

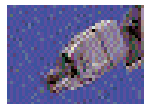
Horley Highlights

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Town Council unveils Crime Prevention Scheme



The A23 Recreation Ground, Court Lodge Playing Fields and Michael Crescent in Horley are set to get CCTV cameras after the contract for the system was awarded by Horley Town Council.

The contract was awarded after a number of competitive bids were reviewed. These systems will ensure that the three locations will be subject to video surveillance, and that the images are capable of being used in a court of law as evidence.

The council successfully bid for funding for the scheme from the Reigate and Banstead CDRP (Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership), which agreed to pay 75% of the costs of installation. The CDRP consists of a number of partners including Surrey County Council, Reigate

and Banstead Borough Council, Surrey Police, Surrey Fire and Rescue Service and Reigate and Banstead Housing Trust. These organisations have formed a powerful alliance known as the Community Safety Partnership aimed at clamping down on crime and anti-social behaviour in the borough.

A spokesperson from the CDRP said: "CCTV has been proven to cut levels of crime in hotspots. By helping to install these cameras we hope to not only deter further crime and anti-social behaviour from being committed, but catch those that are committing the crimes and provide reassurance to residents."

Horley Town Council took the decision to install the cameras after a number of problems in the three areas. The A23

Recreation Ground has caused considerable concern with criminal incidents, the most serious being the systematic destruction of the wooden teenage pavilion in 2002. In the past 18 months the total cost of damage has amounted to £17,000.

The worrying trend has been such a cause for concern that the council's insurers have increased the excess on their policy for claims on vandalism from £50 to £500, which effectively means that most incidents are no longer claimable and ultimately fall on the public purse. The last serious incident was as recently as February 2004 when fencing surrounding the children's playground was so severely vandalised it had to be dismantled. The cost to the council is estimated at £5,000.



Massetts Road conservation area confirmed

Massetts Road and parts of Russell Crescent and Ringley Avenue have become the second conservation area for Horley and only the 16th in the whole Borough, following the public consultation period.

There were some objections raised regarding property maintenance and restriction of commercial growth. A petition supporting the designation as well as Horley Local History Society, Surrey County Council and the Ancient Monument Society were all in favour of the designation of this area.

Requests to add two additional areas to the original

area have been received and these areas are now out for public consultation.

The current listed buildings are one Grade II listed building, Vulcan Cottage and two locally listed buildings, Coopers Lodge and Vulcan Lodge.

The photograph, Courtesy of Dr Kent, shows Brighton Road with the lych gate in 1908, which is in Horley's first conservation area and the top of Massetts Road just visible being the second conservation area. This illustrates the changes that can take place without the protection of a conservation area to help protect the character of an area.

HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL

The people of Horley are invited to attend the

HORLEY TOWN MEETING

AT THE ALBERT ROOMS,
ALBERT ROAD, HORLEY

on Tuesday 20 April 2004 at 7.30 pm

The Town Meeting may by law discuss all Town affairs and pass resolutions about them.

The agenda will include the following items:

1. To receive and sign the Minutes of the Horley Town Meeting held on Monday 15 April 2003.
2. To present awards to members of the community.
3. To receive the Accounts of the Trustees of Smith's Charity.
4. To receive the reports of the Chairman of the Council and of the Committee Chairmen.
5. To consider any other relevant Town matters, resolutions as to which to be submitted in writing, with the names of proposers and seconders, by Tuesday 13 April 2004.

Following the formal part of the meeting:

There will be a presentation by Mr Tom Crowley and Mr Robert Cottrill of Reigate & Banstead Borough Council regarding town centre revitalisation.

Three worthy recipients will receive their well deserved and prestigious Town Awards, as nominated by the public of Horley.

Dated 16 March 2004

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Town Council sets Precept for 2004/05

The Town Council has announced the town element of Council Tax for 2004/2005 will be £223,500, representing an annual increase of £4.05 per household. Earmarked funds (funds which are ring fenced for future liabilities) will be increased by £5,000 to £29,474. This will result in a Band D Parish element of Council Tax of £26.93 per household per annum.

The Council is committed to improving facilities its four recreational grounds. Recent European legislation has meant that the Council must make improvements to children's' playgrounds and update its equipment. The rolling programme to improve play surfaces and equipment is in its second of three years. The Council intends to improve its football pitches at Court Lodge, following a detailed evaluation.

