

# Horley Highlights

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## Playground Improvements

*Court Lodge New climbing frame (Wicksteed)*

Improvements continue to be made to the Town Council's recreation grounds. The children's playground in the A23 Recreation Ground now has the latest safety surfaces from Matta Products!

All the old bark pits have been removed and this gives the playground a much smarter look. The surfaces are of the highest safety specifications, comply with the latest European regulations. In addition new swings have been installed.

Cllr Simon Marshall, Chairman of the Leisure & Amenities Committee added that this is the second year of a comprehensive three-year programme to improve the Council's playgrounds.

Children have also been enjoying

the new Wicksteed climbing frame which has been installed at the Court Lodge playground. Reigate and Banstead Housing Trust has also kindly donated some new equipment and this will be in place very soon.

The Town Council has recently been successful in its bid for funding from the Gatwick Airport Community Trust. This will be used for new playground equipment at the A23 Recreation Ground.

We believe that a roundabout would complete the picture. What do you think? If you have children who use the playground then let the council have your suggestions.

Next year the council hopes to carry out extensive work at the Michael Crescent playground.



*A23 Recreation Ground new safety surfacing (Matta Products)*

## Horley achieves Quality Town Council Status



Horley Town Council has achieved Quality Town Council Status. It was presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Surrey County Association of Parish and Town Councils, which was held at Reigate Town Hall on 10 July 2004. Horley is the first Town Council in Surrey to receive the prestigious award. She also received the award and was the first parish council in Surrey to do so.

Chairman, Michael Miller, said "I am proud and delighted to receive this award on behalf of the Town Council. It underlines the commitment of our members and the professionalism of our staff in helping to provide the best possible and most cost effective services for the people of our town. We will continue to work closely with other authorities and agencies"

The concept of Quality Parish Councils was introduced by the Government in the Rural White Paper in 2000 and was officially launched on 1 July 2003. The Government in its Scheme Document refers to the fact that, "... by meeting the requirements of this scheme and receiving Quality Status, a town council is demonstrating that it is a worthy representative of all parts of community, is effectively and properly managed, articulates the needs and wishes of the community and works with its partners as an effective information point for all local services".

In order to meet the requirements of the Quality Parish Council Scheme, the Council passed a number of rigorous Quality Tests. These included:

- The publication of an Annual Report
- The preparation of accounts in line with Accounts and Audit Regulations (1993)
- Effective communication with the production of the Horley Highlights newsletter, weekly information on notice boards in the town, Council websites, open invitation to



*Chairman of Horley Town Council, Cllr. Michael Miller (left) and Town Clerk, Alan Jones (right), accepting the award from Cllr Marion Brewster, Mayor of Reigate and Banstead Borough Council.*

Councillors' surgeries and consultation exercises

- Electoral mandate requirements which were met in the May 2003 local elections
- Qualifications of the Town Clerk. (Alan Jones received the Assessment and Qualification Alliance award in March, which accompanied the Quality Status Scheme.)
- The adoption of a Code of Conduct for Councillors to which all Councillors at the Council have adhered.

The Council will hold Quality Parish Status for 4 years and will be able to use the Quality logo during this period.



*Town Clerk, Alan Jones receives his Assessment and Qualification Alliance Award*



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# Town Awards presented at Annual Town Meeting

Horley Town Council is delighted to announce that three worthy citizens were presented with the prestigious town award at the Annual Town Meeting this year.

The award is presented for services to Horley, above and beyond the call of duty, and this year were presented to:

## ● Mr Gordon McGinty

For his outstanding services to the community in promoting and encouraging the youth of Horley, and for his many years as school governor of Oakwood school.

## ● Mrs Gill Partridge

In recognition of her tireless commitment to the community in building strong twinning links with Vimy, promoting an exchange of language, culture, friendship and tolerance.

## ● Mr Douglas Simpson

Doug has given his time and effort to support our town whenever our local environment has been threatened. The award is therefore in recognition of his tireless efforts to achieve the best possible environment for Horley residents.

Further information about these and previous award winners is available in the Annual Report and on our web site.



The award winners (l to r) Gordon McGinty, Gill Partridge, Cllr Michael Miller & Douglas Simpson

## HIGHLIGHTS in brief...



### Nature Trail at Emlyn Meadows

Following a proposal at a recent meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee the Town Council is investigating the possibility of establishing a nature trail at Emlyn Meadows, an area of meadow land owned by the Town Council, which lies off Darenth Way and Kingsley Road.

This will enhance one of the town's leisure areas for the community to enjoy and will provide an educational facility for local schools.

A site meeting has taken place with staff from the Horley Crawley Countryside Project, who will provide expertise on the design. We also plan to meet with local schools to identify and include, where possible, their suggestions.

It is this Council's intention to make this a community based project and we would like to hear from any residents who wish to be involved in this exciting venture.

Anyone interested should contact the Clerk, Alan Jones.

### Annual Report

Our Annual Report was published in April this year and was made available for the first time at the Annual Town meeting on 20 April. It includes a great deal of information about the Town Council's activities, including financial information, details of all the town award winners, members' attendance records and reports from all committee chairman.

The full report can be obtained on request from the Town Council or by downloading from the council's web site.

### Annual Accounts 2003-04

The Town Council's unaudited accounts as at 31 March 2004 state that the reserves amount to £61,000 (general reserve of £35,000 and earmarked reserves of £26,000) compared to the previous year's total reserve of £63,000.

