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## SALFORDS & SIDLOW PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



A vibrant yellow poster for a community event. At the top, there are colorful triangular bunting flags in shades of pink, yellow, and white. The background is filled with large, glossy yellow and pink balloons. In the center, a yellow rectangular box contains the event details. Below the box, there are illustrations of a cupcake with pink frosting and a pink and white ice cream bar. The text on the poster is as follows:

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# SALFORDS AND SIDLOW PARISH COUNCIL

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### APRIL TO MAY MEETING DATES

Councillor Surgery 6.30pm Salfords village hall	Council meeting - 7.30pm (unless guest speaker attending)
Wednesday 8 April Due to Easter bank holiday)	Monday 13 April - Salfords village hall Annual Parish Assembly to follow straight after
Monday 4 May	Monday 11 May - Salfords village hall
Monday 1 June	Monday 8 June - Emmanuel Church, Sidlow

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## **Message from the Parish Council**

As Spring is around the corner and families will be getting together to celebrate Easter, and enjoy eating chocolate, we continue to plan and work for our final municipal year for the present parish council. Parish Council elections will be held in May 2027 so we will do our very best over the next 12 months to continue to develop our plans to make Salfords and Sidlow the villages we want to live, work and enjoy.

There will be tremendous upheaval over the coming months with the creation of new unitary authorities and disbandment of Reigate and Banstead Borough Council and Surrey County Council planned for April 2027. We will be entering a transition period but we will do our utmost to ensure that we will still be able to represent our residents in a coherent and timely manner and will work with Surrey Association of Local Councils (SALC), who is working hard, to ensure local voices will be heard.

Council set the precept for 2026/27 and have agreed what projects we must focus on in the year. Reviewing the budget has allowed us to make grant applications.

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have held our Spring litter pick, in conjunction with Keeping Britain Tidy campaign. We have celebrated village hall week with a baby and toddler group tabletop sale, held in unison with local charity Infinity Space to Grow, and we are already making plans for successful community events in June, in both Salfords and Sidlow.

Councillors have signed the Civility and Respect Pledge which is at the top of the agenda to start a culture change for the local council sector.

We press for action to be taken on Honeycrock Lane in respect of the proposed new police station, ongoing water leak before the bridge and abandoned HGV vehicles leading from the road to Monotype/ Perrywood social club.

Gatwick Airport consultation review for Route 4 has kept the council busy meeting with various local organisations and ensuring we make representation for the best of our community. We await the decision of Reigate and Banstead Borough Council's Community Governance Review but have planned for meetings with representatives should the recommendation be to expand the parish boundary to include Whitebushes and South Earlswood.

We have been holding meetings with developers who propose to build housing on land west of Salfords. Scoping documents are planned for land east of Salfords and with changes in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) being expected to be finalised in Summer 2026, the progression on our Neighbourhood Plan is more important than ever. We are engaging with a planning expert to guide us and having regular discussion with R&BBC to ensure the policies we write are in line with theirs to ensure they would be authorised by a Planning Inspector, when we reach that stage.

If you have any questions on subjects raised or would like to get involved please contact the Clerk, Claire Baller.

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## Setting the precept for 2026/27

In November 2025 Salfords and Sidlow Parish Council reviewed the budget for the 2026/27 financial year and in December, Councillors agreed to increase the precept for 2026/27 by 5% to £51,447.06 to cover all the costs for running the Parish Council which have increased.

This means a Band D average household pays £34.83 per annum.

Reasons being: -

- This would cover all the costs for running the Parish Council and provide a small amount of additional funding for reserves and creation of the neighbourhood plan, assuming the village hall continues to maintain its one third contribution for Clerks salary
- It is a financial increase on Band D equivalent of £1.77 per annum = 15p per month
- Plans for Local Government Review and Community Governance Review are unknown so there are many uncertainties
- Our existing reserves are allocated for specific purposes
- The figure continues to be well below the National Average figure for Town and Parish Councils.

Sensible management of our budgets over recent years has ensured that the Council has contributed to our current sound financial position. However, inflation impacts Council costs, and the financial environment remains challenging. With the new unitary authority development and as we are closest government body to the community, we recognise the importance of always seeking best value on behalf of residents. We are continuing to build up our general reserves and earmarked funds to allow us to make consistent progress towards achieving the objectives in our village plan. This is in addition to ensuring the future maintenance of and investment in Salfords village hall to be able to continue to offer services to support the local community and promote well-being and social cohesion.

