

SUMMER 2025



Windlesham  
Parish Council

Windlesham Lightwater Bagshot

# NEWSLETTER

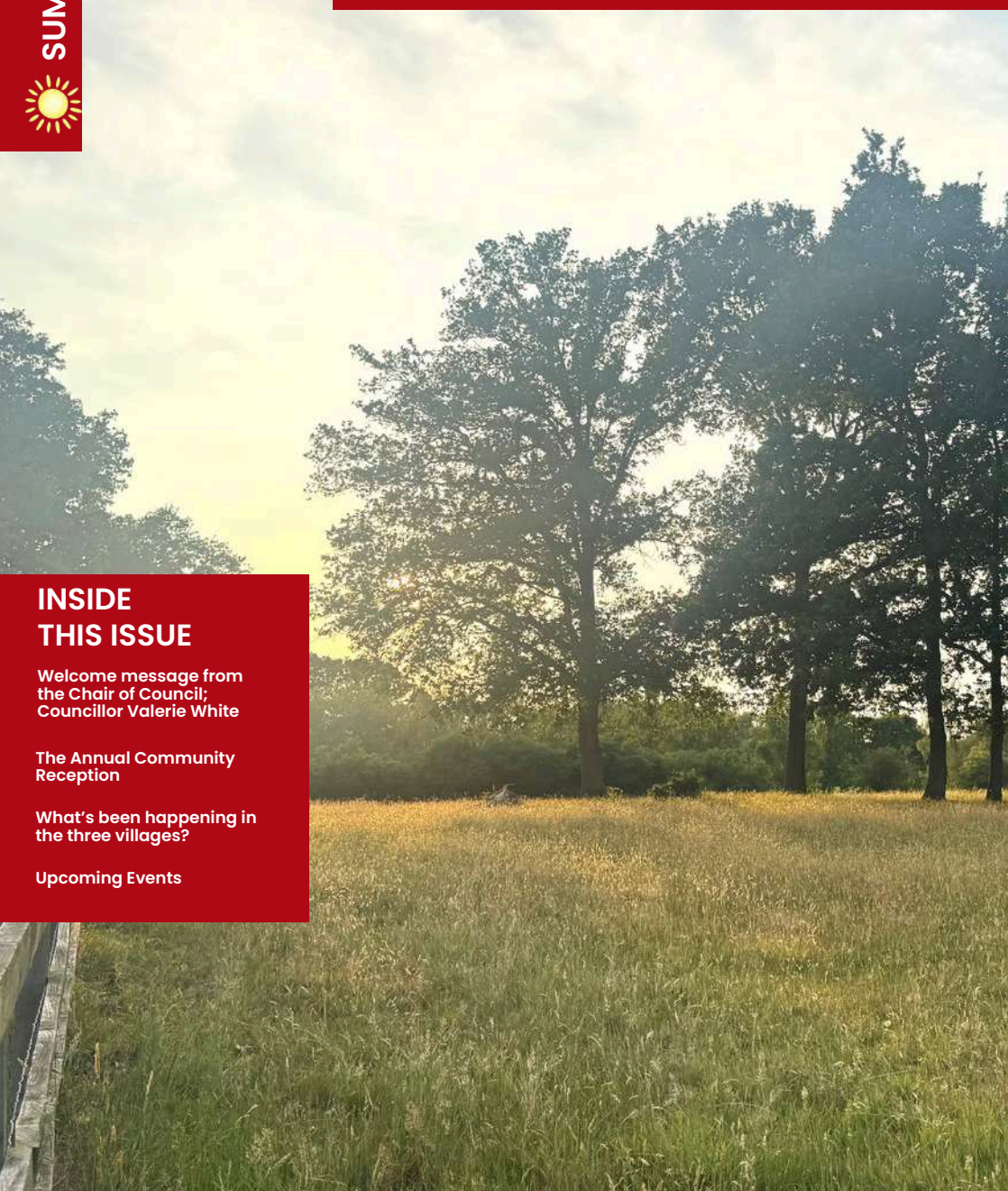
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# CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

## *Councillor Valerie White*

I'm delighted to welcome you to this summer edition of the parish council newsletter, my first as your new Chairman. It's a pleasure and a privilege to take on this role, and I look forward to a productive year ahead.

We've been blessed with some glorious summer weather lately which has really brought our villages to life. It's been fantastic to see so many of you enjoying the recent school summer fayres and village fetes – each one a shining example of our strong community spirit and the dedication of local volunteers.

We're also thrilled to share some exciting developments: the eagerly awaited new playground in Windlesham is now open, offering a fantastic space for children and families to enjoy. Meanwhile, the new playground at Gomer Road in Bagshot is also proving very popular.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and find time to make the most of everything our villages have to offer.

