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third Saturday each month



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HELLO FROM THE NEW CHAIRMAN

Just when I thought I had “finally!” retired, I was paid the honour of being elected as the new Chairman of the Parish Council in May

Having lived in West Horsley since 1994 and been a Parish Councillor since 2015, it is a privilege to be able to serve the village I’m so proud to live in. It was my horse that found West Horsley for me all those years ago ...she was stabled in Martyrs Green ...I was living in Brighton, working in London and needing to find a house near her. I did and the rest, as they say, is history!

I begin with paying tribute to the outgoing Chairman, Charles Hope. Charles served the Parish Council for over 20 years; the last 13 as Chairman. Such long, steadfast and committed service must not pass without due recognition of his dedication to serve the community and help preserve the character



*Cllr Elaine Best
chairman@westhorsley.info*

and ruralness that is West Horsley. Thank you, Charles. We will have an opportunity to celebrate your contribution once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. I should also like to record appreciation to our Vice Chairman, Mel Beynon, all the Councillors some of whom are new and our Clerk, Sam Pinder, for the work they do and will be doing as the Council moves forward. It is a pleasure to work with you all.

I also look forward to collaborating with the new East Horsley Parish Council Chairman, Robert Taylor on many of the issues that face both our villages.

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HANDS



FACE



SPACE

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THE ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020 STATEMENT & STRATEGIC VISION

With the impact of the imposed lockdown in March we were unable to hold the Annual Parish Meeting that was arranged for 28 April. It would have been an opportunity for us to feedback on the work we had done following the views expressed at the 2019 meeting. As a flavour, many of those who attended spoke of their concern over road safety, so we now have a Task Group focussed on looking at traffic calming measures and ready to discuss with, as well as liaising with, Surrey Highways (SCC). Overgrown hedges invading pavements and obscuring sight lines was another area where we have established a more proactive process for asking landowners to cut back hedges after the nesting season.

The Village Fête last September was a joyous and successful event. Heartfelt thanks are due to Judy Young and her organising committee, the stall holders and West Horsley Place for providing a wonderful setting. Plans are afoot for next year’s Fête on 11 September 2021 with even more exciting stalls. The Parish Council had been meeting periodically with the Director, Peter Pearce, to learn about the continuing programme of restoration work at West Horsley Place which, of itself, is exciting. There is so much history to absorb and ponder over. We thank and wish Peter well in his retirement and look forward to meeting his successor in the autumn. Speaking of West Horsley Place, “Theatre in the Woods” in 2019 provided a wonderful cultural season of music and entertainment. The building itself

is impressive and the whole ambience, magical; congratulations Grange Park Opera. We look forward to the 2021 season COVID-19 permitting.

The Council’s year having started well was, like us all, met with the unprecedented experience of a pandemic and lockdown in March. Inevitably, much of our intentions have had to be curtailed – we even had to learn videoconferencing, an absolute first in the history of Parish Councils! However, it has led to us thinking about our ways of working and communicating with residents: this new style newsletter is the beginning...

And that’s my lead in for saying we plan to set out our strategic vision for the Council in the coming weeks and to invite residents’ comments. So much is changing around us not least because of Guildford’s Adopted Local Plan, the impact of climate change and the ravaging consequences of coronavirus on our daily lives. On the planning

application front, the housing developments identified for our village over the next five years will make for some difference and so looking at and responding to the consequences, especially on infrastructure, character and biodiversity, will certainly be prime attention for the Council. I believe it is time for us to have a clear plan for our village that aims to protect what we hold dear yet enables an appropriate response to move with the times.

West Horsley is a rich tapestry of people and organisations from the educational and cultural, the caring and supportive, the voluntary, the spiritual, the financial and the business environment. I hope that the Parish Council in working with such diversity can bring about the best possible outcomes to the benefit of everyone over the months to come.

Cllr Elaine Best - chairman@westhorsley.info

*West Horsley Place
hosted the Village Fête
in 2019*

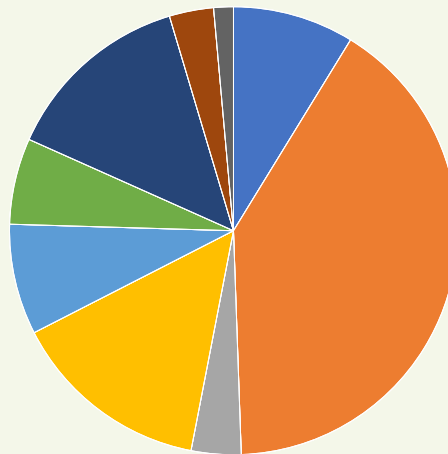


FINANCE & EXPENDITURE 2019-2020

The West Horsley Parish Council (WHPC) precept and grant from Guildford Borough Council for the financial year that has just ended was £90,517, an increase on the previous year's budget of £84,217. One area of growth in our spending has been in planning, allowing the Parish Council to access specialist expertise to enhance the work carried out by our Planning & Environment Task Group in responding to the many West Horsley applications. We also made a significant grant last year to two local campaigns seeking to challenge the Local Plan via judicial reviews.

We provided significant funds to the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) for improvements to the playground, including replacing the wet pour surfaces and the installation of the new kickwall. Each year, we invite applications from village organisations and charities for small grants – if you would like more information, please contact clerk@westhorsley.info for details.

PARISH COUNCIL EXPENDITURE 2019-20



- Administration
- Staff, Members & associated on-costs
- Village appearance & facilities
- Village Hall donation & playground works
- Grants to local groups
- Planning consultancy
- Judicial Review Donations
- Community Events
- Training

COVID-19 UNPRECEDENTED TIMES

Nobody really saw it coming – at least not with the magnitude that it turned out to have or the devastating impact it has had on people's lives and livelihoods. But such adversity brings out the best in the community and West Horsley was no exception. East and West Horsley Parish Councils liaised well together along with our Borough and County Councillors. The initiatives taken by Neighbourhood Connections and St Mary's Church to create local Road Champions and the entrepreneurial spirit shown by the two Post Mistresses and Jenni at Crossroads Stores was amazing to help ensure provisions and support were available to those who needed help. It all happened with such speed and has continued throughout the

lockdown. Huge thanks to Judy Young and all the Champions, to Roshini and Rammeash and their Angels at Station Parade Post Office, who were awarded the Post Office recognition of "Local Heroes", Jenni at Crossroads Stores and Shelina and Ian at Bishopsmead Post Office – a truly marvellous contribution. Thank you. Appreciation too to Mark at the King Billy who also did deliveries and, like Mustafa at the Barley Mow, both providing take-away meals. There were very many quiet acts of kindness and thought as well so to all these people, an enormous thank you.

