



# YATELEY, FROGMORE & DARBY GREEN NEWS

## Summer 2022

### Mayor's Message

*By Councillor Stuart Bailey*

Dear Community,

I was delighted to be elected as Mayor by my fellow Town Councillors in May. My thanks go to Gerry Crisp who has served as mayor for seven years in total and remains a very active councillor and community champion. My wife and I moved to Yateley 34 years ago and we are never surprised when our area consistently comes out in surveys as one of the best places to live in the UK.

One of the highlights over recent months was the way in which the community came together to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The community picnics at both Yateley Green and on the green space by the Frogmore and Darby Green social hall proved to be very popular. There was a good crowd at the lighting of the beacon at Church End Green on the Thursday evening and I was delighted to be able to pop into several street parties over the weekend.

Over the rest of my year as Mayor I hope to be able to come along to as many events across our community as possible. Please do contact the Town Council office if there is any way I can support something that you may be involved with.



### Success at the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum!

On 30th June, registered voters had their say on the Yateley, Darby Green & Frogmore Neighbourhood Plan, with a resounding 91% of votes in favour of adopting the Plan. This means we now have locally relevant planning policies providing a set of design rules, that sit under the National Planning Policy Framework, to guide development in a way that will meet our long term vision for the parish. **The key topics in our Neighbourhood Plan include:** Delivering sustainable development; Limiting climate change and promoting greater biodiversity in our environment; Promoting good building design, a mix of dwellings and encouraging developments that contribute positively to their surroundings; Reducing the risk of flooding and enhancing our green spaces; Supporting sustainable public transport, and improved pedestrian and cycle links in our parish.

Next, Hart District Council will formally ratify the Plan at a Full Council meeting, after which it will sit under the Hart Local Plan and be implemented in decision making for planning applications.

Within the Plan, a number of community ambitions were identified that fell outside the scope of planning policy. These ambitions will be taken forward by our Council committees and the Yateley Climate Action Network.

The Town Council would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group members over the past 4½ years, who have helped bring the vision for the town together to produce a comprehensive Plan that will serve our parish well for years to come. To read the full plan, visit [yateley-tc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/](http://yateley-tc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/) or view a copy in the Town Council office.



**Yateley, Darby Green  
& Frogmore  
Neighbourhood Plan  
2020 - 2032**



**Adopted Version  
2022**  
Yateley Town Council

## A Jolly Jubilee in Yateley!

A huge thanks to everyone who came and joined in our community celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee on Thursday 2nd June or completed our Jubilee Beacon Trail across the parish. Hundreds of local residents came to our Platinum Jubilee Community Picnic on Yateley Green. They tucked into their strawberries and cream, Pimm's and BBQ and enjoyed free activities laid on by the local Scouting groups, library and Yateley and District Lions alongside face painting and music. In the evening an estimated 1000 people came to see the lighting of our Platinum Jubilee Beacon, accompanied by music from the Yateley Choral Society, piper, bugle player Luke Cherry from Yateley School and torchlight procession. The beacon was lit by 12 year old Arthur after being nominated in our 'Light the Beacon' competition for the community spirit he has demonstrated.



It was also wonderful to see the local street parties and celebrations around the parish - congratulations especially to the three winners in our 'Win a Hamper' competition who were given hampers to share at their celebrations and a plaque for the winning entry from Globe Farm Lane. We received amazing local support when putting together these events - huge thanks go to Yateley and District Lions, local Scouting groups, Waitrose, Hart District Council, Yateley Men's Shed, Yateley Choral Society, St Peter's Church and Michael Usher for their time and donations to this programme of community events.

## Local Environment News In Brief

- **Yateley Climate Action Network continues its efforts to tackle climate change and protect nature.**

Please check out our website at [yateleycan.org.uk](http://yateleycan.org.uk) and subscribe to our mailing list to keep in touch, plus you can now find us on Facebook! A date for your diary - on the 24th September YCAN are planning to be involved in a Great Big Green Week event in the parish. More soon!

