



Supporting Our Community

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- Summer 2018 -



Town Meetings

Unusually, two town meetings were held this year within a fortnight of each other. The first of these was an extraordinary town meeting called to debate the proposal to close Green Oak School. The Mayor of Godalming (Cllr Anne Bott) chaired the meeting, which allowed for constructive debate, and enabled electors to ask questions and express their views and concerns to representatives of Surrey County Council and the Diocese of Guildford. As an outcome of the meeting the Mayor, as Chairman of the Parish, represented the views of the Town Meeting to the Consultative body. The Town Council also expressed

the views of the electors present at the meeting to the consultation process. At the time of going to press the results of the consultation were unknown.

The second town meeting was held on Thursday, 19 April again chaired by Cllr Anne Bott. Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner, David Munro, attended the meeting and gave an update about the work of the Surrey Police in our area. The Mayor presented Godalming Town Council's Annual Report which can be found at <http://godalming-tc.gov.uk/annual-reports/>

Annual Accounts

The Council's accounts are prepared in accordance with the Account & Audit Regulations 2015.

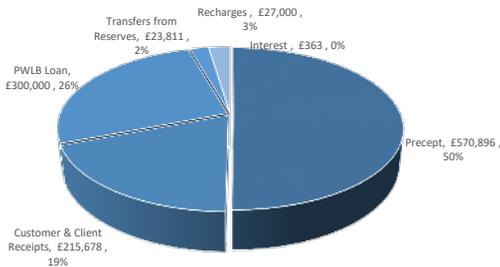
financial records; the accounts will also be published on the Town Council's website.

They are subject to internal audit (by an independent auditor appointed by the Town Council) and to external audit (by a different independent auditor).

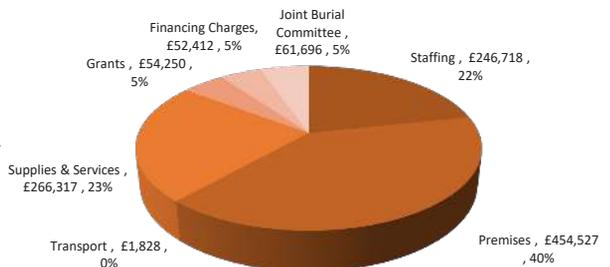
Below is a summary of how the Council's budget (including overheads) was spent in 2017/18. Note that these figures are based on the most up to date actual figures available at the time of writing, but that they may be subject to change because the 2017/18 accounts have not yet been finalised.

Every year local government electors are given an opportunity to examine the Council's accounts and

Where the money came from



Where the money went



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Mayor's Awards For Volunteers 2018



Photo left to right: Anne Attwater, Roger Humphrey, Cllr Anne Bott, Elizabeth Baker, David Allen and Martyn Sandford (Phil Kemp).

The Annual Town meeting gives the Mayor an opportunity to say thank you to volunteers who contribute to community life and give freely of their time and resources to make a difference for others. Presentations were made by the Mayor of Godalming, Cllr Anne Bott, to this year's recipients of the Mayor's Award. This year's recipients were all nominated for their outstanding contribution to the community of Godalming:

David Allen for his contribution to Godalming Town Football Club, St Mark's Church, Godalming Woolsack Rotary, his work as an ambassador for Walk the Walk

Breast Cancer Charity, stalwart volunteer marshal at Godalming Town Council Festivals, and his extensive support of local organisations.

Anne Attwater for giving up her time and resources over the last 25 years, which has encouraged the wild birds back to Broadwater Lake. The award also recognises her generosity of spirit, friendship and companionship to others.

Elizabeth Baker for her work at the Farncombe Day Centre, which includes her role as a Trustee of the Centre's Executive Committee, her dedication and determination in fundraising to support the work of the day centre and her volunteering during the busy lunchtime service.

Roger Humphrey for volunteering in Godalming over a period of 50 years! Including working with The Meath, Llanaway Homes Charity, Farncombe Youth Football, Milford Football Club, Burton Pavilion at Milford Heath, distributing prescriptions in the Farncombe/Godalming area, gardening for elderly people and Godalming & Farncombe Bowling Club.

