing Farnham.
- Introducing a cycle to work scheme for staff.
- Offering Zoom meetings as an alternative to meeting in person.
- Complimentary shuttle buses provided for large events.
- Installing temporary cycle stands.

Town Hall

- Installing a new efficient boiler in the Town Hall.
- Move to LED lighting.
- Buying more local goods and services.
- Cutting down on paper by introducing online forms and digital invitations for events.
- Switched from plastic cups to compostable or cardboard alternatives.

fight for Farnham's future

What you can do

In Surrey, 31% of the average resident's carbon footprint comes from travel, 31% from their home, 26% from food and 12% from consumer goods. Surrey County Council has put together some ideas for how you can reduce your carbon impact.

How to make a difference

Travel

- Cut down on car travel by working from home or taking public transport – see page 22.
- Consider car sharing or joining a car club.
- Look at active travel options such as cycling.
- If you are planning a holiday abroad could you consider international train travel as an alternative to flying?
- Thinking about making the switch to an electric car? Find out if you are eligible for a plug-in grant.



Home

- Turn off appliances when not in use – avoid leaving them on standby as this still uses power.
- Investigate getting your home insulated. This will reduce your carbon consumption and save you money on your energy bills.
- Switch to a green energy supplier.
- If you have a garden, plant a tree. If you haven't got space for a tree perhaps consider a hedge or creating a living wall.
- Get a water butt and use the rainwater you collect to water the garden.

Food

- Reduce your meat and dairy consumption. Even doing this for one day a week will have a positive impact.
- If you can, buy local, seasonal produce. The Farnham Farmers' Market is a great place to start.
- Look for ways to buy food that has less packaging and consider using refill shops.
- Save money and reduce food waste by buying only what you need.
- Grow your own in pots or on windowsills. If you have space in the garden, a vegetable box can be a very tasty addition!

Consumer goods

- Pause and consider whether you really need to buy a new gadget or item of clothing.
- If you want something new to wear, think about checking out the local charity shops or online shops that sell second hand clothing.
- When searching for something new for the home or garden, browse online groups and sites for pre-loved items or visit one of Surrey County Council's Revive re-use shops.
- If you have an item that is broken, before you discard it, see if the experts at Farnham's Repair Café can fix it. See page 23 for details.

For more tips and online resources, visit the Environment section of our website at www.farnham.gov.uk

Biodiversity – Join us in loo

Farnham Town Councillors have reinforced their commitment to the climate and have plans to involve the wider community in taking action to lead a more sustainable life.

A Climate Action Task Group has been created and a Farnham Town Climate Action Plan is being put together. It is intended that the plan will provide an overview of the positive work that is already taking place in Farnham, identify opportunities for collaboration and the alignment of effort and activities.

How to get involved

Farnham has many established groups and organisations that are working towards improving our environment.

You can follow their work for ideas on how small behaviour changes can make a positive difference or, you can get involved and take part in organised events and initiatives that will have a greater impact in the wider community. See www.farnham.gov.uk for details.

Groups in Farnham

Here is an insight into some of the environmental groups in Farnham and what they do. If you are part of an organisation that is not listed, please add your details to our online directory and we'll list you on our website.

Farnham Biodiversity Action Group

Farnham Biodiversity Action Group aim to maintain and improve the biodiversity of Farnham by:

- Recording – generating a record of existing biodiversity in Farnham
- Planning – creating a biodiversity action plan to maintain and improve Farnham's biodiversity
- Informing – aiming to be a key source of information for land managers, big or small.

Recent projects include creating a wildlife area in Gostrey Meadow. This includes a dead hedge which has been made from upright stakes of wood and filled with horizontal pruning. Despite its name, the hedge provides habitats for many species of wildlife and uses up prunings and clippings.



The area also includes bug and bee hotels built by a scouts' group and a hibernaculum which provides a home for frogs, toads and reptiles during the winter months.

In 2024, there are plans to plant a native hedge, build raised flower beds to provide pollinator-friendly planting and the creation of signage with QR codes so you can see how to introduce some of these measures at home.

Find out more

Visit farnhambap.org.uk

Badshot Lea Bloomers

Badshot Lea Bloomers is an active group that organises litter picks, bulb planting and other activities to brighten up the community. The group also organises working parties at Badshot Lea Pond. A few years ago the Bloomers created Badshot Lea Community Garden which is now a flourishing community garden with allotment spaces to rent, heritage hops grown, areas for biodiversity and a thriving wildlife friendly pond. They hold community events such as an Easter egg hunt and pumpkin carving. Badshot Lea Bloomers won Level 4 Thriving in the It's Your Neighbourhood category of South & South East in Bloom 2023.

