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Message from Councillor Saunders

Dear resident,

Within these pages you will find more information about what we plan to spend your Council Tax on and how changes to this year’s rates will allow us to continue to provide quality, value for money services.

We have now agreed a 1.95% increase to Council Tax – meaning we still have the lowest Council Tax outside of London. This is coupled with a 3 percent precept for adult social care to ensure funding is in place to care for older residents and those with additional needs.

The majority of our budget provides people centred services, supporting children and families, vulnerable people, older residents and people with special needs. This budget will enable us to maintain quality and increase provision of services for people when they most need help, as well as continuing to provide the services enjoyed by all residents: libraries, weekly bin collections, street improvements and community safety.

In our budget for the next year our plans include supporting community safety by upgrading and replacing our CCTV network as well as keeping our 18 community wardens as familiar points of local contact.

We are building a state-of-the-art leisure centre at Braywick Park to replace the ageing Magnet Leisure Centre.

We are securing your full weekly bin collection and keeping all our 14 libraries open and we will continue to offer a range of services at our 10 children’s centres.

We are proud to be investing £10.6m into improving road infrastructure, filling potholes and providing LED street lights and safety schemes.

You will continue to benefit from Advantage Card discounts on timed-based parking charges and free resident parking permits, as well as earmarking £2.6m to carry out major infrastructure improvements in Windsor.

On top of these investments we are ensuring that we continue to provide value for money by making the way we work more efficient.

This year we plan to save £5.4m to enable Council Tax to remain affordable for residents while still providing all of your services and the improvements you value.

Cllr MJ Saunders
Cabinet member for finance
Top results for our pupils

Pupils are achieving high results as we perform in the top 15 percent for Key Stage 4 according to performance tables released by the Department for Education.

Half of all pupils at mainstream schools managed to achieve a strong pass (grade 5 or above) in the recently reformed English and Maths GCSE, well above the national average of 43 percent. Almost three-quarters of pupils attained a grade 4 (standard pass) or above compared to 62 percent nationally.

Cllr Natasha Airey, cabinet member for children’s services, said: “These are some really positive results and show young people in this borough are performing highly and getting a great start to their lives.”

A level results were also good. At Key Stage 5 a total of 19 percent of students, who took at least three A levels including at least two facilitating subjects, achieved AAB or better which is above the all schools national average of 17 percent.

Better roads - fewer potholes

We invest millions in maintaining our roads and eliminating potholes to keep the borough’s roads in good condition.

Working with VolkerHighways we undertook a pothole challenge back in October and November to get rid of potholes in the borough.

We repair potholes and resurface roads all year round but this challenge was an intensive programme to reduce deterioration normally associated with harsher winter weather.

From April to the end of November last year 2,954 potholes were filled in.

Report any potholes online by going to www.rbwm.gov.uk and choosing the ‘report it’ tab or by calling 01628 683800.

Oaken Grove’s daffodils

Pupils have been rolling up their sleeves and getting involved in their community as they planted daffodil bulbs in the Winton Memorial Garden.

Youngsters from Courthouse Junior School were invited to pick up a trowel and play their own part in helping our parks team make the area bloom by planting daffodil bulbs.

The council created the space in Oaken Grove Park last year as a tribute to Maidenian Sir Nicholas Winton near Pinkneys Green where he lived.

The park’s design includes railway sleepers, a water feature and pockets of wildflowers to give residents and visitors an outdoor space to unwind and relax in.

The school children will soon be able to enjoy their daffodils in full bloom as they come into flower this spring.
Free WiFi in towns

More than 45,000 residents and visitors have used the free and fast WiFi that can be accessed across Windsor and Maidenhead town centres.

The council and IntechnologyWiFi launched the service last summer to support the growth of Maidenhead’s digital economy during regeneration and also enhance visitors’ experience of Windsor.

Users are able to enjoy unlimited free browsing without running up large bills for data usage. Visit www.rbwmfreewifi.com for more information.

Intechnology WiFi has also launched a lifestyle app called Citi-Wise which offers daily highlights, including places to eat and drink, daytime and evening events, museums and attractions. Visit www.citi-wise.com to download Citi-Wise and find out more.

Extra funding for Citizens Advice

Double the number of volunteers can be recruited in the coming year to provide help to hundreds more people following a £32,810 grant to Citizens Advice Maidenhead & Windsor from the council.

The Royal Borough already provides the charity annual funding of £132,000 to offer advice on a number of matters including debt, housing and employment.

The valuable local service provides vital support and advice to thousands of people across the borough and this extra one-off funding of £32,810 will allow it to help more residents resolve a range of issues and enable long term problem solving. We are also extending its Service Level Agreement from 1 April to support up to 4,000 people.

They pay a peppercorn rent to the council for their office at 4 Marlow Road, Maidenhead; they also operate their services from Windsor Library and the Bridge Café, Datchet.

Cllr Samantha Rayner, cabinet member for culture and communities, said: “Citizens Advice is a lifeline to thousands in the borough.

“The team do a very valuable and skilled job and I’m delighted the council can support them to expand.”

Christine O’Hare, chief executive, Citizens Advice Maidenhead & Windsor, said: “We are very fortunate to have such strong support from the local authority who really value our services.”

For more information on the group visit maidenheadcab.org.uk or follow @MaidenheadCAB on Twitter. If you are interested in volunteering please email recruitment@maidenheadcab.org.uk

Preparing for Universal Credit?

Universal Credit (the replacement for a number of welfare benefits) is coming into effect in the Royal Borough this May.

You may be affected if:

- You claim benefits and your circumstances change, after Universal Credit is introduced.
- You need to claim benefit for the first time, after Universal Credit is introduced.

Are you ready?

Top five facts you need to know about Universal Credit:

- You’ll need to make your claim online.
- You’ll need a bank or Credit Union account.
- Benefits will be paid monthly in arrears so you’ll need to adapt your budget.
- Help with your rent will be paid directly to you so you’ll need to pay your landlord.
- There will be just one payment per household so, if you’re a couple, you’ll need to decide how you want your benefit paid.

Visit www.gov.uk/universal-credit for further information and advice.
Légion d’honneur presented to veteran

A veteran who served across Europe in the Second World War in the Royal Household Cavalry was presented with France’s highest military honour on his hundredth birthday.

Alfred Lawes was invited to a special celebration at the regiment’s Combermere Barracks where he was presented with the Légion d’honneur for his role in the D-Day landings.

He was born on November 14 1917, four days before the Battle of Passchendaele ended. He joined the regiment in 1937 and married two years later.

Throughout the war he drove a Daimler Dingo across the continent before returning to Berkshire where he has lived for most of his life.

Mr Lawes was presented with the medal by Field Marshal The Lord Guthrie, The Colonel of Life Guards, in a room full of his family, friends, the Mayor of the Royal Borough Cllr John Lenton and soldiers.

The 100-year-old said he had no idea the special celebration had been organised by his daughter. “I didn’t expect all this fuss but I am very glad to get a new medal, I’ve waited a long time for it,” he said.

Future wards - have your say

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has launched a new consultation on plans to change the Royal Borough’s warding pattern.

The group published draft recommendations for the borough on 6 March and the consultation now runs until 7 May.

The commission will review all responses and then publish their final recommendations in early July.

They have already indicated they are minded to reduce the number of borough councillors from 57 to 42.

The review is designed to ensure each councillor represents a similar number of residents when the new warding pattern takes effect at the 2019 local elections.

Visit www.lgbce.org.uk for more information.

Celebrate what we have in common

Leaders of the 53 Commonwealth states will gather at Windsor Castle during a four-day summit that is taking place between 16 and 20 April and you can join in by hosting a Big Lunch.

The summit’s theme is ‘Towards a Common Future’ and is focused on meeting the challenges of the modern world. For more information visit www.chogm2018.org.uk

To mark this important event, the annual Big Lunch (where people get together with their neighbours and the wider community to share a meal) is being extended out to people across the Commonwealth.

The aim is to celebrate everything we have in common across our 53 nations.

Residents can help join in the celebrations by hosting a Commonwealth Big Lunch between 12 March and 22 April.

Sign up for a free pack with everything you need to help plan an event at: www.commonwealthbiglunches.com
Your feedback helped shape our new website

The design makes it easier for you to access key services including Council Tax and housing enquiries. There is also a quick link to current consultation pages and dedicated pages for visitors and businesses. The final design was chosen from a shortlist of three options created after a survey of users about the old website and innovative eye-tracking technology helped us understand how people use our website.