As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, vandalism continues to be a significant cost to the Town Council.

The Town Council will also ensure that St Bartholomew's two churchyards are funded. To assist the Church the Town Council will make a grant of £12,000 towards the annual maintenance of the churchyards.



- Recreational areas & town centre
- Administration
- Property maintenance & improvement
- Donations & section 137
- Churchyard maintenance
- General expenditure
- Increase in earmarked funds

Around the Clubs in Horley Horley Insight Group

This group was originally inaugurated by Social Services and was set up in 1990 to enable blind and partially sighted people to meet socially. Our members, with one exception, are elderly and might otherwise have little contact with anyone outside their own home, however on the second Monday of each month, for two hours, they can meet in a safe environment in the Town Council Offices in Albert Road to talk with each other, listen to a speaker and have a cup of tea.

Members pay £1 per meeting and are brought to the meeting and taken home by Dial-a-Ride.

Each summer there is an outing to one of the south coast towns, usually Eastbourne or Bognor, in the winter a Christmas lunch at a local hotel and occasional visits to The Hawth at Crawley, usually when something lively is being staged and members can enjoy the music.

To join us contact our secretary Mrs Jean Cato. Tel: 01293 784000.

Youth Council

For some time the Town Council has been thinking of ways of giving Horley youngsters a voice to be heard which links directly back to the Town Council. Therefore it was considered that the best way forward was to create Horley's very own Youth Council.

Members of a steering group, chaired by Cllr Michael Miller, met recently at Horley Town Football Club to move matters forward and pave the way for the formation of a Youth Council in Horley. Andy Thompson, Headmaster of Oakwood School and students from Reigate College were among those present. Other attendees were a number of Borough, County and Town Councillors. The provisional terms of reference were agreed and the next step will be to liaise with a number of youth organisations who will be invited to nominate interested young people to serve on the council.

The benefits of involving children of secondary school age to take part in democratic elections would be considerable. This would move us to a more progressive and proactive culture that listens, acts and delivers results, helping to make a difference.

Horley needs YOU. Don't stand back and ignore this message, take the next step, become involved, and participate in what could be a very exciting and new venture. If any youth organisation is interested and would like to participate, please contact Alan Jones on 01293 784765 or e-mail info@horley-surrey.co.uk.

Surrey Structure Plan - Examination in Public

The Surrey Structure Plan is a document produced by the County Council. Both the Reigate & Banstead Local Plan and planning applications are all governed by this document. The Government's strategic allocation of 2600 homes for Horley was passed on to the Local Plan from the 1994 Structure Plan.

Horley Town Council submitted comments on the draft Surrey Structure Plan, and was invited to attend the Examination in Public (Nov. 2003). Written Statements and Statements of Case were agreed by the Planning and Development Committee. Cllr. Kent presented the case on behalf of the council.

The Town Council argued strongly for a reduction in Horley's strategic allocation of 2600 homes, on the grounds that less land was available for development according to the revised floodplain (January 2004) and that existing infrastructure was inadequate, with little sign that the new development would address this shortfall. This view was supported by officers of Reigate & Banstead Borough Council who further suggested that the allocation should be reduced to 2200 homes.

We now await the report from the Examination in Public inspector.



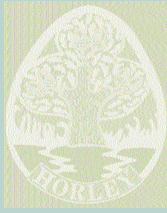
Roy Martin

Roy Martin is the longest serving member of the Town Council staff, having joined in 1989. He is currently responsible for daily inspections of the A23 Recreation Ground and our community hall, the Albert Rooms.

Roy has lived in Horley or the surrounding area for 50 years and recalls many significant events such as the flood in 1968, etc. Roy is a member of the Royal British Legion, having served in the Royal Air Force for 6 years. He joined Monotype at Salfords and eventually become imports manager. He retired from Monotype in 1987 after 33 years service.

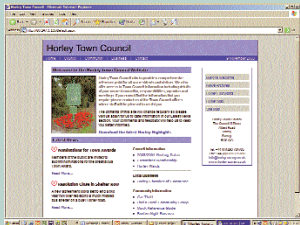
INTRODUCING
our STAFF

HIGHLIGHTS in brief....



