



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

Clerk's report to Full Council July 2026

GENERAL UPDATE

New councillors

Congratulations to all new councillors recently elected to serve Haslemere – Cllr Sheena Morrison for Haslemere Town Council, Cllr Terry Weldon for West Surrey and Surrey CC, Cllr Oli Leach for West Surrey and Waverley.

Noise complaint.

One complaint about noise from the Fringe Festival was received by the office and is being dealt with under the complaints procedure. Amenities and Cil committee will be asked to consider a noise policy for future events.

Use of EV

The council's new electric van is proving to be extremely useful and is out and about most days. It was also used by the Fringe Festival to help move things around for their event.

Haslemere Town Council Newsletter

The newsletter is near completion and will be emailed shortly to the growing subscribers. Katie will be working on growing the subscriber list in the remainder of the year.

Clerk leaving date

Lisa's last day in the office will be Wednesday 2nd September. Farewell drinks take place that evening in the Council Chamber, invites have been sent out.

EVENTS

Donaldson Day

On Sunday 26th July at 12:00 we will be remembering Inspector William Donaldson, the first Surrey officer killed on active duty at the Memorial Green, High Street, Haslemere. All Councillors are encouraged to attend.

Car boot

Our second car boot of the year took place on Lion Green on the 14th June, £170 was raised for The Mayor's charities. The next car boot is on the 23rd August.

Civic Reception

The Mayor's Civic Reception takes place at St Christopher's Church on the 6th September from 2pm – 4pm. Invites have been sent out.

OUTSIDE SPACES / AMENITIES

Little Library at Clement Corner

A local resident contacted us and proposed installing a "Little Library" in the green area of Weydown Car Park. Resident would be responsible for installation and maintenance and were just looking for a licence or permission to put in on the land. However, the areas identified are owned by Waverley Borough Council and she has been signposted to them.

Grover Gardens

Following the removal of the unwanted laurel and clearance of the resulting green waste, a stump grinder was hired. In June, Christian Ashdown spent a day grinding the remaining laurel stumps down to ground level. Not every stump was removed, as it became apparent that native species such as chestnut, rowan, and oak were emerging. These native trees will be encouraged to establish and grow.

Beacon Hill Playground

Since taking over the management of this popular playground from Waverley, a number of improvements have been identified and completed. A self-closing return piston has been fitted to the gate to prevent children from running out of the playground, and several pieces of equipment have received minor repairs. Overall, the playground remains in good condition, and the new signage clearly informs visitors who is responsible for managing the site.

Planting at Lion Green Toilets

With the recent hot, dry weather, some unused Gator Bags were found on the SANG and have now been put to good use watering the young Himalayan silver birch trees planted late last year. These bags are filled with water, which is released slowly over approximately nine hours, helping the trees cope with the dry conditions. The trees are looking healthy and are steadily establishing and growing.

Manage Sites Online Booking System

The new booking system is progressing well and is expected to be completed very soon. It will allow more specific event information to be captured at the point of booking and will help automate the process. With 24/7 availability, it will also provide a more convenient service in line with modern technology.