One of the pages on the website is a new map showing car parks and landmarks. This will help you find the nearest parking for your needs as well as tourist attractions.

Our website has been refreshed with help from you.

Services at the touch of a button

Hundreds of council services are available to you 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can create an online account, giving you access to services and allowing you to track the progress of requests.

The services you can use via My Account are:
- Make a complaint, compliment or leave a comment.
- Report a missed bin collection.
- Order a new bin or replace a damaged bin.
- Sign up to a green waste subscription.
- Get help to put your bins out.
- Order a van permit to use Stafferton Way.
- Order waste and recycling bags.
- Request a collection of large items.
- Renew your bus pass.
- Apply for a blue badge.
- Apply for school transport.
- Appeal a school place decision.

Visit www.rbwm.gov.uk to create your account and sign up.

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With three local colleges in Berkshire and Surrey, we can help you unlock a world of opportunities and provide you with an exceptional learning experience. Start your journey by attending an Open Day. You’ll be able to find out about over 800 courses and apprenticeships, check out our facilities, meet tutors and receive expert advice on courses, careers and financial support.

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Summer Term 2018
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Berkshire, SL3 8BY

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Thurs 28 June 4-6pm
Windsor College
St Leonards Road,
Windsor, Berkshire
SL4 3AZ

STRODE’S COLLEGE
Summer Term 2018
Thurs 5 July 5-8pm
Strode’s College
High Street, Egham
Surrey, TW20 9DR

Windsor Forest Colleges Group is a charity which exists to provide education to the community.
Entrepreneurs dazzle dragons panel

Budding entrepreneurs had a chance to pitch their business ideas and get feedback from a panel of experts at a Dragon’s Den style event.

The annual event is co-hosted by the council’s Grow Our Own team and saw those wanting to break out and start their own venture receive tips of the trade and pointers to make their ideas fly.

There are a host of other services available from the council to anyone wanting to get a new business off the ground. This includes business rates relief, community grants and advice on a wide range of topics.

For more information on starting your own business or finding a new job you can speak to the Grow Our Own team on 01628 685661.

The group also hosts a weekly job club at the Town Hall and more details can be found at www.growourown.co.uk

Going the extra mile

Cookham Rise Primary School is going the extra mile with their new running track funded by the Spøre Merry and Rixman Foundation and their Sport Premium. Thanks to the investment pupils are now able to run whatever the weather.

The school is signed up to The Daily Mile initiative where primary school children are encouraged to walk, jog or run a mile every day. It takes 15 minutes from desk to desk and children of all abilities can take part. We are working with schools to encourage children to be more active.

Helen Daniels, head teacher said: “Running The Daily Mile is helping us all to be fitter and go further. The children are thoroughly enjoying it and so are the staff.”

Visit www.thedailymile.co.uk to find out more about the programme and learn how you can get involved.

Braywick Leisure Centre update

Plans to build a new state-of-the-art leisure centre in Maidenhead have been given the green light.

Braywick Leisure Centre will provide a new 10-lane swimming pool and 200-station gym for the town.

Plans for the project were discussed by the Maidenhead Development Management Panel last month and resolved to be approved.

The new facility will offer improved disabled access, enhanced parking provision, a regular bus service and a space for cultural events.

Meanwhile the development of plans for The Oaks Leisure Centre in the south of the borough are progressing. The development plans to expand the sports and leisure offer, subject to planning permission.

We will share more details on this project when we are able to.
Grants for our community

This year’s budget has set aside another £300,000 for community grants.

Elizabeth House, a club for over 60s in Cookham, has a new lift thanks to a £5,000 grant from the council that was used to part fund it.

The lift helps take visitors up to where they can access podiatry, hairdressing and other services.

Cllr Stuart Carroll, cabinet member for adult services, public health and communications, visited the club recently and saw the upgraded kitchen that was part funded by a council grant.

He said: “It was a pleasure to meet the staff and members and watch their morning sing-along.”

Another group that has benefited from a council grant is the Berkshire group of The Conservation Volunteers. They secured a revenue grant from the council last year of £4,200.

This enabled them to organise 12 practical volunteering projects, 114 volunteer days and work with 28 different volunteers. They helped tidy up seven different sites in the borough with the help of the council's countryside and right of way teams.

Buffy Harris-Jones, senior project officer for the group, said: “Thank you for your ongoing support, we love working with the council and working in Windsor and Maidenhead. The volunteers really enjoy the work we do there and the council teams really appreciate the volunteers' work as well.”

If you would like to apply for one of our grants more details are on our website www.rbwm.gov.uk

Celebrating weddings in Windsor

The Windsor & Royal Borough Museum is planning a programme of wedding-related events, activities and talks throughout May in celebration of the wedding of HRH Prince Harry to Ms Meghan Markle.

Come and visit the museum and see the exhibition related to weddings in Windsor, showcasing objects and stories from residents across the Royal Borough.

Visitors to the museum from all over the world will be invited to share their wedding stories with the museum throughout the month of May.

A programme of talks and events is being planned; one of the highlights will be a talk by former International Mastermind winner Lesley Grout, whose specialist subject was St George's Chapel in Windsor. It is set to be a real royal celebration and we would love residents to help make it a success.

Visit - www3.rbwm.gov.uk/museum or telephone 01628 685686 for more information.

Building fraudster jailed

A conman who tricked residents out of a quarter of a million pounds and failed to finish building works has been jailed for six years.

Stewart Robin Regent scammed four homeowners in the borough when he overcharged them for carrying out building works he never completed.

Regent, also known as Rasala, overcharged his victims, by a total of £250,000 and in one case left a homeowner without any windows or electricity after he was paid to build an extension.

The Royal Borough’s trading standards team launched an investigation in 2015 when one of his victims came forward.

A jury unanimously found the 60-year-old guilty of five counts of fraud.

Regent, of Dockett Eddy, Chertsey, Surrey, was jailed for six years at Reading Crown Court on Friday 2 March, the longest sentence the trading standards team has ever secured.
New crossing patrollers

Royal Borough looks to recruit new crossing patrollers

Cllr Lynne Jones, ward member for Old Windsor, and Tony Robinson, principal streetworks officer at the council, worked hard to recruit a new crossing patroller for St Peter’s Church of England Middle School in Old Windsor. The borough are now looking to help three schools in Maidenhead.

Martin Clist has been employed to help pupils cross the busy junction of St Luke’s Road and Crimp Hill in the historic village.

Andy Snipp, headteacher at the school said: “We always encourage our pupils to lead healthy lives and that includes walking, cycling and even scooting to school. Our new crossing patroller means parents can be confident they can do so safely.”

Drivers are legally obliged to stop and wait at the request of a crossing patroller.

Cllr Lynne Jones, ward member for Old Windsor, said: “The school crossing patroller provides an important service in the village and Martin helps scores of pupils get to school every day.”

We are helping three schools in Maidenhead recruit crossing patrollers for Stroud Farm Road, Oaken Grove and Altwood Road. Visit: ats-rbwm.jobsgopublic.com/vacancies/list or call 01628 683800 for more information.

Council steps in to save bus routes

Bus services will continue to keep communities connected after the council helped agree new providers for a series of routes across the borough when the original provider announced they would have to cancel them last year.

A replacement for the 10 service has been arranged to connect Dedworth to Heathrow Airport via Windsor, Datchet, Sunnymeads, Wraysbury and Poyle. The revitalised 15/15A creates a new link connecting Maidenhead and the communities at Taplow, Dorney, Eton Wick, Eton and Slough.

Both these services are now provided by Courtney Buses and replace a number of First Bus routes that were stopped at the start of the year. Courtney Buses are one of two providers who have stepped in to replace the routes. Reading Buses and Courtney Buses will also provide journeys on the number 2 route running from Dedworth and into Slough, via Windsor.

Cllr Phill Bicknell, cabinet member for highways, transport and Windsor, said: “I’m delighted that we have been able to secure these new routes and ensure there was no break in service for residents.

“These new services will help keep school children, workers and visitors on the move and maintain important connections between communities.”

For full details of the new timetables you can go online at www.courtneybuses.com or www.reading-buses.co.uk depending on the route provider you wish to see.

Congratulations

Well done to our two lucky winners from last issue’s competition. Pam Morrisroe and Shelagh Irish both scooped a free annual membership to Savill Garden for them and a friend. They both said they are looking forward to the opportunity to see the garden through the seasons and we hope they enjoy their prizes.

