

Farnham celebrates prestigious wins at South & South East in Bloom Awards



Farnham has once again flourished in the annual South & South East in Bloom competition, securing multiple top awards across various categories. These achievements are a testament to the hard work and dedication of all those who make up the Farnham in Bloom team and who volunteer their time and work tirelessly to ensure the town is a vibrant and beautiful place to live and visit.

This year, Farnham received the following coveted awards:

- Gold and town/city centre category winner
- Gold and overall winner for Gostrey Meadow in the Small Park category
- Gold and overall winner for Badshot Lea Cemetery in the Small Cemetery/Crematorium category
- Gold for Hale Cemetery in the Small Cemetery/Crematorium category
- Gold for West Street Cemetery in the Large Cemetery/Crematorium category.

The South & South East in Bloom awards are highly competitive, and receiving these prestigious accolades demonstrates the dedication of Farnham's community, volunteers, and council staff in making Farnham a welcoming, green, and sustainable town.

Farnham Town Council would like to thank all its sponsors and in particular the 2024 Gold sponsors for helping Farnham in Bloom to achieve Gold. The sponsors include The Patio Blackspot Removal Company, BBS Ltd and Squire's Garden Centre. Thanks also go to all the volunteers, local businesses, community groups, and residents who contributed to the town's remarkable performance.

In addition to Farnham in Bloom's success, six independent community projects also caught the eye of the judges. In the 'Our Community' category, space2grow won Silver Gilt and in the 'It's Your Neighbourhood' awards, there was a hat trick of Outstanding awards for Badshot Lea Bloomers, Farnham Community Rail Volunteers and Bourne Conservation. Hale Community Centre was

recognised as Thriving and the Bourne Beautification Project as Advancing.

For more information about Farnham in Bloom and how to get involved, please visit www.farnham.gov.uk/bloom.

Help keep Farnham tidy for Remembrance Sunday

Can you spare a little time to help make Farnham look its best for Remembrance Sunday? Farnham Town Council is inviting volunteers to join a town centre community litter pick on Saturday 9 November 2024.

All necessary litter-picking equipment will be provided. To sign up, please email bloom@farnham.gov.uk.

Remembering the fallen



Farnham's annual Remembrance Parade and Service will take place on Sunday 10 November, offering the community a moment to unite in honouring those who lost their lives while serving in the armed forces.

The parade will begin at 10am, departing from Castle Street and arriving at the war memorial for a service at 10.30am. At 11am, the town will observe a two-minute silence, followed by the sounding of the Last Post, readings, and the laying of wreaths.

After the ceremony, members of the armed forces, uniformed services, and youth organisations will participate in a march past. The Mayor of Farnham and visiting dignitaries will take the salute outside the Town Hall on South Street.

Farnham Town Council, in collaboration with the Royal British Legion (Farnham), is organising the event. Additional Remembrance Sunday services will be held in Badshot Lea, The Bourne, Hale, Rowledge, Weybourne, and Wreclesham.

Venison Dinner 8 November at the Bush Hotel



Step back in time and experience a tradition that began over 400 years ago, in the year of the Gunpowder Plot.

Tickets for this historic, black-tie event which honours history and tradition cost £85 and include a five-course meal, wine on the table, coffee and petit fours.

To reserve your place call Venison Dinner chairman Pat Frost on 07768 566919 or email patfrost@torrox.uk.

Christmas Lights! Saturday 16 November 2024



Make a note of the start of Farnham's festive countdown with the official switching on of the town's Christmas lights!

Throughout the afternoon, Farnham will be buzzing with Christmas cheer. Make your way to Gostrey Meadow for free live entertainment, featuring performances from local schools, theatre groups, and bands.

For the little ones, a magical afternoon awaits with fairground rides, face painting, a live nativity scene, and a craft table where their creativity can flourish. Santa Claus will be in his cosy grotto, ready to listen to the Christmas wishes of Farnham's children, and each child who visits will receive a free gift.

Planning to get a head start on your Christmas shopping? You're in the perfect spot. Explore stalls filled with unique gifts or wander through town to discover hidden gems from Farnham's independent shops and high street retailers.

The highlight of the day arrives at 4.30pm when this year's special guest will flip the switch, lighting up Farnham for the Christmas season.

For more details and the full afternoon entertainment schedule, visit www.farnham.gov.uk.

Antiques and Brocante Street Market Sunday 17 November 2024, 10-4pm

Central Car Park

Civic Christmas Carol Service 2024

The ballot for tickets to this year's Civic Christmas Carol Service opens this month!

The traditional service will take place on Wednesday 4 December 2024, at St Andrew's Church. It will feature Christmas readings, as well as carols and music performed by the renowned Farnham Youth Choir.

As per tradition, half of the tickets will be distributed to local charities and organisations, while the other half will be allocated to members of the public through a ballot. To apply for tickets, complete and return the coupon found in the Farnham Herald on 7 and 14 November.

Pre-order your Christmas fare

Pre-order your Christmas produce at the Farmers' Market on Sunday 24 November and collect it at the following month's market on 22 December. The market is held in Central car park from 10am to 1.30pm.

Services to Farnham Awards

Do you know someone who does exceptional work for Farnham's community or volunteers tirelessly at one of the town's highly valued voluntary organisations?

Farnham Town Council is seeking nominations for the prestigious Services to Farnham Awards. Full details about how to nominate someone you know who deserves the town's thanks can be found at www.farnham.gov.uk/servicestofarnham.



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