- **The 'Covid Snake' is a collection of painted stones, in the formation of a snake, in an area of pine trees on Yateley Common.**

It was created by the community during the first wave of Covid-19. Yateley Town Council has been considering options for rehoming it to a permanent location both as a reminder of the community spirit displayed through that time and as a place for reflection. Unfortunately the stones cannot remain where they are. An area at the front of Heathlands Cemetery, just inside the first pedestrian gate, has been identified. It's a quiet, easily accessible location near to the snake's current home on the common. We will initially be arranging for the collection of the stones so they can be stored safely. The next stage will be to consider how to display and install the stones into the area. We would very much like the community to be involved. Do you have design ideas or experience working with natural materials? Or would you like to volunteer to help out? Please email [office@yateley-tc.gov.uk](mailto:office@yateley-tc.gov.uk) with your thoughts.



- **Along with our existing wildflower areas we have new areas this year including Stillwell Close, Monteagle Lane and Darby Green Playing Fields.**

You can find updates on wildflower verges across the parish on our website, including pictures of how these have developed as the year progresses. See our new Biodiversity section at [yateley-tc.gov.uk/our-services/biodiversity/](http://yateley-tc.gov.uk/our-services/biodiversity/).



### LOOKING FOR A NEW ROLE?

Yateley Town Council is made up of 13 councillors and a small, friendly team of office staff performing various roles. We do at times recruit for new staff in a variety of vacancies. Please see the **Vacancies section of our website** at [yateley-tc.gov.uk/the-council/vacancies/](http://yateley-tc.gov.uk/the-council/vacancies/) for information on available positions.

# Youth Social Prescribing Now Available

**Vision 4 Youth are running a summer holiday club on Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm. The club is open to all aged 11-18 with a £1 entry and food included.**



Once schools restart in September the youth clubs will be open again as normal, Monday - Friday evenings. In addition, Vision 4 Youth will be introducing a brand new 1:1 service; **Youth Social Prescribing**. In Yateley, adults are the main focus for local GP surgeries when it comes to social prescribing, but Vision 4 Youth's offering will be specifically for those aged 11-18. Social prescription gives people a chance to seek help in finding out what matters to them, taking a holistic approach to health and wellbeing. A Social Prescribing Link Worker connects people to community groups and services that meet their emotional and social aspirations. The support will be there for young people struggling with loneliness, isolation, long term health conditions, mental health needs and those who have complex social needs that affect their wellbeing. It is a free service. Please contact [office@vision4youth.org.uk](mailto:office@vision4youth.org.uk) if you would like to know more.

## yelabus Welcome New Operations Manager

yelabus are pleased to welcome Sarah Currie on board as Operations Manager. For all your group hire transport needs please contact Sarah on 07719 799263 or [operationsmanager@yelabus.org.uk](mailto:operationsmanager@yelabus.org.uk).



We are a community bus service for residents in and around Blackwater, Eversley, Hawley and Yateley. **Don't know about yelabus services already operating in Yateley?** Under contract to Yateley Town Council there is a service every Monday operating in the morning from Yateley to The Meadows. This is free service available to passengers living within the Yateley Town Council boundaries. With support provided by Hampshire County Council there is a service on alternate Friday mornings from Eversley, Yateley and Blackwater/Hawley to Tesco and Camberley Town Centre. There is a charge for this service, with a Disabled or Senior Citizen concessions. Both of these services collect from and return to your home address. You must be pre-registered with yelabus and book in advance. Please contact yelabus on the details above for a registration form.



## GIRLGUIDING LOOKING FOR MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Did you know that Girlguiding is alive and well in our local area? Within Frogmore & Yateley we have four Rainbow units for girls aged 5 – 7 years, five Brownie units for girls aged 7 – 10 years and two Guide units for girls aged 10 – 14 years, who meet in various halls, days and times each week. Does your daughter want to learn new skills and have fun? Fun, friendships and unforgettable experiences are at the heart of Girlguiding.

