

Horley Highlights

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It's always safety first!



Where it all began

The Parish of Horley was created in 1894. Following a variety of successive local government re-organisations, the Parish Council eventually became a Town Council; it changed its name to Horley Town Council in 1974.

It is a busy council, and its complement of seven councillors has increased gradually over the years to its present strength of eighteen, representing six newly formed parish wards namely Horley North, Horley North West, Horley North East, Horley South East, Horley North Central and Horley South Central. The list of elected councillors is available on the back page of this newsletter and members of the public may contact them by phone, e-mail or via the Town Council offices.

The political affiliation of the council is broken down to 10 Conservative, 3 Liberal Democrats, 3 Residents Association and 1 UK Independence Party and 1 Independent.

Members of Parish and Town Councils serve the full four-year term of office and are not required to stand for annual re-election.

A number of improvements have been made to the Council's recreation grounds. First, Court Lodge children's playground now has the latest safety surfaces! All the old bark pits have been removed to give the playground a much-needed boost.

The surfaces are of the highest safety specifications, comply with the latest European regulations, will re-assure parents by ensuring children can play safely on all the playground equipment.

This is part of a comprehensive three-year programme to improve the Council's playgrounds. A great deal of consideration has been made in researching all the various types of surfaces available.

Other councils were consulted and various site visits were made before selecting the chosen supplier, Matta Products.

In the A23 Recreation Ground, a modern looking



teenage "meeting point" has now replaced the wooden pavilion. Teenagers, who want to meet near the existing skateboard park, again with safety in mind, will hopefully welcome the futuristic state of the art steel structure.

Other improvements in the A23 Recreation Ground to note are the removal of the unsightly chain link fence around the ornamental gardens.



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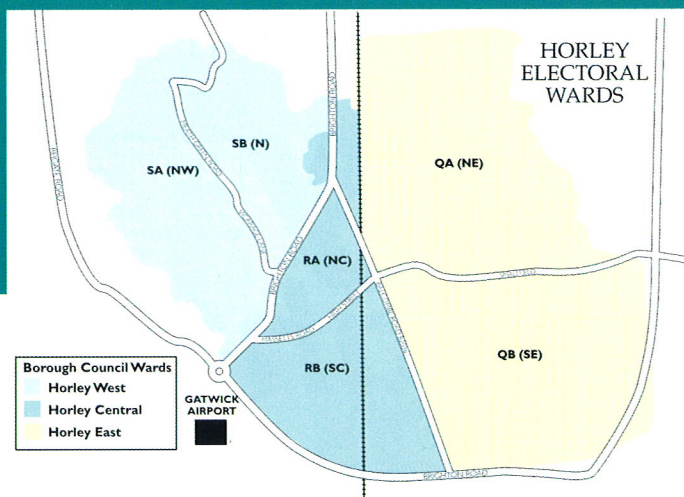
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Central & Local Government 2003



Horley lies in the Parliamentary Constituency of East Surrey, in the County of Surrey and in the Borough of Reigate & Banstead. The town is represented by its Member of Parliament, two County Councillors, eight Borough Councillors and eighteen Town Councillors.

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Main responsibilities: planning matters, environmen-
tal services, environmental health, leisure, housing,
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Main responsibilities:

Planning and development consultation, allotments,
tennis, children's playgrounds, Michael Crescent
Centenary Park, Court Lodge Playing Fields and
Innes Pavilion, A23 Recreation Ground, Horley War
Memorial Gardens, Emlyn Meadows, Albert Rooms
lettings. Town Centre management in partnership
with the Town Centre Management Group. All tele-
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Full details of all town councillors on back page.

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Message from the Mayor



May I as the new Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council welcome you to the second edition of Horley Highlights, the Town Council's medium for letting you the residents know what is being done around the Town.

The articles included in this edition will give you some indication as to what has been going on during the winter and spring. Also included is a listing of all the councillors that were elected at this year's May election including the two co-opted members.

This new Council is keen to progress initiatives that were started earlier, together with new ideas that will be revealed in future editions of Horley Highlights.