Martyn Sandford for his continued support for the Farncombe Initiative, The Neighbourhood Plan, the Godalming & Guildford Greenway and for working towards better facilities for people with hearing impairments in Godalming.

Recipients were presented with a framed certificate, Town badge and a small token of gratitude for their hard work and dedication by the Mayor of Godalming, Councillor Anne Bott.

Boarden Bridge



When Surrey County Councillor Penny Rivers approached Godalming Town Council for funding to renovate Boarden Bridge in Borough Road, the Town Council was delighted to engage with this project which it had been made aware of by her predecessor.

Working with the Surrey County Council Countryside Access Team, Godalming Town Council was

pleased to put a proposal to The Peter Caudle Memorial Trust who were delighted to support this wonderful project, which will not only benefit current Godhelmians but future generations.

The Bridge was officially opened by Mrs Caudle on Tuesday, 8 May alongside the Mayor of Godalming, Cllr Anne Bott, and Cllr Penny Rivers (pictured left).

Floral Godalming

Subject to us not experiencing any further arctic weather, Godalming Town Council hopes that residents will be delighted by Godalming's new floral displays. Our thanks go to The Peter Caudle Memorial Trust for making this possible.

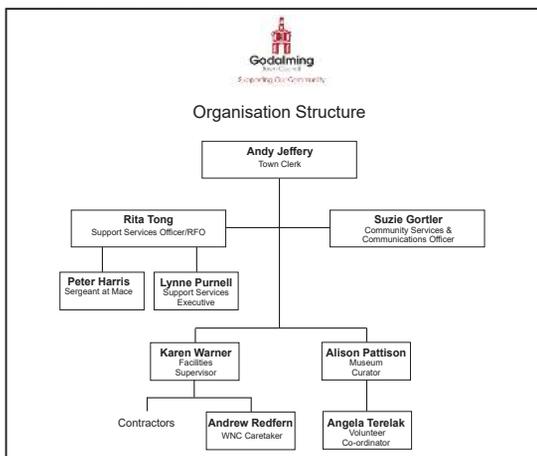
Food Festival Saturday, 7 July

Once again Godalming Town Council will be supporting Godalming & District Chamber of Commerce's 'Taste of the World Food Festival'.

A variety of artisan food stalls from around the world, including cuisines from India, Thailand, Spain, Mexico and North America will be located along the high street. We are delighted that this year will see a new French market alongside the annual Cider festival organised by The Star in Church Street. Local singers and bands will be performing throughout the day at The Pepperpot; there will also be food-themed activities for children to enjoy. For up to date details please visit <http://godalming-tc.gov.uk/godalming-food-festival/>

Godalming Town Council Organisation

Following a review of Town Council services and resources, the Council has undergone an internal re-organisation. Shown below are the details of the Town Council's restructure.



Town Council Grants Scheme

Godalming Town Council has supported a wide range of organisations in the town with grant aid totalling £55,000. This is an important part of the Town Council's work recognising the huge contribution that these organisations make to the quality of life in our community.

In 2017/18 the largest of these grants was to Citizens Advice Waverley (CAW) to ensure the continued provision of a service in Godalming. The Council has also continued to provide on-going support to Godalming Museum and Sport Godalming.

For further details on how to apply for Godalming Town Council Grant Aid, please visit <http://godalming-tc.gov.uk/grants/>

Town Dates for your diary...



Sat 2 June	Godalming Round Table Town Show , The Bury's Field
Sat 30 June	Farmers' Market
Sat 7 July	Godalming Food Festival , Town Centre
Sat 28 July	Farmers' Market
Sat 4-12 Aug	Godalming Staycation
Sat 11 Aug	Godalming , Aarons Hill Recreation Ground
Sat 25 Aug	Farmers' Market
Sat 29 September	Farmers' Market
Sat 27 October	Farmers' Market
Fri 2 Nov	Godalming Fireworks , Town Centre
Sun 11 Nov	Remembrance Sunday , 100th Anniversary commemorations of the armistice and unveiling of the new World War Memorial
Sat 24 Nov	Godalming Christmas Festival & Lights Switch-on , Town Centre
Sat 8 Dec	Godalming Churches Together Town Day , Town Centre & Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Santa Fun Run

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