



Godalming
Town Council

Supporting Our Community

OUR LATEST NEWS



GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL SERVICES

Godalming Town Council provides a range of services to the town's residents including its flagship town centre venue the Wilfrid Noyce Centre, Broadwater Park Community Centre in Farncombe and the town's iconic Pepperpot.

It also funds the Godalming Museum, public toilets in Godalming and Farncombe, two cemeteries, sixteen acres of allotment sites, Floral Godalming flower displays in the town centre, Christmas Lights in Farncombe and Godalming retail centres and a range of festivals and markets.

The Council also runs the Staycation holiday programme, the fireworks display and annual Remembrance Parade and assists in the management of the monthly Farmers' Markets.

As well as supporting the Godalming Dementia Action Alliance, the Town Council also supports many events run by community organisations such as the St John's Spring Fair, Sport Godalming's Community Run, the Round Table's Town Show, Staycation Live Music Festival and Churches Together's Town Day, all of which help make Godalming such a vibrant community.



GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL'S GRANTS BUDGET INCREASED FOR 2019

The Town Council makes many grants to the town's voluntary organisations – which for 2019/20 will be increased to £60,000, a sum significantly larger than many other areas in Waverley.

For many organisations, such as the Citizen's Advice Waverley and the Waverley Hoppa Community Transport service, support from Godalming Town Council is a vital lifeline for them to be able to continue to provide invaluable services to local residents. Godalming Town Council has three levels of grant funding for organisations and community groups.

To find out when and how to apply for a Godalming Town Council grant or support go to <https://godalming-tc.gov.uk/grants/>.

GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL'S CONTINUING INVESTMENT FOR 2019

The Town Council continues its recent history of investment in the town.

Plans to refurbish the Godalming public toilets and The Pepperpot meeting room are, at the time of going to press, underway together with improvement works to the Godalming Museum and facilities at Broadwater Park Community Centre.

Godalming Town Council believes these projects demonstrate that it is meeting its aim of 'Supporting Our Community' by providing the best service possible within the available resources.

The council is fulfilling its statutory duties and obligations, whilst also maintaining, improving and enhancing its service provision to the community.

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GODALMING COUNCIL TAX

Despite the Retail Price Index reaching 3.3% in October 2018, in January, Godalming Town Council unanimously agreed that the Council would only need to increase its share of the Council Tax bill for 2019/20 by 1.98%.

This equates to an increase of just over 2.6 pence per week for a Band D property.

PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO BOROUGH'S INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY PLAN

Waverley Borough Council's Infrastructure Delivery Plan sets out to identify what infrastructure is needed in each of the Borough areas. The existing infrastructure plan includes a number of projects which could be supported by the Town Council's portion of funds from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

CIL funding is provided by developers to support the infrastructure improvements required in an expanding community. The projects already identified in the current plan are:

- the Meadow Flood Alleviation scheme;
- skate park at Farncombe (Broadwater Park);
- integration of bus network with train services; and
- Guildford-Godalming Greenway.

Following a review, Godalming Town Council has asked that Waverley Borough Council look at adding the following potential projects to the Infrastructure Delivery Plan:

- provision of pedestrian crossing facilities at Meadow (by Godalming Junior School);
- increased parking facilities at both Godalming and Farncombe train stations;
- environmental and leisure improvements to 'Charterhouse Green';
- re-instatement of the 'Horse Bridge' from Godalming Wharf to the Lammas Land;
- tow path improvements on the Godalming section of the Godalming & Wey Navigation;
- provision of new community centres/increasing capacity within existing facilities;
- on street Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVP) (i.e. adaption of lamp posts to allow paid for EVP); and

- improvements of existing play provision to allow wheelchair and pushchair access across grassed areas.

Although at this stage project costs and the delivery phase are unknown and further works will be required to prioritise the delivery of potential projects, the sources of funding for projects put forward by the Town Council would be CIL/other funding (other funding could be from external grants or from partnership working with other agencies).

GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL'S ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE BURYS - THURSDAY, 18 APRIL 2019 - 8.00PM

If you have a burning question for local decision-makers or feel passionately about a local issue that doesn't get the attention it deserves, why not take it direct to the Annual Town Meeting?

