

Parish Council Newsletter



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Welcome to the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead's e-shot for Parish Councils.

This monthly digest is designed to help keep you up to date with the latest news from the Royal Borough and give you the opportunity to get involved in consultations and other community projects.

If you have content you'd like to see included in future editions, please contact communications@rbwm.gov.uk. You can also keep up to date with the latest from the council via the council's social media channels.



Royal Borough completes £30m phase of secondary schools expansion

Recently we celebrated completion of the Royal Borough's latest phase of investment in secondary schools expansion, rounding off our wider communications campaign highlighting the wide range of services the council provides for children and young people.

This £30m phase of investment has benefited pupils and staff at seven schools over the last four years, providing new high-quality classrooms, specialist teaching and ancillary spaces as part of ongoing work to ensure there is sufficient capacity to meet projected demand for pupil places in communities where it is needed.

With funding from Government, the council itself and infrastructure contributions from developers, this major funding package for secondary schools followed on from expansion of primary schools, both of which responded to a bulge in pupils flowing through the education system.

St Peter's Middle School, in Old Windsor, completed its works this summer, replacing an old classroom building with a new larger classroom building, in addition to landscaping and improvements to cycle parking and staff parking.

Works at [Cox Green School](#) finished during 2018 and allowed it to expand its pupil intake, with investment used to create purpose-built maths classrooms, upgrade science spaces and build a brand new maths block and dining space.

Expansion works have also taken place at Windsor Girls' School, Windsor Boys' School, Dedworth Middle School, Furze Platt Senior School and Charters School.

[Read our press release](#) for more information.



Can't get to the library? We bring the library to you

Get books delivered by friendly local volunteers

Bringing the Library Service to people's doorsteps

Did you know our Select and Deliver/Home Library Service brings the library to the doorsteps of residents and communities who aren't able to get to the library themselves?

Readers simply reserve their books over the phone, via email or online. These are then selected from the shelves by library staff and delivered conveniently to doorsteps by dedicated local library volunteers. The books are later collected and returned by the volunteers.

Select and Deliver is aimed at residents who cannot access a static library, owing to disability/illness, or because they are full-time carers, or do not have personal means of transportation. Apply [online](#) or call 01628 796969 or email mobile.library@rbwm.gov.uk

Could you volunteer?

The Library Service is always seeking further friendly volunteers to get involved and we are very grateful for the support. You will be able to volunteer flexibly so that it fits with other commitments while getting the satisfaction of meeting new people and making a difference by helping to improve someone's quality of life. To apply to volunteer, please email volunteers.library@rbwm.gov.uk.



Royal Borough launches Family Hub Service supporting vulnerable children and young people

Recently we [officially launched our Family Hub Service](#), re-focussing support on the most vulnerable children, young people and families in the Royal Borough.

The hubs integrate early help support and enable staff to work more intensively with referred families which need that tailored help, improving children's life chances while reducing the need for statutory intervention. Visit our [social media channels](#) to hear feedback from families about how the service has helped them.

The service also provides a number of group sessions and projects for young people and parents. After operating virtually in a reduced capacity during Covid restrictions, the Family Hub Service has been officially launched as an in-person service, with Councillor Stuart Carroll, cabinet member for children's services, visiting one of those projects at Windsor Family Hub.



Royal Borough's new Youth Council holds first meeting

We recently [launched the new Youth Council](#), helping to give a stronger voice to children and young people in the Royal Borough.

This dedicated forum supports young people to get involved in their communities, playing an active role in shaping and informing local decisions as the first port of call for councillors and local businesses wanting to hear the voice of local young people.

Youth Councillors held their first meeting in the Council Chamber, at the Town Hall, on Monday 20 September, electing as their chairperson 17-year-old Robert Jansen-Spence, of The Windsor Boys' School, who [features in this social media video](#) inviting further young people to apply to become Youth Councillors.

For more information or to join either the [Youth Council](#) or the Girls' Policy Forum, please email Youth Engagement Officer Elaine Keating on elaine.keating@achievingforchildren.org.uk.



Signs encouraging 'no idling' to be installed

New signs encouraging residents to switch off their engines while waiting will be distributed to schools and some businesses in the borough this month.

The latest 'No Idling' campaign is part of our ongoing commitment to cleaner air and comes as a direct response to the positive feedback we received from our last campaign in March.

The signs, which are hard-wearing and more compact, will be easier to attach to lampposts, will not intrude onto pavements and can be moved from location to location.

Artwork from the Active Travel competition, held in schools this summer, has been incorporated into the designs.

If you have any queries, please direct them to Tim Golabek at tim.golabek@rbwm.gov.uk or Imogen Leonard at imogen.leonard@projectcentre.co.uk



Free support for businesses on how to comply with new food labelling law

Businesses are being offered free advice and support by the council on how to comply with a new food labelling law, helping to protect consumers with allergies.

Natasha's Law came into force nationally on Friday 1 October. It is named after 15-year-old Natasha Ednan-Laperouse, who died in July 2016 after suffering an allergic reaction to sesame seeds, an undeclared ingredient in a pre-packed baguette.

The legislation makes it mandatory for any business that produces Pre-Packed food for Direct Sale (PPDS) to label it with the name of the food and a full ingredients list, with allergenic ingredients emphasised within the list. This is food which is packaged at the same place it is offered or sold to consumers and is in the packaging before it is ordered or selected.

