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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Councillor Rebecca Jennings-Evans



Welcome to our Summer newsletter!

With the longer days and warmer weather finally here, it's a great opportunity to reflect on all the activity across the parish.

There has been a significant amount of hard work taking place in recent months, with a range of projects, improvements and community initiatives moving forward.

We are pleased with what has been achieved so far and remain committed to supporting our communities. Please do read on to see what's been happening across the three villages.

We are also looking forward to engaging more with residents over the coming months, particularly as changes to local government in Surrey and within the parish progress. We will continue to do our best to keep residents updated as plans evolve.

In the meantime, we hope you enjoy the summer and look forward to seeing you around the parish soon.

*Best Wishes,
Rebecca*

Your village councillors:



Bagshot

Cllr Valerie White, Cllr Andrew Willgoss, Cllr Mark Gordon, Cllr Frank DuCann, Cllr Richard Wilson, Cllr Abu Bakar

Lightwater

Cllr Alf Turner, Cllr Alan Stevens, Cllr Katia Malcaus Cooper, Cllr Rebecca Jennings-Evans, Cllr James Harris, Cllr Derrick Jennings-Evans,


Windlesham

Cllr Pat Lewis, Cllr Carole Marr, Cllr Victoria Wheeler, Cllr Robert Hardless, Cllr Tina Richardson


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Village updates

Bagshot Village

We are pleased to share that a new path has recently been laid at School Lane field, improving access and enhancing the space for residents to enjoy. There are also plans underway to enhance the pathway at Bagshot Chapel so further improvements can be expected soon.

In addition, traffic calming measures for the village are progressing well. The first stage of public consultation has now been completed and has received support from residents. The next phase will involve formal public notices, which will be issued shortly, and councillors will continue to monitor progress as the scheme moves forward.

Alongside these improvements, there has been continued focus on the School Lane area in recent months due to issues such as vandalism, including repeated damage to life rings and incidents of graffiti. Cllr Willgoss met with Youth Engagement Officers in May to raise these concerns, and as a result, foot patrols in the area are set to increase.



Lightwater Village

Following the successful online poll held in March, the new flags are now proudly flying in the village centre for the summer. The chosen design showcases the Lightwater flag at the village entrances and exits, with the Union Flag lining the High Street. We have already received some fantastic feedback from residents, and it is wonderful to see the display being so well received.

Inspirational quotes have also been added to the village planters, offering a unique and uplifting touch to the area.

The recreation ground behind the church has already hosted the much loved annual May Fete and is now looking ahead to the upcoming LightFest music festival. The Parish Council is proud to support these events, which bring the community together and make great use of this valued local space.



Windlesham Village

We're pleased to share that improvements to drainage and pathways in Windlesham have now been approved. As part of this work, a section of the older pathway will be resurfaced with grass to help improve overall ground conditions. We will keep residents updated with the progress of these improvements.

The village speed surveys have also been completed. Surrey County Council Highways has confirmed that Windlesham has been included in Tranche 2 of the county's 20mph programme. This means the village will now move into the next phase, which includes developing detailed proposals and carrying out public consultation before any final decisions are made.

We'll share further updates as more information becomes available.



Grant Funding

The parish council is proud to support local charities and initiatives with grant funding. So far in 2026–2027, grants have been awarded to:

Windlesham
Over-60s
Luncheon Club

Bagshot Events:
towards FIFA
World Cup flags

Lightwater
Village School
PTA:
towards the
LVS Fest school
fete

Annual Parish Meeting & The Service to The Community Awards

The Annual Parish Meeting took place in March at Windlesham's Field of Remembrance, hosted by then Chair Cllr Valerie White.

Residents received updates on council activities, finances, ongoing projects, and progress with the Community Governance Review and Local Government Reorganisation. Display boards highlighted village grants, key initiatives, and community achievements.

The Council also presented its annual Service to the Community Awards, celebrating local volunteers across Bagshot, Lightwater, and Windlesham.

Following refreshments, residents joined an open forum to ask questions, share feedback, and discuss local issues.

The Council extends its sincere thanks to all volunteers whose time, dedication, and community spirit are essential in supporting and strengthening our local communities.

Award recipients included:

Bagshot

Rachael Welch – Dogs Walk This Way Rescue

Honoured for her tireless dedication to rescuing and caring for animals, providing emergency support, and championing both animal and community welfare.



Lightwater

1st Lightwater Scouts – Group Award

Recognising exceptional work across Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. Special mentions: Dr Christabel "Chrissy" Welding, Helen Christian, Paul Reynolds, Jonathan Emery, Teresa Murphy, Alison Porter

Gill Cole – For longstanding service to the Lightwater Village School PTA

Junior Award: Cameron (Lightwater Scouts)

Celebrated for outstanding commitment as a Young Leader supporting Cubs and Scouts.

