

## New playground and toilets for Gostrey Meadow



An artist's impression of how the new playground and toilets could look.

A project is underway to refurbish the playground and toilets at Gostrey Meadow.

In September, Farnham Town Council surveyed parents/carers and young people to find out what they would like to see in the new playground.

The next stage is to invite playground suppliers to put forward costed proposals that incorporate people's ideas. Once the tenders have been analysed and shortlisted, there will be a further consultation where people will be invited to comment on the designs.

The final plan is subject to planning permission, but it is hoped that a new playground will be installed for Farnham's young people by 2026.

## Supporting younger people

Farnham Town Council has delivered on its promise to improve its support for younger people this year.

An extra £90,000 has also been invested in strengthening the outreach work that already exists for younger people from existing organisations such as 40 Degreez, Hale Community and Youth Centre and the Jubilee Hub in Wrecclesham.

## Younger people's holiday activities

This year, Farnham Town Council has awarded grants of £20,000 to organisations in Farnham to help fund free school holiday activities for younger people of all ages, especially those that may be financially disadvantaged.

Over the summer, younger people were able to take part in creative activities, games, sport, baking, singing, drama and outings to the seaside and Alice Holt.

To see what activities are planned for October half term, visit [www.farnham.gov.uk](http://www.farnham.gov.uk).

## Younger people's directory

If you provide services or activities for younger people or you are looking for support, please visit the younger people's directory on Farnham Town Council's website.

## Gate to plate in fewer than 50 miles!

Pick up delicious local produce from the Farnham Farmers' Market in Central car park on Sunday 27 October. All produce is grown, raised, caught, baked, pickled, processed or made within 50 miles of the market. The market is on from 10am to 1.30pm.

## Dates for your diary



## Arts and Antiques Market

Sunday 20 October 2024, 10-4pm

Central Car Park  
Complementing Farnham's World Craft Town status, the market will feature some 45 stalls celebrating artists and craft makers from Farnham, across Surrey and beyond.

Organised by ACVR Events, supported by Farnham Town Council.



## Autumn Bloomin Kids' Activities

Tuesday 29 October, 10am-12pm and 1-3pm

Hosted by Badshot Lea Bloomers at The Kiln, Badshot Lea  
Free autumn themed activities to inspire the next generation of gardeners.

See [www.farnham.gov.uk](http://www.farnham.gov.uk) for booking details.

## Antiques and Brocante Street Market

Sunday 17 November 2024, 10-4pm

Central Car Park

Farnham welcomes back an unique Antiques and Brocante Street Market in the Central Car Park, offering a mixture of antiques, collectables, curios, vintage, retro bric-a-brac, as well as vinyl records from traders and enthusiasts from across the south and beyond.

Organised by ACVR Events, supported by Farnham Town Council.

## Apply for funding now!

Applications are now being accepted for Community grants and funding from the South Street Trust.

Community grants are available for projects such as environmental improvements, cultural activities, leisure facilities, and projects that support older people and/or those with a disability. The South Street Trust focuses on supporting educational projects and initiatives related to the arts.

Visit [www.farnham.gov.uk/grants](http://www.farnham.gov.uk/grants) for full details about how to apply,

## Celebrating craft in Farnham



Since 2020, Farnham has been recognised by the World Craft Council as one of only a handful of world craft cities in Europe. In celebration of this honour, a guide has been produced showing the location of key craft venues and how they contribute to Farnham's vibrant craft community of makers.

You can pick up a copy of the map from Farnham Town Council and other craft venues in Farnham.

## Get involved in October Craft Month



October is Craft Month in Farnham which means 31 days of workshops, craft activities, exhibitions, craft fairs and trails, many of which are free.

The month is all about supporting the creative talents and accomplishments

of local people, encouraging more people to try out crafting, and celebrating Farnham's crafting heritage.

Full details of all events, including booking information, is in the October Craft Month brochure which can be picked up from Farnham Town Council in South Street or downloaded from [www.farnhamcrafttown.com](http://www.farnhamcrafttown.com).

## Farnham Lantern Festival



October Craft Month will draw to a close with Farnham's first Lantern Festival on Thursday 31 October.

The inspiration for the Festival is the celebration which marks the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter, taking stock of the past and looking forward to the future.

Over the summer, community groups, faith groups, schools and informal groups of friends have been expressing their creativity by making spectacular willow and paper lanterns.

On 31 October at 6pm, there will be an outdoor gathering at Gostrey Meadow when the community will come together to light up the dark October evening with their lanterns. The aim is to create a gentle festive atmosphere on the last day of October Craft Month. The group will walk with their lanterns to St Andrew's Church, where the lanterns will be displayed as a large-scale communal craft endeavour.

If you would like to be involved, there is still time to get hold of your own lantern making kit. Community groups can request a free kit from [hello@farnhamcrafttown.com](mailto:hello@farnhamcrafttown.com) or individuals can purchase a kit for just £3.50 from Farnham Town Council.

For more information see [www.farnhamcrafttown.com](http://www.farnhamcrafttown.com).

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