We also offer grant funding opportunities to community groups (subject to eligibility) through our Council Grants Scheme. In January and February we donated:

- £250 to AEF
- £250 to GACC
- £1,176 – Sidlow Community Association to cover planning application fee costs new community building
- £500 to Sidlow Community Association for assistance with purchase of commercial BBQ

### **Double yellow lines requested for Lodge Lane**

Councillors have submitted the request to install double yellow lines on the junction of Park View Road with Lodge Lane for the next Reigate and Banstead Parking review.



# COFFEE MORNING

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## **Commercial Vehicles on road leading to Monotype**

The Parish Council continues to press for the removal of the commercial vehicles which have been stationed/ 'dumped' on the Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) leading to Perrywood/ Monotype Social Club from Honeycrook Lane. This is a complex issue regarding legal requirements for the type of road it is, whose jurisdiction it falls to and whether the benefits of removing the vehicles outweighs the costs (which are thousands of pounds).

Surrey County Council has confirmed the road is private, so they have no legal power to take the matter further. Reigate and Banstead Borough Council (R&BBC) has a duty to remove abandoned vehicles on any land in the open air or any land forming part of a highway in accordance with section 3 of the Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978. However, if the removal is of such expense (due to the need for specialist equipment) that it would be financially prohibitive to remove it, then R&BBC have an exemption to affecting a removal. R&BBC are engaging with their legal team to explore options.

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## **Leak on Honeycrook lane**

The Parish Council has raised concerns with SES Water regarding the ongoing water leak near No 53 Honeycrook Lane. We advised it is imperative that this leak is repaired because Honeycrook Lane is a busy road which is used as a cut through from the A23 to East Surrey Hospital and is also the main road leading to the train station.

We received a response from SES Water advising that an Engineer had inspected the area on Honeycrook Lane and investigated multiple times with excavations. SES Water confirmed it is not 'their water'. They advise it starts up from the railway bridge; they have listened to MSM's (Meter Standard Manifold) from the Bridge down to where the two new houses were built and there is no noise (on listening devices) with the 'pink test' being negative.

On previous occasions we were advised the water was leaking because of the high-water table. We cannot accept these reasons as there was never an issue prior to the new houses connecting into the mains. We have serious concerns as the water has been leaking for over two years and the fine particles under the road surface could be washed away, which could lead to serious road damage underneath – at worse a sink hole.

The Parish Council has asked Surrey Highways to intervene and explore options further. We await the outcome of this investigation.

## Surrey Connect Bus Service

Surrey Connect bus service, is a digital on demand bus service, known as a Digital Demand Responsive Transport (DDRT) solution, and is now available in our parish.

The connect service is open to any age and operates Monday to Friday 7am to 7pm and Saturday 8am to 6pm. You can book up to 7 days in advance or on the same day.



A minimum of 30 minutes notice is required to communicate your booking with the connect driver and is subject to availability.

Passengers can travel anywhere in the local area. There are no fixed routes on this service. Surrey connect is not available if a current local bus route can be used for the same journey.

The service uses accessible minibuses, with journey bookings made on a first come first served basis. The software cleverly groups customer demands together in real time.

When the booking is made with the "leave at" feature, the software takes your requested time and compares it with other customer requests in the area.

It then links them up to create single journeys that are convenient for a group of users at once, scheduling the pickup time within a window of 10 minutes before or 10 minutes after the preferred booking time.

Alternatively, if you need to be at your destination for a specific time, such as a train departure, you can use the "arrive at" feature. It will then dynamically generate options for you that will get you there and ensure you are never late.

This is great service for our residents in rural areas such as Axes/ Picketts/ New House/ Cross Oak/ Lodge/ Meath Green/ Lonesome Lane and for Sidlow roads off the A217 – where there is no existing bus service. The costs for under 20 year olds are on a sliding scale from £1 to £4 up to a 12 mile radius and between £2 to £8 for over 20 year olds.

## Councillors sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge



The Society of Local Clerks (SLCC), National Association of Local Councils (NALC), and One Voice Wales (OVW) believe now is the time to put civility and respect at the top of the agenda and start a culture change for the local council sector.

Councillors have signed the Pledge, agreeing that it will treat councillors, clerks, employees, members of the public, and representatives of partner organisations and volunteers with civility and respect in their roles, and that it has put in place a training programme for councillors and staff.

We

- have signed up to the Code of Conduct for councillors
- have good governance arrangements in place including staff contracts and a Dignity at Work policy
- will seek professional help at early stages should civility and respect issues arise
- will commit to calling out bullying and harassment if and when it happens
- will continue to learn from best practice in the sector and aspire to being a role model / champion council e.g., via Local Council Award Scheme – we have been and are continue to be used as a role model within Surrey
- support the continued lobbying for change in legislation to support the civility and respect, including sanctions for elected members where appropriate.