Website - New Business Section launched

The site continues to grow from strength to strength providing up to date community and council information. As an introductory offer any local business may have their entry displayed on the business directory free of charge. Please contact the council offices for more information,



What's On

Any organisation is invited to let us have details of their forthcoming function. To access the Horley website use the link: www.horley-surrey.co.uk.

Members Allowances Scheme

Under new legislation, the council reviewed the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel and decided not to apply for basic allowances.

Members commented that they wished to remain in an unpaid, voluntary capacity, and not be a further burden on the council tax payer. It was agreed that travelling expenses on council business could be claimed.

Memorial Gardens

The Town Council is looking to replace some of the very old shrubs in the Memorial Gardens and is keen to seek sponsorship for the work. Any companies or individuals who might be interested should contact the Town Council for further details.

State of roads to go to Ombudsman?

Horley Town Council is considering taking Surrey County Council to the Ombudsman over the state of the roads in Horley. The proposal by Councillor Miller was supported unanimously by members of the Planning and Development Committee on Tuesday 24 February.

The problem of poor maintenance was first brought to the Town Council's attention by the Horley Residents' Association (HRA). The Council agreed that there was a major problem and resolved to raise the matter with Surrey County Council. Subsequently a meeting was arranged with the Local Transportation Director for him to evaluate our concerns.

The Chairman of the Town Council's Planning and Development Committee, Andrew Kent commented "considering the potentially serious consequences for Surrey County Council if the Ombudsman finds that the contract with Carillion is flawed, I am surprised by their lack of concern".

The Town Council, together with HRA and assistance from other organisations, will put together its submission over the next few weeks.

Various performance checks will be made; detailed audits of all the main residential roads with identified problems are being carried out by the Horley Residents' Association and other bod-

ies will contribute to the case. We shall report our progress in the local press.



An example of the state of the roads in Horley

Horley In Bloom

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Horley in Bloom and the Town Council wants to encourage more residents and local businesses to participate.

The competition brightens up the Town, encourages civic pride and is viewed very positively by all sections of the community. Residents can enter HIB by filling in the entry form below. Businesses can support HIB in a number of ways:

- Sponsor one of the Town's hanging baskets.

- Enter the Commercial or Hanging Basket category of the competition.
- Sponsor or donate prizes for one of the competition categories.
- Provide general sponsorship for the competition e.g. sponsorship of certificates, the Awards Ceremony etc.

For further details contact the Town Clerk
All sponsors will receive certificates.

HORLEY IN BLOOM ENTRY FORM 2004

CATEGORIES

- Residential (front garden)
- Residential (back garden)
- Commercial (inc.hotels)
- Community (inc.schools)
- Guesthouse/B&B
- Cottage Garden (front only)
- Hanging Basket
- Best Newcomer (from all categories)

Name: _____

Company name: _____

House no. and road: _____

Must be within the Parish geographical boundary

tel: _____

closing date: Friday 25 June 2004

return entries to:

Town Clerk, Council Offices, Alburt Road, Horley RH6 7JA



HORLEY TOWN COUNCILLORS

Ward Codes N - North NW - North West
 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 every other Saturday morning between 10.00 and 11 am.

The next dates for surgeries are:

3 April
 24 April
 8 May
 22 May
 5 June
 19 June

The Member of Parliament will also be present on:

24 April
 22 May
 19 June

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 of the community and it is your views that are important in assisting us in making realistic and sound decisions.

Meeting Dates

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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.

April

Tuesday 6th Planning and Development (Full)
 Tuesday 20th Annual Town Meeting (Albert Rooms)
 Tuesday 27th Planning and Development (Interim)

May

Tuesday 4th Planning and Development (Interim)
 Tuesday 18th Finance and General Purposes
 Tuesday 25th Planning and Development (Full)

June

Tuesday 8th Planning and Development (Interim)
 Thursday 10th European & Council Elections
 Tuesday 22nd Annual Meeting (includes planning)
 Tuesday 29th Planning and Development (Interim)

followed by

Full Council

Leisure and Amenities

Full Council

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If you know of someone who would benefit from an audio or large print copy of this newsletter, please contact the Town Clerk