



## **CLERK'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – NOVEMBER 2024**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> November, the Clerk represented the SLCC Surrey Branch at the SALC Board meeting. Topics for discussion included devolution, councillor training, internal audit, grant funding and legislation changes affecting the sector. She was also asked to give a presentation on the mentoring she does for clerks across Surrey.

The government has confirmed that it is minded to progress with the four non-mayoral 'Level 2' Single Local Authority devolution agreements under consideration, this includes Surrey County Council. SALC is making representations to the County on behalf of the town and parish councils as this could have a significant impact on our sector further down the line.

### **Remedial works around the town**



New 8Ft bench installed by Martin at Lion Green to replace the old, broken one.

Purchased with WBC s.106 money.



Bench repaired after the slats had been broken (vandalism and rotting wood) at Lion Green, opposite the entrance to Shottermill Infant School.



Martin has re-roofed the notice board at Collards Lane Allotment – using materials left over from the Shed re-roofing at Clammer Hill Allotment last year.



These are the 3 new sections of fencing at Town Meadow completed by Steve Homewood.

The left and right pictures are replacements following a spate of vandalism earlier this year when these 2 fenced areas were broken beyond repair by the vandals.

The centre picture is a new section of fencing to prevent people falling into the exposed ditch which was recommended by Cllr Nicholson after we carried out a risk assessment of the area.

All of these have been funded by WBC s106 money.



The above pictures are of the repaired bench in the bus stop at Junction Place (Shottermill Working Men's Club) – Martin repaired following the vandalism of the seat leaving it dangerous for people to use.

#### **Memorial Green Christmas Tree Base.**

To prevent a reoccurrence of the Christmas Tree being blown over in high winds (as it did last year) it was suggested that our base hole size and depth be increased.

This work has now been completed by Commercial Groundscare and the base is now 300mm diameter and 1metre deep set in 1.5 x 1.5 x 1metres of concrete.

#### **Lion Green Toilets.**

The hard landscaping was completed by Continental Landscapes at the end of September and the toilets are being very well used. Please see the usage figures below.

Totals on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 which covers 24 weeks since opening the people counter information.

Disabled Toilet – 6,659    Toilet 1 – 12,931    Toilet 2 – 12,224.

Total over 24 weeks = 31,814

Average use = 1,325.5 per week.    189.3 per day.

## **Events:**

### **Remembrance Sunday**

Local residents, organisations and community groups attended HTC's Remembrance Sunday Parade and service on the 10th of November.



**Christmas Carols** will be taking place in Haslemere Educational Museum on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December, further details will be announced shortly.

**Mayors Christmas Drinks** will take place in the Council Chamber on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, invites to follow.

**Meet Your Councillors** - A reminder that if any ward Councillors wish to set up a 'Meet Your Councillor' session to contact Jo Cork who can help with the booking and advertising.