May I take the opportunity of reminding all residents that any member of the public can attend any council meetings, and an item is reserved on the agenda for a Public Forum which enables residents to speak to Council members. Saturday morning surgeries are held in the Town Council offices every other week at 10.00 am.

I think you will agree that the town has a very dedi-
cated team of councillors who give their time to work to
make things happen in Horley. The Horley In Bloom com-
petition, arranging sponsorship so that we can have the
magnificent hanging baskets and planters, improvements
to the recreation and children's play areas all of which are
included in the editorial.

Cllr. M.J. Miller

Horley In Bloom

Horley in Bloom is now in it's 9th year of competition and has drawn a record number of entrants. Since starting in 1995 it has expanded from the two categories of Residential and Commercial to encompass 8 different categories.

The next edition of Horley Highlights will include the results and some photographs of winning entries.



**Reigate & Banstead Borough Council's clean up the
war memorial in the A23 Recreation Park**

HIGHLIGHTS in brief....



Your chance to speak

Horley Town Council welcomes dialogue with residents. To encourage this, "Public Forum" is a standing item on each council agenda. This is your opportunity to speak to the council formally with the advantage that your comments are noted in the minutes.

In the last few years the number of representations from the public has increased significantly, particularly at meetings of the Planning & Development committee. Of course, any resident can attend council meetings.

Indeed, now that the Press rarely attend, and their articles derive mainly from Council Press releases, a visit to a council meeting is the best way to establish the individual views of councillors on issues affecting the Town.

Improving our Churchyards

Each year the Town Council provides a grant to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the Churchyards Annual Maintenance Contract. Last year's grant was £10,000 and is the largest single allocation of funding that the Council makes to an outside body and the contract is managed by the Churchyards Committee. Three members, including the chairman, are appointed by the PCC and two members derive from the Town Council.

Two years ago, the committee had to seek a new contractor and there was a short hiatus in the contract. During this period the vegetation in the Churchyards rapidly overgrew and complaints from the public arose. Since that time, the Council has sought to improve procedures to ensure uninterrupted maintenance.

The Churchyards Committee has also agreed a Five-Year Development Plan to try to deliver a number of improvements to create a quality environment for visitors.

Two grants have already been obtained, totalling nearly £2000, to replace all the benches. Two have been sited in the Old Churchyard and four in the New Churchyard. Applications have been submitted for funding to replace all the litterbins.

Other improvements currently under discussion are;

- 1) resurfacing of the paths throughout the New Churchyard,
- 2) improved management of the cremation tablet area,
- 3) reinstatement of the hedge line dividing the New Churchyard from the allotments and
- 4) relocation of the "spoil area".

Footnote: Horley Town Council wishes to acknowledge both the Gatwick Area Community Trust and the County Councillor's Local Committee Fund for their generous support of churchyard improvements.

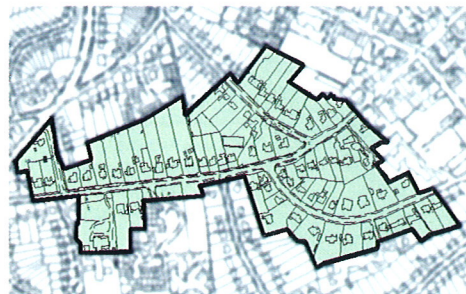
Second Conservation Area for Horley

Massetts Road, parts of Russell Crescent and Ringley Avenue are to become the second conservation area for Horley and only the 16th in the whole Borough.

Following comments made by members of the public at a town meeting, when concerns were expressed over the threat to the Victorian and Edwardian Villas and gardens at the heart of Horley, and also the main route to the Town Centre, the Borough Council were asked to look at ways of protecting this leafy enclave.

The current listed buildings are one Grade II listed building and once locally listed. No new listed buildings are proposed for this area although several other buildings are "worthy of note".

Restrictions will apply to the demolition of any building not already granted planning permission. There will also be greater protection of trees over "7.5 centimetres in diameter at a height of 1.5 metres above



the ground".

The many tree preservation orders in the area will continue to require formal consent. Further information is available from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council Help Line (tel. 01737 276262).