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### **Winter warmers**

We also have free winter warmer essentials including electric blankets, flasks, hats, scarfs and blankets to help keep you warm.

## **Local Resilience for Salfords and Sidlow**

The Parish Council has agreed to work with Surrey Prepared to help pilot a scheme developing Community Emergency Information Hubs (CEIH) - Salfords village hall will be the first hub. The proposal is the community sets up and manages the hub with its own resources, as a place where the community can come together safely to coordinate activity and share trusted and reliable information during the response to an incident or disruption such as flooding, a power cut or extreme weather.

### **Objectives and roles**

SCC/RBBC and emergency services aren't the only ones who respond to a disruption. Communities will very often self-organise quickly during an incident, drawing on local networks, skills and experience. A CEIH can provide a way to coordinate this activity in an organised and safe way, while acting as a contact point between the community and official responders. It is important to note that a CEIH is not replacing the work of the official responders, and is distinct from emergency assistance centres and official rest centres, etc. Surrey is building on the idea that neighbours often support one another first, especially in the early stages of an incident, when the official response may be prioritised elsewhere – and that having a coordinated, welcoming space makes that local support more effective and complements the official response.

The CEIH has the objectives to:

- Provide information and advice to the community.
- Focus the community response on using what is available to give the most help.
- Match peoples' needs with offers of help.
- Provide a safe and supportive gathering place.
- Connect the community with the local council and emergency services.

Official involvement in the hub is minimal. The location will be Salfords village hall and any community member (not necessarily a parish councillor) who feels comfortable and competent can volunteer to fill one of the roles needed to help the hub function. Roles identified are Hub Coordinator, Communications, Needs & Offers, Facilities, Information and Meet & Greet. Assuming a role does not confer any legal powers on the individual, and individuals are not tasked to do anything by the local authority or other official responders. Official communications can help promote and share information on what the community is doing and where, and individuals will make up their own minds on whether to get involved or not.

We will prepare a container to hold community maps, stationery, a radio, a user guide and safety briefing and lanyards which should be worn when on duty.

Further information is available from the Clerk.

We will roll this out with our community through 2026.



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**SIDLOW COMMUNITY DAY**

**Saturday 27 June**

**Live entertainment, licensed bar and BBQ  
Bures Manor - 3pm to 7pm**



## Police Station on Honeycrock lane

Surrey Police has confirmed their intentions to have a new police station, with a front counter for residents, on the Perrywood Business Park on Honeycrock Lane. They advise the site will require some small revisions to ensure it is fit for purpose and hope to be open in Summer 2026.



The Parish Council see this as a positive that the area will have a dedicated policing presence but have concerns: -

- Impact on Honeycrock Lane and the surrounding roads.
- How will the increase in police vehicles, staff cars, detainee transport, deliveries, and visitor traffic affect an already busy road?
- Should residents expect frequent sirens and lights?
- For those relying on public transport or walking, access may be difficult, as Honeycrock Lane's footpaths are uneven in places and not very pedestrian-friendly, limiting the ability of some residents to reach in-person police services.
- Will any road improvements or traffic-calming measures be implemented to help mitigate these issues and improve safety for pedestrians and drivers?

We have raised these concerns with R&BBC planning department who confirm they are in discussion with Surrey Police as to whether a planning application needs to be submitted.

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## Planning Applications

Salfords and Sidlow Parish Council is a statutory consultee on planning applications in Salfords and Sidlow that are registered by Reigate and Banstead Borough Council (R&BBC) and Surrey County Council (SCC).

Councillors meet at their Councillor surgery usually on the Monday evening at 6.30pm a week before each Council meeting to review all planning applications and discuss any other matters residents want to raise. If you wish the Parish Council to be aware of your views on a particular application, then please contact the office at the earliest opportunity so that they may be considered by the Council. Public attendance at our Councillor Surgery is also welcomed as this is one of your opportunities to liaise with Councillors and make comment in an informal setting. If you feel strongly about an application it is important that residents also comment directly.

In the months January to March the Council reviewed 15 planning applications as follows:- Support - 1, No observation - 4, No objection with comment - 3 and 7 objections.

Further information is available from  
Clerk@salfordsandsidlowpc.org.uk 01737 780339

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**Annual Parish Assembly**  
The Annual Parish Assembly will follow straight after the council meeting, which will be held on Monday 13 April, starting at 7.30pm. The assembly will approve last year's minutes, receive a summary of annual review for 2025/26 and to note the Smiths charity accounts.

**April Councillor surgery**  
The Councillor surgery date for April will change from the first Monday of the month to Wednesday 8 April, due to the Easter bank holiday. The start time remains at 6.30pm and will be held in Salfords village hall – rear hall.

