



Farnham Town Council

New playground for Gostrey Meadow

Work is set to begin on a new playground at Gostrey Meadow which has been chosen by the people of Farnham.

The shortlisted designs were revealed in February and people were asked to vote for the playground they liked best. There was a clear preference with the winning option receiving 66% of the votes cast.

Alongside the playground project, Farnham Town Council is also in the process of seeking planning permission to build new toilets, baby change facilities and storage for the equipment used during events at Gostrey Meadow.

The play area will be built in two phases. It is hoped that the first phase will be completed before the summer holidays in July 2025 and the second in 2026.

Stewart Dakers' Bursary

Farnham Town Councillors have approved funding of £2,500 for a three-year scholarship programme aimed at supporting young entrepreneurs from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Named in honour of the late Stewart Dakers, a dedicated former employee of Farnham Town Council and youth advocate, the Stewart Dakers' Bursary will provide local young people with the tools and opportunities to launch their own businesses at the Farnham Children's Business Fair (CBF).

The CBF hosts one-day marketplaces, where young people (aged 7-17) can set up and run their own businesses, selling products and services in a real-world environment.

This year's Farnham Children's Business Fairs are on Saturday 5 July and 6 December. For more information about the Stewart Dakers' Bursary and how to apply, please visit <https://childrensbusinessfair.co.uk/>.

Do you want to see Farnham's assets saved for the future?

In December 2024, the government invited proposals for a reorganisation of the way council services are delivered in Surrey.



If implemented, the County Council and all the districts will be merged into two or three new unitary authorities. Farnham Town Council wants the best possible outcome from reorganisation for

the people of Farnham. This means safeguarding the assets which are treasured and that give the town its identity and the services which meet the needs of the most vulnerable in the community.

Farnham Town Council believes some things are best run locally but what do you think? Which of the following assets are important to you?

- Recreation grounds eg Hale, Weybourne, Langhams, The Bourne, Morley Road, Thurbans and Wrecclesham
- Badshot Lea Pond and Orchard
- Montrose House (home to Farnham CAB)
- Museum of Farnham
- Memorial Hall
- Farnham Library and Gardens
- Farnham Adult Education Institute
- Street cleaning

Visit www.farnham.gov.uk/lgr to tell us what you think.

This is the first chance for you to give feedback about the principle of opening discussions with Waverley/Surrey about keeping control of services and assets at a local level that are important to the local community. A cost benefit analysis will be undertaken and decisions made after consideration of all the issues.



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