

# S&S NEWS

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## SALFORDS & SIDLOW PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



### ACTION REQUIRED

Reigate and Banstead  
Borough Council  
propose to  
expand our parish by  
double in size

WE NEED OUR RESIDENTS TO COMMENT



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

# SALFORDS AND SIDLOW PARISH COUNCIL

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## JANUARY TO MARCH MEETING DATES

Councillor Surgery 6.30pm	Council meeting - 7.30pm (unless guest speaker attending)
Monday 12 January	Monday 5 January - Salfords village hall
Monday 9 February	Monday 2 February - Salfords village hall
Monday 9 March	Monday 2 March - Emmanuel Church

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## Message from the Parish Council

MERRY  
*Christmas*

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Councillors have set our meeting dates for 2026 and are already making plans for community events including sponsoring Infinity Space to Grow to hold a table top sale for baby and children second hand clothes and toys in March. The Salfords spring litter pick date is in the diary, and we are also planning the annual Community event at Salfords Social Club which will be on Saturday 13 June.

We are offering free winter warmer essentials such as electric blankets, flasks, hats and scarfs together with fuel vouchers so if you are struggling to keep warm or pay your fuel bills please contact the Clerk.

We have used our Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding to have speedchecks carried out on Ironsbottom, install new bollards on West Avenue and carry out window repairs and re-decoration works at the village hall.

We have been holding meetings to progress our neighbourhood plan and monitoring developers who have plans to build housing in our village.

Central government has made its decision on the Surrey county split for the new unitary authorities which will be implemented in 2027. Meanwhile, Reigate and Banstead Borough Council is carrying out a Community Governance Review recommending for all of the existing borough to have parish councils. They are recommending expanding Salfords and Sidlow parish council to include Whitebushes and South Earlswood wards which would create an electorate number of 6593 (currently 3014) and have 14 councillors (currently 8). This would be a major change for our parish and area and how we represent our residents. Please see pages 5 to 7 with all the detail as we are asking for our residents to take time to respond to the consultation which closes on 16 January 2026.

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

## **COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

At a meeting on 6 November, Reigate & Banstead Borough Council (R&BBC) agreed to consult on recommendations which could see all households in the borough become part of a parish or town council. The recommendations come from suggestions received earlier this year when R&BBC first asked local organisations and residents for their views on removing or making changes to existing parish or town councils in the borough or creating new ones. Currently, there are two areas in Reigate & Banstead with this most localised tier of government – Horley Town Council and Salfords & Sidlow Parish Council.

The Parish Council responded to the first consultation stating we looked at the borough wards to our north and would welcome discussion with residents in the Earlswood and Reigate South EWB4 and EWB5, SPW5 and part of SPW1 and R&BBC to better understand the possible benefits, risks and difficulties for expansion to include these areas.

Parish Councillors believed the new boundaries would be natural road demarcations and comprise like-minded wards, with similar requirements for capacity building and infrastructure to support employment and housing needs. The rural nature of most of the Parish would be retained with inclusion of SPW1 and 5. It would also provide residents of the new wards to obtain a ‘voice’ for the changes coming with increase in house building, employment needs and Green Belt re-structuring. The existing community already has working relationships with our community engagement teams south of Reigate and Redhill, so we are already somewhat aligned.

In our first submission response we made it clear it was imperative to understand that before the Parish Council could commit to any amendments to our existing parish boundary, we would need to fully understand the views of our existing residents, and those of the residents in this extended community, associated risks including financial / asset transfers. We also requested support from R&BBC to assist the Parish Council in being prepared with any expansion of electors such as calculating staff requirements to meet the new resident number demands. The recommendations now being consulted on include minor updates to the number of councillors in Horley Town Council to improve local representation, and the expansion of Salfords & Sidlow Parish Council to include South Earlswood and Whitebushes as shown in the table on pg 6.

## COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - CONTINUED

Parish ward (current polling district)	Electorate: 1 May 2025	Number of town councillors	Electors to Councillors
Salfords South (HRE2)	1,977	4	494
Salfords North (HRE1)	493	1	493
Earlswood (EWB4)	1,827	4	457
Whitebushes (EWB5)	1,752	4	438
Sidlow (HRW1)	544	1	544
<b>Total:</b>	<b>6,593</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>471</b>

In addition, there are proposals to create a new parish covering most of the north of the borough and either one or two new town councils for Redhill and Reigate.

The recommendations being consulted on are for parishes covering the whole borough as follows (north to south):

- Banstead and The Villages Council - creation of a new parish covering most of the north of the borough.
- Redhill and Reigate Town Council(s) - creation of either a single new parish covering both areas or two separate parishes: one for Redhill (including Merstham) and another for Reigate
- Salfords, Sidlow and South Earlswood Parish Council - expansion of Salfords & Sidlow Parish Council to include South Earlswood and Whitebushes. If this is not supported R&BBC would like to understand what residents in the proposed expansion area would prefer. South Earlswood and Whitebushes could be a separate parish council or combine with Redhill.
- Horley Town Council - minor changes to the number of councillors and wards to improve local representation

S&SPC Parish Councillors have expressed their frustration that our submission response had not been considered and R&BBC has railroaded an option onto the Parish Council. The S&SPC response to the initial consultation made it clear Councillors were open to a dialogue to discuss an approach, but needed to better understand the risks and impact to our existing community before considering expanding. The RBBC proposal has not included the Woodhatch area which means that Sidlow will become an even more rural ward in this new proposed expanded parish.

## COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - CONTINUED

Councillors are especially concerned that the new proposals are reducing the number of six Councillors to four to represent the Salfords ward. At our December meeting the Parish Council agreed to object to the proposed expansion and urged R&BBC to retain the existing boundary. Our summary reasons were: -

- the failure to engage with the Parish Council's initial submission,
- the lack of consultation with current or proposed-new residents,
- the absence of transparent financial, governance and representation analysis,
- the proposed reduction in councillor number representation
- the heightened risk of rural marginalisation, and
- the many unanswered questions around impacts and risks.

We added that we support the formation of a separate Parish Council for South Earlswood and Whitebushes and Councillors would be happy to support their communities to evaluate their vision and purpose for such a body as well as during any set-up. The Council remains open to future discussions after 2027, provided they are evidence-led, transparent, collaborative and properly informed by the views of all affected communities.

R&BBC is keen to encourage everyone to get involved in the consultation. **We recommend that our residents respond to the consultation** highlighting concerns of expansion and that local representation will be reduced in the number of parish councillors for our area, the unknown requirements for the new communities and concerns of an increase in precept.

All residents should have received a paper copy (pink) consultation delivered to their door. Alternatively you can access via the QR code or visit [reigate-banstead.gov.uk/cgr-ssse](https://reigate-banstead.gov.uk/cgr-ssse)



**Our full submission is available to read on our website, Planning page [www.salfordsandsidlowpc.org.uk](http://www.salfordsandsidlowpc.org.uk) or via the Clerk**

For further information please contact the Clerk on [clerk@salfordsandsidlowpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@salfordsandsidlowpc.org.uk) or 01737 780339



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## **GATWICK AIRPORT - EXPANSION DECISION**

Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign (GACC) attended the November Parish Council meeting and provided a briefing of the decision on the Gatwick Airport Development Consent Order which has been authorised to enable Gatwick Airport's expansion plans for realignment and use of the existing standby runway. The development works would include north and south terminal redesign, new hotels; 55% more car parking, works to principal access road network serving Gatwick including road widening and roundabout updates between north and south terminals. There is no intention to change flight paths, but this is subject to airspace modernisation. It is proposed the core works would be developed and built between 2026-2031 with follow up construction works to 2039/40.

