



YATELEY, FROGMORE & DARBY GREEN NEWS

AUTUMN 2020

Mayor's Message

By Councillor Gerry Crisp

Dear Friends and Neighbours, I hope you are all managing to cope with the many challenges we face through these very strange and difficult days. Although our town and villages have not overall been badly affected, I recognise that not everyone has been safe from the fear, anxiety and suffering caused by this pandemic.



Challenges have been faced by many organisations, including our Town Council, which has been affected in the provision of services to our communities. This has resulted in many changes over the last months. Some of our vulnerable employees have had to shield, with rota changes and home working to avoid crowding and to aid social distancing.

On the plus side, we have worked hard to make our halls safe and have reopened our facilities to hire from 1st September. There has also been a huge increase in the use of our tennis courts, with over 800 hours of tennis played in the first 12 weeks of reopening. Yateley's markets, both on Tuesdays and Sundays, have also gone from strength to strength and have proved to be of great value for many folks who would rather avoid supermarkets at the moment. I'm also hoping that as our children return to school, we will begin to feel that our new normal is finally happening.

COVID-19 update

While the last few months have been a challenge for every resident and business in our community, we are finally starting to see our town open up again. We are all wearing face coverings and staying apart to keep each other safe, while enjoying our local shops, groups and restaurants once more. There is still help available to those who need it.

HantsHelp4Vulnerable helpline has been valuable for many residents in Hampshire. As the shielding advice from the government ended in August, they have reduced their service to 5 days a week. Call 0333 370 4000 between 9am to 5pm to get information, advice, and practical support. Advice is available at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus, and if you're struggling with your mental health, there are also many resources to help at www.nhs.uk/mentalhealth. If you or anyone you know are experiencing domestic abuse, the free **National Domestic Abuse Helpline** is open 24/7 on 0808 2000 247.

We have now reopened our public toilets and community halls. To book our halls, visit www.yateley-tc.gov.uk/Halls_for_Hire.aspx. For any other information or resources, please contact us on 01252 872198 or email office@yateley-tc.gov.uk.



Fly Tipping at the Monteagle Community Centre

Thank you for continuing to bring your various items for recycling to the Monteagle Community Hall/Waitrose site. It's great to see so many people using the facility.

Just a polite reminder – if any of the recycling bins are full or you are unable to fit the item you have brought into the designated bin, please take it back home with you or take it to the Household Waste Recycling Centre in Hartley Wintney.

If you need an additional or larger kerbside glass recycling container, contact Yateley Town Council as we hold a small supply of containers at the Town Council Offices.

Please also take home any bags, boxes or containers that you brought your recycling in, as leaving these items at the site (with or without your recycling in!) causes unnecessary waste and makes this fabulous facility look very untidy.

Lockdown Discoveries

By Councillor Pam Phelps-Jones

When I was a child, my family holiday was usually taken in this area. The New Forest and the Isle of Wight appeared quite magical to me in terms of the birds and wildlife, trees and landscapes. Life brought me from the North of England to Yateley many years ago now. Lockdown has given me a chance to spend time in our amazing countryside. I found the reduction in traffic gave me the confidence to have a go at cycling. The lakes, heathland, bridleways, public footpaths and country lanes available to us all are an amazing resource. We live in a beautiful place, somewhere many people would appreciate as a holiday destination! Let's all value and protect it.



Vision4Youth

Vision4Youth were able to restart their Detached Youth Work in July following a lockdown break, which has been a positive step. Detached Youth Work involves walking the streets of Yateley, Darby Green and Frogmore to meet the young people who are out and about, and provide support and guidance if required. Currently the team are out twice a week early evenings, please give them a wave if you see them! If you'd like to know more about what the Detached Team do and how it benefits the community, please see a full description on their website www.vision4youth.org.uk/detached-youth-work.

VIRTUAL TOWN COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

Residents have a chance to discuss any local matters relating to public services with your Town Councillors at our Surgery sessions. We are here to help, so no matter whether your concern is big or small - make an appointment and share your views. These take place just before Full Council meetings from 6.15pm until 7.00pm and are bookable by appointment only. Full Council meetings are scheduled on 21st September, 2nd November and 14th December this year.

To book your 15 minute appointment, please contact office@yateley-tc.gov.uk or call 01252 872198. The deadline for booking an appointment is Friday at 3.00pm prior to the Full Council meeting date. During COVID-19 the Surgeries will be held virtually by Zoom until face-to-face Council meetings are resumed.

