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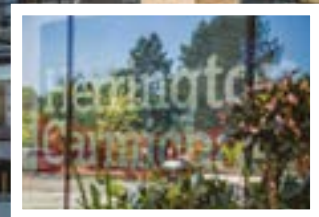


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Cllr Shaun Macdonald

Leader's message

We're very aware that times are tough for many in the current climate – and Surrey Heath Borough Council and its partners are working hard to support our communities in every way we can. Turn to pages 14-15 for more information on just some of the many ways we are here for you, while pages 10 and 20 include updates on further support available for your family or others you know are in need. You can read about the positive impacts of our successful industrial property portfolio on page 13, and the many and varied uses of our much-loved community buildings on page 16. Congratulations to the winners of the Surrey Heath Sports Awards – and a huge thank you to everyone who makes sport and physical activity happen in Surrey Heath, whatever your role, you make a difference come rain or shine! More details on page 7. I'm really proud of the fact we've doubled the number of Green

Flag Award winning parks in the borough, so get wrapped up warm and enjoy them – read more on page 8.

There's an update on our Electric Vehicle charger project on page 9, and sticking with a green theme, you can earn rewards while helping the planet via the new Rethink Waste scheme on page 19.

Finally, Surrey Heath Borough Council is 50 years old next year, and we'd like you to get involved to celebrate our rich culture and diversity – find out what we're doing to mark the occasion on page 21.

Wishing you and yours a peaceful Christmas with health and happiness for 2024,

**Cllr Shaun Macdonald
Leader, Surrey Heath
Borough Council**

The festive season is nearly upon us and there is so much going on across Surrey Heath that it would impress Santa's busy elves. Please make the most of the great events happening in the borough, and shop local to support our fantastic Surrey Heath independent businesses and organisations. More info on pages 4-5.

The Camberley Theatre pantomime is a Christmas tradition that shouldn't be missed by grandkids, grandparents, and everyone in-between! This year's Cinderella is no exception - find out more on page 6.



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Christmas

IN SURREY HEATH

Surrey Heath has a wonderful range of things to do, see and enjoy, especially during the Christmas period.

It's particularly magical at this time of year – we've rounded up just some of the reasons to make the most of our borough and the great festive events on offer.

Remember to shop local and support our fantastic businesses when planning your Christmas shopping and entertainment!

More details and events at surreyheath.gov.uk/Christmas

★ Carwarden House Community School Christmas Craft Fair and Raffle

📅 Wednesday 15 November, 7pm to 9pm

📍 Carwarden House Community School

Bigger and better than ever before, with more prizes to be won and a whole load of stalls and activities to browse around!

Carwarden House Sixth Form will be back by popular demand with their stall filled with their own home-made Christmas Crafts.

★ Collectively Camberley's Christmas Cracker

📅 Saturday 18 November, 10am to 4pm

📍 Across Camberley Town centre

The event includes a whole range of free, fun and festive family activities such as face painting, balloon modelling, roaming acts and live music and dance, real reindeer, mini fair-ground rides and games, snow machines, the Christmas Market plus business stalls, the second round of The Children's Business Fair and appearances from Father Christmas.

★ Camberley Theatre Christmas Craft Market

📅 Sunday 19 November, 10am to 4pm

Includes a wide range of products from local artists and makers like jewellery, craft kits, artwork and candles – there is something for everyone! There's a cafe on site and a dedicated area for family friendly/ children's makers so you can bring the children along and pick up some festive gifts and treats.

★ Heatherside Christmas tree light switch on

📅 Sunday 26 November, 5pm onwards

📍 Heatherside parade

★ Camberley's Christmas Reindeer

📅 1-31 December 2023

📍 Camberley town centre

Will you be able to find all of our beautiful Reindeers hidden across the town? Pick up your free map with clues to help you find them. Run by Collectively Camberley.

★ **Bagshot Christmas event
inc. light switch on**

📅 **Saturday 2 December, 4 to 6pm**

📍 **Outside Bagshot Co-op**

★ **Lightwater Society Craft Fair
and lights switch on**

📅 **Saturday 2 December, 3 to 7pm**

📍 **The Square, Lightwater**

★ **West End Christmas Fair**

📅 **Saturday 2 December, 11am to 3pm**

📍 **Gordon's School**

Live entertainment, stalls, arts and crafts and seasonal food.