MP's view on runway move

Gatwick Airport is already the second largest airport in the UK and a vital source of local jobs and economic activity. I want it to be successful. It is fair to say that when Gatwick catches a cold, Horley sneezes. The current Government consultation on options for the airport's expansion is therefore of enormous importance to all who live and work in the Horley area. The eventual decision reached by Ministers will have consequences for generations to come, so we need to think not only of our own economic interests but the wider interests of those who will come after us.

If the Government is right in

predicting that demand for international travel will continue to grow dramatically, there is every reason to believe that, with its existing single runway, Gatwick will remain a major source of employment.

The Government is asking us to contemplate two further runways; this, they say, would lead to the creation of 50,000 new jobs. We already live in one of the most crowded and congested parts of England. Where would all these people live? What would happen to our countryside? Where would their children go to school? How would our overstretched roads and hospitals cope? Expansion on this

scale would dramatically and permanently alter the quality of life in Horley and its surroundings. And then there are the serious issues of greatly increased noise and pollution.

In recent years, the management of Gatwick has worked hard to show a responsible approach towards the communities, which live in its shadow, but expansion on the scale now envisaged would compromise the essential balance between economic growth and the need to protect the environment. Future generations would not thank us for that.

Peter Ainsworth MP for East Surrey

Funfair

A funfair was held in mid June at the A23 Recreation Ground.

Many people visited and enjoyed the funfair. Would you like to see the funfair being organised each year?

Please contact the council offices with your views.



New Councillors' first impressions

We are a group of individuals from various backgrounds, united and driven by one common purpose.

The role of a newly elected town councillor is a steep learning curve. We are having to come to terms with unfamiliar terminology protocols and reams of paperwork to read and inwardly digest. Remembering the times of an assortment of group meetings, at first appeared taxing, a statistical nightmare and altogether mind blowing.

The support of the town council officers, the existing councillors and each other has, and continues, to be not only invaluable but also essential. We all feel extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated and hard working team of officers for which we are extremely grateful.


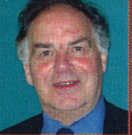



Our thoughts remain positive as we feel that we are not alone but part of a team, supporting each other, and the people of Horley, in the hope of achieving our aim - to make a difference.



HORLEY TOWN COUNCILLORS

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NC - North Central S - South
NE - North East SE - South East

BC - also Reigate & Banstead Borough Councillor

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Contact the council for further information.

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as defined by the editorial staff are not necessarily those of
the Town Council.

Councillors' Surgeries

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

A member of the town council is present between 10.00 am and 11.00 am, every other Saturday.

Please check with the council's help line on 784765

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

Full Council meetings, Leisure & Amenities and Finance & General Purposes committee meetings usually take place at 8.00 pm on Tuesday evenings.

The Planning & Development committee meets at 7.30 pm on Tuesday evenings. For details of all the precise meeting dates, and for any general enquiries, please phone, fax or e-mail the Town Clerk.

Tuesday 5th August	Planning and Development (Interim)	Tuesday 21st October	Planning and Development (Interim)
Tuesday 12th August	Spare		Full Council
Tuesday 19th August	Planning and Development(Interim)	Tuesday 28th October	Planning and Development(Interim)
Tuesday 26th August	Spare		Leisure and Amenities
Tuesday 2nd September	Spare	Tuesday 4th November	Spare
Tuesday 9th September	Planning and Development (Interim)	Tuesday 11th November	Finance and General Purposes
	Full Council	Tuesday 18th November	Planning and Development (Full)
Tuesday 16th September	Planning and Development(Interim)	Tuesday 25th November	Spare
	Leisure and Amenities	Tuesday 2nd December	Planning and Development(Interim)
Tuesday 23rd September	Spare		Full Council
Tuesday 30th September	Finance and General Purposes	Tuesday 9th December	Planning and Development (Interim)
Tuesday 7th October	Planning and Development (Full)		Leisure and Amenities
Tuesday 14th October	Spare	Tuesday 16th December	Planning and Development(Interim)