Find out more

Visit www.badshotleacommunityassociation.wordpress.com

Hive Helpers

Hive Helpers seek to improve the mental and physical wellbeing of adults and children in the Farnham area through beekeeping and nature conservation activities.

They offer a range of options so people can get involved and participate in a way that best suits them.

Find out more

Visit www.hivehelpers.co.uk

king after Farnham's nature

space2grow

Activities at space2grow centre around an acre of land in the heart of Farnham. There are opportunities to get involved in general gardening, specific projects such as creating a pond or wellbeing activities for teens and other age groups. Parenting classes and a Men in Sheds group also take place.

space2grow is an award winning project and in 2023 it achieved Level 5 Outstanding in the It's Your Neighbourhood category of South & South East in Bloom.

Find out more

Visit www.space2grow.space



Farnham Community Farm

Farnham Community Farm is a local vegetable growing project. You can become a member and receive a weekly share of the farm's vegetable harvest. There are also opportunities to get involved in regular volunteering and events.

Find out more

Visit www.farnhamcommunityfarm.com

Tice's Meadow Bird Group

A community led organisation that helps manage Tice's Meadow Nature Reserve in Badshot Lea. There are opportunities to get involved in regular working parties which include tasks such as cutting willow in reed beds, building hibernaculum and nest boxes.

Find out more

Visit www.ticesmeadow.org

Bourne Conservation Group

Volunteers assist in the maintenance and improvement of public open areas and rights-of-way centred on The Bourne, Farnham for the benefit of residents and wildlife.

There are varied tasks at different sites and times.

Find out more

Visit www.bourneconservation.org.uk

Bloomin' Friends

There are so many ways to get involved in multi award-winning Farnham in Bloom. Help out with a year round calendar of events which include planting bulbs and plug plants, litter picking, becoming a Friend of a garden or cemetery, helping out at Bloomin' Kids and more. We can also organise team away days at our community gardens and open spaces.

Find out more

Visit www.farnham.gov.uk/bloom



For more information, see www.farnham.gov.uk

Up to speed with local travel options

There's no doubt that for many people, travelling by car is their preferred mode of transport. Apart from the environmental consequences, the price for this choice is congested roads and too much time wasted from sitting in traffic queues.

In 2024, we invite you to leave the car at home and make a few trips using one of these alternative transport options.



Rail services

Farnham is served by two rail services operated by South Western Trains:

- Alton – Farnham – Aldershot – Woking – London Waterloo operating daily every 30 minutes (every hour Sunday mornings)
- Farnham – Aldershot – Guildford operating Monday to Saturday every 30 minutes (no Sunday service)

For further details www.southwesternrailway.com

Bus services

The local bus service network which provides routes serving Aldershot, Alton, Badshot Lea, Elstead, Godalming, Guildford, Haslemere, Hindhead, Rowledge, Sandy Hill, Shortheath, Weybourne and Whitehill is operated by Stagecoach.

Most routes operate hourly during the daytime Monday to Saturday with only limited services operated during the evenings and on Sundays.

For further details www.stagecoachbus.com

Door to door community transport

Waverley hoppa Community Transport provide a door-to-door service for residents who do not have access to any other transport. The driver will pick you up from your front door and take you to your pre-booked destination in the Farnham area.

Most of the buses are wheelchair accessible and there is an electric bus which was part funded by Farnham Town Council.

Residents who have a bus pass can travel for free between 9.30am and 2.30pm. To register or to book your seat, visit www.hoppa.org.uk

Surrey Connects

Waverley hoppa Community Transport also operates Surrey Connects on behalf of Surrey County Council.

Download the Surrey Connect app from your app store, enter where you are and where you want to go and the app will guide you to your nearest virtual bus stop. The service operates Monday to Friday, 7am to 7pm and Saturday from 8am to 6pm. Adult single fares start at £2 for a journey that is under 5 miles and £1 for anybody who is 20 or under. Bus passes can be used after 9.30am.

For further details, visit surreyconnect.org.uk

Farnham Repair Café

As well as saving you money, repair cafés also minimise waste and help to reduce CO₂ and other greenhouse gases from entering the atmosphere.

Farnham has its very own repair café which meets on the second Saturday of the month at the Spire Church in South Street. Bring along your broken items and see if the café can save you the expense of buying new or give new life to a treasured possession.

Success stories from 2023

Teddy bear repair

A 60-year-old teddy with a detached head and holes in his feet was brought into Farnham Repair Café.

