



# NEWSLETTER

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# CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

*Councillor Valerie White*

As we come to the close of another busy and rewarding year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on some of the wonderful things that have taken place across our parish.

This year saw the opening of new playgrounds in Bagshot & Windlesham, giving our youngest residents fresh, vibrant spaces to enjoy. We were blessed with lovely summer weather that brought everyone outdoors to enjoy village life, and who could forget the fantastic VE Day flags that adorned our streets - a colourful display of community spirit that truly brought our villages together.

Our Annual Community Reception was another highlight, celebrating the many volunteers who dedicate their time to making Windlesham, Bagshot and Lightwater such special places to live. We also had a record turnout for the Heritage Open Days at Bagshot Chapel, with over 120 visitors across two Saturdays in September, a wonderful testament to the growing local interest in our shared heritage.

With Christmas now around the corner, there is still plenty to look forward to before we welcome 2026. The Christmas trees and lights will once again brighten our villages, and the much loved Carols at Bagshot Chapel promises to be another charming and festive evening.

On behalf of all of us at Windlesham Parish Council, I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas, and a healthy, happy and peaceful 2026.

*Warmest Wishes,*  
*Valerie*

## Chairman's Christmas Favourites



Christmas Film: White Christmas

Christmas Food: Mushroom wellington with cauliflower cheese

Christmas Carol: Silent Night

## Christmas Closure Information



The Parish Council Office will be closed for the Christmas period from Monday 22nd December and will re-open on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

## Contact Us



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## Parish News

### Windlesham Village Updates

#### Windlesham Cemetery

Windlesham Cemetery drainage surveys are due to take place in early December. Residents will be kept updated with the outcome.

#### New bench for Windmill Field

An additional bench will be placed on the path adjacent to Windmill Field playground.

#### Speed Surveys

The speed surveys have taken place and now the results and next steps will be discussed with Surrey County Council.



### Community Governance Review including Windlesham Parish

Surrey Heath Borough Council has completed the first phase of its Community Governance Review (CGR). The second phase, which includes Windlesham Parish (Lightwater, Bagshot and Windlesham), is now open for consultation.

Windlesham Parish Council will also share further information on our website and issue an information leaflet for anyone needing more detail.

Please visit the SHBC Consultations page to take part. <https://www.surreyheath.gov.uk/about-council/consultations> - closing date 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

### Potential transfer of Assets to Windlesham Parish

A consultation on whether Windlesham Parish Council should take on a potential asset package from SHBC, following local government reorganisation, is available to complete on our website. Please visit the links from the homepage and share your views by **January 9<sup>th</sup> 2026**.

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

### Lightwater Village Updates

#### Events for 2026

Two community events are confirmed for next year:

- Lightwater Fete in May, organised by Lightwater Connected
- Music Festival in July, hosted by the Lightwater Society

#### Community Grants

Approval was granted for the Lightwater 1st Scouts to use the recreation ground, along with a grant to support the installation of safety fencing for Bonfire Night.

#### Planting across the village

The War Memorial, memorial garden and Lightwater Cemetery received some extra planting ahead of Remembrance Day.



### Bagshot Village Updates

#### Bagshot Pond

Plans to improve and tidy the pond area are now close to being finalised. We've also sought additional guidance from a Surrey Heath Borough Council drainage engineer to ensure long-term maintenance. This project is a key priority for many residents, and we'll continue to share updates as work progresses.

#### Community Grants

£10,000 has been committed to Bagshot Cricket Club for new training nets! This builds on a previous £5,000 grant, supporting both youth and adult players.

#### Traffic and Infrastructure

The Surrey CC Highways design team is currently refining the proposed traffic-calming plans for Bagshot Village. Once the updated designs are completed, they will be shared with the Parish Council. We'll keep residents informed as soon as more details are available.

## Reflecting on 2025

As we near the end of 2025, the Parish Council would like to take a moment to look back on what has been a productive and rewarding financial year so far.



### Grants awarded to:

- Bagshot Society
- Bagshot Cricket Club
- Windlesham over 60s Luncheon Club
- Lightwater Society
- KSS (Kent, Surrey, Sussex) Air Ambulance
- Windlesham Royal British Legion
  - Bagshot Events
  - Windlesham FoR





## Reflecting on 2025





## A message from your neighbourhood Police Officer



### Contact PC Cooper

[courtney.cooper@  
surrey.police.uk](mailto:courtney.cooper@surrey.police.uk)



As we approach the festive season, I'd like to take a moment to wish everyone across Lightwater, Bagshot, and Windlesham a very Merry Christmas and a safe, peaceful New Year.

This time of year is about community, kindness, and looking out for one another — values that shine brightly in our villages. Whether it's neighbours checking in on the elderly, local shops supporting community events, or the simple act of a friendly wave, it all helps make our area such a special place to live.

From a policing perspective, we'll continue to be out and about throughout the Christmas period, keeping an eye on things and being there when you need us. A few friendly reminders as we head into the holidays:

- Keep homes secure when out visiting friends or family.
- Be cautious online when shopping – avoid scams and only buy from trusted sites.
- Plan ahead if you're celebrating – arrange a lift or taxi, and never drink and drive.
- And most importantly, look out for one another, especially anyone who may be alone this Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support and for making Lightwater, Bagshot, and Windlesham such welcoming, safe communities.

