

# GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL



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### It's a sign!

This week Farncombe celebrated the arrival of a new sign marking the centre of the village. The sign was erected by Godalming Town Council in response to the wishes of Farncombe residents.

The new sign is part of a series of actions resulting from a public meeting held in Farncombe in 2013. At that time, many residents expressed their joy at living in the village and felt that improvements to the local environment would better reflect their strong sense of community. The actions are being taken forward by the Farncombe Initiative, a group of volunteers, whose many projects to improve their village include other enhancements of the street scene, minimising empty shops and engagement with businesses.

The Farncombe Initiative intends that the installation of the sign should clarify Farncombe's existence as a village in its own right and provide a marker point for the centre of the village, close to the church and railway station. The sign itself is designed with a fern motif to reflect the name 'Farncombe', which is thought to derive from the old English for 'fern valley'. This link to the past recognises the village's entry in the Domesday book and even older origins.

Local councillor Steve Cosser said "It is really exciting to see, that so many of the community improvements that the residents of Farncombe told us they wanted, have now happened. New litter bins have been provided, pavements have been resurfaced and new shrubs and hundreds of bulbs have been planted in and around the village centre. The magnificent new village sign, which has been admired by all who have seen it, helps reinforce the Farncombe community identity that local people have said is so important to them".

The Farncombe Initiative will be holding a further public meeting in February to report back on what it has been doing and to hear new ideas for future projects. That meeting will be held on Thursday, 26 February 2015 at 8pm in St John's Church Hall, Farncombe. The Initiative welcomes more members and ideas for possible projects and anyone with an idea or interested in joining should contact Suzie Gortler at [projects@godalming-tc.gov.uk](mailto:projects@godalming-tc.gov.uk).

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