

Haslemere Hall CiL award – message from Howard Bicknell

Thank you so much for the £40k that HTC kindly awarded us at Haslemere Hall. It would have been near impossible to raise the funds on our own. I wish it was for something more exciting than a roof, that people could see and feel the benefits, however a roof will keep them covered and warm for quite a time in the future.

Haslemere Town Centre toilets - freehold

The Town centre toilets are in dire need of a refurbishment, they have been so damp this winter that it looks like water has been thrown across the walls and the toilet paper is damp. Godalming have recently been awarded a significant sum of money from the Government Ownership Fund to refurb their town centre toilets and it is likely that Haslemere could get the same. Unfortunately, at this present time, the toilets are leased by HTC from Waverley Borough Council and we would 1) need their permission to do any works and 2) potentially put the block back as it was when handing it back at the end of the (20 year) lease. The Clerk is exploring with WBC whether they would, in principle, give HTC the freehold of the property. This may be an issue as it is in the middle of the DS01 Key Site.

Remote participation in meetings

HTC is not equipped to either allow people to participate in meeting remotely or to stream committee meetings online. Whilst the law does not allow councillors to vote if they are not present in person, there are times when it would be useful for a member or the public to be able to join remotely. The Clerk and Deputy Clerk have recently had a demonstration of a relatively inexpensive solution which is used at Farnham Town Council and will be organising a demonstration at the Town Hall, which councillors will be notified of and encouraged to participate in.

Lion Green Zip Wire Resurfacing.

The old zip wire surfacing had been reported several times by our Play Inspection Company as serious gapping and becoming dangerous. It was resurfaced in January with a Forest Green/Brown Safamulch and looks great.



Lion Green Swings Overhaul.

The large swing set at Lion Green has not had any servicing / repair work for some time and it had been noted on the play inspections that there were hidden bushes that could not be assessed / inspected.

Following investigations it was decided that we should have these bushes replaced on the top bar along with new shackles, chains and seats. The work will be completed this week.



New Lighting in the Town Toilets.

The lighting in the Town Toilets has been a bit of an issue for a while, with the lamps blowing on a regular basis. This problem is compounded by the constant damp which is always an issue with this style of toilets.

We have found out that the replacement lamps are now obsolete and will not be available once stocks have been exhausted so we have replaced all the lighting with new modern LED style lamps throughout.



Create a Star update

In 2023, the Town Council awarded £500 to Sport Haslemere to fund one of its 'Create a Star' bursaries. The bursary was awarded to Angelique Wallace-Bourgoin, a weightlifter with Hampshire weightlifting Club.

We are delighted to report that Angelique secured silver at The English Age Group Weightlifting Championships.



Diary Dates:

Annual Town Meeting - 21st March – Haslemere Museum, 7pm

D-Day Commemoration Event - 6th June – St Christopher's Green, 7:15pm