The Original Tour Windsor Competition

We’re giving away two family sightseeing bus tour tickets for Windsor and Eton. We have two 24 hour family tickets (2 adults + 2 children) for this edition’s competition prize. It is valid for use any time before 30 November 2018.

The tour was launched in February 2018, and has audio commentary the whole family can enjoy as well as 360 degree panoramic views of Windsor Castle, St George’s Chapel, Eton College and the Royal Farm Shop.

Hop-on and hop-off as much as you like; why not stop off for a picnic in Home Park or marvel at the castle views from The Long Walk.

To enter the competition email: communications@rbwm.gov.uk with your name, address and contact details.

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Typical Show Home and exterior photography. Imagery includes optional upgrades at additional cost. Pricing correct on 19.02.18.
The next stages of the Borough Local Plan

The council has submitted the Borough Local Plan and it will now be independently examined by a planning inspector. The inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for the examination is Louise Phillips.

We have submitted the supporting documentation and representations received during the 2017 Regulation 19 publication stage.

It is expected that public hearings will take place later this year for the inspector to further explore matters, issues and questions relating to the submitted plan. If the inspector finds the plan ‘sound’ it can then be considered for formal adoption by the council.

Residents can view the submitted plan on the council website www3.rbwm.gov.uk/blp including a video which explains the plan process.

We interviewed Cllr David Coppinger, cabinet member for planning and health (inc. sustainability). He is the cabinet member responsible for the Borough Local Plan.

What is the Borough Local Plan and why do we need it?
Our Borough Local Plan will shape the next two decades of growth and facilitate new homes and infrastructure in the borough. We want the borough to achieve its potential and to be a place for everyone which means providing suitable places to live, including affordable housing for residents struggling to afford their own home. We have to have a local plan, it’s a legal requirement and a way of shaping how our borough needs to develop in the future. Our plan will provide you with confidence that we have a strategic plan for the borough.

Housing
How soon will these homes be built? Throughout the plan period from 2013 up until 2033. This means some of the 14,240 homes have already been built.

What will be the borough’s approach to affordable housing?
We understand the need for a larger housing supply to meet our growing population. The council seeks to provide 30 percent affordable housing until 2033.

Employment
Will the plan create new jobs within the borough?
Yes, we will aim to make provision for at least 11,200 net new jobs up to 2033. The plan will seek, where possible, to align jobs with aspirations and sustain high levels of enterprise focused around digital technologies, life sciences, healthcare and energy and the environment.

Infrastructure
Isn’t our infrastructure already at capacity, won’t more houses be too much for the borough to cope with?
The plan provides capacity to meet all the expected housing need for the next 20 years along with supporting infrastructure and services.

Traffic congestion is getting worse and worse. How will the road network cope with more houses and extra traffic?
We have a new transport model that informs the plan. The model assesses the impact of additional housing and employment on the routes in and around the borough and beyond. Detailed assessments have also been carried out at a number of urban locations and in a number of the villages to consider the impact of development on road junctions.

How will the impact on school capacity be dealt with?
We’ve committed to investing £277m in schools over the next 15 years to ensure our young people are given the best start in life. We have based this plan on looking at future need for school places as the borough grows.

How will the plan affect different areas within the borough?
Maidenhead will be the main focus for new homes as it already has excellent connections and will benefit from the arrival of the Elizabeth line (Crossrail) in 2019. Development in Ascot, Sunninghill and Sunningdale will be spread out over the next two decades. Windsor and Eton’s heritage will be enhanced alongside infrastructure investments.

Green Belt
Is it true there will be a reduction in the amount of green belt?
With 83 percent of the borough classed as green belt, a tiny fraction will be released for new homes reducing the proportion in the borough to 81.5 percent.

Half a million pounds worth of funding to help develop infrastructure has been awarded to the Royal Borough and its neighbours.

The £547,000 grants from the government’s Planning Delivery Fund will allow us and other councils to jointly work on key projects such as transport solutions for the A308 corridor.

The successful bids will also allow the creation of a masterplan to guide future development in Windsor and a tall buildings strategy.
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Neighbourhood Plans latest

Bisham
They are still considering if they would like to take forward the idea of a Neighbourhood Plan. More can be found on www.bishamparishcouncil.org.uk or email clerk@bishamparishcouncil.org.uk

Bray
Examination completed and they are considering the way forward. See www.brayplan.com or email brayplan@gmail.com

Central Windsor 2030
The steering group is finalising a new draft plan for Regulation 14 ready for the pre-submission stage consultation. Visit www.windsor2030.org

Datchet
They are making progress and carried out a survey and they are seeking advice on different topics including heritage policies. Visit www.datchetneighbourhoodplan.org for information or email: DNPSG@datchetparishcouncil.gov.uk for help to develop the plan.

Eton and Eton Wick
Submitted to the council and now at Reg 16. The examination is underway. For more information contact the town clerk at etoncouncil@aol.com or call 01753 860377

Horton and Wraysbury
They have finalised a village character assessment to help inform decisions on policies. For more information or to get involved email info@hwnp.co.uk or visit www.hwnp.co.uk

Hurley and the Walthams
The referendum was held in November 2017. The plan was formally adopted by Full Council in December 2017.

Maidenhead and Cox Green
They have a new constitution and are considering what topics to take forward in the Neighbourhood Plan. Cox Green Parish Council will host meetings. Contact maidenheadplan@gmail.com or visit www.maidenheadplan.co.uk

Old Windsor
The group is having a health check of the final version of the Neighbourhood Plan carried out by consultants. To get involved contact the parish clerk on clerk@owpc.co.uk or 01753 868842, or visit www.owpc.co.uk/npp

Windsor
The steering group is finalising the plan. For more information visit www.windsorplan.org.uk or email: info@windsorplan.org.uk

David: “I'd love more cafes, restaurants and eating places. Also more for the kids to come into town for. More independent shops would also be good.”

Jodie: “I think Maidenhead is already a great place to live, there are a few things I would like to see develop in the future like a bigger emphasis on culture in the town centre which may encourage more bars and restaurants to open too. I think this would enable Maidenhead to become more of a 'destination' for people in the evenings, as well as somewhere they go to work or shop.”
Castle View is a new development of 64 contemporarily designed 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments with great communal facilities.

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Contact Ruth Wilson on 01753 378 127

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We work in a range of ways to provide housing for residents.

We are working to increase the number of homes built and available to residents from different backgrounds which includes a target of achieving 30 percent affordable housing.

We help hundreds of families each year to avoid becoming homeless through our housing options service. Advice and assistance is available seven days a week through our library and resident service hubs. You can find out more about how the council funds the Citizens Advice Bureau on page 5.

This year we will be working with service providers involved in supporting homeless people to refresh our homelessness strategy.

Keep an eye on our website and social media channels to find out how we are doing and how you can get involved.

We operate a Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) when temperatures are forecast to reach zero degrees or lower for three consecutive nights.

We have chosen to offer this support to rough sleepers since 30 November 2017.

The housing options service has provided 39 rough sleepers with accommodation through the protocol.

Our community wardens and housing options officers are in regular contact with rough sleepers and the housing options service is responsible for providing accommodation to the rough sleepers during SWEP.

The borough commissions support services including a night shelter, open every night. John West House works in conjunction with an attached day centre helping residents address the cause of their homelessness.

We also commission an alcohol and drug support service, with integrated mental health support.

Homelessness prevention advice and assistance can be offered outside of the SWEP process and you can access the housing options service at Windsor or Maidenhead Library any day of the week, or by appointment in Ascot Library or contact housing@rbwm.gov.uk or 01628 683800 and 01344 786543 out of hours.

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Demolition starts at the Colonnade

Phase three of Shanly’s Chapel Arches scheme is underway with the demolition of a wing of Hines Meadow and The Colonnade.

When completed the Waterside Plaza will provide 166 one, two and three-bedroom apartments with underground parking together with 14,000 square feet of shops, restaurants, cafés and offices.

The scheme will tie together with the revitalised waterways and the proposed regeneration site at York Road.

The entire Chapel Arches development, will span 3.1 acres with 261 apartments and more than 30,000 square feet of shops, restaurants, cafés and offices.