Have you ever thought about volunteering with Girlguiding? You will get a warm welcome, make new friends, help girls reach their potential and most of all enjoy the journey. Visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) or if you want to contact us at a local level, then email Yateley on [yateleydistrict@gmail.com](mailto:yateleydistrict@gmail.com) or Frogmore on [fdg.girlguiding@gmail.com](mailto:fdg.girlguiding@gmail.com).

## CAN YOU HELP THE YATELEY AND DISTRICT LIONS?

Ever wondered who organises Yateley May Fayre, Yateley Firework Fiesta, Yateley Christmas Market and more plus supports the community? Why not consider joining or being a friend of Yateley & District Lions Club and get involved in YOUR community. Would you like to find out more about the community and charitable work we do (as well as the social side)? We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 8pm. If you'd like to come along and hear what we do ring Phil on 0345 833 9915 or email [president@yateleylions.co.uk](mailto:president@yateleylions.co.uk) for details. Find us on [www.yateleylions.co.uk](http://www.yateleylions.co.uk) or on Facebook [www.facebook.com/yateleylions](https://www.facebook.com/yateleylions).



## Dates for the Diary

### BLACKWATER VALLEY CASK & CORK FESTIVAL

Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd September • Sean Devereux Park, Yateley, GU46 7SZ

Beer, wine and music festival with daytime and evening sessions on Friday 2nd September and Saturday 3rd September 2022. More information and tickets from [caskandcork.co.uk](http://caskandcork.co.uk).

### ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

Sunday 18th September • 10am - 2pm • Darby Green Centre, GU17 0DT

We are pleased to announce, following the success of the event last year, the Arts and Crafts Fair will be returning to the Darby Green Centre. This event will feature stalls from local artists and producers, free workshops and refreshments will be available. Please see our website for full details.

### MORE DETAILS COMING SOON:

- **Saturday 5th November** - Yateley & District Lions Club Fireworks Fiesta
- **Sunday 13th November** - Remembrance Sunday Parade
- **Saturday 26th November** - Yateley & District Lions Club Christmas Market

## Advice First Aid

Citizens Advice have launched a new project to deliver free Advice First Aid training to staff and volunteers of local groups, charities and organisations (thanks to HCC and Frimley 10:100). Advice First Aid (AFA) training empowers individuals who are already supporting or interacting with clients or members of the community, to gain knowledge of their advice service, use the public facing website and signpost people to advice and support. We've had a great response with requests for training. Contact Marcia [afa@citizensadvicehart.org.uk](mailto:afa@citizensadvicehart.org.uk) if you are interested in AFA for your organisation. Thanks to Hart Voluntary Action for supporting this project.

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### ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

Showcasing local skill through handmade crafts and artwork

SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 10AM TO 2PM  
THE DARBY GREEN CENTRE GU17 0DT

**ARE YOU A LOCAL ARTIST, CRAFTER  
OR INDEPENDENT PRODUCER? WE'D  
LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS OF OUR ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR  
IN SEPTEMBER 2021 WE WILL BE RUNNING ANOTHER EVENT  
ON SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER AT THE DARBY GREEN CENTRE  
AND ARE LOOKING FOR STALLHOLDERS TO SHOWCASE  
THEIR TALENTS!

INTERESTED? CONTACT US VIA SOCIAL MEDIA OR EMAIL  
[OFFICE@YATELEY-TC.GOV.UK](mailto:OFFICE@YATELEY-TC.GOV.UK) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

## Yateley Market - Use It or Lose It

Yateley's Tuesday Market is still running on a Tuesday morning, 9am - 2pm in The Tythings car park. Fresh fruit and veg, artisan bread & pastries, cheese, pies and hot food options are available. Footfall has been low this year and as a result some of our traders are having to think about the difficult decision of if they continue to trade in Yateley. If you value having the Tuesday market please do try, if you are able, to come and support these stalls.



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