★ **Christmas Fayre on the Green**

📅 **Saturday 2 December, 11am to 2pm**

📍 **Frimley Green**

★ **Santa's Enchanted Express**

📅 **Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 December,
11am-4pm**

📍 **The Atrium, Camberley**

Step aboard the special Christmas train at the Atrium, where your children will have the opportunity to craft their very own heartfelt letter to Santa Claus himself before meeting Santa in person and personally delivering their letters.

This is a free event but pre-booking is required - more details at theatrium-camberley.com

★ **Christmas Tree Festival**

📅 **Saturday 9 December, 10am to 3pm**

📍 **St Michael's Church, London Road,
Camberley**

★ **Frimley Green Carols on the Green**

📅 **Saturday 9 December, 6.30pm**

Hot chestnuts, mince pies, mulled wine and hot chocolate will be available!

★ **Camberley Farmer's & Artisans Market**

📅 **Saturday 16 December, 10am to 3pm**

📍 **Park St, Camberley**

There will be all the normal foodie stalls as well as Christmas gifts like homemade fudge, personalised cups and key rings and handmade jewellery.

★ **Bagshot Concert Band
Christmas Concert**

📅 **Saturday 16 December, 7pm**

📍 **All Saint's Church Hall, Lightwater**



Cinderella

A CAMBERLEY THEATRE PRODUCTION



9-31
December 2023

Join us this Christmas for a brand new, magical production of the timeless story of Cinderella at Camberley Theatre!

This unmissable show will delight the whole family, featuring a jukebox of much-loved songs, beautiful costumes and a talented cast of actors and dancers.

Will Cinderella be able to escape her cruel family for a chance of one night of fun, and maybe find love along the way?

This traditional pantomime will have you crying with laughter, singing loudly and being swept up in the magic!

Tickets:

9 December performance, all tickets are £21

All other performances: Full £28, Under 16 £26, Family of 4 £100.

Theatre Club Members save £3 on all Full Price or Under 16 tickets.

Box Office: camberleytheatre.co.uk or call 01276 707600



Special Performances:

- Relaxed Performance: Sun 17 Dec, 10am
- Integrated BSL Signed Performance: Sun 17 Dec, 2pm
- Captioned Performance (live subtitles): Wed 27 Dec, 1pm

Have a safe Christmas night out

Going for a Christmas meal?

- Check a restaurant's food hygiene rating at food.gov.uk/ratings or look for the green and black sticker in the front window. If you can't see one, just ask.
- The ratings are determined by the council's food safety officers and run from 0 to 5 in terms of food hygiene and safety, with a 3 being 'satisfactory', 4 'good' and 5 'very good'. In Surrey Heath 98% of food businesses are rated 3 or better.



Getting home by taxi?

- Always use a licensed vehicle. Vehicles and drivers go through thorough safety and roadworthiness checks by the council.
- Hackney Carriage vehicles can pick up unarranged fares from the street and will have a taxi roof sign and a yellow licence plate on the rear of the vehicle.
- Private hire vehicles have to be pre-booked and are not permitted to pick up from the street. They have a white licence plate on the rear of the vehicle.

Sporting stars

Physical activity



The winners of the 2023 Surrey Heath Sports Awards have been announced at a ceremony at Camberley Theatre.

The awards celebrate the achievements of local coaches, volunteers, athletes and community groups, who have gone above and beyond in their performances, dedication and commitment to sport and physical activity.

Winners in our seven award categories included representation from cricket, athletics, cheerleading, football, netball and boccia, showing the depth and breadth of sport and physical activity taking place across the borough.



Congratulations to the Surrey Heath Sports Awards 2023 winners:

■ Legacy Sportswear Sporting Moment of the Year

Harrison Taylor - represented Surrey in javelin at the National Schools competition, earning selection to the England Athletic Youth Programme at Loughborough.



■ The Massage Company Team of the Year

Camberley Bowling Club



■ Complete Coaching Newcomer of the Year

Lola-Grace Mizzi of Eclipse Cheerleading



■ Surrey Security Service Community Champion of the Year

Saba Raza for providing health and wellbeing initiatives among ethnic minority and refugee communities.



■ Places Leisure Camberley Outstanding Service to Sport Award

Keith Ross of Curley Park Rangers Football Club

■ Inclusive Sport Award

Oliver Hastings - boccia



■ Surrey Playing Fields Volunteer of the Year

Jemma Barker of Lightwater Lasers Netball



Team Surrey Heath members from the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games programme

were also recognised for their participation and performance.