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Town centre parking update

Sites are being developed in the town and we will be ensuring that businesses and shoppers are still able to park. We have recently provided additional out of town parking for council staff to free up town centre spaces for shoppers. Further plans will be announced later this year.
Regeneration in Maidenhead

The conversion of Berkshire House to apartments is now complete and they are available for rent. A planning application will be submitted later this year for the first of the council’s joint venture sites on York Road. A planning application is also expected for the revised Landing scheme led by Hub, the development partner. For all the latest news on Maidenhead regeneration follow @MaidenheadRegen on Twitter.

Plans for The Landing put before residents

Over 1,000 people have given their views on the latest stage of The Landing project in Maidenhead after Hub, the development manager for the site, held a consultation earlier this year. It included focus groups, exhibitions and an online survey.

They also ran workshops for local school children who gave their views on what they would like to see in the town in the future. The emerging proposals include 500 new homes, office, retail and leisure space as well as a new public square, subject to planning permission.

York Road consultation

Residents viewed the latest plans for regenerating York Road at a public exhibition from Countryside, our development partner for four town centre sites. Nearly 2,000 residents attended the event and gave their views on the plans. Visitors to the public exhibition included 24 students from Furze Platt Senior School and 15 students from Newlands Girls’ School, who are studying geography at A-level.

Countryside is now working up the proposals for the site. It is expected to submit a planning application later this year. The scheme proposes the creation of a new cultural quarter in the heart of the town with a waterfront area which could open up access to York Stream and may include restaurants and bars along the waterfront. A new town square and heritage centre are also proposed in the plans, subject to planning permission.

Maidenhead Golf Club partners shortlisted

The shortlist of five developers who could have the chance to create new homes and facilities as part of the Maidenhead Golf Club development.

The project proposes to create 2,000 new homes as well as a new primary and secondary school, and health and community facilities. This will be a key part of the council’s ambition to transform Maidenhead and deliver the Borough Local Plan.

Thirty percent of the new homes on the 132-acre site will be affordable as part of the council’s commitment to building a borough for everyone. It is proposed that the site will retain green spaces and ancient coppice woodland for everyone to enjoy, subject to planning permission.

The shortlisted developers are:

- Cala Homes – joint bid with Home Group
- Countryside – joint bid with London & Quadrant
- Crest Nicholson
- Redrow Homes
- Taylor Wimpey
Explaining the changes to your Council Tax

We still have the lowest Council Tax outside of London and have changed the way we work to keep Council Tax low, with low, fully funding future investments and the services most important to you, while managing all of our budgets efficiently.

We spend nearly £266m delivering a wide range of services for you. More than a quarter of this is made up by the local element of your Council Tax, totalling £67.6m, with an additional £5.1m raised through the government’s adult social care charge. We also generate additional income including through fees and charges to supplement the money received from the government and Council Tax. This does not include the money we spend on capital schemes such as repairing roads.

What are the council’s plans for Council Tax?
We have agreed a 1.95% increase to Council Tax this year, equating to 34 pence for a Band D property per week. Band D Council Tax is set at £933.42 for 2018/19.

Why is there an increase?
We have increased Council Tax to help us fund some key areas:
- Securing your weekly bin collection and keeping all our libraries open.
- Continued expansion of schools.
- Home to school transport for pupils with special needs.
- Temporary accommodation for homeless residents.

Will there be increases to charged services?
The council has kept key services free in contrast to other Councils, including residential parking permits. Other increases in fees and charges are capped at or below the rate of inflation, unless there is a clear justification for more.

There are increases to charges for on-street and off-street parking, but these do not apply to residents who are able to obtain time-based discounts through the Advantage Card.

Even with increases, our parking is more than 50 percent cheaper than comparable areas.

What is the adult social care precept?
The government has given councils the ability to apply an additional charge to provide more funding for adult social care services. Last year we applied an additional ‘precept’ or specific charge of three percent and we have done the same this year. That means an extra £74.74 for Band D Council Tax. The adult social care levy is complemented by further funding from the Better Care Fund and the council’s own investment of £6.4m since 2016/17.

The adult social care precept pays for:
- Providing more residential beds for older residents and those with learning disabilities.
- Providing more nursing beds for residents with dementia and other complex needs.
- Increasing hourly rates for domiciliary carers to the living wage – paying fairly and helping to keep skilled and caring staff.
- Meeting the increased cost of care in nursing and residential homes.
We are very proud to be able to carry on investing in the infrastructure of the borough to keep it attractive and invest in the community facilities enjoyed by you. This year, we will continue to maintain and improve our roads with resurfacing, paving and lighting works across the borough.

We are making major investments in CCTV to keep town centres safe. The new wireless system will be monitored all day, every day, throughout the year, enhancing coverage across the area. We are investing in the regeneration of Maidenhead, creating new housing, commercial and community facilities. In Windsor, we are funding improvements to roads, pavements and the overall appearance of the town centre.

Young people in our schools already enjoy excellent exam results, and alongside our commitment to help them achieve even more with extra help for the least advantaged pupils, we are investing in school expansion and improvement to provide more places and better learning environments.

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<td>We are proud of the quality and appearance of our public roads and pavements and have a maintenance and improvement programme to support this.</td>
<td>We have earmarked £1.3 million to upgrade the CCTV network across the borough to help maintain and improve public safety. <strong>The new state-of-the-art system will cover the entire borough as well as main car parks and help act as a deterrent to anti-social behaviour and continue to allow us to support Thames Valley Police in their work to keep residents secure.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>We invested £10.6 million into infrastructure in 2017/18 including road resurfacing, fixing potholes, traffic and road safety schemes, installing energy-saving LED street lighting across the borough, transport improvements and bridge improvements.</strong></td>
<td>We are also continuing to invest in our team of community wardens who provide a reassuring local point of contact and are progressing plans to install permanent replacements to the hostile vehicle mitigation (HVM) barriers in Windsor town centre.</td>
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<td>This work will continue through the next year, on top of our annual winter service programme which sees us plan and prepare to keep the borough on the move if heavy winter conditions come in, as happened at the start of March.</td>
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<td>The children in our schools are the future of this borough. In total 86 percent of schools in the borough have either been rated ‘good’ or ‘outstanding’ by Ofsted, and we have continued to provide valued support and facilities through our children’s centres across the borough.</td>
<td>At the end of this financial year we will have made strong improvements to the look and feel of Windsor town centre and next year those improvements will continue.</td>
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<td><strong>Our multi-million pound schools investment programme is creating a further 700 school places at ‘good’ and ‘outstanding’ schools and has already provided further spaces at Windsor Girls’ and The Windsor Boys’ Schools. Improved facilities and expansion work is also progressing at Cox Green, Charters School, Dedworth Middle School and Furze Platt Senior School.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Overall we will invest £2.6 million to improve the fabric and appearance of the town centre, while protecting its world-famous heritage.</strong> This includes £2.3 million on enhancing the roads and pavements. We have also recently refurbished The Old Court – ensuring the longevity of this iconic arts and cultural venue.</td>
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<td>Our customer service hub at York House is also being renovated to enhance facilities and provide more office space in the town.</td>
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How much is your bill?

The amount you will pay depends on which of the eight valuation bands your home is in. The bands are based on your home's capital value at 1 April 1991 and are set by the government's Valuation Office. The money raised from Council Tax goes towards running a variety of key services that benefit all of our residents. These include creating school places, repairing roads, helping to protect the community, adult social care, waste and recycling and community hubs such as libraries and children's centres.

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How your money is spent

We are among the 25 percent of councils who still provide weekly bin collections. 93 percent of you say you are satisfied with our efficient and regular services.

86 percent of our schools are rated good or outstanding (and we are in the top quarter performance nationally for exam results).

We continue to offer a range of services for children and families at our 10 children's centres across the borough.
We spend nearly £266m delivering a wide range of services for our residents. Just over a quarter of this is made up by the local element of your Council Tax, totalling £67.6m, with an additional £5.1m raised through the government’s adult social care charge. We also generate additional income through fees and charges to supplement the money received from the government and Council Tax.

Overall we spent around 70 percent of our budget providing services for people – from facilities and help for all families through to the extra housing and care needed by vulnerable residents, older people and people with special needs. The additional funding raised this year will allow us to protect and improve services for everyone, including weekly bin collections, our excellent libraries and more community wardens.

Unlike other authorities, we have kept all our libraries open, with extended hours for some and continued investment in books, technology and buildings.

We live in a caring borough and we provide modern day services for the elderly, residents living with dementia and residents with learning needs in the borough.