The meeting is an important part of local democracy. Anyone on the electoral roll for Godalming (that is, all Godalming voters), can attend, speak and vote at the meeting. It's the ideal place to put any question you wish to the Town Council.

There is no need to submit your question in advance or put it in writing: simply put up your hand at the meeting and you will be able to ask your question.

GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL MAYOR'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTEERS



At the Annual Town Meeting, the Mayor is able to celebrate those from our community who help others. The Mayor's Award for Volunteers aims to recognise

those who give up their time for the benefit of others in Godalming and/or Farncombe.

Volunteers make a huge contribution to community life - supporting vulnerable groups, local heritage and cultural life, helping young people in sports and leisure

activities, running a wide range of different groups, including play and sports groups.

Nominating someone for the Mayor’s Award for Volunteers is quick and easy. Simply download a form from the Town Council’s website (www.godalming-tc.gov.uk/mayors-volunteer-award/) or request one by calling the Town Council offices on **01483 523575**. Return the form to Godalming Town Council by the closing date Friday 5 April 2019.

The website also lists previous recipients of the awards – an astonishing 70 individuals in the twelve years of the award. Last year’s winners are pictured left.

SPRING FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, 6 APRIL 2019



Godalming Town Council is delighted to invite you to Spring into Godalming. Stroll around the Town Centre and enjoy a variety of craft and gift stalls; delicious food, drink, live music and entertainment

Children will be able to enjoy Punch & Judy Shows, Kiddies’ Corner with crafts and activities including face painting. There will be traditional dance performances by local Morris Dancers and the Godalming Bulgarian Folk Dancers. For more information visit www.godalming-tc.gov/spring-festival/.

GODALMING RUN

SUNDAY, 19 MAY 2019

Whatever your age the Godalming Run is always great fun. Take part with the kids in the 1k Fun Run or challenge yourself in the 5k and 10k races.

Register for the 5k or 10k before midnight on Sunday, 17 March at www.godalmingrun.org for your early bird discount.

SPACE FOR YOUR GROUP

If you are looking to start a new activity, club or group and are looking for a space to hire, Godalming Town Council has several different venue options within the Wilfrid Noyce Centre, Broadwater Park Community Centre and The Peppertot.

For prices, availability and more information please contact the Facilities Supervisor at operations@godalming-tc.gov.uk or tel **01483 523112**.

GODALMING DEMENTIA FRIENDLY FILM



Godalming Town Council together with partners, Godalming Dementia Action Alliance, Alzheimer’s UK and the Godalming Film Society, hosted a dementia friendly screening of the Christmas classic “It’s a Wonderful Life” on Saturday, 15 December.

The special screening was a great opportunity for people living with dementia to enjoy a film in a relaxed friendly environment.

Following the success of this screening, Godalming Town Council and its partners are exploring the opportunity of bringing another dementia friendly performance to Godalming in 2019.

Sat 30 Mar	First Farmers’ Market of 2019 thereafter last Saturday of each month until October
Sat 6 April	Spring Festival, Town Centre
Sat 4 May	St John’s Church Spring Fair, The Bury’s Field
Sun 5 May	Godalming Bandstand Music in the Park comes to Aaron’s Hill Recreation Ground
Sat 11 May	Godalming Rotary Club Duck Race, Phillips Memorial Ground
Sun 19 May	Godalming Run
Sat 1 June	Godalming Round Table Town Show & Carnival, The Bury’s Field
Sun 7 July	Godalming Food Festival, Town Centre
Sat 3–11 Aug	Godalming Staycation
Sat 10 Aug	Godalming, Aaron’s Hill Recreation Ground
Fri 1 Nov	Godalming Fireworks, Town Centre
Sun 10 Nov	Remembrance Sunday, Town Centre
Sat 30 Nov	Godalming Christmas Festival & Lights Switch-on, Town Centre
Fri 6 Dec	Farncombe Christmas Lights Switch-on, Farncombe Day Centre
Sat 14 Dec	Godalming Town Day, Town Centre



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