Thank you to our host **Peter Gordon**, and our generous sponsors.

Green flag success!

Surrey Heath Borough Council is celebrating after receiving four Green Flag Awards for parks and green spaces across the borough.

This doubles the number of parks in Surrey Heath which have achieved the international mark of quality and excellence compared with last year.

Frimley Green Recreation Ground and Windlemere Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) have newly-achieved Green Flag Awards, joining existing award holders Frimley Lodge Park and Lightwater Country Park.

This year marks 23 consecutive years of Green Flag awards for Frimley Lodge Park – a brilliant achievement – while Lightwater Country Park is celebrating its fifth award.



Surrey Heath Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Net Zero, Wellbeing and Environment, Cllr Morgan Rise, said: “This fantastic news is testament to the hard work and dedication of the team that care for the green spaces across the borough, so that everyone can enjoy them.

“Getting out and about in the great outdoors is good for our mental and physical wellbeing, and so having high quality parks and green spaces available for local people and visitors is one of our priorities. Congratulations to everyone involved.”

New Deanside playground design chosen

We're thrilled to announce the winner of the public vote for the new playground design for Deanside in Camberley.

The HAGS design was the most popular choice - it features a multi play unit, a roty roundabout, a vippy seesaw, a trampoline, a jeep springer and two cradle swings, two flat swings and one basket swing.

Thank you to everyone who shared their views on the design - keep an eye on our social media channels for updates.



EV update

An update on the project to install Electric Vehicle chargers in council-owned car parks.

Surrey Heath Borough Council is installing 46 new Electric Vehicle (EV) chargepoints across seven sites in the borough.

These sites are:

- Portesbury Road, Camberley
- Martindale Avenue, Heatherside
- Watchetts Road, Camberley
- Burrell Road, Frimley
- Chobham High Street Car Park
- The Square Car Park, Bagshot
- Yorktown Car Park, Camberley

Phase 1 of the scheme - the installation of ground infrastructure - has been completed at five of the sites. Portesbury Road will have wall mounted charge points, which involves a separate installation process – timing to be confirmed. Unfortunately, Burrell Road has been delayed due to legal issues.

This stage of works must be carried out by the Distribution Network Operator and unfortunately they currently have a backlog. It will therefore be a few more months before we can expect the connection to take place.



Once we have confirmed dates for Phase 2 of the works, we will update our social media and website to inform residents. There will be some disruption at our sites while this phase of work is completed with works taking between two and seven days.

We would like to thank residents for their patience while these

works continue.

This project has been funded from a mix of government grants and private finance from Connected Kerb, meaning there is zero cost to the council.

You can find more information out about our EV charger scheme at surreyheath.gov.uk/ev-charging-points

Support

Here for you



■ Struggling to pay bills and afford essentials? Help is at hand.

The council and our partners continue to work hard to do everything we can to help support our local community.

- Last month the council in partnership with The Square shopping centre in Camberley held a **Cost of Living event**.

Partner organisations who attended included Citizens Advice Surrey Heath who offered support and advice around managing finances and debt, The Hope Hub, Family Information Service, the Department for Work and Pensions and Surrey County Council.

People who came along to the event were also able to pick up free winter essentials and supplies including clothing, food and toiletries if they needed them.

- If you're struggling with the cost of living including paying for daily essentials like food or energy you may be eligible for a grant of up to £100 (payable in supermarket vouchers) from the **Household Support Fund**.

We are working with Citizens Advice Surrey



Heath (CASH) to deliver this scheme. The quickest way to apply is by filling in the form on the CASH website at citizensadvice.surreyheath.org.uk or by calling **01276 417906**.

CASH can also offer financial help and guidance, food bank referrals and other practical support.

- **Emergency Food, Fuel and Energy Scheme grants** are available for organisations working with those experiencing hardship in the borough.

Since April 2023 a total of £7,800 has been paid to organisations providing support locally, including The Hope Hub

and St Martin's Church, Camberley, who will both be providing a Warm Hub space during the winter months for those looking for somewhere warm and welcoming, offering a hot drink and other support. The fund is open until 31 March 2024.

More information at surreyheath.gov.uk/grants

Details of all of the warm hubs operating across the borough this winter are available via surreyheath.gov.uk/hereforyou

- More information about government support for households can be found at helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk



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On any alarm being triggered, the user is immediately connected to our local Control Centre where an experienced operator will be ready to help. They will establish what assistance, if any, is required and arrange support - either by calling a nominated contact or the emergency services.