*Warm Regards, Valerie*



## Q&A with our new Chairman

**How long have you been a Councillor for?**

**I have been a Parish Councillor for over 22 years and a Borough Councillor for over 14 years.**

**What made you want to become a Councillor?**

**I wanted to become involved in the community and this seemed the most constructive way to do that.**

**What volunteer work have you been involved in within and outside of the Council since you were first elected?**

**Over the years I have been involved in Bagshot Events setting up events such as Bagshot Village Day, Halloween event, Carols around the Christmas tree, Carols in the Chapel to name a few. I was instrumental in setting up Bagshot Village Community Library in 2013 which is run by a team of brilliant volunteers.**

**What have been your favourite events?**

**My favourite event is Carols in The Chapel.**





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## Parish News

# Windlesham Welcomes a New Playground at Windmill Field!

WPC is excited to announce that the new playground at Windmill Field in Windlesham is officially open! It's a colourful and welcoming space packed with fun features designed for children of all ages and abilities to enjoy.

Some of the new highlights include a wheelchair-friendly roundabout, interactive sensory panels, a trim trail for budding adventurers, and even a sunken trampoline for extra bounce! Whether it's climbing, spinning, exploring or just having fun, there's something for everyone.

We enjoyed working with the community to choose the final design and we hope local families are already enjoying everything the new playground has to offer!

## Join Us for the Grand Opening on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August!

To celebrate, we're hosting a Teddy Bears' Picnic at the playground on Friday 1st August at 1pm-3pm. Bring your bears, blankets, and snacks to enjoy an afternoon of fun.





## **Celebrating Our Community: Annual Parish Community Reception 2025**

On Saturday 26th April, we were thrilled to host our Annual Parish Council Community Reception, a truly wonderful event where we recognised and celebrated the incredible volunteers who make Bagshot, Lightwater, and Windlesham such special places to live. The afternoon was hosted by Councillor Valerie White, who warmly welcomed guests and led the celebrations with great pride and enthusiasm. We were also delighted to be joined by our Surrey Heath MP, Al Pinkerton, and the 24/25 Mayor of Surrey Heath, Councillor Sarbie Kang.

This year's Award Recipients are:

### **Bagshot**

Carolyn Nahajski – Celebrated for leading the Christmas Tree Festival and her service as Chief Executive of Connect Counselling.

### **Lightwater**

Oliver Street – Recognised for his support of Lightwater Scouts and his consistent kindness to others.

Matt & Viv Dodds – Thanked for years of support and sponsorship of local events.

Kurt Ashwood – Commended for his energy and generosity as the Lightwater DJ.

Debbie Jackson – Acknowledged for her role in moderating community Facebook groups and promoting safe online spaces.

Mike Hillman & Alan Meeks – Honoured for long-standing volunteer work with Windlesham and Camberley Camera Club.

### **Windlesham**

Windlesham Scout Team – Naomi Neathey, Steve & Lindsay Green, and Rachel Hobcroft were celebrated for their dedication to the Scout Group.

Sophie Holt – Honoured for her years of service with the Windlesham Field of Remembrance.



2024-2025 SHBC Mayor Sarbie Kang with Cllr Valerie White

## Junior Award: Isla

We were thrilled to launch our first-ever Junior Award this year, and what a start! The award went to Isla, an extraordinary young girl whose fundraising and advocacy have touched hearts near and far.

Diagnosed with the rare condition FOP as a baby, Isla has achieved remarkable milestones:

- At 6: Won South East RDA Participant of the Year
- At 7: Featured in the Tin Soldiers documentary
- At 9: Appeared on This Morning to raise awareness for FOP and RDA

Together with her family and friends, Isla has raised:

- £5,000+ for Quest RDA
- £1,500+ for Shooting Star Hospice
- £100,000+ for FOP Friends

She's completed Trike Challenges, Superhero Triathlons, and continues to inspire everyone she meets. Learn more at [fopfriends.com](http://fopfriends.com)



## Parish News

### New Playgrounds Open in Bagshot!

#### Gomer Road

Windlesham Parish Council's Bagshot Village Committee proudly supported the Earlswood Estate Management Group with a total of £17,500 towards the new playground on Gomer Road. The fantastic new play area is a great addition for local families.



#### Whitmoor Road

In June, Surrey Heath Borough Council completed the eagerly awaited replacement of the playground at Whitmoor Road, which is now being enjoyed by the whole community.



### VE & VJ day flags proudly on display across our 3 villages

We're proud to have supported the display of Union Jack flags across Windlesham and Lightwater, and to have awarded a grant to Bagshot Events for their commemorative flag displays. These flags honour both VE Day and VJ Day, and will remain in place through to the end of August, marking VJ Day - Victory over Japan Day, the date that signified the true end of the Second World War.



### Planting at Lightwater War Memorial

In May, the planting around the Lightwater War Memorial was enhanced with red, white, and blue flowers to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day, along with new shrubs to provide year-round colour and interest.



### Rewilding at Windlesham Cemetery

Two sections in the very old part of Windlesham Cemetery are now being rewilded to encourage biodiversity, support pollinators, and create habitats for wildlife, while remaining respectful to the space.