These developments would enable passenger numbers to increase to 80m p.a. (currently 46m p.a.), aircraft movements would increase from 265,000 p.a. to 385,000 p.a. (35% increase). There will be an impact with carbon emissions, noise and transport congestion on roads and the Brighton train line. The Parish Council also has concern about water - sewage capacity, flood impact and water supply.

The Only option remaining to challenge this decision is a legal challenge through a Judicial Review (JR). GACC and Communities Against Gatwick Noise Emissions (CAGNE) have both submitted their formal legal challenge to the Secretary of State (SOS). Both organisations claim that the SOS has acted unlawfully in granting the DCO in that she has failed to properly assess the full climate change impacts of Gatwick's expansion. Expansion will jeopardise climate change targets, while inflicting harm on local communities. GACC and CAGNE are tackling different aspects of this climate challenge and have appointed their legal teams who will engage with each other, as required, to ensure there is no overlap and both are challenging appropriately.

The Parish Council agreed to make a donation of £2,500 to both GACC and CAGNE recognising the development and expansion of Gatwick airport would have a huge impact on the parish in respect of Route 4, traffic, infrastructure, climate impact and noise. Councillors also agreed that if in the future further funding is required, the Parish Council will consider this if we have the funds and we were obtaining value for money.

## PICKETTS LANE

Picketts Lane Plot 2 was heard in the High Court on 6 October. The Judicial Review (JR) was made against Reigate and Banstead Borough Council's (R&BBC) decision to 'decline to determine' the recent application, made in May, to stay on the site. R&BBC took the decision not to determine the application, and the applicants were seeking a JR of this that they should be allowed another hearing on the basis of changes in traveller legislation, policy etc.

JRs are considered by a judge, at the High Court. However, firstly, the Applicant needs to be granted permission to apply for a JR. This will be a written order by a judge to determine whether or not there is a case to be heard. There is no date set but it is expected to be imminent.

If permission is declined, the Order to leave becomes effective, and the travellers could be required to move off the site and restore to its former condition.

If permission is granted, then it proceeds to a full hearing at the High Court. This would probably be early January 2026, and it would be a public hearing between the barristers in front of the judge. At this point the JR would either fail (and the Order becomes effective again), or succeed, in which R&BBC's decision would be found unsound and R&BBC would need to redetermine the May planning application.

If the redetermined May planning application is refused and not appealed, the Order becomes effective.

If it is refused and appealed and the appeal dismissed, then the Order also becomes effective.

If the application were to be redetermined and approved or allowed at appeal, then the Order falls away.

Refusal of the JR is the simplest and quickest route to securing compliance with the enforcement notices.

There is concern because a planning inspector made an appeal decision on Land at Saxon House, Haroldslea Drive, Horley stating *'I have found the Council (R&BBC) is unable to demonstrate a 5-year supply of pitches for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation'*. R&BBC have applied for JR in court to challenge the appeal decision for this.

The Parish Council monitor the situation very closely and provide input as required.

## A217 SITE MEETING WITH HIGHWAYS

Parish Councillors and County Councillor Andy Lynch met with a Surrey County Council (SCC) Highways Officer to review the potential for speed reduction and having an informal crossing with a refuge island on the A217 by the Ironsbottom junction in Sidlow.

The SCC Officer confirmed that reducing the speed limit on the A217 will require speed surveys to determine the current average vehicle speeds. If the average speed is found to be above 46 mph, traffic calming measures will be necessary. The Parish Council has agreed to fund these speed limit checks.

The SCC Officer measured the carriageway width at the proposed location, for the option of a crossing, and found it to be less than 7 metres. The Officer confirmed it would be difficult to install a refuge island here, as the minimum width required for the island is 1.8 metres, and SCC need a total of 7 metres to accommodate two running lane. This would mean that Highways will require a minimum of 8.5m carriageway width to install a refuge island.



Any crossing at this location would need to have traffic lights and that cost is circa £300,000.