Anyone who signs up to the service will be initially assessed by a member of the team. This ensures that each alarm package is tailored around their needs. So, in addition to the standard alarm and smoke detector provided, other monitored equipment can be offered such as a fall alarm, bed sensors and pill dispensers.

All of this is provided for a monthly fee which includes hire



Community Alarms



and installation of all equipment, maintenance and support, and follow up assessments.

Being a council-led service uniquely places the Community Alarm team to take a holistic approach to each resident and, where appropriate, refer them to other available council services which support them living independently and safely in their own homes.

The Community Alarms service

can be requested directly by any Surrey Heath resident, or by someone on their behalf who wants the reassurance that help will be there when they can't be.

This service is provided in partnership with Runnymede Borough Council.

You can find out more about the service, or sign up, by visiting our website at surreyheath.gov.uk/communityalarms or contact our team on **01932 425865**.

Letting success

The success of the council's industrial property portfolio is good news for local businesses, residents and council services.



Surrey Heath Borough Council owns a number of industrial buildings around the borough which contribute positively to the local economy.

The council has currently successfully maintained full occupancy for all its industrial estates.

Council-owned buildings include Theta, an office building on Frimley Road, in addition to four industrial estates: St George's Industrial estate, Albany Park, Trade City and Sandhurst Industrial Estate.

Recent major lettings include Surrey Heath Community Providers Limited leasing part of the first floor of Theta. Other tenants across the portfolio range from small family-owned

firms like Djuke Limited to growing businesses such as Puttshack, to multinationals including Amazon, SGS and Vodafone.

Net income from the council's industrial property portfolio for the year end to 31 March 2023 equated to £2.697m which contributes towards the council's overall budget to provide services across the borough.

These industrial lettings are also supported by a strong occupancy rate at The Square Shopping Centre in Camberley, which is also owned by the council.

Surrey Heath Portfolio Holder for Economic and Income Development Cllr Kel Finan-Cooke said:

"These industrial leases are a strong indicator of Surrey Heath's achievement in attracting and retaining successful businesses.

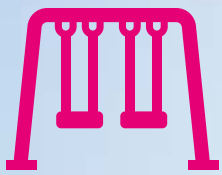
"The borough has excellent connections to London and Heathrow, a well-educated resident population and strong digital connectivity, all of which help to enable commercial success.

"The firms based at our industrial locations are important local employers who contribute to the success of our Surrey Heath economy and support local people.

"The net income the council earns from these sites also goes back into providing important local services to residents, like Meals at Home and parks maintenance."

Supporting our

We know this is a difficult time for many people. High costs and different pressures are Surrey Heath Borough Council and our partners are working hard to support you in a practical help, to improving your physical and mental wellbeing. We're here for you.



42 parks, playgrounds, green spaces and woodlands maintained to a high standard, including four Green Flag Awards, reflecting our recognition of the importance of quality, accessible green spaces to wellbeing.



221 hours per week spent street cleaning by our crews, and an average of 11 fly-tips cleared weekly – helping to keep Surrey Heath clean, green and safe for everyone.



3.9m household bins collected annually including food waste, recycling, refuse and garden waste. Our collection rate is 99.95% - one less thing to worry about!



More than 200 families and individuals in crisis or with complex needs supported by our teams – helping those who need it most.



£13.9m paid to residents in housing benefit and council tax support, providing targeted help.



community



making things hard for local residents.
wide variety of ways – from financial and



40,521 meals served to older or vulnerable residents – just one of the ways our Community Services Partnership supports people to live independently for longer.



879,378 visits to Places Leisure Camberley, encouraging healthy, active lives at an affordable cost.



More than £400,000 invested in supporting our voluntary and community groups including Citizens Advice Surrey Heath, The Hope Hub, Voluntary Support North Surrey and Surrey Heath Age Concern in the vital work they carry out across the borough.



Nearly 150 young people supported into work or training by The Workshop, helping them on their first steps towards a career.



48,027 people attended ticketed events at Camberley Theatre – enjoying the tonic of a value for money evening out.



Almost 100 free weekly guided walks held to support physical and mental wellbeing.

* Figures apply to financial year 2022-23



Centre upgrade

Recently-refurbished Lightwater Leisure Centre is just one example of council-owned buildings which enhance the local community.

The centre has recently completed a comprehensive refurbishment programme to upgrade its gym and facilities, with the improvements providing great opportunities for the local community to get active and socialise.