We value the work of charities, volunteers and community groups, so we will continue to distribute £300,000 each year in community grants.

Resident parking permits remain free – this is in contrast to other authorities.
We offer you a fortnightly green garden waste subscription service, assistance for those who are unable to move their bins, a service to collect large items and manage the waste and recycling site at Stafferton Way. 93 percent of residents who completed the resident survey were satisfied with the service.

Recycling right

One of the biggest problems our waste teams find is the wrong waste in the wrong recycle bin.

Sometimes you can make mistakes and put the wrong thing in the wrong bin, other times you may not even think about what you are putting where.

Blue recycling bins can take a wide variety of materials but they cannot be used to recycle food waste. Instead a separate black food caddy should be used.

Some people try and recycle textiles in their blue bin. We do collect old clothes and rags too messy for charity shops but they need to be put out in a separate bag and clearly labelled.

Food waste

You can recycle all your food waste – leftovers, bones, tea bags, peelings and out of date food – which we collect in your outdoor food waste bin each week.

It’s simple and easy to use. Keep your caddy in your kitchen to collect your waste and then move it to your outdoor bin.

We take it away every week to stop the smells invading your kitchen.

If you no longer have your outdoor food waste bin, contact us and we can send a new one out. You can use any plastic bag in your bin or pick up a free roll of plastic bags from one of your local libraries.

Clothes and textiles

Every week we will take away one bag, per home, of clothes and textiles for recycling. You can include old, worn clothing, socks and tights, shoes (paired), unwanted handbags, belts, knitwear, curtains, towels, bedding and blankets but we can’t collect duvets and pillows.

Place your clean, dry clothes and textiles in any plastic bag, tie the bag, label it or write on the bag ‘textiles’ and then place it next to your bins on collection day.

When we pick up your bag, we will leave you a new pink bag for you to use next time. Clothes in good condition can be donated to your local charity shop.

Pupils benefit from recycling scheme

A primary school is celebrating after being given hundreds of pounds through a recycling scheme.

You helped generate 376,000 Greenredeem points for Wraysbury Primary School by recycling 75 tonnes of waste, enough to fill 4,184 bins.

Cllr Jesse Grey, cabinet member for environmental services (inc. parking), was invited to the presentation of a cheque for £681 to the school.

He said: “Thanks to residents’ generosity schools can develop projects to benefit learning, health and wellbeing and the environment.

“We partnered with Greenredeem to boost recycling and this excellent programme helps achieve this and teaches children an important message.

Seven schools have joined the next competition to win a share of £3,000.

You can donate points to local schools, helping them earn grants to develop young people’s environmental awareness, education and action.
Keeping our community safe

We have a team of 18 community wardens working day in, day out providing a reassuring presence and making sure your communities feel safe.

This includes:
• Daily patrols across the whole borough.
• Organising campaigns on local issues.
• Helping keep your town centres safe.
• Scam awareness training.

What do you do in the town centres?
“...Our presence in the town centres is split between day patrols and our work to ensure people can safely enjoy the night time economy on offer. We spend a lot of time speaking to businesses and working with those who help keep our towns on the move. If you’re ever out and about in town, day or night, and you see one of us, feel free to come say hello or ask a question.”

What else do you get up to?
“...Because the wardens spend so much time at the heart of their communities we run a lot of campaigns and targeted action to help address concerns. It ranges from dog fouling to cycling in the High Street but we’ll always see how we can help. Other regular duties include running speedwatch operations and helping with the Changing of the Guard ceremonies in Windsor.”

How do you work with your partners?
“A great example of this is protecting vulnerable residents from scams. Last year when an elderly resident was targeted by rogue builders bank staff raised the alarm when they tried to take out a large amount of cash. From there police and Trading Standards were able to intervene. We have since visited the resident and spoken with their family, giving tips on how to prevent falling victim to similar scams in the future.”

If you would like to contact a warden email wardens@rbwm.gov.uk or call 01628 685636
Windsor and the Royal Borough will welcome two royal weddings this year when HRH Prince Harry and Ms Meghan Markle marry in St George’s Chapel in Windsor Castle on Saturday 19 May followed by the groom’s cousin HRH Princess Eugenie who will marry Jack Brooksbank in the same venue on Friday 12 October.

As part of the celebrations to mark Harry and Meghan’s wedding a royal procession will tour Windsor to allow the public to join in the day.

The newly-wed couple will ride in a carriage along Castle Hill, High Street, Sheet Street, King’s Road, Albert Road and Long Walk. The procession will begin at 1pm and take in some of Windsor’s most iconic views.

Getting married at the Guildhall

Our borough has a long and celebrated connection with the royal family and we are delighted this is set to continue.

You can experience the magic of a wedding in the heart of Windsor thanks to the Windsor Guildhall.

The historic venue hosted the wedding of Charles, Prince of Wales and Camilla Parker Bowles in 2005 and is available to hire.

Gillian Richards manages the venue just metres from Windsor Castle.

“It is always an honour to help someone arrange their big day,” she said.

“Every wedding is different and special but one of the most memorable saw a couple with an eight-piece gospel choir perform at their service.

“We have two different rooms, one that can seat up to 100 guests and one that will host 15 guests which was used by the Prince of Wales.”

If that wasn’t enough, families with a connection to the borough, either with the couple or their parents living in it, can enjoy a reduced booking fee for the room. Beyond that residents booking a wedding before February 6 2019 by the end of March can benefit from an extra 10 percent off the booking fee.

Newlyweds will join procession crowd

The world will turn its eyes to Windsor on 19 May for the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle but they’re not the only couple who’ve chosen the town for their nuptials.

Dozens more weddings will take place across the borough that week, including Vicky Compson and Aron Hallam of Datchet who will tie the knot at Windsor Guildhall the day before the royal couple.

Vicky said: “It’s quite nice that our wedding is so close to the royal wedding, we were a bit worried family and friends might struggle to get in but I think the town will look amazing in the run up.

“We chose the Guildhall as it is local and we loved it being right next to the castle.”

The couple plan to hang around to cheer on the royal procession the following day.

Policing the wedding

Thames Valley Police is proud to police the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead.

We have a long history of policing royal events from the annual Windsor Garter Ceremony to State Visits and more recently Her Majesty’s 90th Birthday.

Planning is well under way and we are working with our partners, local business and the community to deliver a safe, secure and happy event for everyone.

A range of security measures are in place, some visible and some not. Do not be surprised if you see our armed officers, search dogs and mounted section in the coming weeks and months, feel free to say hello.
Celebrate in style with your own street party

We are waiving the charges for setting up a street party to celebrate the royal wedding.

The wedding will see the whole country celebrating and you can make the most of the unique event bring your community together.

We are joining with scores of councils across the country who are removing the fee to help the nation celebrate the wedding.

We still need to know if you are planning to organise a street party and we will provide support to help you organise the event and make it run smoothly.

The entire borough is going to be very busy on Saturday 19 May, so why not host your party on dates around the wedding? The weeks before and after the wedding could be the ideal chance to bring your community together and celebrate the happy day.

You need to apply before Saturday 31 March so we can ensure the road is closed safely and the emergency services are aware.

Visit www3.rbwm.gov.uk/streetparty to enquire about hosting a street party.

A royal wedding of your own

Set among the splendour of historic and vibrant Windsor and surrounded by the natural beauty of the River Thames and Windsor Great Park, the Windsor Guildhall is ideally located for your needs with easy access, famous visitor attractions, superb shopping and stunning hotels.

The Windsor Guildhall, High Street, Windsor SL4 1LR  www.windsor.gov.uk
Contact: Gillian Richards for further information 01628 796284 / 07875 121529  email: guildhall@rbwm.gov.uk
Healthy happy children

Children’s wellbeing champions came together at a conference to find out what can be done to improve their mental health.

Run by the Royal Borough and Brighter Berkshire, the event looked at Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) across Berkshire. They heard about the Royal Borough’s wellbeing champions, running The Daily Mile and the benefits of dance and Lego® bricks.

Each table was set a range of exercises focussed on the skills children need to be resilient in a digital age and how parents and professionals could help them develop these skills.

The feedback was very positive and attendees said they found it useful to network with colleagues and hear what’s happening locally.

Cllr MJ Saunders, mental health champion for the council said: “We want to give our children the best start in life and equip them with the skills they need to cope with life’s challenges.”