Do keep a watch on the Parish Council website for updates on COVID-19 and help available to residents and businesses.



FARMERS MARKET

The Horsley Farmers Market has been held on the third Saturday of the month, 9am-1pm, since it was launched in August and has been going down extremely well with East and West Horsley residents alike. Even though stalls are 3m apart and COVID distancing rules for the public are in place, along with hand sanitizer stations, it is great to see such a turn out even on the drizzly days!

With this in mind, the seven-person organising team would like to say 'thank you' to those who help create this success: to the people who come along from East and West Horsley; to the stallholders who support the market; to the 24 volunteers who give their time; to those people who walk or cycle and finally to Ripley and Guildford Farmers Markets for their support and encouragement.

"Lovely community event and a great atmosphere"

Markets are planned for Saturday 17 October, 21 November and 19 December when the team hope to hold a Christmas Market throughout East Horsley, if government guidelines permit.

They look forward to seeing you there. For more information visit:

- www.horsleyfarmersmarket.org.uk;
- www.easthorsley.info or follow us on social media
- www.facebook.com/HorsleyFarmersMarket



If you would like to get involved either as a volunteer or as a stallholder, please contact us at: info@horsleyfarmersmarket.org.uk

RESIDENTS WATCH YOUR SPEED!!

The Community Speed Watch team currently consists of eleven volunteer members. All volunteers are trained by the Police and three more are waiting for the opportunity to be trained to use the equipment.



The CSW teams use the police approved test sites and record vehicles that are observed exceeding the speed limits at these locations. We are here to protect our village and residents from anti-social driving within and throughout our village.

Rhys Beynon - West Horsley Community Speedwatch Coordinator

VILLAGE TREES

The Parish Council thought it a pity that there wasn't a 'Village' Christmas Tree in West Horsley and that this should be remedied from 2019 onwards. The Village Green opposite The Barley Mow now has a small yet rooted tree which we hope has survived the summer and will grow to a grand size! In the meantime, on the corner between The Street and Silkmore Lane by the Village Hall we installed and will continue to install a 12 foot tree! We hope you enjoy the trees and their decorations for years to come.

Please help yourself to the apples in The Orchard, which is situated at the corner of The Street and Ripley Lane.

Last year's Christmas Lantern Parade ended with mulled wine at The Orchard



COMMUNITY BUS

The Horsleys Community Bus Association (HCBA) is a charity which started in 1999 to provide transport for the elderly residents of our villages, enabling them to go shopping or on outings. Passengers pre-book the service and are collected from their homes in the Horsleys. Having a blue disabled badge, the minibus can stop right outside the various destinations.

The bus has recently been equipped with driver screens plus hand-sanitizer equipment and shopping trips have restarted for those that are happy going into supermarkets, with masks on.

Any potential passengers or drivers should contact Kelvin Hayes on 01483 283314.

The photo shows Sheila Palmer, resident of Dene Place, on a trip to see the sights of London last year.



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

There are new exciting plans to involve a younger group of participants to improve and promote the village.

We hope to work closely with West Horsley Place with this programme too.

Watch this space and Instagram coming soon!

Vanessa Buosi - cllrbuosi@westhorsley.info

THE HENRY SMITH CHARITY

West Horsley is fortunate to be a beneficiary of the Henry Smith Charity's Parish Grant programme, whereby each year the charity makes funds available to West Horsley to be used to support those experiencing financial and social hardship in the village.

Henry Smith was born in Wandsworth in the 16th century and, having accumulated significant wealth during his lifetime from trade and property deals, established this charity.

Nearly 400 years after his death, the fund, is still helping people in over 150 parishes. In West Horsley the charity is run by a group of local individuals who give out small grants in times of need to those who are resident in the village. They also make larger grants to local schools to provide financial support to children, who are resident in West Horsley, to assist with buying uniform or school trips.

If you feel that you qualify for financial assistance or know of someone who would benefit from a grant, please contact the Parish Clerk: clerk@westhorsley.info 01483 901905 in confidence.

WISLEY AIRFIELD UPDATE

This site was purchased by Taylor Wimpey earlier this year. They have run two public community engagement sessions which were held on 16 and 18 July 2020.

If you missed these, they are available to view on the following link – www.wisleyairfield.com

Their response to the two sessions is presented in a Q&A document and you can register to receive further updates. All maps and documents are also available to view.

In addition, West Horsley Parish Council invited Taylor Wimpey to present to the council prior to our Parish Council Meeting in July. During their presentation, we were able to highlight some concerns and issues that could impact our village which they have noted.

Taylor Wimpey advised us at this meeting they are currently establishing a local Community Liaison Group and there will be a representative of the West Horsley Parish Council invited to sit on this. They will meet monthly and we will provide regular updates on our Parish Council website.

If you have any questions please contact consultation@wisleyairfield.com or 07713 940724.

KEEPING UP TO DATE

If you would like to be added to our email circulation list, please go to our website to sign up www.westhorsley.info. Email addresses will be held for the purpose of keeping residents up to date with our activities, local events and significant relevant local news items e.g. the Local Plan. Data will be updated annually.

CROSSROAD STORES

Crossroads Stores, West Horsley has grown to be a hub for local, artisan produce and fine goods from further afield. Our treasured cheesemonger and shop manager, Jenni and her team can help you with tasting notes of our cheeses, wines, beers and spirits. Hampers, gift boxes and an array of lovely gifts and cards are also available. Jenni left the bustle of Borough Market and brought her wealth of knowledge to our much-loved shop.



