



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

Clerk's report to Full Council 24 September 2026

GENERAL UPDATE

STAFFING

Congratulations to Katie Parker who has successfully completed her probation. In the Local Government pay award 2026-27 all staff have been awarded a pay increase of 3.3%.

CAT TRANSFER SURVEYS

The surveys of the land and buildings at High Lane and Haslemere War Memorial Recreation Ground took place week commencing 14 September. As at writing, we have not received the report but this will be disseminated in due course.

HASLEMERE PLAYGROUND CONSULTATION/TENDER

The consultation closed at the end of August with 183 responses. These have now been collated and the tender specifications have been published on our website and on the Government Find a Tender website. The office is going to be busy fielding calls for arranging site visits with interested contractors. The closing date for submissions is 23 October, with the working party meeting week commencing 26 October to shortlist. It is expected that the shortlisted tenders will be presented to the Amenities & CIL committee on 5 November.

FEEDBACK BEACON HILL REC BY BHFC

Beacon Hill Football Club used the recreation ground for the first time on 12 September. At the time of writing (16 September), the office has only received one complaint from a resident about the traffic and parking on the day. This has been forwarded to the club for comment.

HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

The newsletter was sent out last week (15 September) and has received positive feedback.

EVENTS

Car Boot

The final car boot of the year took place in August, the total amount for the 3 car boots held in 2026 is £585 (May £125, June £170, August £290) and this will go to the Mayor's Charity. Thank you to the Councillors and Town Hall staff who gave up their Sunday mornings to help organise and marshal.

Lisa's Farewell Drinks

Thank you to all who contributed to Lisa's gifts and who came along to her Farewell drinks on the 2nd September. It was great to see faces old and new. Lisa was presented with an original painting of the Town Hall painted by local artist Sonya Vine, and a Dilli's voucher for £120.



Mayor's Civic Service

The Mayor's Civic Service was held on the 6th September at St Christopher's Church, The service, conducted by Rector Chris Bessant and Town Chaplain Justin Manley-Cooper, was attended by around 60 members of the public, with wonderful music from the Haslemere Town Band. A garden party was held after the service – the sun shone for us! Thank you to all who attended.



OUTSIDE SPACES / AMENITIES

Chris has emailed all Councillors to keep them informed of the works being carried out by SCC and Thames Water to clear the underground drainage system on Lion Green, which has become blocked by tree roots. He will continue to provide updates by email.

Separately, he is in communication with SCC regarding maintenance to the stream between Weysprings and Lion Green, where silt build-up is restricting drainage. He is in the process of obtaining quotations, and the office is also liaising with SCC, as it has been indicated that funding may be available from our SCC Councillor to assist with any required works.

It should be noted that the Council jointly owns the affected section of the stream with a resident of Weysprings as riparian owner. The Council may therefore wish to consider whether any contribution towards the works should be split equally. However, the resident considers that the silt build-up has arisen from works undertaken by the Council some years ago. There will be further information available for the November 2026 Amenities & CIL committee.

POLICE UPDATE from PSCO John Savage

General crime remains low in HASLEMERE. Vast majority of reported crime is theft from the chain supermarkets and some anti-social use of vehicles. In regard to the theft, we are continuing to encourage reporting from stores, have expedited the process for taking statements by providing pro-forma documents and have had two or three dedicated operations to this in which the latest caught were a group who have been charged with Conspiracy to Steal after taking around £60,000GBP worth of stock around Surrey. They committed one crime in Haslemere and were subsequently identified and charged by Waverley Neighbourhoods team (PC MARTIN in particular).

In regard to the anti-social use of vehicles, two vehicles have been seized last month from LION GREEN (one e-scooter and one electric scrambler) and one rider formally warned and ticketed. Patrols are continuing but challenges are faced here due to the speed and agility of the riders.

There was a report of a serious sexual offence in JULY/EARLY AUGUST which is still under investigation. A suspect has been identified and is on bail while the investigation continues. These conditions include NOT TO ENTER THE TOWN OF HASLEMERE. I can't say too much on this one due to the nature of it and I have had limited involvement with the case.

ASB where people have been throwing eggs at buildings in LOWER ST and KINGS RD have subsided. While suspects were not formally identified, I spoke to local retailers and agreed an 18+ Egg and Flour buying age and two persons believed to be involved from their descriptions have been given behavioural warning letters and are liaising with Youth engagement officers.

PCSO HAMMOND 19523 has joined the beat area and will replace me as I unfortunately leave post on 18th of September to become a Police Constable. After this, your beat officers will be PCSO HAMMOND and PC RIDLEY 41548.

Traffic officers from the Surrey Roadsafe team are continuing to base themselves out of the locality officer opposite HASLEWEY and so enforcement/prevention action is being taken by them on the nearby hotspots incl, TILFORD RD, RUSHMOOR and HASLEMERE HIGH ST and parts of CHIDDINGFOLD.

ASB where a fire was set in the commonwealth graveyard has not repeated and the site has been secured by the St Bart's team. I am due to meet Phillip today to discuss this. Suspects not identified as descriptions from witness were unfortunately not sufficient.

PCSO HAMMOND and I continue to patrol Haslemere and happy to have any areas mentioned if they need a bit of TLC over the next few weeks,

If CLLRS could bear in mind that we are entering Burglary season and to encourage people (where they can of course) to report even minor suspicious circumstances to Police as this can greatly aid either our prevention work or evidence gathering later on, I would be very much obliged.