

Horley Highlights

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Town Council's improvements to recreation areas in 2002

In the past year under the direction of the Leisure and Amenities Committee, the following improvements and developments have been implemented:

Court Lodge Playing Fields

Larger roundabout and new safety surfacing.

Emlyn Meadow

New rustic benches installed.

A23 Recreation Ground

Skate Park installed in January in conjunction with several sponsors and consultation with the youth group, G Force. Additional lighting and a new path have also been installed.

Church Road Allotments

New car park. The Allotments Cup has been re-introduced under Horley in Bloom

Michael Crescent Centenary Park

1st Horley Scouts have been granted a long-term lease of the Old Squash Building.



Welcome!

This is our first and pilot edition of a regular quarterly Town Council newsletter.

It is our intention to keep everyone in Horley informed of the important work conducted by the Council. We are proud of being an open organisation and welcome all members of the public to present their views on community issues. Any issues or complaints may be made at the Council Offices or, if you prefer, with any Member of the Town Council. All Councillors' contact numbers appear on the back page and, we are pleased to announce that with immediate effect, any member can in future be contacted by e-mail.

We have recently adopted the Model Scheme of the Freedom of Information Act, which reinforces our commitment to providing Town Council information to the public.

If you have any comments on the Town Council or on the content of this newsletter, then please do not hesitate to contact me by phone, e-mail or fax as below.



Alan Jones - Horley Town Clerk



Town Awards

The prestigious Town Awards were presented at Town's Annual Meeting. The worthy recipients were Mr Wally & Mrs Doreen Jupp, former councillors of Horley Parish Council and later the Town Council, and Mr John McFarlane, founder member of the Horley History Society.

We congratulate all three for their outstanding commitment to the local community.



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Horley in Bloom

The winners of the 2002 competition were as follows:

Residential Front Garden

Mabel Clackson

Best Cottage Garden

Frank Good

The above categories were judged by Terry Boardman, Ian Gaton and Town Cllr. Andrew Kent.

Back Garden

(above category)

Mabel Clackson

The Back Garden category was judged by Sheila Bray, Jeanne Frampton and John Frosztega

Community

Atkinson Court

Commercial

Langshott Manor

Hanging Basket

Avis Ayling

Photos taken by
Town Cllr. Andrew Kent



Langshott Manor - winners of the Commercial section



Winner Residential Front Garden
(Mabel Clackson)

Allotments

Allotments Cup

Ann Buob

Newcomers Cup

Peter Moxley

Allotments were judged by Jeanne Frampton, John Frosztega and Anne Marquis and the event was co-ordinated by Cllr. Jack Chapman.

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who took part

Town Meeting

The Annual Public Meeting of Horley Town took place on Monday 22nd April 2002 at Oakwood School.

All Horley residents were entitled to attend. Those who attended took part in a lively discussion period.

As well as the reports given by Committee Chairman, topics such as the impact of a 2nd runway at Gatwick Airport, the options for the pedestrianisation of the Town Centre, and the threat to Victorian properties in Horley were discussed.

Planning Applications

Did you know that we receive planning applications from the Borough Council which members of the public are entitled to view at the Council Offices? Please contact the Council Offices for further information.

Transport Issues

Pressure has been maintained on a range of traffic issues from parking problems in Horley to concerns with traffic flow in Consort Way East Service Road

Allotments

Ever thought of renting an allotment? We sometimes have spare plots at our Church Road site. If interested give the Town Council a call on 784765.

Youth Council

The Town Council is liaising with Horley youth organisations to evaluate whether a Youth Council can be formed.

This is an ambitious project in its infancy, and exploratory discussions are taking place with other councils to select the best format. The Council will try and involve young people in the future planning and development of their town.

We shall keep everyone informed of the progress made.

Freedom of Information Act

The Town Council has adopted the Model Scheme of the Parish Council FOI 2000.

This means that any resident may ask to see a variety of council documentation ranging from council minutes, accounts to audit reports.

If you do want to view any documentation please contact the Clerk to the Council.

A nominal charge will be made for any copies made.



Town Council and Young People

The Town Council is determined to improve facilities for young people within our Town. Young children are well catered for with recreational needs in all our playgrounds, which are maintained to high standards at all times.

Our playground equipment is regularly inspected and repaired or replaced as required. Equipment is regularly updated but always within the confines of the L&A budget. In the last few years we have

focussed on providing facilities for teenagers. Notably we successfully sought funding from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, Gatwick Airport and others in order to provide a skate park in the A23 recreation ground.

The Town Council provided additional funding for the Youth Bus to visit on a regular basis. This project provides an alternative evening venue for those who do not belong to "established" youth clubs.

We are mindful of the need for a drop in centre/coffee bar and would be supportive of any reasonable initiative to deliver this.

We also provide additional funding for the Detached Youth Worker project. This scheme enables qualified youth workers to go out to the young people themselves. They advise on the effects of anti-social behaviour, sexual problems, drug issues and other concerns.