For presentations from the conference visit www3.rbwm.gov.uk/publichealth/news

Free NHS Health Checks

If you are aged between 40 and 74 and NHS Health Check is available free of charge from your local GP.

The 20-minute appointment can help lower your risk of developing type-2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke and kidney disease.

Through simple lifestyle changes, such as diet and physical activity, you can lower your risk of developing serious health problems.

Call your GP surgery to book a health check today and enjoy a healthier life for longer.

Have you seen our new health website?

Take a look for:
- Details of local services and support.
- A range of free apps to help you manage or take control of your health.
- Links to national services and sites.

www3.rbwm.gov.uk/publichealth

Borough mental health focus commended

Our work to embed mental health into all council policies was recognised when it was highly commended in the Workplace Mental Health category of the Thames Valley Business Magazine Awards.

The Royal Borough has made a clear commitment that there is no public health without mental health. Senior managers and elected members have championed this issue, driving the agenda within the council. The aim is to raise awareness and increase support for those living with mental health problems.

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An exciting new mental health project named Opportunity Recovery College has recently launched. It helps adults with mental health needs access learning and education opportunities.

The service is delivered by the Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust on behalf of the Royal Borough. Potential students can access the college services if they currently receive support from the Community Mental Health Team (CMHT). So far, the college has received over 75 registrations. This level of positive engagement with a new project is highly encouraging. The courses and activities offered through the college include: introduction to mindfulness, managing anxiety, managing medication and wellness recovery action planning.

For more information about the service or for a prospectus, contact the team on wam.recoverycollege@berkshire.nhs.uk or call 01628 640200.

What does public health mean to you?

Public health is about helping people to stay healthy, and protecting you from threats to your health.

The main focus is on prevention and self-care (looking after yourself).

The Royal Borough’s public health team wants to help residents make healthier choices so they can develop, live and age well.

The three main areas of the team’s work are:

- Protection - keeping people safe from major incidents and threats such as food poisoning.
- Prevention - enabling early intervention to reduce preventable ill health.
- Promotion - helping people make positive health choices like quitting smoking, becoming more active and eating healthily.

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Chefs at one of the UK’s most innovative restaurants set aside the dry-ice and glycerine and picked up a paint brush for a change of pace.

The team from Heston Blumenthal’s restaurants including The Fat Duck and Hind’s Head took on a day of work at Boyn Grove Community Resource Centre for people with learning disabilities and older people with dementia.

They began by painting corridors, changing them to dementia-friendly colours, and redecorating the sensory room.

Pastry chef Bettina Kraus was helping redecorate the sensory room to make interactive installations more engaging.

She said: “I’ve really enjoyed today. Unless dementia is something that impacts you in life it can seem very distant.

“It’s been really rewarding and therapeutic. It’s been almost like a mindfulness course and the customers have been enjoying themselves too.”

FREE reminiscence memory box training
March 13 10.30 – 11.30am at Boyn Grove Library, Courthouse Road, Maidenhead

Come and join the day services and library team to learn how to make up reminiscence therapy boxes. This is a valuable tool to help residents with dementia to rediscover memories of yester years.

For more information please contact Neisha Hall at neisha.hall@rbwm.gov.uk or Belinda Dixon at belinda.dixon@rbwm.gov.uk

A gardening group from the Oakbridge Day Centre received a special thank you card from a grateful well-wisher for their work at Windsor Cemetery and Alexandra Gardens.

For the last two months, the group known as the Ally Rangers have worked with ISS Facility Services Landscaping to carry out gardening tasks such as pruning roses, weeding and clearing pathways.

The initiative follows the success of the Ray Mill Rangers at Ray Mill Island in Maidenhead where service users from the Boyn Grove Community Resource Centre are doing similar work.

Optalis support worker Karl Morley leads the Ally Rangers.

“This project is helping adults with learning disabilities gain new skills and knowledge,” he said.

“The team are really proud of what they are achieving and this has built confidence and encouraged them to work towards a formal qualification in grounds maintenance.”

The group helped clear an overgrown grave after seeing an elderly lady struggling to clear her mother’s grave, receiving a thank you card the next day.
School expansion plans move forward

Work to create nearly 700 more school spaces at ‘good’ and ‘outstanding’ secondary schools is progressing well. Our multi-million school expansion programme has already increased class intakes at Windsor Girls’ and The Windsor Boys’ School.

Cllr Natasha Airey, cabinet member for children’s services, said: “As the borough grows it's so important that our schools have the right facilities and enough space for all the families who wish to go there. We are confident that this expansion programme will provide this as we continue to invest significantly in our school estate.”

- Cox Green’s expansion to provide 210 more places is well underway with work to build nine classrooms and a re-provided kitchen/dining room is due to be completed by the Autumn.
- Charters School will provide 210 more places and the project has started to build 11 new classrooms, two science laboratories and an extended dining room.
- Builders are currently on site at Dedworth Middle School to provide 240 places. The scheme to do this will consist of a new sports hall and eight classrooms.
- The expansion programme for Furze Platt Senior School will provide 420 more places and this is due to start shortly.

Child safety workshops

Sessions are FREE to attend but spaces must be booked in advance by emailing wamster@achievingforchildren.org.uk

22 May, 6.30pm
Online Safety
This will cover what children could be accessing online, online dangers, reducing risks, sexting, grooming and where to get help and support. At 4 Marlow Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7YR.

4 June, at 6.30pm
Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)
This will cover what CSE is and the signs of, grooming, sexting and young people’s vulnerabilities. At Windsor Youth Centre, Alma Road, Windsor, SL4 3HD.

For further information please call 01628 683964.

Royal recognition

A group from the Royal Borough recently attended a Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) gold award ceremony hosted by Prince Edward at Buckingham Palace.

Lucy Hurst and Luke Crisford, both from Maidenhead, were presented with their gold awards after years of hard work and commitment.

Lucy said: “DofE has taught me to persevere outside of my comfort zone, and I’m very grateful for the skills it has given me.”

Also on the day Steve Seymour, one of our youth service volunteers, was presented with a long service to the DofE award certificate by BBC journalist Graham Satchell.

Steve has volunteered for the council’s outdoor education project for over 16 years and has undertaken training courses on land and water; he’s achieved this on top of a very busy career in IT.

Without volunteers like Steve, the service would not be able to benefit so many young people.

To top off a very special day a long service award was presented to Helen Smith, youth service manager, who has trained many expedition leaders and assessors. If you or a young person you know are interested in joining the DoE scheme contact her at helen.smith@achievingforchildren.org.uk
Making the most of your library

Every day our library and resident services hubs help hundreds of residents resolve their problems, tackling issues from missed bin collections to Council Tax support services. There are a whole host of different ways you can get in touch to find help.

We asked some of the people who help residents every day what they enjoyed about their role and how they came to work in the Royal Borough.

Nathan White: senior library and resident contact advisor

“We do encourage people to use the online forms because people like to be involved in the process and can explain the problem to the right team at the council directly.

“I actually enjoy Council Tax, I think of it like a puzzle box and solving that can make a real difference to people’s lives.

“People can and do ask for help with every imaginable service the council offers, so we have to know about all the areas of the council.”

Shahela Uddin: senior library and resident contact advisor

“First and foremost we are here to help. We are all part of the same team either helping residents face to face or answering their phone calls.

“I wasn’t sure what I wanted to do when I finished university but I knew I wanted to do something where I could interact with a lot of different people.”

Tom Woodley: senior library and resident contact advisor

“I used to be a field archaeologist. Some of the artefacts I helped to uncover at the sites I worked on are now on display in the London Mithraeum.

“After that I wanted to work in the community and got drawn more and more into my current role.

“I enjoy being able to help residents solve problems. There are some who aren’t confident with the internet but when they come in and you can show them how parts of the service work they feel they can use the online support in the future.”

Shahela Uddin and Nathan White at the customer service desk in Maidenhead Library.

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Tom Woodley demonstrates one of the online support forms.

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You can visit one of the library and resident services hubs in Ascot, Maidenhead or Windsor libraries to ask for face-to-face help.

As well as resolve your query the team can show you how to solve some issues online so you can access council support from the comfort of your home in the future.

Visit www3.rbwm.gov.uk/libraries
Call 01628 683800 or email: customer.services@rbwm.gov.uk

Online

Some of our most common queries can be answered online.

