



# Godalming Town Council NEWS

- Winter 2015 -



## Public Consultation on options for a Godalming Flood Alleviation Scheme

Along with our partners from the Environment Agency, Surrey County Council, Waverley Borough Council and others including local residents we've been looking at plans for a flood alleviation for Godalming.

A public meeting, chaired by the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP, will be held on Thursday 21 January 2016 at 7pm in the Borough Hall (doors open at 6.30pm) to present the preferred options. Please come along to have your say.

### Flooding and Other Emergency Contact Numbers:

Environment Agency - up to date information on flooding in our area **0345 988 1188** or **0845 988 1188**.

SurreyAlert is a dedicated website to give information to residents and others regarding incidents, as well as information on flooding and schools closures. **[www.surreyalert.info](http://www.surreyalert.info)**

Sandbags - Waverley Borough Council's contractor for distribution of sandbags is Veolia who will distribute sandbags in areas of highest priority first dependent on their resources at the time. You can contact Veolia on **01252 724157** during office hours. Out of hours please contact Southern Monitoring Service on **02392 242161**.

Trees - Report trees blocking roads and pavements to Surrey County Council on **03456 009 009**.

Water/Sewerage - For issues with water supply, please contact the supplier you pay your bills to. In Godalming this is most likely to be Thames Water on **0845 920 0800**.

Electricity - To report a potential hazard on or near overhead electricity lines call National Grid on **0800 404090**.

To report power cuts contact your supplier which for the Godalming area is either Scottish and Southern Energy **0800 072 7282** or UK Power Networks **0800 783 8866**.

Gas - To report a potential gas leak call National Grid on **0800 111 999**.

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## Grant Applications

Did you know that Godalming Town Council sets aside £55,000 a year for grants to voluntary organisations? There are still funds available this year but time is limited. If your organisation mainly benefits Godalming residents (those with a GU7 postcode) and has a project that might be helped by a small one-off grant then why not apply?

Sometimes the Council awards “grant aid in kind” in the form of free use of a meeting room. Full details of how to apply for a grant (and an application form) are given on the Town Council’s website at [www.godalming-tc.gov.uk/apply-for-a-grant.htm](http://www.godalming-tc.gov.uk/apply-for-a-grant.htm) or you should call the Town Clerk Louise Goodfellow on 01483 523575. Applications must be received by 17 December 2015.

Grants made this year to date:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>£</b>
Citizens Advice Waverley (Godalming Bureau)	28,000
Godalming Museum Trust	5,000
Sport Godalming	1,000
Godalming & District Community First Responders	126
Godalming Round Table	200
Victim Support	100
The Godalming Trust	1,208
Waverley Borough Council	2,000
St John’s Spring Fair	132
The National Autistic Society	2,500
The Cellar Café	800
Churches Together in Godalming	600
Friends of Broadwater Park	93
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,759</b>

### Town dates for your diary

- Town Day including Blessing of the Crib & Town Carol Service – Godalming Town Centre from 10 am on Saturday, 12 December 2015 (Blessing of the Crib at The Pepperpot at 3.30pm, Carol Service at Ss Peter & Paul Church at 4.00pm)
- Public Consultation on options for a Godalming Flood Alleviation Scheme – drop-in from 6.30pm in the Borough Hall on Thursday, 21 January 2016
- Summer Food Festival - Godalming Town Centre from 10am on Saturday, 2 July 2016
- Staycation 2016 – Saturday 6 August to Sunday 14 August 2016
- Heritage Open Days – at venues all over the town and surrounding areas Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 September 2016
- Remembrance Sunday – Parade departs The Burys at 10.25am, marching to the War Memorial (Phillips Memorial Park) for a service of Remembrance at 10.45am on Sunday, 13 November 2016
- Christmas Festival & Light Switch-On – Godalming Town Centre from 10am on Saturday 26 November 2016 (lights switched on at 5pm)



## Neighbourhood Plan – Thank You

Thank you to all residents who took the time to complete and return the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire we've received more than 2,000 responses – we'll share the highlights in our next newsletter in March 2016.

## Wilfrid Noyce Community Centre

Building works at the Wilfrid Noyce Centre have been slightly delayed but we hope to take possession of a fully refurbished Community Centre this month and to open it to hirers in January 2016.

## Community Navigator

Just a quick reminder as we approach the festive season to remember anyone who is lonely or isolated. Fiona Fyfe, the Town Council's Community Navigator works one-to-one with individuals experiencing social isolation to encourage their involvement in the community. Fiona holds a drop-in session at The Hub (94 High Street, Godalming) from 10.30am on Friday mornings or she can be contacted on 07717 618815 or at [navigator@godalming-tc.gov.uk](mailto:navigator@godalming-tc.gov.uk).

Fiona is also working with The Hub to establish a timebanking network for the area. If you have skills and/or time to share please pop along to The Hub and inquire about "timebanking".

## Farmers' Markets 2016

South West Surrey Farmers' Market Co-operative regularly hold Farmers' Markets in Godalming High Street. The Co-operative was established in 1999 and brings the best of local and carefully sourced produce and goods to the local community.

At the markets, you can buy quality produce straight from the people that make it. You can talk to the friendly, knowledgeable stall holders and find out about the provenance of the goods you are buying and because there are no middle men, you can trust that you are getting the best value for money.

Eight markets are planned for Saturdays in 2016 on the following dates: 26 March, 30 April, 28 May, 25 June, 30 July, 27 August, 24 September and 29 October. All markets are held from 10.00am to 4.00pm.



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