The extensive updates include a total gym refit, revamped changing rooms and studios, and brand-new facilities such as a sauna, and a state-of-the-art spin studio.

Further improvements are planned for next year which will provide customers with solar car chargers and Padel tennis.

Surrey Heath Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture, Cllr John Skipper, said: "These are exciting times for the centre and the community around Lightwater, providing fantastic opportunities for people to get active."



"The council is proud to have been able to support this project by extending the lease on this building, which enabled this significant investment to take place from the centre's business partner, Lifestyle Fitness, working with the Lightwater Playing Fields Association."

lifestylefitness.co.uk/club/lightwater-leisure-centre



Did you know?

The council owns more than 20 community buildings across the borough.

Some of these are council-managed, but the majority are let to businesses, community groups and sports clubs. They range from community centres to village halls to park cafes to bowls clubs, all of which have an important part to play in Surrey Heath community life.

These lettings are often made at a reduced rate because of the community benefits the organisations provide.

We are committed to maximising the potential of these buildings for the local community - please check out your local facilities and make the most of them!

Properties include:

16 sports clubs like Camberley Judo club, based on the Old Dean, who train everyone from young children just starting out in the sport to world class athletes in preparation for Commonwealth and Olympic Games.

5 Community centres, which host dozens of classes a week of activities including zumba, parent and baby music sessions, seated exercise and dance.

4 Scout and Girl Guides buildings providing access to a variety of spaces and activities.

The recent opening of Camberley Men's Shed in **London Road Recreation Ground Pavillion** aims to offer people - especially men - a space to interact while repairing items, and in the process reducing social isolation.

Recycle your tree for free

The council's popular free Christmas tree recycling scheme is back this festive season.



A record number of more than 3,400 Christmas trees were collected for recycling in Surrey Heath in January 2023 – and this year we want to make that total even bigger!

Bring your trees to one of our 15 recycling points from **3-21 January** and do your bit for the planet.

Once collected, the trees will be chipped, with the woodchips used to top up paths in our beautiful parks and green spaces.

The sites where Christmas trees can be dropped off are shown opposite.

Restrictions apply: Only real Christmas trees can be accepted, all decorations and lights must be removed from the trees prior to drop off.

Christmas trees can also be chopped up and placed in garden waste bins by subscribers to the Garden Waste scheme, or dropped off at Community Recycling Centres.

surreyheath.gov.uk/christmastreecycle

Drop-off Location	Postcode
Heatherside Park (near the recreation ground)	GU15 1AY
Watchetts Recreation Ground	GU15 2SR
Old Dean Recreation Ground	GU15 4AF
Southcote Park, Camberley	GU15 1JP
Frimley Green Recreation Ground	GU16 6JZ
Mytchett Recreation Ground	GU16 6JD
School Lane, Bagshot	GU19 5BP
Lightwater Playing Fields	GU18 5SY
Windmill Field, Windlesham	GU20 6QA
Clews Lane, Bisley	GU24 9HD
Rosewood Way, West End	GU24 9XG
Yorktown Car Park, Camberley	GU15 3AU
Clarence Drive, Camberley	GU15 1JT
Woodend Road Car Park, Deepcut	GU16 6SD
Chobham Car Park, Chobham	GU24 8LZ

Sustainable celebrations

Have a green Christmas by making planet-friendly choices this festive season.

Suddenly it's the festive period! Check out the Surrey Environment Partnership's (SEP) eco-friendly festive checklist and recycling information at surreyep.org.uk to make sure you're recycling right at what can be a very wasteful time.

Remember that bin collection dates will change too. This year, revised collections will take place over a three-week period, returning to normal on **Monday 15 January 2024**.

Christmas collections 2023

Usual collection day	Revised collection day
Monday 25 December	Wednesday 27 December
Tuesday 26 December	Thursday 28 December
Wednesday 27 December	Friday 29 December
Thursday 28 December	Saturday 30 December
Friday 29 December	Tuesday 2 January
Monday 1 January	Wednesday 3 January
Tuesday 2 January	Thursday 4 January
Wednesday 3 January	Friday 5 January
Thursday 4 January	Saturday 6 January
Friday 5 January	Monday 8 January
Monday 8 January	Tuesday 9 January
Tuesday 9 January	Wednesday 10 January
Wednesday 10 January	Thursday 11 January
Thursday 11 January	Friday 12 January
Friday 12 January	Saturday 13 January



The hidden power of food waste recycling

From 22 January to 3 March, SEP's Own Your Impact campaign will aim to drive up usage of food waste recycling caddies. Food waste is closely linked to climate change, and by recycling more of it you can generate energy that could power up your home. After the campaign, look out for even more handy tips during Food Waste Action Week, 4-10 March.