Please call in and see us at...
10 The Street, West Horsley
01483 280020

ART CALLING ALL ARTISTS

Our vision going forward is to have a continual renewed source of artworks displayed at the bus stop from all our talented residents and students of West Horsley. We are proud to have had so many lovely displays so far! From Notre Dame to The Raleigh and of course The Howard of Effingham schools! If you have artwork that you would like exhibited at the bus stop, please send it to us by email. [Mel Beynon - cllrbeynon@westhorsley.info](mailto:Mel.Beynon@westhorsley.info)



TASK GROUPS COVERING YOUR VILLAGE

Separate Task Group meetings have been held virtually and actions are still being accomplished throughout COVID-19! We have redefined our groups (see below) and with regular meetings in addition to official Parish Council meetings, the teams remain on schedule. Here are the latest updates including the team Leader of the group whom you can contact if you have a query

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Our community events saw an increase in participation last year. There were more entrants to West Horsley in Bloom, many more children attended the Teddy Bears Picnic in the Village Orchard and a fortnight before Christmas as dusk fell, there was a wonderful lantern procession of youngsters with their parents and grandparents. We are delighted that so many young people have taken the opportunity to display their artwork this year too. In February 2020, we were very pleased to host a networking event with neighbouring Parish Councils to discuss areas of mutual interest and concern leading to collaborative working and hope it will be continued in 2021. Sadly, most of 2020 events were cancelled and when we are able to resume our programme, information will be published on our website and notice boards.

Mel Beynon - cllrbeynon@westhorsley.info

COMMUNICATIONS

With new communications team members added this year there are already exciting events that are underway. Starting with the launch of this new style West Horsley Newsletter, which we hope will be informative and useful to all West Horsley residents. New, more dynamic notice and information boards are planned centrally for 2021, with responsible recycling of the old notice boards, along with nature walk information. We have installed suggestions boxes at The Barley Mow and Crossroad Stores and welcome any input and feedback to improve communication between the Parish Council and residents.

Vanessa Buosi - cllrbuosi@westhorsley.info



Bollard replacement at Silkmore Lane

ROAD SAFETY & MAINTENANCE

Following our drive-arounds reviewing road signage, we've arranged for Surrey County Council (SCC) to repair several of our broken road signs and many of them have been cleaned and obscuring foliage cut back. We're very pleased that the double yellow lines project was cancelled and this does help with speed reduction in the village. We are also delighted that SCC have repaired the railings on the A246 by Bell & Colvill. We're determined to make West Horsley a safer place for pedestrians and road users. Please report any potholes or pavement problems at the following address: <http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/do-it-online/report-it-online>, or use the website Fix my Street

It's always good to hear from you, if you have any other road queries or concerns please do contact us via our clerk at clerk@westhorsley.info
Sally Newman - cllrnewman@westhorsley.info

ASSETS & VILLAGE APPEARANCE

This group was established in May 2020 to manage and enhance the appearance of our beautiful village, 255 acres of which is in the Surrey Hills. We aim to maintain and preserve the existing assets managed by the Parish Council. These include the Village Hall playground, The Orchard, tennis court, oak tree on the Village Green and the horse trough. We have various projects in mind, including improved signage and ensuring residents play their part in the cutting of their hedges to improve pedestrian access. We are in the early stages of our evolution as a Task Group so would welcome any suggestions as to how to make West Horsley even more attractive and preserve the character and appearance of our Village.

Tony Rogers - cllrogers@westhorsley.info

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

It has been an exceptionally busy year, largely due to the adoption of the GBC Local Plan last year and the removal of Green Belt status from across the village. The team meet once a month to discuss applications received and other planning issues facing the village. We are currently meeting 'virtually' due to COVID-19 and are undergoing site drive-bys independently. Between January to September we reviewed 73 applications. Of these 19 are windfall/back garden developments that would result in an additional 22 houses on top of the allocated sites. So far none have been approved. For an update on the sites allocated through the Local Plan please refer to 'Planning Matters' pages 6/7.

Frances King - cllrking@westhorsley.info

FINANCE TASK GROUP

We usually meet once a quarter and our work tends to revolve round requirements as laid down by Statute. The Parish Clerk is the Responsible Financial Officer and also prepares the yearly budget in collaboration with various Task Groups. All budgets must be approved by the full Council; the total requirement is then passed to the Borough Council for inclusion as the Parish precept, part of the council tax demand. In addition, the finance group also reviews the actual expenditure against the budget throughout the year and the Statutory Accounts, reporting back to the full Council. For the future, it is planned that a more long-term business plan/review covering three years will be prepared for the village, naturally with the input of the individual Task Groups.

Frances King - cllrking@westhorsley.info



*Millennium Viewpoint
Shepleas which is in
the Surrey Hills AONB*

PLANNING MATTERS...

LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

The **GBC Local Plan: Strategy and Sites (2015 – 2034)** was controversially adopted over a year ago in April 2019, a month before the Local Elections. This means that West Horsley is no longer 'washed over' by the Green Belt, and all protection afforded by this crucial planning constraint within our amended settlement boundaries has been removed.

It was also extremely disappointing that the three Judicial Reviews challenging the allocation of the strategic sites at Wisley and Blackwell Farm, and the inseting of the villages from the Green Belt, were unsuccessful. A huge thank you to our local resident Jules Cranwell who lead the fight for the villages.

Our Neighbourhood Plan is our last defence. As part of the total 'Development Plan' for the Borough its policies must be taken into consideration. We are now relying heavily on this to defend inappropriate development and retain our rural village.

The Parish Council does recognise the need for change however we will also do our utmost to protect green fields, our environment, our heritage assets, as well as preserve our local character and landscape setting of the village.