### Council Grant Helps Brighten Up Bagshot

WPC is proud to support the Bagshot Society, with Cllr Andrew Willgoss recently joining Nick Dorrington for community gardening to refresh the village centre planters and the Church Road trough, made possible by a Council grant to the Society.



Chair of Council Cllr Valerie White, alongside 25/26 SHBC Mayor Councillor Louise Ashbery, visited Oysters in Lightwater to celebrate National Fish and Chip Day in June.

## A message from our new neighbourhood Police Officer

My name is PC COOPER and I'm delighted to introduce myself as your new Neighbourhood Police Officer. I've taken over this role and am looking forward to getting to know the community and working together to help keep Windlesham a safe, welcoming, and thriving place to live.

With 6 years of policing experience, I'm passionate about community engagement, crime prevention and being a visible, approachable presence. Whether it's addressing concerns, offering advice or simply having a chat, I'm here to support you.

Over the coming months I will be looking to attend local events, holding drop-in sessions and completing patrols of the area, both on foot and in a vehicle. If you see me out and about, please don't hesitate to say hello.

Community safety is a shared responsibility and I'm committed to listening to your concerns and working together to address them.

Stay Safe, PC COOPER



**Contact PC Cooper**

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## Windlesham Parish Councillors:

### Bagshot Village Committee:

Cllr White	Cllr Bakar
Cllr Willgoss	Cllr Gordon
Cllr Du Cann	Cllr Wilson

### Lightwater Village Committee:

Cllr Turner	Cllr Hartshorn
Cllr R Jennings-Evans	Cllr Harris
Cllr Stevens	Cllr Malcaus Cooper
Cllr D Jennings-Evans	

### Windlesham Village Committee:

Cllr Lewis	Cllr Wheeler
Cllr Marr	Cllr Hardless
Cllr Richardson	

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## Upcoming meetings:

**Bagshot Village Committee: 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025**

**Personnel Committee: 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025**

**Communications Committee: 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025**

**Planning Committee: 29th July 2025**

**Full Council Meeting: 29th July 2025**

**Planning Committee: 12th August 2025**

**Full Council: 23rd September**

The location of all meetings are publicised on the agenda 3 clear workings days before each meeting. This is available on our website.  
Or call the Parish Council Office on: 01276 471675



## UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTICES



### Devolution in Surrey Upcoming Consultations Affecting Local Governance

The UK Government is currently holding a public consultation on proposals for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) in Surrey. This consultation seeks views from residents, businesses, and local stakeholders to help shape the future structure of local government across the county.

The consultation is open now and will **close on 5th August 2025**.

To complete the survey and share your views visit: [www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-surrey](http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-surrey)



Scan for the link to the LGR consultation

In addition to this, Surrey Heath Borough Council will shortly be launching a Community Governance Review (CGR) to ensure that parish boundaries, representation, and governance arrangements remain appropriate in light of local government reorganisation.

Windlesham Parish Council will keep residents updated as these reviews progress, please keep an eye on our website for the latest information as it becomes available.

### Guided Walks



Various dates and locations around Surrey Heath.



### Windmill Field Playground Grand Opening Event

Friday 1st August  
1:00pm-3:00pm

Windmill Field Playground,  
Windmill Field, Windlesham



### JOIN THE LIGHTWATER TRAFFIC & INFRASTRUCTURE WORKING PARTY!

Windlesham Parish Council is looking for enthusiastic local residents to join a dedicated Working Party focused on reviewing proposed traffic and infrastructure improvements in Lightwater village.



#### What will the Working Party do?

The Working Party will have an important role in identifying local issues, gathering evidence, and championing improvements to road safety, traffic flow, and sustainable infrastructure that benefit both residents and local businesses.

[windleshampc.gov.uk](http://windleshampc.gov.uk)

#### Who are we looking for?

- 2 members of community groups
- 2 members of the Lightwater business community
- Lightwater residents keen to get involved

Interested?  
To register your interest or find out more, please email:  
[clerk@windleshampc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@windleshampc.gov.uk)



### Bagshot Chapel

### Heritage Open Day

Windlesham Parish Council will be opening Bagshot Chapel as part of the nationwide Heritage Open Days.

Explore the charming early 20th-century chapel of rest, nestled in a serene, closed cemetery.

The site includes the grave of Emily Jane Popejoy, a servant girl whose tragic story captivated Victorian society.

Saturday 13th and  
Saturday 20th September

- 10:00am-4:00pm
- Pre-booking not required

For more information visit:  
[www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)



## FAYRE IN THE SQUARE 2025

13TH SEPT 2025

29TH NOV 2025

11 AM - 3 PM

3.30 PM - 8 PM



FOOD & CRAFT STALLS IN THE LIGHTWATER SQUARE IN FRONT OF THE CO-OP QU18 55A

THIS IS A LIGHTWATER SOCIETY EVENT - [LIGHTWATEREVENTS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LIGHTWATEREVENTS@GMAIL.COM)