Garden waste takeaway

Before we know it, spring will be here. Why not take advantage of fortnightly garden waste recycling collections? For a small annual fee, your grass cuttings, dead flowers and plants will be collected and recycled, meaning you won't have to leave home.

Find out more at jointwastesolutions.org





Rethink Waste

Join Surrey's **Rethink Waste** scheme and learn how to reduce your waste, earning rewards that you can donate to charity or use to enter prize draws.

It's free to join, fun to do and makes Surrey a greener place to live.

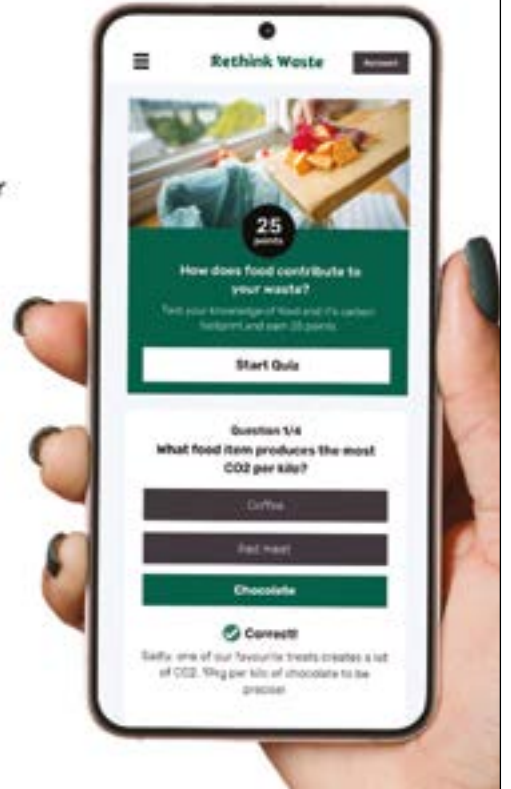


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Help close to home

The latest on a variety of council grants and funding schemes supporting our community.

A total of more than £47,000 was awarded to projects from the **Local Community Improvement Fund** last month.

- £20,800 to Frimley Green Recreation Ground for the installation of an outdoor gym and two picnic tables
- £12,400 to Deepcut Neighbourhood Forum for the installation of signage and planters
- £10,462 to The Well Community Centre, Watchetts, for the refurbishment of the Community Centre
- £3,744 to Frimley Village Hall for the restoration of the Village Hall floor

The grants are funded through Community Infrastructure Levy payments (payments made for development taking place in the borough).



The **Ward Councillor Community Fund Grant Scheme** aims to assist local charities and not for profit groups by providing each councillor with an allocated amount (currently £1,500 annually) which can be awarded to applicants meeting the criteria.

Since December 2020 more than 240 applications have been received with over £92,000 awarded in grants to local organisations.

Councillor grants have helped with a wide variety of projects including the provision of community use defibrillators, football pitch renovations, Christmas food hampers, community notice boards, resources for playgroups and pre-schools,

dementia awareness courses and IT equipment.

To apply, contact your ward councillor to talk with them directly about how you think a grant could help your local group. You will then need to complete the online form on our website.



The council recently launched an exciting one-off **Arts, Culture, Heritage and Creative Events Fund** grant scheme.

The Fund is able to support at least 10 events across Surrey Heath with grants of up to £1,000.

Surrey Heath Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture Cllr John Skipper said: "We are really pleased the council is able to provide this new grant scheme supporting creative community events."

This scheme is enabled through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2023/24. The closing date for applications has passed but check our website and social media channels for news of successful applicants.

For more information on all of the grants featured visit surreyheath.gov.uk/grants

Celebrate Surrey Heath turning 50!



On 1 April 2024, Surrey Heath Borough Council will be celebrating 50 years of public service.

We're calling on residents and businesses to help us celebrate this brilliant milestone by organising events between April and July. You can add details of your event to our online calendar for us to share at surreyheath.gov.uk/surreyheath50

You can also take part in our celebrations by sharing your favourite memory, moment or thing about Surrey Heath on social media by uploading photos using [#SurreyHeathAt50](https://twitter.com/SurreyHeathAt50).