Forms on our newly refurbished website can be used to report and resolve some common problems including reporting a missed bin collection, letting us know if a street light has stopped working or reporting aircraft noise.

Telephone

Phones are answered from 9am to 7pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 10am to 7pm on Wednesdays, 9am to 5pm on Saturdays and 11am to 2pm on Sundays.

Lines are busiest on a Monday morning so you may be answered quicker at other times in the week.

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Parishes

What does your parish do for you?

There are 15 parish or town councils across the borough. They hold responsibility for some services and the Royal Borough delivers those services in the other unparished areas. Parish councils are funded by levying a precept collected with the Council Tax.

My experience as a parish councillor

Allison Sharpe, chairman of Sunninghill and Ascot Parish Council for the past two-and-a-half years, has sat on the council for 15 years, and she told us more about her role.

“My proudest moment has been organising the Sunninghill Victorian Fair and the Party in the Park which are held on alternate years.

“We took over the Victorian Fair in 2009, and as a parish council we felt it added so much to the community spirit.

“It requires a lot of effort with everybody coming together to make it work.

“We also have great plans for the pavilion at the Victory Field marking the 100th anniversary since it was given to the local community by soldiers returning from the World War One.

“I attend every meeting, my hours equate to about 36 hours of council time per month.”

Our parish and town councils are:

- Bisham
- Bray
- Cookham
- Cox Green
- Datchet
- Eton Town Council
- Horton
- Hurley
- Old Windsor
- Shottesbrooke
- Sunningdale
- Sunninghill & Ascot
- Waltham St Lawrence
- White Waltham
- Wraysbury

Each parish will hold slightly different responsibilities but town and parish councils can hold responsibility for:

- Allotments
- Village halls
- Some public spaces
- Cemeteries and crematoria and closed churchyards
- Public toilets
- Footpaths and bridleways
- Some rights of way
- War memorials
- Creation of a Neighbourhood Plan
- Guardianship of common land
- Consultation on appointment of governors of primary schools
- Appointing trustees of local charities

The parish councils play a role in scrutinising:

- Planning applications in their areas
- Any plans to provide a burial ground
- Proposals to carry out sewerage works
- Rights of way surveys
- Proposed byelaws relating to Hackney Carriages, music and dancing and street naming

Connecting our communities

The Parish Conference currently meets three times a year and offers a forum for the borough and parishes to discuss issues affecting each area and borough-wide updates.

The most recent meeting was in the Council Chamber, Maidenhead in February. Issues raised by the councils included an update on the new rural bus services the borough has helped secure and a look at alternative models of provision.

Other key items included an update on highway services such as pothole repair and other features which can be accessed through the new ‘my account’ system. See page 7 for more information.

The dates for the next Parish Conferences have not yet been agreed but they will be published on the Royal Borough’s monthly meeting calendar.
Marking a special anniversary

A special custom-made card congratulating Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on their 70th wedding anniversary was sent by the mayor.

On behalf of all our residents Mayor of the Royal Borough Cllr John Lenton sent the card to mark the couple’s platinum anniversary.

The message reads: “Loyal greetings and all good wishes from the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead on the occasion of your platinum wedding anniversary.”

Cllr Lenton, said: “The royal family are a key part of our community and I was delighted to help them celebrate.”

Ceremonial warden reception

Ceremonial wardens who help ensure the Changing of the Guard in Windsor runs flawlessly at least three times a week were thanked with a special reception in the Guildhall.

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday throughout January, February and March the guard at the historic castle has changed, often watched by many tourists.

The ceremonial wardens, along with police and community wardens, help run the event and control the crowds so the spectacle can be enjoyed by everyone.

Celebrating the Queen’s birthday

Cllr Lenton will be at the 21 Gun Salute on the Long Walk in Windsor on Saturday 21 April. Residents are invited on the day to fire the cannons which will mark the Queen’s 92nd birthday.
The Borough Advantage

More than 86,000 of you have an Advantage Card and can enjoy dozens of special offers.

One of the many advantage discounts is from French Brothers. We enjoyed a 40-minute boat trip along the River Thames on a very cold February afternoon. Setting sail from Windsor Promenade upstream to Boveney Lock, you will take in views of Windsor Leisure Centre, Eton College, Windsor Racecourse, Brocas Meadows and Windsor Castle.

Commentary throughout the trip gives you lots of information about the area while a bar offers hot drinks - essential on a cold February day.

French Brothers have been operating in the town since 1978 and offer a 10 percent discount for Advantage Card holders. My trip cost £9 for adults and £6 for children with family tickets available. You can book tickets in advance. Visit www.frenchbrothers.co.uk for more information.

Don Yates of French Brothers said: “As a family company, we pride ourselves on our high levels of service provided for all our customers.

“For residents planning a special ‘milestone event’ our boats are a perfect moving venue. These private charters include dining and entertainment and we have a range of special events including steam boats, wildlife cruises and lunch or tea cruises. In addition we operate a comprehensive range of public trips and special events to complement a visit to our royal town.

“With 11 boats and services throughout the year, we look forward to hosting you soon on a French Brothers boat.”

If you would like to enjoy a boat trip along the River Thames with French Brothers, we have a family ticket as a competition prize.

If you want to enter please email: communications@rbwm.gov.uk with your name, address and contact details.

Terms & Conditions are available on our website.

You can get an Advantage Card at Ascot, Maidenhead or Windsor library as well as our leisure centres.

You need a proof of address and we will take a photo of you. You need to renew the card every two years which can be done at the locations mentioned above or through the online form on the website – www.3.rbwm.gov.uk/advantagecard

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Supporting local businesses

We are committed to supporting the development of social enterprises in the borough and like to encourage local organisations to apply for funding. This could be to support a new social enterprise or develop and grow an existing one.

The Workary, Maidenhead received £10,000 from the council last year to open their offices at 69 High Street.

Founder David Fletcher explains “The Workary is a co-working community space, designed to act as a centre for the community and to foster creativity and innovation for its members.”

The space provides 24/7 access to members, with unlimited high-speed internet access, free refreshments and breakout and meeting space.

Members benefit from peer-to-peer support and shared desks can be hired per month.

Social enterprises are businesses driven by a social or environmental purpose. Like other businesses they sell goods or services, and should generate profits. Some of their profits will be reinvested towards their social mission.

David adds: “We want the The Workary to be a safe place where small businesses can get the support they need, while supporting the growth of new ideas that may come from the local community initiatives we plan to hold on a regular basis.”

Visit www.theworkary.com/maidenhead to learn more about The Workary or www.rbwm.gov.uk for details on social enterprise grants.

Bluebell wood at Ockwells

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We bought the land in July 2016 and since then have helped open up the site to the public.

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Pedal power saves lives

Life-saving devices have been installed in Old Windsor after residents clubbed together to raise funds.

Two defibrillators have been installed, at the Jubilee Hub in St Lukes Road and in a phone box outside the Post Office in Straight Road, as part of Old Windsor Parish Council initiative. They were purchased thanks to a mixture of crowdsourcing, resident fundraisers and member budgets.

Noreen Titmarsh collected £1,325 through sponsored cycling and rowing events as part of the £3,500 fund-raising effort.

Defibrillators increase the survival chances of someone suffering a cardiac arrest and are being installed in public places throughout the country.

Noreen said: “They are a fantastic resource, they really do save lives and make a vast difference when it matters most if you have access to one.”

Old Windsor ward members Cllr Lynne Jones and Cllr Malcolm Beer combined their member budgets to help pay £750 each towards installation, maintenance and training for members of the community.

Cllr Beer, ward member, added: “This was a great example of the Old Windsor community coming together to invest in something for the village, from the village.”

Visit www.oldcourt.org to keep up to date with events and join their mailing list.

Makeover for Old Court

The refurbishment of the Old Court has finished with the community art space now open for a new run of shows.

Martin Denny manages the venue in the heart of Windsor which features a bar stocked by the Windsor and Eton Brewery.

The Royal Borough-funded restoration saw emergency upgrades to wiring throughout the building and other essential works.

Mr Denny said: “We are excited to be back in the Old Court, and restart our programme of events.

“The work has been enormous, and while most of it will be unseen there are significant changes to flooring, stairs, toilets and walls which will make the building even more welcoming.

“The Royal Borough’s refurbishment has been a great success. Everyone has put a tremendous amount of effort into it. We are looking forward to doing justice to their efforts.”

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Brewing up a successful marriage

Nearly a decade after opening, a brewery reconnecting Windsor with its beer-making history is marking another special occasion.