Meanwhile a Sidlow resident, who had started an online petition request to implement a pedestrian crossing and speed reduction measures at this location, heard from SCC that the petition reached the required number (more than 100) of signatures to be responded to. The resident, with support, attended the SCC council meeting on 16 December. No update can be provided as we had gone to print.



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**SAVE THE DATE FOR SIDLOW COMMUNITY DAY**  
**SIDLOW community day will be on Saturday 20 June .**  
**Please put the date in your diary.**  
**More information will be provided in Spring 2026.**

## 2026 MEETING DATES

Councillors agreed the following meeting dates for 2026: -

Date	Location		Surgeries ***
Monday 12 January	Salfords Village Hall		5 January
Monday 9 February	Salfords Village Hall		2 February
Monday 9 March	Emmanuel Church		2 March
Monday 13 April *	Salfords Village Hall	Parish Assembly	6 April**
Monday 11 May	Salfords Village Hall	Annual	4 May**
Monday 8 June	Emmanuel Church		1 June
Monday 13 July	Salfords Village Hall		6 July
Monday 10 August	Salfords Village Hall	TBC whether held	3 August
Monday 14 September	Emmanuel Church		7 September
Monday 12 October	Salfords Village Hall		5 October
Monday 9 November	Salfords Village Hall		2 November
Monday 14 December	Emmanuel Church		7 December

\* Easter Sunday 5 April 2026

\*\* Bank holiday – Dates may change

\*\*\* Surgeries are being conducted in the rear hall at Salfords village hall on the Monday before the Council meeting. They start at 6.30pm and plan to finish at 7pm but will last longer if required.



We welcome foodbank donations at Salfords village hall. If you have anything you would like to donate please contact the Clerk who can arrange access

Clerk@salfordsandsidlowpc.org.uk - 01737 780339

Peace to you all

In just several weeks my time at Christ the King, Salfords will be over. I leave with lots of mixed emotions, yet tend to be realistic about the times and seasons we all face, in our busy lives. However - although many are busy, others are not - at all - and they live in an aloneness that haunts especially the elderly like me!

I glory in the fact of how well the Village Hall opens its heart to Salfords. Well done. From the 1st Friday Coffee event (a real delight), all sorts and conditions of dance and exercise, and more. Please enjoy the hall and make good use for it all, with hearty thanksgiving for such much.

At church we, too, seek to join us in worship, we are a small Church of England. We use as a title: A House of Prayer for All People, and this is being lived out in ways needed and appreciated, but all that we have could draw people on Sundays and Wednesdays 10 a.m. (We observe what is called: Holy Communion, Eucharist, Mass, Lord's Supper, Liturgy). We would truly welcome you and we trust what we offer in the person of JESUS CHRIST could help you and other Salfords people.

I applaud some of my parishioners for their significant assistance in making sure we remain a focus of shared fun and more through our social events and knitathons.

I will miss the kindness shown to me, especially when I was in hospital. My last Sunday service with the Bishop is on 1st February at 10 a.m. followed by a reception.

May your days be Merry and bright and may all your Christmases be filled with rainbow joy.

Richest blessings and pray I get some "days of retirement" before I am called home.



*Father Jim with Bishop Rosemarie*

Father Jim Rosenthal  
Priest in Charge



*Father Jim as St Nicholas*



### **From the Churchwardens:**

We are planning a number of services to wish Father Jim well and to thank him for his ministry with us. Many of you will have seen and chatted with him outside the Church, at the Community coffee mornings as well as at the chair aerobics class. If you are free on any of the dates below, you are all more than welcome to join us.

Sunday 1 February - Eve of Candlemass- The Bishop of Southwark, Bishop Christopher will visit us to preach and preside. There will be a buffet lunch following the service.

Sunday 8 February- Father Jim's last Sunday- a chance to say a less formal farewell with cake

Wednesday 11 February- Healing Mass- Father Jim's last service at Christ the King

Please do let us know if you are intending to join us (contact details at the end).