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## Salfords and Sidlow in Bloom

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting biodiversity and the environment, we planted a further 2,500 daffodil bulbs, costing £316, in Autumn 2025. Residents joined us to help plant 1,000 bulbs in Salfords by the entrance to Miller and Carter and 1,500 bulbs on Ironsbottom in Sidlow.

Since 2022 we have planted 7,500 bulbs in the community. Planting daffodil bulbs has several benefits for both the environment and the community. Daffodils provide an early source of nectar and pollen for bees and other pollinators when few other flowers are available in spring. They also help improve our green spaces, making streets more attractive and enjoyable for people. It is one of our events where planting daffodils brings our community together through shared gardening. We hope they will encourage people to continue to take pride in caring for our local environment.



We plan to plant more daffodil bulbs later this year to continue improving local green spaces and providing early food for pollinators. To support this expansion, new suitable locations need to be identified so that more areas in the community can benefit from the colour, biodiversity, and environmental value that daffodils bring. If you can think of a suitable location please let us know.

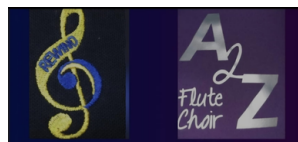
## Salfords Community & Family Fun Day



**Get ready for a fantastic afternoon of fun!**

The Parish Council is delighted to invite you to our Community and Family Fun Day, held together with Salfords Social Club on Saturday 13 June, from 1pm to 5pm at Salfords Social Club, Mead Avenue, RH1 5DD. Best of all – it's free and open to everyone, so bring your family, friends, and neighbours along for a great community day out.

There will be live entertainment including the wonderful A2Z Flute Choir, Rewind Windband and Rewind Jazzers along with a variety of stalls selling crafts, delicious food, and local honey.



You can enjoy the licensed bar and BBQ, grab a treat from the ice-cream van, or bring your own picnic along (just no alcohol please).

Children will have plenty to keep them busy with a bouncy castle, Punch & Judy show, and traditional races, while everyone can join in the fun of the annual Tug of War challenge. There will also be favourite fete games and stalls including a safe cracker, plate smashing, tombola, and homemade cakes and tea served by Sidlow WI.

It's always a brilliant day full of laughter, community spirit, and something for all ages. We hope you can join us for the fun!

If you would like to have a stall or for more information contact the Clerk.



## Speed Survey Results for Ironsbottom

The Parish council spent £500, from Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds, for Surrey County Council to carry out speed monitoring surveys along Ironsbottom and on the A217 close to the junction. Speedchecks were carried out from Tuesday 27 January until Monday 2 February 2026 in 5 places as shown on the map below: -



### Results summary

Detailed analysis was provided by Surrey County Council showing individual data for each of the five sites. Summary of speed checks are shown below: -

<u>Speed check Area</u>	<u>No of vehicles</u>	<u>Northbound Average speed</u>	<u>Southbound Average speed</u>	<u>Average mean speed</u>
<b>Site 1</b> A217 Reigate Road	84,369	34.5	34.6	34.5
<b>Site 2</b> Ironsbottom (SW of Reigate Road)	8213	30.2	31.2	30.8
<b>Site 3</b> Ironsbottom (North of Tudor Barn)	7564	38.8	37.4	38.1
<b>Site 4</b> Ironsbottom (North of Ridgewood)	6230	38.3	39.1	38.7
<b>Site 5</b> Ironsbottom (North of Collendean Lane)	6231	36.9	37.5	37.2

The data shows that on average cars are travelling below the speed limit. Councillors have reviewed options and agreed to pursue to introduce a 30MPH speed limit on Ironsbottom up to Site 3, where the majority of the road has higher density of residential houses.



## Christ the King Matters

In every strong community, there are places that hold people together; not just physically, but emotionally and spiritually. For many in Salfords, Christ the King Church, as part of the Church of England, is one of those rare places where connection, comfort, celebration, and reflection come together under one roof.

But if you're reading this, you might be asking what many ask quietly to themselves: "Why should I care? Why should a church perched on the side of the A23 matter to me?" It's a fair question. And here's a straightforward answer.

We are your church and a place that holds space for life's most important moments ready to help as we all face life's milestones; some joyful, some painful, all deeply human. Christ the King isn't just a building; it's a community that walks beside people through these defining moments like when life begins (baptism) for when love grows, we are ready for weddings, and for when life nears its end we can help with pastoral care or help with a funeral.

We are a community that cares, even when you're not sure what you believe. You don't need to have everything figured out to walk through the doors, have a seat, relax, and just be present. You don't need to know the right words, when to stand or sit, or even be sure you believe in God. Christ the King is a place for the curious, the uncertain, the hurting, the hopeful, the returning, and the simply tired. It's a place where questions are welcome and where you can explore faith at your own pace. No pressure. No expectations. Just space.

