



Meet the new Mayor of Farnham



Farnham has welcomed Councillor George Murray as its new Mayor following the annual Mayor Making ceremony in May. The event, attended by local dignitaries, councillors, residents, and civic guests, marked the start of the new mayoral year.

Councillor Murray, who represents the Bourne ward, brings extensive experience and a strong connection to the local community, both as a councillor and a member of the business community. He will be supported during his mayoral year by his wife, Jacoba Murray, as Mayoress, and by Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress Councillor Graham and Judy White.

The new Mayor is committed to supporting local initiatives and continuing Farnham Town Council's work with young people. He has chosen to support Hale Youth Club's 'Sandy Stars' football team as his mayoral charity and plans to hold a special event to give Farnham's youth a voice.

The ceremony also included warm tributes to outgoing Mayor, Councillor Brodie Mauluka, who was thanked for his dedicated service over the past year. During his term, Councillor Mauluka represented Farnham at more than 300 community events and supported many local initiatives. His highlights included the successes of Farnham's men's and women's football and rugby clubs – all of whom were promoted this year, leading D-Day and VE Day celebrations, and raising funds and awareness for his charities 40Degreex and Charlie's Promise.

Residents who wish to invite the Mayor or Deputy Mayor to events can find a request form on the council's website, email mayor@farnham.gov.uk or call 01252 712667.

Local government reorganisation

Councils in Surrey have submitted their preferred options for the reorganisation of local government to the Government.

Reorganisation will see Surrey County Council, Waverley Borough Council and the other ten borough and district councils in Surrey being dissolved to make way for 2-3 new councils known as unitary authorities.

The new unitary authorities will provide the same services as the county and the borough combined which will bring efficiency savings. Farnham Town Council is looking to safeguard open spaces and services important to the local community.

The Government is expected to consult on the proposals over the summer and announce its decision towards the end of the year.

Summer in Farnham

There's free music at Gostrey Meadow every Sunday afternoon until 31 August. This year's summer programme of events includes music to suit all tastes plus two extended concerts. Bring a picnic or treat yourself to something from the charity tea tent. The concerts are from 3-5pm unless stated otherwise.

See who's playing:

6 July

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Tea tent: Bake Natter and Roll Farnham WI

13 July

Sound Intentions

Tea tent: Farnham Fundraising for Marie Curie

20 July

Full House

Tea tent: The Hedgehogs

27 July, 1-5pm

Young Artists' Showcase

Tea tent: Helen Arkell Dyslexia Charity

3 August

Fabulous Funky Funks

Tea tent: Hale Community Centre

10 August

Out of the Blue Jazz

Tea tent: Samaritans of Farnborough and District

17 August

Hot Wires

Tea tent: Farnham Assist

24 August

The Revivals Band

Tea tent: Farnham and Aldershot Hygiene Bank

31 August, 1-5pm Musicals in the Meadow

Tea tent: Farnham Lions





Services to Farnham Awards for seven remarkable people



Seven remarkable individuals have been recognised for their exceptional contributions to the local community at the prestigious Services to Farnham Awards.

Each recipient was awarded a bespoke medal and certificate, presented by the Mayor in recognition of their outstanding voluntary service across a range of areas including services to inclusion and literacy, Sailability, Farnham Sea Cadets, art and culture, Farnham Citizens Advice, the natural environment and Farnham Lions.

The 2025 award winners are: Gill Cox, David Gibbs, Sean Kavanagh, Graham Mollart, Jacqui Priddle, Libby Ralph and Phil Williams.

The annual awards, inspired by the late Sir Ray Tindle, are organised by Farnham Town Council and celebrate the often-unsung heroes of the local voluntary sector.

Farnham Town Council is seeking nominations for the 2026 Services to Farnham Awards, with residents encouraged to put forward individuals who make a lasting difference to the Farnham community. More information can be found at www.farnham.gov.uk/servicestofarnham.

Thank you to local businesses

Two well-known local businesses have reaffirmed their commitment to the community with their ongoing sponsorship of Farnham's summer programme of events.

As joint Principal sponsors for the second year running, support from Kidd Rapinet and Shaw Gibbs has enabled



Farnham Town Council to organise an enhanced programme of free summer activities and entertainment which includes four extended Sunday afternoon Music in the Meadow concerts.



Farnham Town Council is also delighted to announce Cala Homes as a new Gold sponsor of Farnham in Bloom.

In a show of appreciation for their support, representatives from Cala Homes were treated

to a behind the scenes tour of the Farnham in Bloom greenhouses led by Farnham Town Council's Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Corin Harrison. The sponsors saw how thousands of plug plants are carefully nurtured by a band of volunteers before being planted out in colour coordinated containers and baskets around the town.

As well as providing financial support, Cala Homes also volunteered to help out with painting railings in Farnham town centre.

If you would also like to get involved in volunteering or sponsoring a Farnham project or event, please email customer.services@farnham.gov.uk.

Gostrey Meadow playground upgrade

Work on upgrading the playground at Gostrey Meadow playground is underway. The exciting new playground which has been chosen by local playground users will be completed in two phases.

Phase 1 – New play equipment and features will be installed and ready to enjoy by late July.

Phase 2 – The Borelli Shelter elements and a small water play feature will be added when the new amenity centre is constructed, which includes public toilets and storage.

This phase is expected to be completed by the end of 2026, subject to planning.





Whilst the new playground is being constructed, you will find alternative playgrounds at:

- Farnham Park
- Morley Road Recreation Ground
- Langhams Recreation Ground
- Hale Recreation Grounds
- The Chantry



For project updates, visit www.farnham.gov.uk/playground or scan the code above.

Bee busy



Discover the magic of Farnham's Bee Trail, a lovely outdoor adventure for all ages which has been created by Hive Helpers in partnership with Farnham Town Council.

The interactive trail leads you through the town's picturesque green spaces, gardens, and hidden corners, celebrating Farnham's buzzing bee population and the vital role these pollinators play. The bee trail booklet includes information about the bees you might see and pictures of the plants bees love.

There's also a competition. Collect rubbings from the metal plates which you will find at each bee hotspot. Hand in your completed entry form to Farnham Town Council by 30 September and be entered into the Bee Trail prize draw. You could win books, gardening equipment or a bee keeping experience.

How to join in:

Pick up your FREE Farnham Bee Trail booklet from:

- Farnham Town Council
- Farnham Maltings
- Farnham Library
- Museum of Farnham

Countdown to judging

The judging of Farnham's entry into South and South East in Bloom takes place this month.



Please help Farnham look its absolute best by picking up litter, reporting any graffiti or any other problems you may come across.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have been helping out to make Farnham bloom.

Free school holiday activities



Farnham Town Council has awarded a total of £60,000 to local youth organisations for outreach work and an additional £20,000 towards the funding of a programme of free school holiday activities.

Visit www.farnham.gov.uk to see what is happening.



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