Whether it be postbox toppers, floral displays, trees planted or

memories of a previous event, share it with us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/SurreyHeathAt50) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/SurreyHeathAt50).

We're hoping to come together with our communities to look back on the last 50 years of public service, and look towards the next 50 years to come.

Theatre highlights

2024 is looking particularly exciting at Camberley Theatre!

There's comedy, tribute acts, dazzling divas and more – whatever your passion is, we hope to welcome you very soon.

Box office – camberleytheatre.co.uk or call **01276 707600**.



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Changes to Postal and Proxy **Voting**

■ Since 31 October 2023, registered electors are now able to apply for a postal or a proxy vote online.

Electors will also still be able to apply for a postal or proxy vote using a paper form.

The new online service is provided via a government-managed portal and applicants will need to include an image of their signature with the application.

Any elector wishing to apply for a postal or proxy vote will be required to supply evidence on their identity as part of the application. This will usually be their National Insurance

number, but other forms of identification will be accepted if they are unable to supply this information.

Postal votes can be requested for a single election or a fixed period, but anyone wishing to have a postal vote for a longer period will need to re-apply every three years. The council will write to affected electors, including electors who already have a postal vote, at the relevant time.

More information at surreyheath.gov.uk/voting



VOLUNTEER NOW

Spread some happiness through volunteering, and get rewarded with smiles.

Did you know that many studies have shown that smiling releases feel-good endorphins, dopamine, and serotonin, which lift our mood?

Volunteering is a great way to spread happiness and what better way than volunteering in your local community!

At Voluntary Support North Surrey, we're keen to encourage residents of Surrey Heath to come forward and support the hundreds of charities currently in need of volunteers.



There's a wide range of volunteering opportunities to suit your interests so come and see us in person at the Ian Goodchild centre, Knoll Road, Camberley.

You can also visit our website voluntarysupport.org.uk/register-volunteer or phone us

on **01276 402789**.

When you give your time, you make your community that little bit better.

So, join us in Surrey Heath, spread happiness and volunteer today with Voluntary Support North Surrey.

First class **Careers Fair**

Camberley's largest Careers Fair in September was a resounding success.

Attended by more than 260 enthusiastic individuals, over 40 businesses, and more than 20 invaluable support organisations, the buzzing atmosphere of the event demonstrated its value and impact.

Organised by The Workshop, in partnership with the Department for Work and Pensions and Camberley & District Job Club, the event showed the benefit of working in partnership to achieve a shared outcome.



The Mayor of Surrey Heath opened the event by highlighting the importance of collaboration, and the benefits of the event for both potential employees and

local employers.

The event reflects a shared commitment to building a resilient and prosperous economy in Surrey Heath.

Increase your employability with

THE WORKSHOP SURREY HEATH

The Workshop has extended its services and now offers all people over 18 living in Surrey Heath free careers advice.

Its friendly advisors are on hand to help you improve your employment skills, discover new career paths and signpost you to support.

They can help you consider your options, make an action plan and support you in achieving your goals.

The Workshop works closely with local employment support providers and businesses, and

also delivers skills webinars, workshops and events focusing on many different aspects of job seeking, wellbeing and personal development.

The Workshop is located in The Square shopping centre in Camberley, next door to Superdrug.

Drop in, or email theworkshop@surreyheath.gov.uk to find out more.

If you are a local business who would like to get involved in supporting The Workshop, please email theworkshop@surreyheath.gov.uk

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SMALL PROJECTS BIG



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More ways to make a difference

We've made it easier to access capital funding for smaller community projects that can make a big impact in Surrey. Discover more at: surreycc.gov.uk/yourfund or talk to your local Surrey County Councillor who will be allocating the funding in your area. We can Make It Happen.

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Community News

■ The latest updates from across the borough.

Surrey Heath Age Concern

has launched its new improved website, which was partially funded with support from a ward councillor grant of £500.

The new site is engaging and interactive, easy to use, with a full list of upcoming events, classes and opportunities to volunteer.

Check it out at sh-ac.org.uk



Surrey Heath Age Concern is dedicated to providing exceptional services and support to enhance the lives of older people in our community.

They strive to combat social isolation, promote wellbeing and foster a sense of belonging.

Camberley Street Angels

(CSA) have ended their mission after more than a decade of supporting people on Friday and Saturday nights in the town centre.