Meet the Councillors



**Councillor
Jenny Cole**

'My name is Jenny Cole and I've been a Councillor since June 2018. I decided to stand as a Councillor after graduating from University with a First in Journalism. I was looking for a new focus and when the opportunity arose to stand as a Town Councillor, I thought it would be an interesting and positive experience. I focus on a wide range of issues in my role as a Councillor, but because I am disabled, I am particularly interested in disability issues such as making our town as accessible for all as possible. I also like to focus on facilities for children, teenagers and young adults in our community, as well as looking after the beautiful countryside we live in. Some of my favourite things about living in Yateley are the fantastic sense of community and having the countryside on our doorstep.'

'I have lived in Frogmore & Darby Green for over 50 years and have been a local Town Councillor for many of them. I am passionate about the area we live in and want to serve the people in the best way I can. I am a staunch supporter for Frogmore and Darby Green, helping to get the pond in Darby Green cleared, getting the Christmas lights at St Barnabas, and generally helping residents with their day to day concerns. I have always been active in the Community, becoming a school governor and being involved in local Girl Guiding. I also had the privilege of being Mayor in 2007/2008. My mantra is 'to make a difference, get involved' and this is what I continue to do.'



**Councillor Gill
Hennell**

Monteagle Community Centre refurbishment

Over July to August, the Monteagle Community Centre has undergone a fantastic refurbishment. All of the facilities, including the kitchen, bathroom and communal areas have been re-painted, re-fitted, with new doors, lights and flooring installed too. This makeover will make the Monteagle Community Centre an even better place for groups to exercise, families to have gatherings and for meetings to take place. This hall is now available to hire again, so please contact us on 01252 872198 or email office@yateley-tc.gov.uk to find out more.



Which Council is responsible for that?

There are different tiers of local government who are all responsible for different services. These are some examples of which responsibilities each Council has.

Hampshire County Council

Hampshire County Council is responsible for services including...

- Education
- Transport
- Highways and road maintenance
- Fire & public safety
- Social care
- Libraries
- Trading standards

www.hants.gov.uk

Hart District Council

Hart District Council is responsible for services including...

- Rubbish collection
- Recycling
- Council Tax collections
- Housing
- Planning applications
- Abandoned vehicles
- Bus Permits
- Licensing

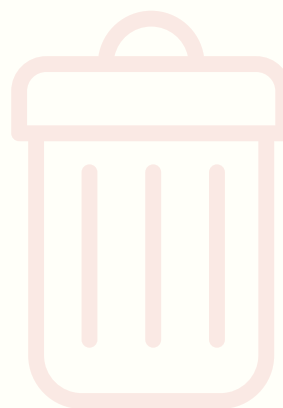
www.hart.gov.uk - 01252 622122 - enquiries@hart.gov.uk

Yateley Town Council

Yateley Town Council is responsible for services including...

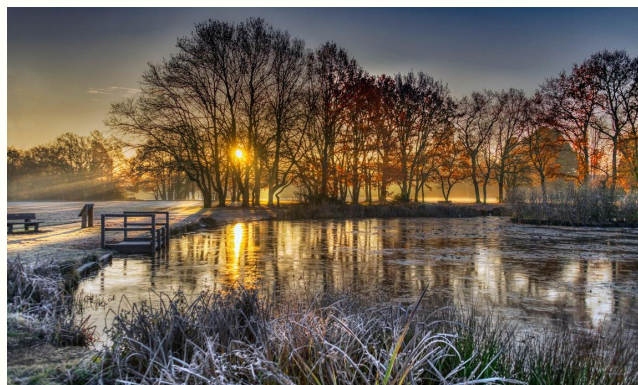
- Allotments
- Play areas
- Green spaces
- Community centres
- Grants to help local organisations
- Consultation on neighbourhood planning

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Yateley Pond

The pond is the jewel in the crown of Yateley Green. Between the hustle and bustle of cars passing by and children happily playing in the park, Yateley Pond is a natural oasis that provides a home to countless creatures. A huge variety of fish, ducks, plants and insects populate the eco-system which provides a tranquil space for people to rest or children to fish. From moorhens to swans, dragonflies to grass snakes, the pond is brimming with life throughout the seasons. It has been part of Yateley for centuries, undergoing a renovation in 2018 to re-establish a healthy environment for the flora and fauna.



