

Supporting our future

Farnham Town Council has agreed to prioritise support and activities for young people in 2024/25 by committing an additional £90,000 to its budget.

Some of the funding will be used to commission research to better understand priorities and needs, and some will be used by partners to provide additional youth holiday activities for those who would not normally be able to access/afford them.

The boost in funding will also help strengthen the outreach support that already exists for young people from existing organisations.

Take part in Farnham Literary Festival

Farnham Literary Festival is happening from 1 to 10 March and includes a jam-packed programme of events for you to enjoy.

There are over 40 events where you can immerse yourself in the world of books, spoken word, film, creative writing, podcasting and more.

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

Bloomin' Help Out



Are you free between 10am and 12noon on Saturday 9 March?

Farnham in Bloom is looking for some volunteers to help spruce up the award-winning

Hale Cemetery in Alma Lane.

The event is suitable for families. Tasks will range from litter picking and general clearing to tree planting.

All equipment and refreshments will be provided. No need to register; just turn up!

Great British Spring Clean 15 to 31 March

Is there an area near where you live or where you like to walk that could benefit from a litter pick?

During the Great British Spring Clean, Farnham Town Council is supporting residents to organise their own community litter picks. You can litter pick on your own, with a few friends or family members or in a bigger group of work colleagues or neighbours.

Farnham Town Council can provide you with all the equipment you need and, if required, advise on how best to dispose of the rubbish you collect.

To reserve your litter picking equipment, please email bloom@farnham.gov.uk with the date and location of your litter pick.

Green volunteering



Every year, an army of volunteers get involved in looking after Farnham's green spaces.

If you love being outside and want to know how you can do your bit to look after nature, then come along to the Farnham in Bloom Community Day at Gostrey Meadow on Saturday 23 March between 10am and 3pm.

Local environmental and conservation groups will be on hand to explain what they do and the opportunities they have for you to get involved.

Throughout the day, Farnham Town Council has organised a number of activities and challenges which include:

- Litter picks around the town centre
- Planting up flower beds in Gostrey Meadow
- Helping to develop a wildlife area
- Helping to complete a giant bug hotel which is to be installed in Gostrey Meadow.

There will also be live music and refreshments.

Many hands make light work so please do bring your friends and family too.

Meet Farnham's artist in residence



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Fiona Byrne, a glass artist from Ireland, has arrived in Farnham and will spend one month here as an artist in residence.

During her residency, she will work in the glass studios at UCA and will make a piece of art inspired by her visit. Fiona will also visit Farnham's main craft venues, and will give a talk which you are invited to attend.

The initiative 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. Farnham was designated as England's first World Craft Town in 2020.

For more information about Fiona's visit, go to www.farnhamcrafttown.co.uk.

Bee friendly



Farnham Town Council is adding new categories to the Secret Gardens Competition 2024 so that more people can get involved.

In the wildlife photography category, photographers of all ages will be invited to send in their best pictures. The judges will be looking for you to demonstrate your skills as you capture the beauty of nature.

The bee friendly category aims to get more people devoting sections of their garden to pollinating insects. Start planning now what you would like to grow in your bee-friendly border, hanging basket or container.

A good wildlife garden offers a succession of seasonal flowers from spring to autumn. As the Secret Garden

judging takes place in the summer, you may want to consider planting flowers such as:

- Hollyhocks
- Snapdragons
- Canterbury bells
- Marigolds
- Heather
- Cornflowers, or
- Trumpet honeysuckle

The Secret Gardens competition is open for entries from mid-April to mid-June.

Cheering on Farnham Town FC!



Farnham Town Football Club is one of the largest and fastest growing community clubs in the south of England.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Farnham have recently shown their support for the club with the unveiling of a new pitchside banner.



To find out more about the club, visit www.ftfconline.com.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 17 March
Vegan Market, West Street

Sunday 24 March
Farnham Farmers' Market, Central car park



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