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NEWSLETTER

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the Chair of Council;
Councillor Alf Turner

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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Spring has finally arrived, and with it, longer days. It's a welcome sight to see the sun out again!

There's lots to look forward to in the Parish in the coming months; We are delighted to announce plans for a brand new playground at Windmill Field, creating a fantastic space for families to enjoy. We also look forward to celebrating our dedicated volunteers in the community at our annual community reception in April. Stay tuned for details on our well deserving award recipients.

In May, we will commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, and I'm really looking forward to seeing our villages decorated in tribute.

As always, I encourage you to stay connected through our website and social media for the latest news.

Wishing you all a bright and joyful spring!



With very best wishes.
Alf.

Key updates from my latest Chair Report:

- **Plans have been approved for summer planting and hanging baskets across all three villages**
- **Flags will be installed in Lightwater and Bagshot to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE day in May and VJ day in August. Council also agreed to grant fund Bagshot Events to purchase flags for the village shop fronts**
- **Full report available on our website**

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Parish News



Exciting New Playground Coming to Windmill Field!

The votes are in! After careful consideration and enthusiastic participation from residents, Playground 2 has been chosen as the winning design for Windmill Field. Featuring swings, slides, climbing frames, a spinning carousel, and interactive sensory panels, the new playground will offer an inclusive and dynamic space for children of all abilities.

Installation begins soon, with updates to follow. Stay tuned for details on the grand opening - we can't wait for families to enjoy this fantastic new play area!



Thank you to residents for attending a consultation on the playground & giving your views!



Parish News

Lightwater War Memorial and Garden

This February, the War Memorial and Gardens in Lightwater Village received a refresh, ensuring they remain a cherished place of remembrance and reflection for all.

As we welcome brighter days, spring planting will begin once the risk of frost has passed. We look forward to seeing the area flourish in the weeks ahead.



Traffic improvements coming to Bagshot Village

Since 2023, WPC's Bagshot Village Committee and the Traffic & Infrastructure Working Party have been reviewing traffic conditions. With support from SCC Councillor Richard Tear, Surrey Highways has now approved a traffic calming proposal.

What's included?

- **Traffic calming measures**
- **Review of the 7.5-tonne HGV weight limit**

The design currently is being finalised, WPC will keep residents informed as soon as further details on the next steps become available.



Windlesham Cemetery Update

We are pleased to inform residents that an area of Windlesham Cemetery has recently been landscaped to accommodate additional half-plot burials. This work ensures we can continue to provide a peaceful and well-maintained resting place for our community.

The Windlesham Village Committee has also agreed to plant a Liquidambar tree within the cemetery grounds. Known for its stunning autumn foliage, the Liquidambar displays vibrant red, orange, and purple leaves, adding beauty and seasonal interest to the area.



Windlesham Parish Council – how is your money spent?



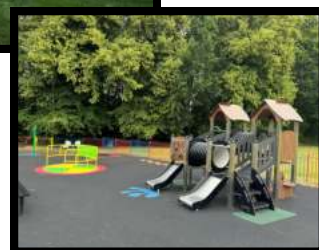
What is the
Precept?

The parish precept is the portion of your council tax that funds the work of the parish council. It helps provide essential local services, maintain facilities, and support community initiatives.

What Does
the
Precept
Fund?

The precept enables Windlesham Parish Council to provide a range of services including: parks and open spaces, allotments, cemeteries & heritage assets, tree management in our greenspaces areas, community grants and events in the villages.

The 25-26 WPC portion
of your council tax
ranges from 84p to
£2.51 per week
depending on your
property banding.



In n 2025-26 there are
8,911 precepting parishes
in England.

The average Band D
precept charged by local
precepting bodies
(including parish & town
councils) for 2025-26 is
£92.22.

WPC's agreed precept
level for 25-26 has
increased by 8.27%
compared to the previous
year, resulting in a total
precept of £65.29 for a
Band D property.

For the second year
the Council has
agreed a balanced
budget meaning
that the net
expenditure for the
Parish is covered by
income raised by the
precept.

For more detailed information including a breakdown of budget expenditure and how we compare locally, please visit our website: windleshampc.gov.uk

UPCOMING EVENTS

Church Services

All Saints Lightwater

Good Friday: 10:00am and 2:00pm
Easter Day: 5:30am Sunrise Service
(meet in Lightwater Country Park
car park)
9:00am and 10:25am: Traditional
& Contemporary Easter Holy
Communion



St Johns, Windlesham

Good Friday: 10:00 and 2:00pm
Easter Day: Sunrise service & 10:00am
Celebration
Easter Trail running through the Easter
Holidays. Details below:



St Annes, Bagshot

Good Friday: 10:00am Family Messy
service
Easter Morning Vigil: 5:30am
8am and 10am Easter Day Holy
Communion



MORE INFO

thelightwatersociety.org.uk



Windle Valley Fundraisers Easter Bunny Float & Golden Egg Hunt!

Good Friday, from 12pm – The Easter Bunny Float will travel around Bagshot, handing out 300+ Easter eggs!

Golden Egg Hunt – A week before Easter, 10 Golden Eggs will be hidden around Bagshot. Find one for a special prize, delivered by the Easter Bunny!



EASTER NEST CAKES



With Easter just around the corner, there's no better time to whip up a batch of these delightful Easter Nest Cakes! Simple, fun, and perfect for getting little hands involved, these no-bake treats combine crunchy cereal with smooth chocolate, topped with mini eggs for the perfect finish. Whether you're hosting an Easter gathering or just fancy a sweet treat, these nests are sure to bring a smile.

Ingredients

- 225g dark chocolate or a mix of dark and milk chocolate, broken into pieces
- 2 tbsp golden syrup
- 50g butter
- 75g cornflakes or puffed rice cereal
- 36 mini chocolate eggs

Method

1. Line a 12-hole fairy cake tin with paper cases.
2. Melt the chocolate, golden syrup and butter in a bowl set over a saucepan of gently simmering water (do not let the base of the bowl touch the water). Stir the mixture until smooth.
3. Remove the bowl from the heat and gently stir in the cornflakes until all of the cereal is coated in the chocolate.
4. Divide the mixture between the paper cases and press 3 chocolate eggs into the centre of each nest. Chill in the fridge for 1 hour, or until completely set.

Tips

- If you're not a fan of dark chocolate, you can substitute it with milk chocolate or a mix of both. Keep in mind that milk chocolate is much sweeter, and when combined with sugary cereal and golden syrup, it may become overly sweet.
- Feel free to swap cornflakes for shredded wheat or puffed rice cereal.
- Store your Easter egg cakes in an airtight container for up to a week to keep them fresh.
- Mini eggs can pose a choking hazard for young children. If needed, place them in a food bag and crush them into smaller pieces using a rolling pin.



Send in photos of your Easter Cakes!

Share your baking success with us, send in photos via email or social media, and we'll share them on our pages!



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Upcoming meetings:



Full Council Meeting: 29th April 2025

Planning Committee: 29th April 2025

Bagshot Village Committee: 6th May 2025

Planning Committee: 7th May 2025

Annual Parish Meeting: 13th May 2025

Planning Committee: 20th May 2025

The location of all meetings are publicised on the agenda 3 clear working days before each meeting. This is available on our website.