

# Farnham Town Council continues to support the local community during uncertain times



## Spending priorities for 2025/26

Farnham Town Council has set its share of the council tax at a level that will ensure it can deliver its promised programme of quality services and events for residents, businesses and visitors. The spending priorities for 2025/26 are:



### Enabling community organisations to help others

The grants budget has been increased by £25,000 to help community organisations meet an ever-increasing demand for their services alongside a reduction in their funding from other authorities.



### Valuing Farnham's younger people

Continued support will help to create better life opportunities for all young people in Farnham. Based on research



findings, Farnham Town Council aims to help plug the gap between the support young people say they need and what is currently provided in Farnham.

Grants totalling £20,000 are available to organisations wishing to organise activities that will keep younger people safe, active and engaged during school holidays.



### Safeguarding the town's assets

£10,000 has been earmarked for the Museum of Farnham which is run by the Farnham Maltings. This will help secure the future of this valued service following the completion of major restoration. Farnham Town Council will be working with Waverley Borough Council and the Farnham Maltings to help create a vibrant future for the museum.



### Improving facilities

As well as installing a new playground at Gostrey Meadow, a project to build new public conveniences and storage for the equipment used at events will get underway (subject to planning permission).

Working with the Business Improvement District, *Make it Farnham*, new Christmas lights are planned for 2025 to secure environmental benefits and to seek efficiency savings.



### Coming together as a community

Farnham Town Council organises over 50 events which include festivals, live music, civic occasions, celebrations, commemorations, Farnham in Bloom and environmental help-out days. Many of the events are free and as well as improving the environment and supporting the local economy, they provide a sense of belonging and pride.

### How spending plans will be funded

Farnham Town Council's services and community activities for 2025/26 cost £1,946,650. At least 21% will be generated by income from sponsorship, events and services.

The amount funded by council tax contributions has been set at £83.45 per year or £1.60 a week for a Band D property. This equates to an increase of ten pence per week over the 2024/25 level.

Of the total council tax you pay, Surrey County Council receives 74%, the Police and Crime Commissioner has 14% and 9% goes to Waverley Borough Council. The remaining 3% goes to the Town Council. These percentages are for 2024/25.

### Planning for tomorrow



Farnham Town Council believes it has set a fair budget which will allow ongoing maintenance in community assets such as the cemeteries and open spaces, and to contribute to

the wellbeing of the community.

Councillors will be working hard to ensure that the Town Council will be in a good position to take on any additional relevant services and community green spaces from Waverley and Surrey during the forthcoming local government reorganisation.

Spaces which have been donated to the town in the past or are important to the town should be retained and be accessible for future generations.

### Your feedback

If you have any comments, please do contact your local town councillor or staff at the Town Hall.

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