## Discover Easter at Christ the King

Easter is about hope, something we all need. It's a reminder that even in difficult times, there can be new beginnings. Coming to church isn't about rules or judgment; it's about finding space to reflect and connect-with God, with others, and maybe even with yourself. If you've never been to church before, this is the perfect time to try. You'll find friendly faces and a message that life is stronger than death, and love is stronger than hate.

We're a welcoming community that worships in a liberal High Anglo-Catholic tradition. That means we express our Christianity with a Catholic flavour beautiful, sacramental, and deeply rooted in tradition and symbolism, but still part of the Church of England; think candles, music, and meaningful prayers (we even have a bit of incense smoke and some bells) engaging all the senses. We strive to create an open and inclusive space where diverse people with progressive views will feel welcome and comfortable. You don't need to know anything about church to join us, come as you are.

## Some Easter highlights:

- Maundy Thursday (April 2nd): A solemn and quiet service.
- Good Friday (April 3<sup>rd</sup>): Simple, solemn and pause & think.
- Easter Saturday vigil (April 4<sup>th</sup>). A moving service dark to light.
- Easter Sunday (April 5<sup>th</sup>) An uplifting celebration of new life.

Happy Easter. He is risen; He is risen indeed.

Blessings, Fr. Doug Ross

## Father Jim retirement

We bid Father Jim farewell and happy retirement in February. It was a joy to welcome Bishop Christopher, Archdeacon Geoff and other clergy and guests to a special service on the 1st of February. The service was followed by a buffet lunch - a lovely way to wish Father Jim every good wish on his retirement and move to Salisbury. Gifts from the Church family were given to Fr Jim across the three dedicated farewell services.



February also saw much knitting and nattering in the Church. A huge number of garments, blankets and teddies have been made for babies and children in Africa. These are sent via a charity in Northampton' Patterns, needles, and some yarn were provided. Knitted squares 20cm X 20cm (8"X 8") to make blankets are welcome. Further information and about future sessions can be got from Jenny Linnell, 01737 668561.

Andrew Powell led our first Stations of the Cross walk of 2026 in London entitled "Walk the walk". It was a faith walk through London with interesting historical insights. In the coming months our walking group will tackle the Tandridge Border Path. Starting on March 21<sup>st</sup>, we welcome newcomers. Please contact either of the Churchwardens below if you would like more details.



Our next quiz will be April 25<sup>th</sup>. Please see page 20 for details.

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Saturday 25 April – 7pm for 7.30pm start



Jonny Weaver will be providing a fun evening  
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## Local Government Reorganisation

In February, the Government decided to abandon plans to delay 30 council elections in England. The Government's decision only affects local authorities whose elections were proposed to be postponed until May 2027 due to Local Governance Review (LGR).

This does not affect what is happening in our area. Local elections in Surrey were already postponed in May 2025. The borough and county council elections in Surrey are still planned to be cancelled under the Surrey Structural Changes Order 2026 which was expected to be ratified by Parliament in March. This is all part of the process for forming the new unitary authorities in April 2027 and abolishing the 12 Surrey district/ borough and County Council.

Councillors for the existing county, district and borough councils will remain in post until 31 March 2027. There will be no elections for these councils in May 2026, unless a by-election is needed in a particular ward.

Elections for new shadow unitary authorities in Surrey will take place on 7 May 2026. Following the government's decision to reorganise Surrey's 12 existing councils into two unitary authorities—East Surrey Council and West Surrey Council—these elections will establish "shadow" bodies to manage the transition. These elected councillors will prepare for the launch of two new unitary councils, which will officially take over service delivery from April 2027. Existing councils remain until March 2027.

Residents will vote for representatives in their area, who will form the shadow authorities, with elections following new county electoral divisions. These elected members will spend one year (May 2026 – March 2027) preparing budgets, policies, and governance structures for the new councils.

East Surrey Council will have 72 councillors across 36 wards and West Surrey Council will have 90 councillors across 45 wards. Each ward will elect two councillors in May 2026. The wards are reflective of the current Surrey County Council boundaries.

- East Surrey Council: Will cover Elmbridge, Epsom and Ewell, Mole Valley, Reigate and Banstead, and Tandridge.
- West Surrey Council: Will cover Guildford, Runnymede, Spelthorne, Surrey Heath, Waverley, and Woking.

The 12 existing borough, district, and county councils, and their represented Councillors, will remain in place until 31 March 2027

## Neighbourhood Plan Update and Progress

The Parish Council has continued to attend working groups and meetings to move our Neighbourhood Plan (NHP) forward. The consultation on the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), published in December 2025, requires us to adjust our approach. Once finalised, the new framework will take precedence over policies contained within existing Local Plans and Neighbourhood Plans. The intention behind these national changes is to simplify the planning system and support the delivery of new homes.