Site A36

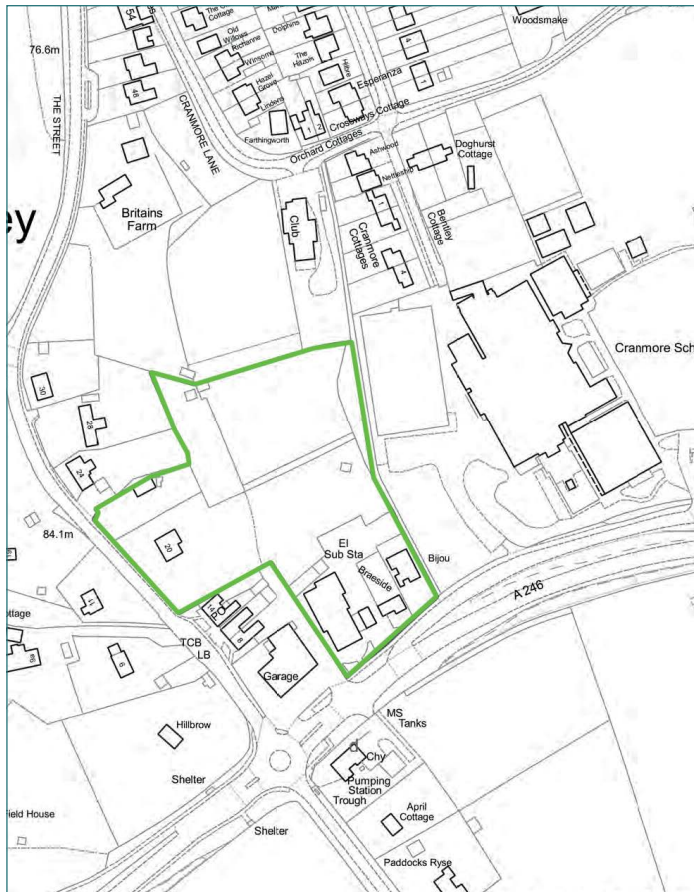
Land at and to the rear of Bell & Colvill, Epsom Road

Identified for approximately 41 homes, sadly a piecemeal development of the total site has been allowed. Ten smaller homes were approved for development during 2018 on the brownfield land of the Bell & Colvill workshops. Work will start this Autumn. The other part of the site at 20 The Street for 8 new homes has also been approved, despite all our best efforts to object at the GBC Planning Committee November 2019.

The remaining field in the middle of the site, for a further 23 new homes, was approved at the GBC Planning Committee in June this year.

This total of 41 new homes packed onto the green fields at the heart of our Conservation Area will have a severe detrimental impact on this part of our village.

See [Site 36 page 224 GBC Local Plan](#)



Site 36 to the rear of Bell & Colvill, Epsom Road

Site A37

Land to the west of West Horsley, Manor Farm

An application for 139 houses, alongside provision of suitable alternative natural greenspace (Ben's Wood) and ancillary teaching and sporting accommodation was submitted in November last year by Thakeham Homes Ltd. Many residents came to the public meeting that we held, voicing a number of concerns, and so far, 166 objections have been submitted. Key considerations for this site include the setting of the Grade II Listed Building, surface water flood risk and the need for additional green infrastructure. It was also noted by Thames Water that there is a lack of sewerage capacity at their site in Ripley to support this development.

We have had a small success with this site following the submission of our detailed objection in that the application has been withdrawn. We can only hope that Guildford has finally listened to our residents and that whilst we are unlikely to prevent any future development of this site, the design, character, density and access will hopefully be reconsidered.

See [Site A37 page 226 GBC Local Plan](#)



Site 37 Manor Farm, East Lane

Site A38

**Land near Horsley Railway Station
Ockham Road North**

An outline application for the demolition of two dwellings and alterations to access, with all matters reserved for up to 110 new homes and 99sqm of office space etc was approved in November 2019.

The promoter of the site is Catesby Estates Ltd, the developer remains unknown at present. Concerns remain over access and flooding. Along with East Horsley PC, we have objected to each reiteration of this application and we now await the full application.

See *Site A38 page 228 GBC Local Plan*



Site A38 Lollesworth Fields, off Ockham Road North

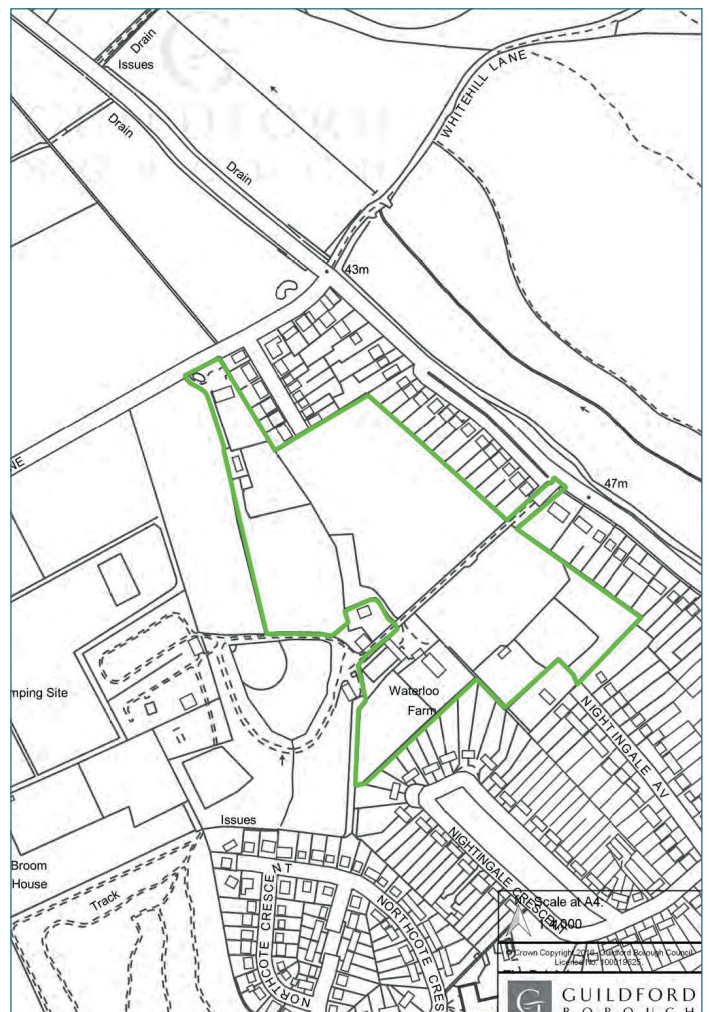
Site A39

Land to the north of West Horsley, (around Waterloo Farm)

Identified for approximately 120 new homes, we believe this site will be put forward by Persimmon Homes. At time of writing, we have not heard anything from this developer – let’s hope for early community engagement! Key considerations for this site include flood risk, surface water flood risk and access.