These accounts will shortly be inspected by the external auditors. Members of the public are welcome to come in to the Town Council Offices to inspect the accounts. The public inspection period lasts from 12 July to 6 August 2004.

### Security Measures in Town Council Recreation Grounds

Due to continued vandalism, the Town Council has approved the use of security patrols throughout the summer months, using the services of the local security company, Lion Security. The company provides security guards to inspect council property and to take any appropriate action as deemed necessary. It also makes use of its own guard dogs, if unable to resolve any specific problems.

The Town Council has taken this action following prior consultation with Surrey Police and is, of course, in addition to the CCTV cameras, which are already operational at all three Town Council owned recreation grounds. (A23 Recreation Ground, Court Lodge Fields and Michael Crescent Centenary Park.)

Should any residents be aware of problems caused at the recreation grounds out of office hours, they may contact Lion Security (tel 01293 553366) or Surrey Crime Stoppers (0800 555 111).

## Around the Clubs in Horley

### Access Group

The Group ensures that reasonable access to all public places is a priority for all disabled people. This also encompasses their means of transportation whether by car, scooter, wheelchair or as a pedestrian.

The Group also helps others, for instance mothers with push chairs who encounter everyday problems such as a lack of dropped kerbs, and problems caused by cars and on-street parking

They meet at the Horley Methodist Church Hall on the first Monday of each month at 2.00 pm. Everybody is welcome to attend, but please check with the organisers before setting out.

For further information please

contact Mo Goldsmith (tel 01293 823734) or Tony Crook (tel 01342 844269).

### Court Lodge Residents Association

The Court Lodge Residents Association was formed back in the seventies for all the residents of the Court Lodge estate. The estate now comprises just under 600 properties.

The Association exists to represent the interests of its members and to monitor and improve services and the environment. Membership is free to all residents of the estate thanks to funding from the Reigate & Banstead Housing Trust and other sources.

The Association works with all

the public bodies at town, borough and county level. A close working relationship is also maintained with Surrey Police's Neighbourhood Specialist Officer and the Community Warden.

As a recognised Residents Association, the organisation is frequently consulted by the town and borough councils and is heavily involved, through the Housing Trust, in a number of matters such as best value and contractor partnering.

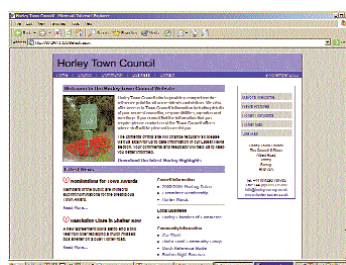
Members also benefit from reduced admission rates at the Horley Anderson Centre.

The Annual General Meeting and Community Fun Day takes place at the end of July at the Horley Anderson Centre. This includes use of the two swimming pools and a barbecue.

## Website

### Business Section launched

Any local business may now have their entry displayed on our business directory free of charge for the next 12 months. You can submit the request yourself to our website by going straight to the business section. The Town Council will vet all requests prior to updating.



# Horley In Bloom

The organisers of the Horley in Bloom competition are pleased to announce this year's winners:-



## Residential Front Garden

Avis Ayling

## Residential Hanging Basket

Avis Ayling

Categories judged by:

*Sarah Wilson  
Paul Donoghue  
Sam Arnold*

## Residential Back Garden

Mr L Cooper

Category judged by:  
*The Horley Gardening Club*

## Community Garden

Delta House

## Cottage Garden

Frank Good

## Commercial

The Kings Head

## Commercial Hanging Basket

The Kings Head

## Guesthouse/B&B

The Lawn Guesthouse

Categories judged by:

*Terry Boardman  
Ian Gayton  
Town Cllr. Sarah Branwhite*

The Allotments are due to be judged in August and Court Lodge in Colour was being judged as we went to press. The results for the both these categories will be published in the next edition of Horley Highlights.



Frank Good's winning Cottage Garden entry

Thank to you everyone who took part in this year's competition which marks the 10th Anniversary of Horley in Bloom. The Awards evening will take place on September 30th and is being sponsored by the Renaissance Hotel. Invites will be sent out nearer the time.



Best Newcomer from all categories – Mr L. Cooper

## Thank you!

to thank all our Hanging Basket Sponsors and Competition Cup Sponsors:

Andrew Lyon  
The Archway Garage  
Aspect Flooring  
BAA Gatwick  
Burstow Nurseries  
Canada Maritime  
Collingwood Batchellor  
Horley Constitutional Club  
Carlton Clinic  
Richard Place, Cust & Co.  
Fire Technical Services  
Horley Railway Station  
HSBC  
Mitchells Builders Merchants  
T Northeast  
Paul Simmons  
Roberts & Co  
Sheppersons  
Silver Dreams  
Waitrose

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 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:

17 July  
 24 July  
 7 August  
 21 August  
 4 September  
 18 September

The Member of Parliament will also be present on:

24 July  
 18 September

## 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 2004

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.

### July

Tuesday 20th  
 Tuesday 27th

Finance and General Purposes  
 Planning and Development

### August

Tuesday 17th

Planning and Development

### September

Tuesday 7th  
 Tuesday 14th  
 Tuesday 21st

Full Council  
 Leisure & Amenities  
 Planning and Development

### October

Tuesday 5th

Finance and General Purposes

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