As a result, Reigate & Banstead Borough Council's emerging Local Plan will not be able to repeat policies already set out in the NPPF. Similarly, our NHP cannot duplicate policies that appear either in the Borough's Local Plan or the NPPF. Any repetition would be removed at examination, so it is important that such material is not included in our draft.

Each tier of planning policy has a distinct role:

- **NPPF** – Provides national planning policy and guidance for plan-making.
- **Local Plan** – Sets strategic policies and site allocations across the borough (subject to completion before the planned transition to a unitary authority).
- **Neighbourhood Plan (NHP)** – Focuses on locally specific matters affecting our parish and villages.

A number of policies originally drafted for our NHP are now either addressed through proposed NPPF updates or considered strategic, meaning they fall outside the neighbourhood planning remit.

### Approach to the NHP

Councillors will proceed on the assumption that policies currently consulted on within the draft NPPF – expected to be finalised in summer 2026 – will form the policy context going forward. This ensures clarity and consistency as we progress.

Our work will begin at the local level. We will review land use, community assets, and infrastructure to assess what we have, what we lack, and what we believe will be needed over the next 15 years. The NHP must provide detail and local distinctiveness beyond the Borough's strategic policies. Throughout this process, we will continually ask: "What value will this bring in shaping development within our parish?"

The Parish Council is exploring the preparation of a Design Guide or Design Code. This document would define what well-designed development looks like locally, including site layout, scale, materials, and building heights where appropriate. We are currently assessing options and costs, which may range between £10,000 and £20,000. Design Codes do not need to be exhaustive but must be evidence-based, locally specific, and aligned with national policy. Professional planning advice will continue to support this work.

# Neighbourhood Plan - Continued

## Key Local Priorities Under Consideration

Areas likely to feature within the NHP include:

- Impacts arising from Gatwick Airport expansion, including resident parking pressures.
- Accessibility, safety, and parking at Salfords railway station.
- Provision of a new community building for Sidlow.
- Safeguarding Salfords Village Hall as a valued asset.
- Infrastructure capacity issues, including sewage and traffic impacts.
- Protection of green spaces.
- Identification of infrastructure needed to support future growth.

We will continue engaging with the Borough Council and Surrey County Council to understand potential development pressures. Not all aspirations need to sit within the NHP; some may be captured in a complementary Vision Document. To support coordinated planning, we have requested a strategic working partnership with local authorities to ensure collaborative, positive participation in shaping and protecting our parish's future.

**If you would like to be part of this development process to help shape where you live please contact the Clerk, Claire Baller**

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## Picketts Lane Traveller site

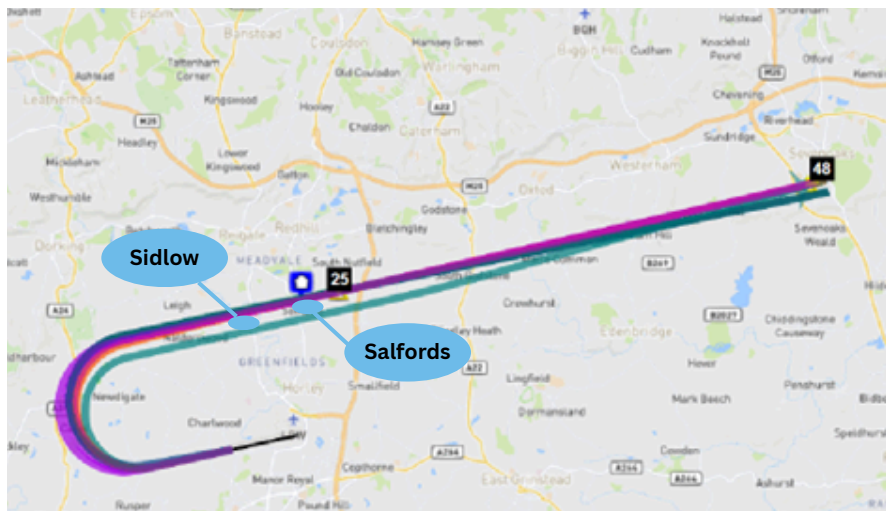
The court case for Picketts Lane is ongoing following the decision in the High Court in October 2025. The latest Order, sealed in January 2026, refuses permission for the travellers (Claimants) application for a Judicial Review (JR) but allows for a renewal application to be made within 7 days. This means that essentially, the Order is a first draft at a decision but allows for that decision to be contested via a Renewal application. The case will now proceed to an oral hearing of 1 hour where the Claimants can try to persuade a judge that they should be granted permission for a JR. Only if they are unsuccessful in that, would the October 25 Order become effective and require the travellers to vacate the site.