Windlesham

George Gilbert – Recognised for organising village litter picks and fostering pride in the community

Windlesham Village Fete Committee – Honoured for their year-round work delivering the Fete, Christmas event and wider community support

Shelley and Jerry Lawson
Celebrated for bringing residents together and supporting local charities through the Windlesham Village Picnic



Surrey set to move to a new unitary council structure by April 2027

From 1st April 2027, local government in Surrey will change to a unitary council system, replacing Surrey County Council and the 11 district and borough councils with two new councils: East Surrey and West Surrey.



Surrey Heath will be part of West Surrey Council, alongside Guildford, Runnymede, Spelthorne, Waverley and Woking.

These new unitary councils will be responsible for all local services, including highways, planning, housing, waste, education and social care.

Elections for the new councils took place in May and are now followed by a shadow period to prepare for the transition. Existing councils will continue to operate until 31 March 2027 to ensure services continue as normal.

For updates and clear information about the changes, visit the Surrey Local Government Reorganisation Hub:
<https://www.surreylgrhub.gov.uk/>

Community Governance Review Update

The final recommendations of the Community Governance Review into the future of parish councils across Surrey Heath have now been agreed by Surrey Heath Borough Council.

The review examined parish and community arrangements across the borough.

The agreed recommendations are as follows:

- Windlesham Parish Council will be renamed and will continue as a combined parish council for Bagshot and Lightwater, without the inclusion of the Windlesham village area.
- Windlesham – the creation of a new, separate parish council to represent Windlesham village.





The Parish Council will keep residents fully informed as more information becomes available and will aim to be open, transparent and proactive in sharing updates as plans develop.

We hope the information below helps to answer some of the most common questions at this stage.

More information can be found on the Surrey Heath Borough Council website.

Why is this change happening?

This change is happening following a Community Governance Review carried out by Surrey Heath Borough Council, which looked at whether current parish arrangements still work well for local communities.

When is this change taking place?

From April 2027 – The new arrangements will come into effect, aligning with wider local government changes in Surrey.

How will this affect the precept?

As the legal entity is unchanged and only the name is changing, Windlesham Parish Council will continue to set the precept for 2027–2028 for Bagshot and Lightwater.

Surrey Heath Borough Council will set the precept for the new Windlesham Village Council. The exact level is not yet known but is expected to cover core costs such as staffing, premises, and asset management.

How will this affect local services?

The parish council services such as maintaining playgrounds, managing cemeteries, and running allotments will continue after the change, but responsibility for them will transfer to the appropriate council.

What are the names of the parish councils?

**Windlesham Parish Council will become Bagshot and Lightwater Parish Council
Windlesham will become a separate parish council, to be known as Windlesham Village Council.**

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS



Meeting calendar available on the WPC website



windlesham
pc.gov.uk

Parish Council Meetings



Finance & General Purposes

Committee Meeting

23rd June at 7:00pm

Venue: Lightwater Library



Communications Committee Meeting

27th July at 6:30pm

Venue: Lightwater Library



Planning Committee Meeting

15th July at 11:00am

Venue: All Saints' Church Hall,
Lightwater



Civic Amenities & Recreation Committee

27th July at 7:30pm

Venue: Lightwater Library



Planning Meeting & Full Council Meeting

30th June

Planning: 6:30pm

Full Council: 7:15pm

Venue: St Anne's Church Hall,
Bagshot



Planning Committee

15th July at 11:00am

Venue: All Saints Church Hall

On rare occasions, some meeting dates may change. Please check our website or call the Parish Council office before attending

FOOD
DRINKS
LIVE MUSIC
ALL DAY
ENTERTAINMENT
KIDS RIDES
CRAFTS
SEATING

ENTRANCE £5.00

LIGHTFEST
2020

11 JULY | 12-8 | LIGHTWATER RECREATION GROUND

THANKS TO:

747 DRIVING | SEYMOURS | RANDALL'S | THE BRIARS CENTRE | WINDLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL | ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

St Anne's
Bagshot
For the community - In the community

CHURCH FETE
on
Saturday, 4th July 2026

Everyone welcome!

Join us for a wonderful day of stalls, games, refreshments, and community spirit.

St Anne's Church,
Bagshot, Surrey
Doors open 1pm

LIGHTWATER LIBRARY
STORYTIME
Tuesdays at 10:30am



Surrey Heath Health Walks

Tues 21 July - Bagshot to the Lookout

Weds 22 July - Lightwater Country Park

Wednesday 5 August - Bagshot

More information on timings and meeting points: surreyheath.gov.uk