The team at Windsor and Eton Brewery are creating a new beer celebrating Prince Harry’s marriage and hope it will be as successful as their brew for his brother.

Will Calvert explained the team’s efforts for the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's wedding was so popular it had to become a regular addition to its range.

“The Windsor Knot was brewed for the Westminster wedding in 2011 but everyone enjoyed it so much we had to keep it going,” he said.

“Now we are planning Harry's Windsor Knot and it’s going to be based off the traditional brew but we are using American hops to help tell the story of the wedding.”

The brewery uses barley from the Crown Estate to brew it’s beer and returns the used hops to the estate for the cows to eat. Visit webrew.co.uk for more information.
Meet your councillors

Bisham & Cookham

Cllr Gerry Clark
How long have you lived in the borough?
Since 1987.

How long have you been a councillor?
Since 2015.

What made you want to become a councillor?
I have always wanted to make things better. When I retired from the BBC I stood for election as a councillor so I could use my experience and energy to help residents.

What have been the highlights of your role so far?
I have supported residents to help improve parking and road safety as well as on planning matters. I enjoy a variety of responsibilities within culture and communities, looked after children, tourism, corporate services and adult social care as well as being a trustee of three local charities.

Are there any parts of the role you don’t enjoy?
Sometimes it takes too long to reach a satisfactory outcome for residents which is frustrating.

Do you have another job?
I manage two rental properties which thankfully do not take up much time so I’m able to perform my council duties.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I love to spend time with my family and friends and occasionally play in a jazz band that raises money for various charities.

What is your main aspiration for the Royal Borough and its residents?
I am excited by the potential for Maidenhead’s regeneration to release funds to ensure we can retain low Council Tax while providing better services. My goal remains simply making things better, protecting our green belt, improving our environment, building the homes we need and providing well-run and well-funded services.

What is your favourite place in the borough?
I love walking my dog (Holly) along the beautiful paths and woods in Cookham and enjoying the river.

Cllr Richard Kellaway
How long have you lived in the borough?
I have lived in the borough since 1978.

How long have you been a councillor?
I was first elected in 2007.

What made you want to become a councillor?
I have been a councillor before (in Bromley) and have always been interested in politics and making a contribution to local wellbeing.

What have been the highlights of your role so far?
The highlight was being mayor in 2014/15 in this fabulous area. It was the year commemorating the start of the Great War. I was also cabinet member for finance when we started to reduce Council Tax to the lowest level outside London.

Are there any parts of the role you don’t enjoy?
Being a councillor does take up a lot of time, especially with meetings. It was nice that I was able to include my wife in a lot of the duties when I was mayor though.

Do you have another job?
I have retired from my job as managing director of an oil storage company but I have retained a consultancy role for some years. I am in the fortunate position of living close to the Town Hall and being available during the day for meetings.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I play a little golf and run a local jazz band, playing clarinet and saxophone.

What is your main aspiration for the Royal Borough and its residents?
The regeneration of Maidenhead. We are already starting to see the improvements with the waterways and the Shanly developments.

What is your favourite place in the borough?
Bisham with its wonderful church and abbey, somewhere I have known since my childhood.

Cllr MJ Saunders
How long have you lived in the borough?
Since 2002.

How long have you been a councillor?
Since 2007.

What made you want to become a councillor?
After 24 years in finance and business management, I had some time available and I hoped some skills useful to the council and residents.

What have been the highlights of your role so far?
My biggest challenge was bringing the Borough Local Plan to its options consultation in 2014, when I was cabinet member for planning. My most rewarding has been working alongside ward residents to pursue successful local planning campaigns.

Are there any parts of the role you don’t enjoy?
Being distracted from pursuing and delivering resident priorities by the distortions of party politics.

Do you have another job?
After many years as a full time chartered accountant and auditor, I’ve been helping to lead legal, property consultancy and business service firms.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Family theatre visits, gourmet dinners, opera (preferably Wagner) and setting out on overseas adventures.

What is your main aspiration for the Royal Borough and its residents?
To achieve the hugely complex balance of meeting residents’ future needs for protecting our glorious environment, providing homes for all incomes and promoting the vibrant regeneration of Maidenhead as a great place to live, work and spend leisure time.

What is your favourite place in the borough?
The village green in Cookham Dean outside my home and all the fabulous, fun and crazy community events that happen there.
Meet your councillors

Cllr Jack Rankin

How long have you lived in the borough? Four years. My wife and I moved to Windsor in 2014 after university.

How long have you been a councillor? Since May 2015.

What made you want to become a councillor? The belief that my generation’s voice is often missing in our political discourse. If there is something in your community you don’t like, don’t complain, step up and stand.

What have been the highlights of your role so far? Driving the Maidenhead town centre joint venture sites forward for development. We have the opportunity to regenerate Maidenhead and build homes for future generations.

Are there any parts of the role you don’t enjoy? Being a local politician gives you sympathy for football managers. Lots of people are keen to talk about how they can do a better job than you, if only you did it this way etc. We don’t always get it right, but it’s not as easy as it looks!

Do you have another job? I work in corporate business development for a Windsor-based business.

What do you like to do in your spare time? There isn’t much when you do this and a full-time job! but I like proper pubs, cricket and rugby.

What is your main aspiration for the Royal Borough and its residents? That we have room for our residents and businesses to grow, whilst remaining respectful of what makes our borough special.

What is your favourite place in the borough? Many think that it is at one of the various vantage points looking up to the castle. It’s not, it’s the view from the Round Tower looking out across the borough.

Cllr Shamsul Shelim

How long have you lived in the borough? I’ve lived in the borough for 31 years.

How long have you been a councillor? I was first elected in 2015.

What made you want to become a councillor? As a local restauranteur, Windsor residents have supported me in this town for 31 years. I thought it was time to give something back and help residents and business alike.

What have been the highlights of your role so far? The highlight of my role so far has been the honour of attending Her Majesty The Queen’s 90th birthday celebrations. It was fantastic to see how the whole community came together to celebrate this momentous occasion.

Are there any parts of the role you don’t enjoy? When half of our residents want one thing and the other half another thing, it can be tricky to find a solution that works for everyone.

Do you have another job? I own and run the Viceroy restaurant on St Leonards Road in Windsor.

What do you like to do in your spare time? I am the president of the British Bangladeshi Caterers Association, representing Indian restaurants all around the UK.

What is your main aspiration for the Royal Borough and its residents? Keeping Windsor a beautiful place. Ensuring that it lives up to the royal reputation that it deserves.

What is your favourite place in the borough? I really do honestly believe that nothing can beat Windsor Castle, it’s part of what makes our borough such a fantastic place for residents, visitors and businesses.

Cllr Wesley Richards

How long have you lived in the borough? Forty years – born and bred. I’ve lived in Stephenson Drive, Vale Road, near Bray and now central Windsor (with a brief residency in Slough after I got married). I attended the Lawns Nursery, Oakfield First School, Trevelyan Middle and The Windsor Boys’ School.

How long have you been a councillor? Since 2015.

What made you want to become a councillor? With four young sons, I hoped to serve local families and to represent them in the council.

What have been the highlights of your role so far? Making lots of new friends. Taking part in Remembrance Sunday is a great honour and it was a privilege to be involved in the Queen’s 90th birthday celebrations. I’ve also been invited to Buckingham Palace for pre-exhibition receptions. I hadn’t considered these things before standing.

Are there any parts of the role you don’t enjoy? The ‘politics’ of it. It is sometimes hard to explain how and why things happen. It’s not ‘conspiracy’ but simply complicated.

Do you have another job? Yes, I work in the investing business.

What do you like to do in your spare time? Spend time with my family and I am also involved in my local church, King’s Church International.

What is your main aspiration for the Royal Borough and its residents? To provide the best services we can given our resources and that all residents feel their voices are heard and respected, even if it’s not possible to please everyone at the same time.

What is your favourite place in the borough? The Long Walk. Great for long runs and family walks in all weathers.
East Berkshire Ramblers’ Group

meets regularly to enjoy a variety of walks around the borough and beyond. They run a regular programme of walks running between 1.2 and 3.5 miles. They welcome guests to come and try joining them for walks. Visit www.eastberksramblers.org/walks/walks for more information.

If you would like your club or society advertised here please email: community.classifieds@rbwm.gov.uk.

Events should take place before the end of September 2018.
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