Volunteer Jacqui used a lightweight bolt and felt discs to reattach his head and some clean wood shavings to plump out teddy's head and neck. She also gave his fur a gentle sponge clean and sewed on a new mouth and foot pads.

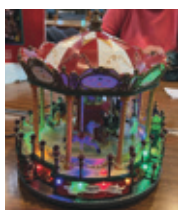


Carousel repair

Farnham Repair Café was delighted to be asked to replace the motor on a colourful carousel adorned with festive lights and playing music.

The rotation of the carousel is driven by a motor with a small gear at the top of the drive shaft. Replacing the motor with a new gear was a straightforward task but the small gear was bonded to the old motor and couldn't be reused and spares were not available.

Volunteer Jed decided to use a 3D printer which can replicate complex shapes and print them in a variety of different materials. To produce the necessary



component, Jed created the 3D geometry by measuring the existing gear and recreating the part in 3D software. The 3D geometry was used to tell the printer what to print.

The 3D geometry was imported into the printer's software where it was sliced into single layers of 10 Microns. To help understand the process, imagine taking an object, cutting through it horizontally and taking a photocopy of each layer. These layers were then printed one on top of the other to build a 3D part.

Once the part had been printed, Jed bonded it onto the new motor shaft and reassembled the carousel.

Cutting edge repairs

Volunteers Peter and Anthony produced two 3D printed kneecaps for inclusion in the knee rolls of a prototype circular cricket batting pad separately using a biopolymer (PLA). A third print was used destructively to test the strength of 3D printed design.



The circular batting pad prototype incorporates various environmental innovations and was designed by researchers at UCA as part of a government funded Circular Cricket Gear (CCG) project.

2023 in numbers

Attendees 848

Products in 625

Products repaired 430

Repair rate 68%

Landfill diversion 1.1 tonnes

CO₂e savings 10.8 tonnes

Satisfaction 98%

These figures are for January to November 2023.

How to volunteer

If you would like to volunteer at Farnham Repair 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

A shared vision for Farnham

In November 2023, business rate payers in 30 town centre streets voted to transform the area into a Business Improvement District (BID).

Becoming a BID town signifies a commitment from businesses to enhance the town which will benefit Farnham as a whole.

The BID will officially come into being on 1 April 2024. Its formation will see businesses in the BID area paying an annual levy. Over five years, this will deliver over £1.5-million in additional investment for Farnham.

The town improvement projects which have been agreed by voting businesses include:

- Marketing, promotions and events to increase footfall
- Initiatives to make the town feel safe, clean and welcome. Addressing key business issues such as retail security
- Business support – delivering an active, strong lobbying and advocacy group and collaborating with partners such as Waverley Borough Council and Surrey County Council
- Incentives for improved access and travel so that people spend more time experiencing what's on offer
- Employing a town centre manager to implement the projects.



The BID board will work closely with Farnham Town Council and Farnham Chamber of Commerce to continue to build a town that remains a cherished place to live, work and prosper both now and in the future.

A word from the Chamber

Farnham Chamber of Commerce is flourishing following its relaunch in 2023. The Chamber now has more than 80 members representing businesses in and around Farnham.

Membership of the Chamber gives you access to events which bring together local business leaders for education, informal networking and a chance to integrate on important topics such as the Business Improvement District.

Nick Kent from Kents Property is a member of the BID task group and the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Team, he says: "I am delighted that businesses voted in favour of becoming a Business Improvement District as this will make Farnham even stronger for commerce and retail."

"These are tough times, but I am proud to see signs that Farnham is coping well. We have a retail occupancy that is much higher than other towns in the borough and, I am excited by the new local and national brands coming to our town. The new Reel cinema and Coppa Club in Brightwells, as well as others across town, are welcome additions that will draw in visitors and help to support the local economy."

If you are a business leader in or around Farnham, find out more about joining Farnham Chamber of Commerce by visiting www.farnhamchamber.org.uk



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Help when you need it

In Farnham there is a network of organisations that exist to provide a helping hand in times of need. Whether you need some guidance on money matters, help with providing food for your family or financial support to help with buying basic but essential household items there is help available.

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 Centre, Church House, Union Road.

farnham.frontlinemoneyadvice.org

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

Food and groceries

Farnham Foodbank

The foodbank provides nutritious food parcels to people who need them. Call the foodbank on 07901 581539 or visit 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 for people who live within five miles of the Centre.

Brambleton Hall Community Fridge, Talbot Road. Open every Friday from 1-4pm. Contact brambletonfridge@outlook.com for information.