### Summary:

Reigate and Banstead Borough Council (R&BBC) received an 'initial' Order from the Head Planning Judge which dismisses the claim for a JR based on the written papers, but allowed a renewal application to be made, giving the Claimants 1 hour to make their case orally in front of another judge. A hearing will most probably be in April at the earliest. At that time, the judge should give an answer as to whether it can proceed to a JR or not. If they are given permission to proceed to a JR, then we expect that a full hearing is likely to be in June/July.

There is nothing anyone can do. There are no more written submissions allowed, it should just come down to the two respective barristers having 1 hour to argue over it in front of the judge.

## Route 4 Public Consultation



	Noise Impacts				Noise Exposure			
	Daytime (LAeq16h)		Night-time (LAeq8h)		Daytime (N55)		Night-time (N60)	
	2027	2036	2027	2036	2027	2036	2027	2036
Baseline	< 51	< 51	< 45	< 45	5.2	< 5	8.4	< 5
Option A	< 51	< 51	< 45	< 45	6.4	6.7	11.1	6.3
Option B	< 51	< 51	< 45	< 45	7	6.3	11.2	6.4
Option C	< 51	< 51	< 45	< 45	6.6	5.8	11	6.3
Option D	< 51	< 51	< 45	< 45	9	8.3	12.4	7.1

Gatwick Airports public consultation for Route 4 closes on 28 April 2026. Councillors have attended the public sessions, webinars and a joint meeting organised by GACC and other interested organisations to explore options and try to get a consensus view. There are 4 Options - A to D and we can comment on all of these or make other suggestions if we wish. There are 14 measures which must be considered - most have the same or neutral effect with only three have varying effects: 'Noise impact on health and quality of life', 'Fuel burn' and 'Greenhouse gas impact'.

We know Option D will have the biggest impact on our residents as the route will go through the centre of both villages and this is akin to where the route was changed to in 2016 and what S&SPC and Plane Justice fought to have returned to what we call the 'legacy route.'

We will continue to work with interested parties and agree our final response to the consultation in due course. It is important that residents also respond so please contact the Clerk for guidance and more detail and we can share this with you.

**Claire Baller/ 01737 780339 / Clerk@salfordsandsidlowpc.org.uk**

## Celebrating 100 Years of Sidlow Bridge WI

February 2026 marked a significant milestone for Sidlow Bridge WI, as we joyfully celebrated our 100th anniversary.

### A Year of Fundraising and Friendship

Throughout the past year, we dedicated ourselves to fundraising, which enabled us to host a wonderful event. We were delighted to welcome friends from other local Women's Institutes, members who have retired but remain in touch, and several local dignitaries who have supported us over the years.

### Commemorating Our Members

A highlight of the celebration was a beautiful cake, kindly donated by the family of a member we have recently lost. She will always be remembered for her many talents, which contributed to making our WI both welcoming and vibrant.



### Active Subgroups and Social Gatherings

Our members enjoy participating in various subgroups, such as the Knit and Natter group and the Book Group, as well as our monthly lunches, which are always sociable occasions. We also organise coach outings to a range of interesting destinations, which are much enjoyed by all.



### Join Us

We continue to meet every second Tuesday at 14:00 in the upper room of Emmanuel Church, Sidlow Bridge. Guests and new members are always welcome. If you would like to get in touch, please contact the secretary at [presidentwi@gmail.com](mailto:presidentwi@gmail.com)

## SALFORDS CRICKET CLUB

Hello Community,

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### **Adult Cricket (All Abilities)**

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- Saturday: 3 Adult league teams.
- Sunday: A "Friendly XI" for those looking for a more relaxed game.
- Midweek: Our fast-paced T20 side.
- Year-Round Training & Socials

The action doesn't just happen in the summer! Our winter indoor training programme for both juniors and seniors kicks off in January.

Not looking to play? Social members are always welcome to come down and enjoy our brand-new clubhouse facilities.

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# EMMANUEL CHURCH

Dear Friends,

As we move through the final days of Lent and approach the joy of Easter, we are reminded of the extraordinary shift from the darkness of Good Friday to the radiant light of Easter Sunday. Like the first disciples, we often find ourselves in "Lenten" seasons—times of uncertainty, grief, or waiting. This is certainly the global experience of the last few weeks. There are no easy answers to what is happening around the world.