Waterloo Farm sits within this allocated site. Despite the Parish Council objecting, an application for four new homes in the front courtyard of the farm was approved early last year. A further application was submitted by the landowner last December for five large houses in their back garden. We have once more objected and await to hear the outcome.

See *Site A39 page 230 of GBC Local Plan*



Site A39 Waterloo Farm, off Ockham Road North

In summary, these four sites will add over 400 additional new homes to the villages of West (300) and East (100) Horsley, scheduled to be built within the next five years.

With the addition of ‘infilling’ and ‘windfall’ developments, as well as the increasing number of ‘garden grabbing’ applications we are receiving, we could see another 50 plus new houses built in West Horsley, a total increase of over 30% on our existing housing stock.

We are working closely with SCC and GBC to ensure that the cumulative impact of these developments is considered for infrastructure improvements, especially relating to increasing early years and school places, medical services, road and pavement improvements, car parking facilities at the station, community services and green infrastructure.

CLlr Catherine Young

WEST HORSLEY PLACE

West Horsley Place Trust celebrated its fifth anniversary in September, which coincided with the arrival of Ben Pearce joining the Trust as Director, following the retirement of Peter Pearce (no relation!). Ben was previously Director of Paintings in Hospitals, a national arts-in-health charity.

In other exciting news, the Trust recently announced the award of a significant grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The grant will fund a pioneering two-year programme of public consultation and activities that will, for the first time, enable a wide range of people from the local community to experience how heritage spaces can transform health and well-being: West Horsley Place: An Historic Estate without Barriers. We are looking forward to working with West and East Horsley Parish Councils on a youth-led community project as part of the programme. The project will seek to engage our young people with nature and heritage.

The impact of COVID-19 on the Trust has been considerable with most of our events this year postponed or cancelled. However, we are holding some small scale socially distanced outdoors learning and creative workshops this autumn and hope to launch our regular programme of public activities from next spring; including open days, group tours, arts crafts and heritage activities and more! Visit www.westhorsleyplace.org for details.

Clare Clinton - clare.clinton@westhorsleyplace.org

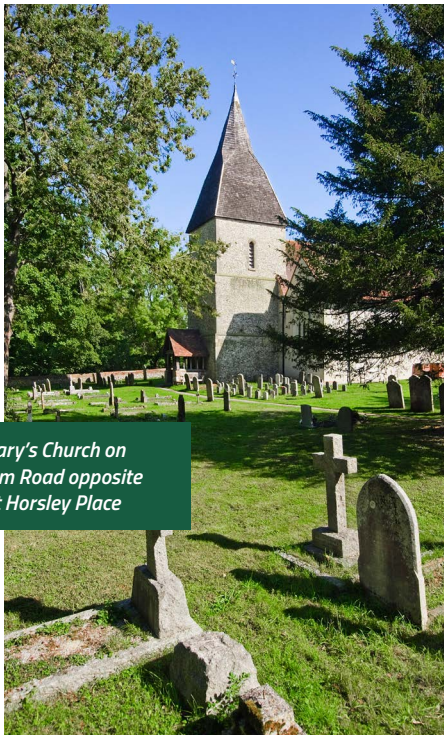


ST MARY'S CHURCH

This year hasn't gone quite as expected, has it? We are not as in control as we want to think. Between now and the end of the year, the Church season offers us three opportunities to think about what has happened during this pandemic. On All Souls Day, we stop and **Remember** those loved ones who have died, this year with a poignant focus upon the those who have died from COVID-19. On Remembrance Sunday, we get the chance to **Reflect** upon the sacrifices people have made in order that we might live. This year we can think about doctors, nurses and carers as well as those in the armed forces. And, of course, Christmas gives us the chance to **Rejoice** and to remember that this world has not been abandoned to its own devices, but that God is intimately involved in it.

At St Mary's we try to help people grow in their faith wherever they are starting from, engage with their doubts, and live it out with confidence and good grace. We have groups for people of all ages, whether you're 1 or 101. Our services and many of our ministries have moved online for now, so do take a look at www.stmaryswesthorsley.co.uk for more information, or call us in the Parish office on 01483 281898.

Rev Phil Herrington, Rector
philherrington@stmaryswesthorsley.co.uk



St Mary's Church on Epsom Road opposite West Horsley Place

WHEEL OF CARE

Back in 1999, Gina Isaac and several like-minded residents of the Horsleys identified a need to offer support to the residents of West Horsley to help them lead independent, fuller and richer lives and prevent social isolation. The Wheel of Care provides transport to residents, for example to hospital and other medical appointments, to take them shopping, or to the hairdresser. We will sit with clients while a carer takes a short, well-deserved break or help with basic household chores such as changing a lightbulb. There is no age limit to whom we try to help.

What makes the 'Wheel' stand out from other similar schemes are our clubs. We run four clubs where our clients have the opportunity to socialise, make friends and enjoy time with others. The clubs - Scrabble, Film, Seated Dance and Movement to Music - are open to all in West Horsley and neighbouring villages, there is no need to book and free transport is available to those living in the Horsleys, Effingham and Ockham. We look forward to welcoming many clients, volunteers and friends of the 'Wheel of Care'.

If you would like information about our clubs during COVID-19 restrictions or are interested in helping as a volunteer please phone the Duty Officer on 01483 281703 between 10am and noon (Monday to Friday) or contact via our website, www.westhorsleywheellofcare.co.uk.