Photograph by David Williams

How to stay safe

While it's a beautiful space to enjoy, there are always risks around water. Stay safe by remembering these rules..

- Take care when around the pond, there are a few areas where the verge slopes down into the water that are a slip risk
- In an emergency, immediately phone the emergency services on 999
- Seek medical attention if you are bitten or stung
- Avoid contact with the water as there are many waterborne illnesses that could harm you. Cuts and abrasions should be covered, do not enter the water and never handle or eat food until you have washed your hands.
- To protect the wildfowl and the habitats in the pond, we encourage people to avoid allowing their dogs to swim in the water.



Fishing

It is an ideal pond for young people to learn basic coarse fishing skills as a foundation for angling on other coarse fishing lakes in the future. The maximum age for fishing on the pond is 16, unless an adult is teaching angling to an under 16 year old. The closed season is from March 15th until June 15th inclusive, to protect the nesting birds and chicks. Please take your litter away with you and do not leave any bait or tackle, as they can be harmful to wildlife and other pond visitors.

YATELEY MARKETS

Thanks to the success of our Tuesday market, Yateley Town Council also launched a brand new Sunday market for the community of Derby Green to enjoy too.

The Tuesday market, which runs from 9am until 2pm on Church End Green (outside the Dog & Partridge) every week, became a useful service for those avoiding supermarkets during lockdown, and has continued to grow in size and popularity thanks to the custom of residents.

Local residents' willingness to support small businesses has also been felt every Sunday from 9am until 2pm in the Darby Green Centre car park (GU17 0DT). There, the much loved greengrocer and baker are joined by traders selling crafts, hot drinks, bacon sandwiches, plants and more.

For more information, or to have a stall at either market, please visit www.yateley-tc.gov.uk/Yateley_Market.aspx

Yateley's Events

Since the beginning of March, most of our much-loved community events have had to be postponed or cancelled because of the outbreak of COVID-19. Well-established events such as Gig on The Green and the May Fayre were not able to go ahead, while the new events planned for this year have had to be pushed back until next year. Thankfully, as our shops and communities begin to reopen, we can start to look forward to enjoying these events once again.

KEEP BRITAIN TIDY'S 'GREAT BRITISH SEPTEMBER CLEAN'

Monday 14th - Friday 18th September 2020 • 9am - 4pm • Yateley Town Council Offices (GU46 7RP)

During Keep Britain Tidy's 'Great British September Clean', postponed from the spring, Yateley Town Council want to encourage everyone to pledge to pick around Yateley, Frogmore and Darby Green. We'll provide the litter pickers, the bags, even handy information on how to keep yourself safe and where you might want to start picking first. Simply come along to the Council Offices to collect your equipment and do your bit to show that we love where we live. Will you pledge to pick with us?

Beginning to think a bit about Christmas?

Saturday 5th December 2020 • 11am - 3pm • Edgbarrow Woods Car Park, Wildmoor Heath, Sandhurst Road, Crowthorne, RG45 7PP

'Green' Christmas trees - from your local nature reserves
The local Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) is having its annual Christmas tree fundraiser on Saturday 5th December. The Scots pine trees are sourced from local heathland by the Wildlife Trust. The 'green' Christmas trees are sustainably grown, freshly cut the weekend of the sale and drop-resistant, and felling the trees helps with the heathland management and restoration. Mistletoe, holly, pine cones, willow stars, Wildlife Trust cards and calendars will also be on sale - and all are recyclable. Come on down to Edgbarrow Woods Car Park, Wildmoor Heath on Saturday 5 December for your Christmas tree and other goodies. Support your local wildlife sites. All proceeds go to the Wildlife Trust - Berks, Bucks & Oxon (BBOWT). For more details visit www.bbowl.org.uk/events



'Scots Pine and pine cone on Wildmoor Heath nature reserve' - photograph by Pete Crome

Dates for the Diary

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YATELEY LIONS FIREWORK FIESTA

Saturday 7th November 2020

YATELEY LIONS CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 28th November 2020

WILDLIFE TRUST CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

Saturday 5th December 2020 • 11am - 3pm • Edgbarrow Woods Car Park, Wildmoor Heath, Sandhurst Road, Crowthorne, RG45 7PP

YATELEY LIONS MAY FAYRE

Monday 3rd May 2021

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