The Easter message is simple but world-changing: He is Risen!. This is not just a historical event we recall; it is a "living hope" that tells us death and despair do not have the final word. Whether you have a deep faith, are full of questions, or simply enjoy the renewal of spring, you are welcome at our services as we celebrate the victory of love over all things broken.

There are a number of services coming up to mark the special days as we get closer to Easter.

**March 29th - Palm Sunday Service at 11:00 am**

**April 2nd - Maundy Thursday at 7:00 pm at St Nicholas**

**April 3rd - Good Friday Service at 10:00 am**

**April 5th - Easter Sunday Service at 11:00 am**

We are smaller in number but big in welcome!

We have Communion services on the 1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays, Matins on the 2nd Sunday. 5th Sundays are Joint Parish Services with St Nicholas Charlwood. We no longer offer a Sunday School or Evensong. There is a children's area and we love to have children visit us!

**Our Parish AGM will take place on Sunday May 17th at 12:30 pm** (after the 11 am service). I know that the congregation of Emmanuel (as do I) want to keep going for as long as we can and we need help to do this. You, the good people of Sidlow Bridge, are the main source of that help.

I am very happy to have further conversations, please contact me at:

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Liz Neale  
Church Warden  
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# Community Governance Review

The final decision on Reigate and Banstead's Borough Councils (R&BBC) Community Governance Review was made at full council on 26 March 2026, after we went to print this S&S News.

This is R&BBC's proposals about giving residents in the borough the opportunity to form new, amend or expand parish and town councils. We objected to the proposal to expand our parish to join with South Earlswood and Whitebushes citing reduction in number of councillor representation, unknown

impact to our existing residents and lack of knowledge and planning for the proposed new areas and what would be required.

R&BBC have been reviewing all responses to the consultation which are being considered by a cross-party Member Working Group.

Until the R&BBC Council papers are published, R&BBC are not able to give a steer as to what the recommendations may be, nor the contents or extent of consultation responses. We have been assured that R&BBC will consider the views of local residents, parish/town councils, and community groups and representatives in developing the final recommendations.

The recommendations were published on 18 March so we scheduled a meeting for 24 March with our borough councillors in preparation that the final recommendation is not what we are hoping for.

R&BBC has confirmed that there will not be shadow council elections for newly formed town/parish councils in May 2026. If any are formed, their first elections will be held in May 2027. If the reorganisation order sets out arrangements for a shadow council to prepare for their establishment, it is expected this will appoint borough councillors from those wards to act as a shadow council in the interim.

At the time of going to print we did not know the final decision. An update on this subject will be available on the website.

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## Reading to Gatwick overnight train services

Great Western Railways (GWR) will be trialling with Gatwick Airport to run overnight trains to run from Reading to Gatwick airport. The trial will deliver two hourly overnight services on Friday and Sunday nights from 5 June to 11 September. They say the trial is to improve rail access from the west for early departures and late arrivals during Gatwick Airport's summer schedule.





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## Land west of Salfords proposed development

In February 2026, councillors from Salfords and Sidlow and Horley Town met with Crest Nicholson ahead of a second public consultation in early March. The meeting provided an opportunity to hear details of proposals for land west of Salfords, where up to 1,000 homes are planned, with 45% designated as affordable. Crest Nicholson aims to submit an outline planning application by the end of April 2026.

Outline planning would confirm the site boundary, protect green space and the strategic gap, define Section 106 obligations, and set the overall number of homes. It would not determine the housing mix, amenities, or detailed layout.

Key elements of the proposals include a new two-form entry primary school, a multi-use local centre, 30 hectares of public open space, green infrastructure, and play areas.

Two access points are proposed: one via Hoadley Road allowing two-way traffic, and another from the A23 further north. The A23 access would support bus circulation and allow vehicles to enter freely, while exit movements would be restricted to left turns towards Redhill.

The projected timeline is: March 2026 – public consultation; April 2026 – outline application submission; Winter 2026 – determination by Reigate and Banstead Borough Council. If approved, detailed design and Section 106 agreements would follow, with construction anticipated from 2029 over approximately eight years.

Councillors raised concerns on education provision, sewage capacity, traffic impact, sustainable water use, parking, Gatwick-related pressures, and flight path considerations. Councillors will respond formally once the application is submitted.

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- Has a further 1.6m clear width been accounted for on the pavement to ensure pedestrians can pass safely?
- Is the nearest street light more than 5 metres away?
- Are you certain that once the tree matures, there is no risk of reaching any overhead cables?
- Are you aware that the request may be rejected if a scanner finds cables/pipes underground?
- Are you certain that the tree will not block sight lines at bends or junctions, or block the view of the traffic signals or signs, as it grows?

If so, we are here to support you with the process and refer you to SCC who will be able to review if your verge is acceptable and start you on the journey.

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