THE BEAUTY BARN CLINIC

The Beauty Barn is an exclusive and highly professional beauty clinic offering an extensive range of treatments. Whether it's a special occasion or part of your everyday routine, we can make you feel pampered and looking your absolute best.

Our experienced and extensively qualified staff offer beauty therapies that are sure to leave you feeling revitalised. We have ample parking and are located in a peaceful environment.



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GUILDFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' UPDATE

Challenging, frustrating, yet at times very rewarding – these words summarise our first 15 months as your Guildford Borough Councillors (GBC) for West Horsley and the Clandon & Horsley Ward!

Challenging, because we are dealing with a wide range of many issues, from helping residents with concerns such as housing and noise nuisance, to community problems like parking, anti-social behaviour, illegal burning of waste, fly-tipping and, of course, the *bête noir* for all of us - planning and new developments.

We are working with the Borough Council's officers to arrive at sensible solutions and we are also working closely with Surrey County Council in seeking to ensure infrastructure issues are dealt with to achieve some joined up thinking across the

whole area. These include school places, medical centre places, the state of the roads, drainage, public transport, and parking at the station.

Please get in touch if you feel we can help:
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Tim Anderson: tim.anderson@guildford.gov.uk



ADOPTING HORSLEY RAILWAY STATION

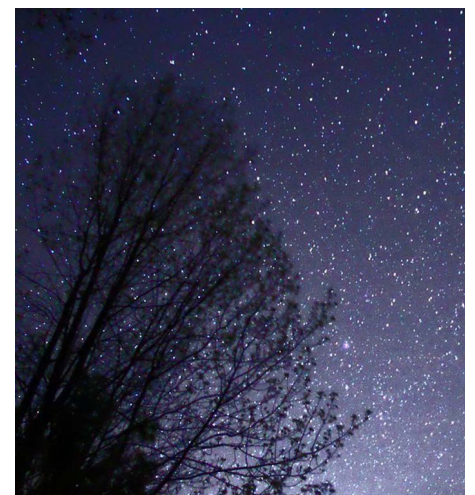
One interesting development follows an initiative sparked by East Horsley Parish Council, the establishment of a Railway Task Group to which they invited representation from West Horsley Parish Council. The upshot of its work with Network Rail and South Western Railway is the adoption of Horsley Station and the creation of a voluntary group; "Friends of Horsley Station", the same goes for Effingham Junction Station. The two groups of Friends are looking to improve the appearance and experience of using the stations and we are on the lookout for volunteers to join us.
Cllr Elaine Best, chairman@westhorsley.info



WEST HORSLEY DARK SKIES

A feature of West Horsley is that there is no street lighting, it is one of the aspects of the village that helps preserve its rural character. Policy WH15 of the West Horsley Neighbourhood Plan 2016-33, adopted in December 2018, relates to 'Dark Skies'. The Parish Council supports the reduction of light pollution in order to improve the quality of our night skies and reduce the negative effect on our communities and wildlife. See below some ideas to help with your home and business lighting.

- Choose amber lighting on the warm light spectrum
- Use motion sensors, dimmers and timers on your outdoor lighting
- Shield all outdoor lights and ideally direct them downward to minimize harmful glare and sky glow.



NHS TEST AND TRACE APP

The NHS COVID19 App became available to download in England and Wales on 24 September. It is the fastest way to see if you're at risk from coronavirus.

Businesses can visit the following website to create a downloadable display poster for their premises www.gov.uk/create-coronavirus-qr-poster. This will allow NHS Test and Trace to contact customers with public health advice should there be a COVID-19 outbreak. For further business information and resources head to www.covid19.nhs.uk/information-and-resources.html.

JULIE ILES our Surrey County Councillor sends out a monthly update email, if you would like to receive a copy please sign up at contact@juleilies.uk.

LIBRARY CORNER

Over this year we are learning more and more about ourselves and the community in which we live. Many of us have found some comfort in the new technologies that have brought distant friends and family members closer. How sad it would be if mobile phones, computers and the World Wide Web were unavailable to us. There are some, who having access to these technological treasures, might just need a friendly Buddy to lend a little help to overcome their fears of the unknown. The Friends of Horsley Library (FoHL) are looking for Computer Buddies willing to give support, either over the telephone or in the Library, to anyone who would like basic assistance with services commonly in use. Therefore, I would like to hear from those with a good command of applications like Skype, Zoom, Apple Mail, Ancestry etc. to contact me, outlining their area of competence.

When I have a team of Buddies, I will then invite those who would like assistance with any of these types of software, to contact me and I will endeavour to connect them to a relevant Buddy.

If you are prepared to help, please email me, Rhys Beynon: rbeynon1@btinternet.com.

WEST HORSLEY VILLAGE HALL LATEST UPDATE

When I first sat down to write this update, it was early March 2020 and little did we know what the next few months would hold in store! Sadly and inevitably, WHVH closed its doors on 22 March, but, after an enormous amount of hard work in getting WHVH to be "COVID-19 Secure", the hall re-opened to regular hirers ONLY on 24 August.

It would seem that COVID-19 will be with us for a while to come. However, it is with much regret that until 1 January 2021, the decision has been made to continue to only accept bookings by hirers already known to WHVH. (eg no casual hirers or children's parties). We will keep this decision under review and updates will be posted to the WHVH website. www.westhorsleyvillagehall.org.

We have worked hard to ensure each room has a new sanitising station with several cleaning products. This is to ensure the hall remains as COVID-19 safe as can be for all our regulars. We're doing our very best to make WHVH available to the local community again, and we hope that with the new internal one way system and lots of new signs and floor graphics, its users, staff and volunteers stay as safe as possible at all times.

In February 2020, CCTV was installed at WHVH and we are enormously grateful to Horsley Community Fund for the grant of £1,000 towards the cost of this work. It is there to provide a safe and secure environment for all our users as well as deter, detect and prevent any crime or anti-social behaviour.

We have also refreshed the white lines, arrows and words in our car park and hope that this will help people to use the one-way car park correctly. It's one-way for very genuine safety reasons. Repairs and improvements to the playground have continued and we are very grateful to West Horsley Parish Council for the financial support they provide for these improvements.