Brightwells Community Fridge, Memorial Hall, Babbs Mead. Open from 10am to 2pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

The Hygiene Bank

Provides hygiene essentials, beauty and personal care products for those who cannot afford them.

Email FarnhamandAldershot@thehygienebank.com
Visit www.thehygienebank.com

Community Meal Service

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 volunteers.

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. Visit the town centre, doctor's, library, hairdressers, garden centre, or meet up with a friend. Most buses are wheelchair accessible. Register (www.hoppa.org.uk or 01428 681701) to use the service and then book in advance. Farnham bus pass holders travel free.

General Advice

Contact Citizens Advice Farnham for confidential, free and impartial advice on benefits, work, debt, housing and more. Call 0808 2787 980 or visit www.casws.org.uk

Farnham Job Club

Free help and support with finding a job. Drop into Hale Community Centre, Tuesdays from 10am to 12pm or Farnham Town Council on Tuesdays from 1-3pm. For further information call 07815 925563 or visit www.guildfordadvicetoemployment.co.uk

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

Energy

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

Warm Welcome

Visit a Warm Welcome venue for a hot drink and a chance to warm up free of charge. Venues in Farnham

include Farnham Library and Hale Community Centre. Opening times vary.

Farnham Support Fund

The Farnham Support Fund (Farnham Institute Charity, Farnham Lions, the Hedgehogs, Farnham Town Council, Citizens Advice Farnham, Farnham Rotary and the Dempster Trust) 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
- Essential equipment eg wheelchair
- 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.

Surrey Crisis Fund

Financial help for Surrey residents who have nowhere else to turn in an emergency or following a disaster. Visit www.surreycc.gov.uk and search for Surrey Crisis Fund.

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.

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 communities 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 2023.

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/BLCAI>

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 Chapels' Garden, Hale Institute Village Hall, two hairdressers and The Alfred 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, Beagley's Bakery, 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.

Wrecclesham

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

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

The village of Wrecclesham 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.wreccleshamvv.co.uk/
www.wreccleshamcommunitycentre.org.uk/
www.wreccleshamhistory.wordpress.com/
www.thefarnhampottery.co.uk

Meeting places

Whether you are new to Farnham or looking to expand your social circle, visiting a local community café is a great way to meet new people and spark new friendships.

Anyone for coffee?

Coffee Spot

Where Rowledge Village Hall

When Every Friday from 8am 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.

History of Hale Project Coffee Mornings

Where Hale Village Hall

When Last Saturday of the month from 10am to 12noon

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 Community 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.

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



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.

Singing for the Mind

Where Farnham Maltings, Bridge Square

When Mondays at 1.30pm for refreshments, singing from 2-3pm

What to expect Singing for people with dementia and their carers.

Farnham Dog Training Society

Research shows there are approximately 12 million pet dogs in the UK with 31% of households owning a dog.

Successful training is a rewarding part of dog ownership and as most dogs love to learn, it is a great way to stop your dog from getting bored.

Farnham Dog Training Society has been registered with the Kennel Club since 1961 and is a not for profit organisation run entirely by volunteers.

They offer classes for adults, whatever their experience, with dogs of any age, from 14 weeks old upwards, and any breed. Farnham Dog Training Society has two Kennel Club Accredited Instructors so you can be assured that you and your dog will be in safe and knowledgeable hands. Positive training is at the centre of their work as dogs really do respond more to reward and kindness.

Courses run most Monday evenings during school terms at the Badshot Lea Village Hall 'The Kiln', Farnham. If you would like to know more visit www.farnhamdogtraining.com

Apply for a grant

Funding is available for a variety of community projects.

Farnham Town Council administers the South Street Trust and Community Grants.

Applying is straightforward and can be done online.

All information, including application forms and grant criteria can be found at www.farnham.gov.uk/grants



	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 January.	April-May. Decisions made in January.

Other sources of funding

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.highsheriffsofsurrey.com

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

Lions Club of Farnham
www.farnhamlions.org.uk

Community Foundation for Surrey
www.cfsurrey.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.

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Cllr. George Murray
Farnham Residents

Farnham Castle

Cllr. George Hesse
Farnham Residents

Cllr. Heather McClean
Farnham Residents

Farnham Firgrove

Cllr. Jerry Hyman
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Cllr. John Ward
Farnham Residents

Farnham Weybourne

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Surrey County Council

The county councillors who represent Farnham are:

Farnham Central

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Farnham North

Cllr. Catherine Powell – Farnham Residents

Farnham South

Cllr. Michaela Martin – Farnham Residents

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POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR SURREY

www.surrey-pcc.gov.uk
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