Wishing you all a joyful Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Stay safe,

**PC 41349 COOPER**

Surrey Police – Local Neighbourhood Policing Team

## 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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[cldr.\(surname\)@windleshampc.gov.uk](mailto:cldr.(surname)@windleshampc.gov.uk)

## Upcoming meetings:

**Planning Committee: 17<sup>th</sup> December – 11:00am**

**Planning Committee: 9<sup>th</sup> January 11:00am**

**Windlesham Village Committee: 19<sup>th</sup> January  
at 7:00pm**

**Full Council: 20<sup>th</sup> January at 7:15pm**

**Lightwater Village Committee: 21<sup>st</sup> January at  
7:00pm**

**Planning Committee: 28<sup>th</sup> January 11:00am**

**Bagshot Village: 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7:00pm**

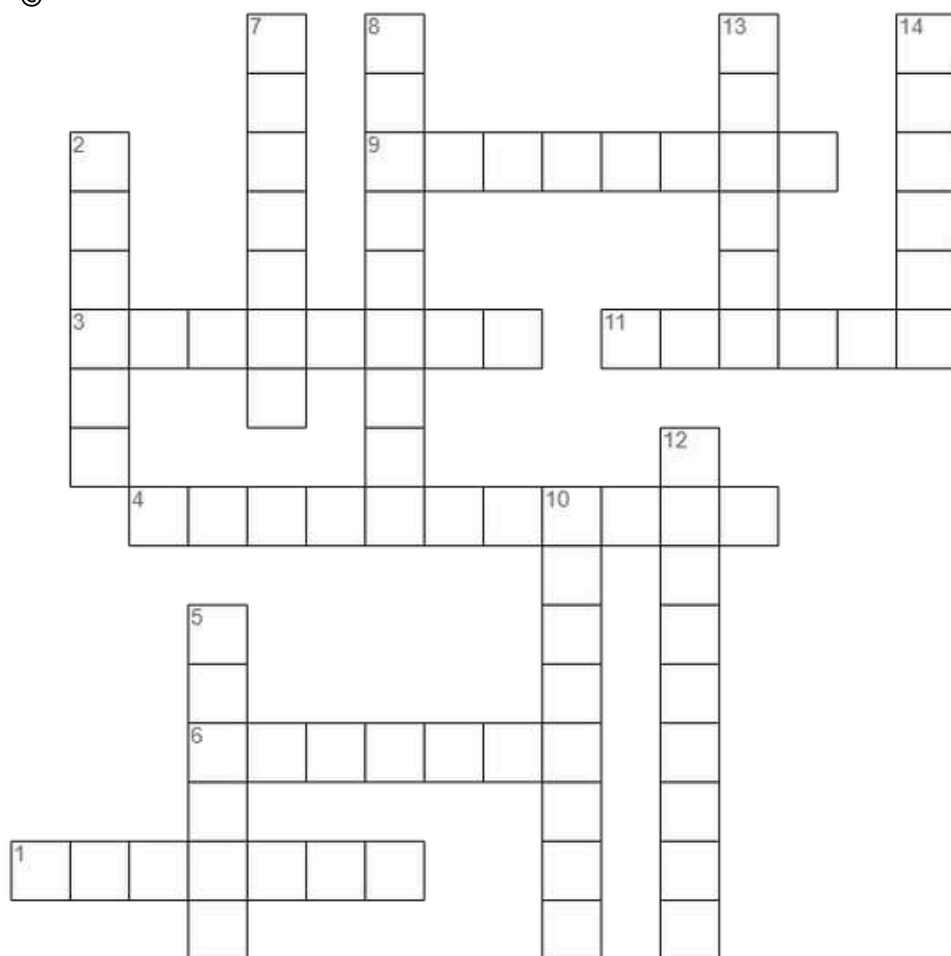
The location of all meetings are publicised on the agenda 3 clear workings days before each meeting. This is available on our website.

For a full list of council meetings please visit our website.

# Puzzle Page



## Crossword



### DOWN

2. Traditional Christmas Songs
5. Creamy holiday beverage
7. Frosty character built in the winter
8. Plant hung to steal a Christmas kiss
10. Santa's team of flying creatures
12. Striped Christmas Sweet
13. The sound of sleigh bells
14. Santa's mode of transport

### ACROSS

1. Red nosed reindeer
3. Decorative ball hung on the tree
4. Spicy cookie shaped like a house
6. Decorative greens strung along the mantle
9. Hung by the chimney with care
11. Circular decoration for the door

## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



Can you find all 4 differences between these two cosy holiday scenes?  
Look closely...something's missing, something's changed, and a few sneaky details are hiding in plain sight!





## UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTICES



### Windlesham Pram Race

Boxing day - 26<sup>th</sup>  
December  
more information:

[www.pramrace.com](http://www.pramrace.com)



19th December  
Santa is coming  
to Lightwater!  
Organised by  
Lightwater Village  
School  
PTA

### Windlesham mini market and Christmas tree lighting festivities

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December at the  
Windlesham Field of  
Remembrance  
4 - 8 pm

[windleshamchristmaslights.com](http://windleshamchristmaslights.com)



### WPC Transfer of Assets Consultation

Please scan the QR code  
to have your say on the  
potential transfer of  
assets from SHBC to  
Windlesham Parish  
Council following local  
government  
reorganisation



Closing date 9<sup>th</sup> January  
2026

### *Christmas Carols at Bagshot Chapel Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December*

A rare opportunity to join in  
Christmas carols within the  
delightful, historic chapel.

6:00pm  
Bagshot Chapel  
Chapel Lane, GU19 5BP