Wishing you all the very best of health and we hope to see some of you back at WHVH soon!

Julia Reardon Smith - WHVH Manager, whvhbooking@gmail.com or 01483 285454
www.westhorsleyvillagehall.org



West Horsley Village Hall, The Street has reopened with COVID restrictions

CLANDON WOOD NATURE RESERVE & NATURAL BURIAL GROUND

A local nature reserve which is also an award-winning cemetery opened in 2012 – and it's on our doorstep. Comprising thirty-one acres of traditional wildflower meadowland, lakes and young woodland, on arriving at Clandon Wood it is hard to recognise it as a cemetery. It was created to appeal to a wide range of people wishing to be buried or have their ashes interred whatever their faith, belief or thinking. Christina Lawson, who manages the on-site team says: "We work hard to provide a warm and welcoming environment for any visitor be they bereaved, someone who is planning ahead and thinking about securing a plot or if just to visit us as a nature reserve." The only way to really appreciate what Clandon Wood has to offer is to come and see it first-hand. And in Christina's words: "You will always be very welcome."

Visit the website at www.clandonwood.com.



Nature Reserve at Clandon Wood, Epsom Road at West Clandon

THE METHODIST CHURCH

Like all places of worship, the Methodist Church has been closed since 'lock down' was imposed by the Government. Whilst the government has now said that churches can open again, and some have for private prayer, at time of writing our church has not set a date. As Methodists we are known for, and enjoy, singing as part of our worship. Currently that is not allowed inside buildings and quite understandably so.

Plans are being drawn up to allow a return to Sunday Services with social spacing requirements being respected. Hopefully by the time you read this newsletter we will have opened the church again.

Minister: Rev Asif Das, West Horsley Methodist Church, 97 The Street, West Horsley, KT24 6DD
www.westhorsleymethodistchurch.org.uk;
 Tel: 01483 575432



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER



The reason poppies are used to remember those who have given their lives in battle is because they are the flowers which grew on the battlefields after World War One ended. This is described in the famous World War One poem "In Flanders Fields". Ever since then, they have come to be a symbol of remembering not just those who gave their lives in World War One, but all those who have died on behalf of their country. We hope that last year and this year you notice the large poppies around the village showing our support in remembering the fallen. The funds raised from purchasing poppies go to help servicemen and women who are alive and whose lives have been changed by wars in which they fought.

Lest we forget...

GRACE + FLAVOUR

The Horsleys Community Kitchen Garden & Allotments marked the 10th Anniversary since the project was founded in 2019 by Su Johnston of West Horsley. On a beautiful sunny day, the garden was open to the public with refreshments available to all who came.

From July to September, as in previous years, a tithe from the garden was distributed each week throughout West Horsley by The Wheel of Care to the elderly in the village. Improvements and maintenance of the perimeter fence was vital to keep out rabbits and deer, whilst a section of garden outside the north wall was enhanced to improve the secluded 'wild' areas for bugs, insects and birdlife. Garden manager, John Whitlock, has in recent years achieved his ambition of having vegetables, and fruit when in season, available every week of the year.

It is quite astonishing to see what is grown and in September no less than twenty-three varieties of fruit and veg were on sale. If you are a West Horsley resident, to get your name on the waiting list for an allotment at Grace & Flavour please email clerk@westhorsley.info with your name, address and telephone number. This will be passed on and you will be contacted in due course. www.graceandflavour.org



Grace & Flavour allotments, Ripley Lane

DENE PLACE CARE HOME

We are a small, friendly care home, set within a tranquil spot on a 400-acre National Trust estate in West Horsley. Our residents can enjoy the home's own seven acres of beautiful gardens and grounds. We're here to support loved ones with a range of needs, from nursing, residential to short stay care. Talk to us about how we can help. The safety and wellbeing of our residents and team has always been our priority, so we'll keep providing Personal Protective Equipment and continue testing.



Call for advice on care today...
01483 282733

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES AROUND THE VILLAGE

ARTS

Horsley & Clandon Society of Arts
Robyn Cormack Tel: 01483 224063

Horsley Craft Group
Jody Fern Tel: 01483 284437

The Arts Society Horsley
Shirley Goodwin Tel: 01372 454642
www.theartssocietyhorsley.org.uk

The Arts Society Horsley Lovelace
Gill Millership Tel: 01483 282244
www.theartssocietyhorsleylovelace.org.uk

SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

Sports facilities & Skatepark
Outdoor Exercise Equipment & MUGA
Kingston Meadow, Kingston Avenue

East Horsley Bowling Club
Marilyn Murphy Tel: 01483 284701
www.easthorsleybc.co.uk

The Horsley Shufflers – running group
www.facebook.com/HorsleyShufflers

Horsley Football Club, West Horsley
Russell Palmer Tel: 01483 283160
www.horsleyfc.co.uk

Effingham and Leatherhead RFC
Tel: 01372 458887
<https://eaglesrugby.club>

West Horsley Community Club Snooker & Pool
Robert Elliott Tel: 07702 922217

Effingham Table Tennis Club
Tim Hobbs Tel: 01372 452197

Horsley Tennis Club
www.horsleysportscub.com

Horsley Badminton Club
David Sethi: Tel: 01483 282468
www.horsleybadminton.co.uk

Horsley Cricket Club
Horsley Sports Club
www.horsleysportscub.com

Effingham Cricket Club
Email: info@effinghamcc.co.uk
www.effinghamcc.co.uk

Horsley and Send Cricket Club
Fen Palmer-Mole Tel: 07768 404379
fenpm@btinternet.com
www.horsleyandsendcc.co.uk

CHORAL & DRAMATICS

The Nomad Theatre
Tel: 01483 284717
www.nomadtheatre.com

The Whips Players
Tel: 01372 457501
www.horsleyamdram.org

Horsley Choral Society
Tel: 01372 457987 / 01483 283683
www.horsleychoralsociety.com

CLUBS

University of the Third Age (U3A)
Bill Hewlett Tel: 01483 283635
www.horsleyu3a.org.uk