HIGHLIGHTS *in brief....*

Horley Master Plan

In 2001 the Inspector published his report. This took into account all the comments submitted. HTC took a lead role in co-ordinating evidence on behalf of the "Horley Alliance".

The Council submitted its own written responses, employed a flood consultant to present all the evidence collected on flood risk,

This evidence caused the Inspector to place the Local Plan on hold pending further work by the Environment Agency to validate the flood model, and produce a map of the flood plain in which the public could be confident.

Gatwick Expansion

The Planning & Development Committee responded to the White Paper, "The Future Development of Air Transport in the United Kingdom: South East" This document recommended that there should be no additional runways at Gatwick.

Horley Town Council supported this recommendation and was pleased that the Government intended to abide by the Legal Agreement which prevents a second runway before 2019.

A subsequent challenge by Kent and Essex County Councils to include Gatwick was successful and the issue is to be revisited by the Government.

New Waste Strategy

Horley Town Council are supportive of the unified waste strategy, promoted by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, Mole Valley and Tandridge District Councils recognising the need for businesses, residents and all concerned to reduce waste and increase recycling.

Vandalism in Town Council Playgrounds

You may be aware about the recent spate of vandalism in our playgrounds and recreation parks. The Council have taken a number of measures to prevent mindless damage, the cost of which has had to be borne by the local taxpayer.

We liaise very closely with Surrey Police, and have undertaken a number of preventative measures.

If you see any acts of vandalism being committed then call Surrey Crimestoppers on freephone 0800-555-111.

Message from the Town Mayor

As part of our drive towards improving communications with Horley residents, I am pleased to be able to introduce the first edition of the Town Council's newsletter. I have been leader of the Council since 1999 and, as such, I have gained immense satisfaction from contributing to the increasing influence of the Town Council.

It is only right and sensible that we keep you, the residents, informed of the Council's initiatives and viewpoint on local issues.

The articles herein demonstrate the breadth of HTC's role in the community and the considerable number of groups and organisations with whom we work and support in order to keep alive the excellent sense of community in the Town. Future editions will allow us to pay tribute to these partnerships. We will also present profiles of councillors so that you will learn



more about people who represent you.

Horley is fortunate in having some very dedicated Town Councillors who freely invest their time in the community. I very much hope you will find a few minutes to learn about the Town Council's efforts.

Cllr Allen Kay

Farmers Market














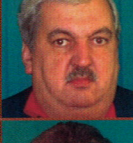


Horley's first Farmers' Market took place on 20 November between 9.00 and 2.00 pm in the Long Term Car Park in Consort Way East.

All produce on sale derives from local traders. The market is being organised jointly between Reigate & Banstead Borough Council and the Horley Town Centre Management Group.

Look out for the banners announcing dates. Confirmed dates so far in 2003 are 15 January and 19th February.

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3 - Horley No 3 Ward
4 - Horley No 4 Ward
BC - also Reigate & Banstead Borough Councillor

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All councillors may be contacted at their home address
Contact the council for further information.

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Advertising space for sale

We intend to produce newsletters on a quarterly basis throughout 2003. These will be sent to 10,000 letter-boxes in Horley. If you want to advertise in the newsletter then please contact the council offices for further details.

Councillors' Surgeries

Town Councillors are available to discuss constituency matters with members of the public, in confidence, at the Council Offices every Saturday morning.

A member of the town council is present between 10.00 am and 11.00 am, and no prior appointment is necessary.

For further information please contact the council's help line on 784765

Horley's own Website

Its web address is:

www.horley-surrey.co.uk

so please visit this site for up to date information. We shall shortly upgrade the site to include more community information.

Feedback

Horley Town Council will make every effort to publicise its work and to keep all members of the local community fully informed of progress.

Please let us have any comments or suggestions to help us achieve this aim. You can contact us at the council offices: or via e-mail at info@horley-surrey.co.uk

Council Meetings

Horley Town Council meets regularly, based on its regular cycle of Committee and Full Council meetings.

Members of the public are very welcome to attend and voice their own opinions on various local topics during the Public Forum.

The Council represents all parts the community and it is your views that are important in assisting us in making realistic and sound decisions.

Meeting Dates 2003

	7.30 pm	8.00 pm
7 Jan	Planning	(Full P & D Meeting)
14 Jan	Planning	F&GP (Precept)
28 Jan	Planning	Full Council (Precept)
4 Feb	Planning	Leisure & Amenities
18 Feb	Planning	(Full P & D Meeting)
25 Feb	Planning	Finance & Gen Purposes
11 Mar	Planning	Full Council
18 Mar	Planning	Leisure & Amenities
1 April	Planning	(Full P & D Meeting)
8 April	Planning	Finance & Gen Purposes
24 April	Town Meeting	
29 April	Planning	Full Council
13 May		Annual Council Meeting