CSA coordinator Richard Salt said: "Camberley Street Angels have enjoyed serving their community for the last 15 years and are incredibly proud that our pastoral mission has been so successful.



"Camberley's night-time economy is much safer now than when we started, and with footfall habits having changed since Covid, especially amongst younger people, we have taken the emotional decision to stand down.

"More than 112 volunteers over the years have helped hundreds of people on our streets, and we have been humbled by many a thank you in return."

Run by Churches Together in Camberley, CSA held a celebration service in September to mark the end of the project.

[@TheOldDeanRec](#) is a new free junior library on the Old Dean Estate, Camberley.

Local young people can borrow from the extensive collection of books, and use the free computers, internet and printing facilities.

Special music and art activities are also organised, and there's often free fruit to snack on, and free sanitary products available.

They are currently looking for more volunteers so that the opening hours can be extended.



Based in the Pavillion between the Bowling Club and playground on Wimbledon Road, this registered charity is run in a building leased from the council at a community rent subsidy.

For more information email theolddeanrec@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page 'At the Old Dean Rec'.



Local history

■ The latest news from Surrey Heath Museum.

■ **Exhibition: Cultural Cornucopia - Stage, Screen and Airwaves**

Until 24 February 2024

Our area of Surrey has been the inspiration for the creative industries for many years.

From early drama groups, choral societies and village bands to our place as the home of Elmhurst Ballet School (now 100 years old) and the location for many TV series and films - from Dad's Army to Superman to Kingsman.

Not forgetting our musical past - composers Ethel Smyth and Arthur Sullivan lived here, pop stars, rock stars, skiffle stars and classical musicians have all flourished locally.

■ **Surrey Heath Museum has added two new Blue Plaques to the borough's previous total of five.**

The Old Dean estate in Camberley was previously the home of the Free French Forces (1941-1944) and to mark this important heritage the plaques have been mounted on buildings within the original perimeter of the camp - The Beacon Church, Berkshire Road and Lorraine School, Highland Road.

The ceremony took place earlier this month, and was attended by representatives of the French Embassy and Le Souvenir Francais.

The latter kindly funded one of the plaques, with the other funded by Surrey County Councillor, Trefor Hogg.

- If you know of any buildings or historical associations of note which could qualify for a plaque, please contact museum@surreyheath.gov.uk



Surrey Heath Museum and Heritage Gallery

Visit us at **33 The Square, Obelisk Way, Camberley.**
Tuesday to Saturday, 11am-4.30pm, free admission.

Email museum@surreyheath.gov.uk or call **01276 23771.**

Facebook [@surreyheathmuseum](https://www.facebook.com/surreyheathmuseum)

YouTube [Surrey Heath Museum](https://www.youtube.com/SurreyHeathMuseum) for the latest updates.



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PSPOs extended

The existing Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) have been extended for three years until October 2026.

PSPOs are designed to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in a specific public space or area that has a negative effect on the quality of life of the local community.

These orders enable the council and Surrey Police to deal effectively with low level anti-social behaviour that relates to issues including psychoactive substances (formerly known as legal highs), alcohol control zones, begging in Camberley town centre, and responsible dog ownership.

Following a public consultation earlier this year, the council has



agreed to extend the existing orders for a further three-year period until October 2026.

You can read more about the orders and where they apply at surreyheath.gov.uk/pspo

Lottery latest

Since the Surrey Heath Lottery (SHL) was launched in July 2019 more than £95,000 has been raised for local good causes, and local people have won more than £41,000 in cash prizes.

Local lady Susan Gibson, who won £250 on the SHL recently, said: "Winning £250 is a nice surprise - but for me the satisfaction comes from knowing that by taking part in the lottery I am helping to support lots of local good causes.

"I buy my tickets in support of theatrical group Camus Productions and would recommend others to sign up to the lottery - it's a no-brainer!"

This year's Annual Lottery grant

scheme offers local charities the chance to apply for funding from the money raised by the Surrey Heath Lottery. For more details and application deadlines visit surreyheath.gov.uk/grants.





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Christmas at The Square

Join us for fun festive events
and fantastic shopping at our
independent stores and shops

Meet Santa in his Grotto

£2 per child

50% of all ticket proceeds for Rotary Club of Camberley's charities

Christmas Crazy Golf

Challenge your friends and family to
6 holes of Christmas themed golf

£2 per person

Cookie Decorating

November 18th

Join us for this
free activity in
Central Square

Please visit our website
for further details

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