East Horsley Women's Institute
Sue Burge Tel: 01483 283803

West Horsley Women's Institute
Pip Holmes Tel: 01483 285496

West Surrey Natural History Society
Tel: 01372 457623

The Probus Club of the Horsleys
David Lush Tel: 01483 280267

Rotary Club of Bookham & Horsley
Mark Secker Tel: 01372 458733

Horsley Countryside Preservation
Roy Proctor Tel: 01483 282410
www.surreycommunity.info/hcps

East Horsley Bridge Club
Anne Hereward Tel: 01483 571300
www.bridgewebs.com/easthorsley

Horsley Floral Decoration Group
Ruth Farmer Tel: 01483 202440

Horsley Garden Society
Roger Lindsay Tel: 01483 282408

Beehive Craft Group
Margaret Read Tel: 01483 282038
www.easthorsleychurch.org.uk

Wheel of Care Social & Exercise Clubs
Film & Scrabble Clubs; Seated Dance Class;
Movement to Music
Tel: 01483 281703
www.westhorsleywheellofcare.co.uk

Club Affinity - fun & friendship for over fifties
Ken: Tel: 07905 011831
www.club-affinite.co.uk

YOUTH

1st Horsley Beavers, Cubs & Scouts
Ian Stewart Tel: 07951 408502
www.scouts.org.uk

4th Horsley Brownies
Elizabeth Robinson Tel: 01483 281341
horsleybrownies@yahoo.co.uk

1st West Horsley Brownies
Email: westhorsleybrownies@gmail.com

1st Horsley Guides
Karlene Peach Tel: 01483 224692

Explorer Scouts
Email: kevin@yeo.me.uk

If you would like to add your club, email
clrbuosi@westhorsley.info





West Horsley Parish Council

The Parish Council has undergone a few changes. Earlier in 2020 we were left with two more vacancies after the resignation of Charles Hope and the sad passing of Bob Mattock. With Cllr Elaine Best taking the Chairman role and a speedy appeal, we found willing volunteers Vanessa Buosi and Tony Rogers who have officially joined the Council. We are still looking to add a further two councillors to the team or perhaps other volunteers to help on a specific project, we have many projects on the go! Please contact our Clerk if you are interested.

Crucial to our success as a Parish Council, is our

regular engagement with residents and to work collaboratively with neighbouring Parish Councils as well as our Borough and County Councillors as we steer a course through these rather challenging times.

In addition, one of our great hopes is to effectively work with young people and establish a Youth Council where their voice is fully heard. We have made initial soundings and I'm so delighted the young people we have engaged thus far are certainly interested and full of ideas: I think the phrase to use is "sick"! BTW we hope you like our avatars!

PARISH COUNCIL CONTACTS

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Chairman
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FRANCES KING
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MEL BEYNON
Vice-Chair
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VANESSA BUOSI
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VACANCY
We currently have vacancies at the Parish Council

HISTORIC WEST HORSLEY VILLAGE FACT OR FICTION

- West Horsley is the more rural side of the two halves of the ancient Horsleys; it is considered a semi-rural village in and at the base of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) – Sheeples being in the AONB.
- West Horsley appears in the Domesday Book of 1086 but was burnt to the ground during the Norman Conquest and was then given to the Constable of Windsor Castle.
- King Henry VIII visited West Horsley village to attend a 35-course meal at West Horsley Place. He then beheaded the owner he had bequeathed West Horsley Place to two years later.
- Queen Elizabeth I visited for a week in 1559 and stayed at West Horsley Place.
- West Horsley has two amazing historic pubs, The Barley Mow has been serving ale since 1568 (then named The Mount Eagle after the owners of West Horsley Place), and the King William IV has been serving since 1830.
- The Barley Mow used to be part of Hatchlands.
- One of the first games of cricket was referenced in West Horsley in 1636.
- Beatrix Potter used to stay at a cottage in Woodcote Lodge with her aunt and uncle where she wrote books as well as creating many of her paintings.
- The Duchess of Roxburghe was the Queen Mother's bridesmaid and left West Horsley Place to Bamber Gascoigne, TV presenter and quizmaster on University Challenge for over 20 years.
- The Silent Pool Gin founder member resides in the village.
- Joanna Lumley visits the village regularly and is patron of The Opera House in the Woods of West Horsley
- Joe Wicks online PE teacher is a regular visitor to West Horsley village!



It's all "Fact", so we believe we can truly say that West Horsley village is a historic place to live!

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS & WEBSITES

Neighbourhood Policing team

Tel: 101
guildford@surrey.police.uk

GBC Refuse Collection

Tel: 01483 505050
www.guildford.gov.uk

Slyfield Recycling Centre

Tel: 01483 532187

Report suspicious activity

Tel: 0800 789 321
www.met.police.uk

Water Leaks

Tel: 0345 357 2407
www.affinitywater.co.uk

Gas Leaks

Tel: 0800 11 19 99

Electricity Power Cuts

Tel: 0800 31 63 105 or 105 (Mobile)
www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk

Flooding & Waterways

Tel: 0345 988 1188
www.gov.uk/report-flood-cause

Environment incident hotline

Tel: 0800 80 70 60

Surrey County Council

www.surreycc.gov.uk/do-it-online/

SCC Highways Roads & Transport

www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport

Report Fly-tipping

www.guildford.gov.uk/flytipping

Tree Preservation Orders

www.guildford.gov.uk/protectedtrees
GBC Customer Services: 01483 505050



PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS

Every year, the Parish Council gives grants to organisations who provide services within West Horsley. If your organisation would like to be considered, please contact the Clerk for an application form clerk@westhorsley.info. Submissions to be sent back by the end of May 2021 for 2021/2022 grants.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Normally the Parish Council holds its meetings once a month (usually on the third Tuesday) at 7.30pm in the Cedar Room at the Village Hall. The Public are most welcome at all its meetings. However, during self-isolation measures, meetings are being held virtually.

Please contact our Clerk who will issue details on how to attend online. See individual agendas for further information and changes to arrangements on www.westhorsley.info.