The council's Environmental Health officers have been explaining the new law to businesses across the Royal Borough during their routine visits, while Trading Standards have been distributing a factsheet to shops explaining what the legislation means and how to get free advice. Businesses will also be able to contact the teams should they need support.

For free advice, call 01628 683800,
email trading.standards@rbwm.gov.uk or env.health@rbwm.gov.uk

For more information, [see our press release](#).



Repairs to Black Potts Weir completed

Work to repair Black Potts Weir on the **Jubilee River** has been completed by the Environment Agency.

The river protects approximately 3,200 homes in Maidenhead, Windsor and Eton from flooding, by diverting water from the Thames during high flows.

During a planned inspection it was discovered that the downstream area to the weir had been eroded.

The repairs were completed in two phases: new sheet piles were first installed downstream of the weir and backfilled with grout and ballast. The second phase was the new weir apron (the downstream area of the weir) slab and downstream rock armour protection.

The work ensures the protection of the weir and railway bridge that carries the Windsor & Eton Riverside branch line for the next 60 to 100 years.



Could you or your loved ones benefit from a call blocker?

Representatives of our Trading Standards and Community Warden teams recently attended the Ascot Community Open Meeting held at Ascot Racecourse.

A Trading Standards officer demonstrated a telephone call blocker device, which helps to protect vulnerable people from scams calls and nuisance calls.

Our Trading Standards team has several call blockers available which it can supply and install. If you, or someone you know, are interested, please email trading.standards@rbwm.gov.uk

At the meeting, a Community Warden also spoke about their wide-ranging role to support community safety, including working with the community to tackle dog-fouling and littering.



Promoting local community events

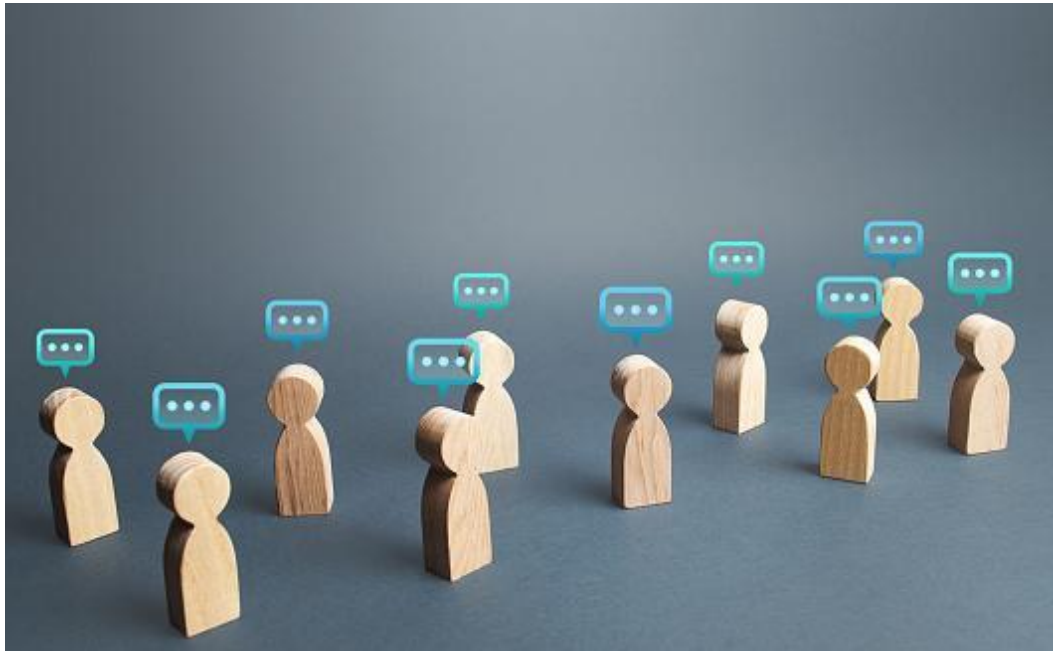
Are you aware of an upcoming not-for-profit community event or activity that could be promoted in our Residents' Newsletter?

If there are events taking place in your parish, please encourage the organisers to send basic information about it to communications@rbwm.gov.uk and it could be shared with over 18,000 local residents in a future edition of Residents' Newsletter.

They just need to include a brief description, when and where it takes place, and a link to a website/social media page/contact where people can find out more.

Please encourage any sports, community and youth groups in your wards to get in touch with their upcoming events so we can help promote them.

Eton Wick Youth Cub recently got in touch about their upcoming 75th Anniversary celebrations which take place on Saturday 16 October from 6.30 to 9pm at Eton Wick Village Hall. Check out the [event poster](#) to learn more.



Have your say

We regularly hold consultations to get your views on proposals within the Royal Borough.

Responding to our consultations and giving your feedback is the best way to ensure your views are heard.

Our current consultations are:

- [Single person discount review](#) – ongoing consultation
- [Developing proposals for new school places - provide comments on the feasibility studies for school expansion](#) – ongoing consultation

More information can be found [on the consultations pages of our website](#).

All the latest at your fingertips

We publish our weekly Residents' Newsletter, featuring all the latest local news Royal Borough residents need to know about.

Please encourage those in your community to [sign up on our website](#).

Keep in touch

Keep up to date with news and information from the council by [signing up to Nextdoor](#) and following us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

Other accounts you may be interested in:

- Royal Borough official [tourism web page](#).
- Libraries on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- Windsor & Royal Borough [Museum web page](#).
- MyRoyalBorough on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).
- Make Maidenhead on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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