### **Are you interested in walking?**

Having completed our Pilgrimage to Canterbury, we are planning more local walks in the coming year. It is a lovely way of getting some exercise whilst having a chat and a laugh or two. The rambles are usually 4-5 miles long and roughly once a month. We would warmly welcome anyone who would like to join us.

### **Dates for your diaries**

- Ash Wednesday - 18 February 10a.m Low Mass with Ashing/ 7.30 p.m Sung Mass and Ashing
- Mothering Sunday 15 March 10a.m. Mass with flowers for all mothers

### *Holy week services*

- Palm Sunday 29 March at 10am. With procession of palms
- Maundy Thursday -Mass of the Lord's supper 2<sup>n</sup> April at 8 p.m.
- Good Friday -Liturgy of the Passion 3 April at 2 p.m.
- Holy Saturday -Easter vigil and mass <sup>n</sup> April at 7 p.m.
- Easter Day- 5 April Mass of the Resurrection followed by Easter bonnets, raffle and Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m.

For further information please see our website [www.salfordschurch.org](http://www.salfordschurch.org) or contact one of the Churchwardens:

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## **SALFORDS VILLAGE HALL UPDATE**

The Parish Council has been successful in securing our bid for Reigate and Banstead Borough Council (R&BBC) strategic CIL funding of £48,454 to enable us to make further enhancements to the village hall. The improvements include: -

- repairs to the roof at the left hand side (when viewed from the front) and replacing the flat roof at the main entrance of the hall – now complete
- Improvements to the main hall floor - now complete
- Wrapping all fascia and soffits to provide longevity and improve appearance
- To change the forecourt to provide on-site parking including provision of a dropped kerb and disabled parking

We are currently awaiting tender costs for the replacement fascia/soffit and guttering and the forecourt carpark changes. We will need to apply for planning permission for the carparking improvements and also make a subsequent application to Surrey County Council for the dropped kerb.

The Parish Council is delighted to be one of the chosen organisations to benefit as we understand the bidding for these funds was extremely competitive and was vastly oversubscribed. R&BBC received 36 bid requests for a wide range of worthwhile projects totalling in excess of £5 million for the half a million pounds of funding that was available.

The Parish Council has also funded our own works through our CIL funds including repairs to the high-level windows to ensure safety catches are installed and decoration works to tidy up areas where there is wear and tear. We have also arranged for our annual electrical testing and fire protection works that are required.

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## **SPEEDCHECKS ON IRONSBOTTOM**

The Parish Council has paid for Surrey Highways to carry out speedchecks on Ironsbottom in Sidlow. The Parish Council believe that this road should have a 30MPH speed limit so this is the first stage in the process for any action to be able to be taken. We have used Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding of £500 for the project and now await for the checks to be arranged and implemented.





## SALFORDS SPRING LITTER PICK

**SATURDAY 21 MARCH**

**10AM TO 11.30AM**

Meet at Salfords village hall

Refreshments served



### INFO FROM

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## BABY AND CHILDREN TABLE TOP SALE

**SATURDAY 21 MARCH**

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## CROSSWINDS

Surrey County Council (SCC) has confirmed that a full injunction has been issued for Crosswinds site in Sidlow following a hearing on 29 September 2025. Crosswinds is a Green Belt site in Sidlow where illegal dumping has been taking place over several years and had a serious effect on local residents and causing damage to the land.

The order prohibits the importation, deposit and disposal of waste materials, and the operation of plant, machinery and vehicles associated with this unlawful use on the site and mandates the removal of the deposited waste materials and restoration of the land to agricultural use within 180 days of the Order. Should any of the defendants in these proceedings breach the terms of the permanent injunction, they may be found to be in contempt of court. This is a serious matter which attracts a fine, seizure of assets, and/or a term of imprisonment.

In light of the court's decision, SCC officers will continue to liaise with those named within the Order to ensure that its requirements, particularly those requiring the clearance/ restoration of the site, are adhered to.

In respect of next steps, SCC officers are seeking to arrange site meetings with their regulatory partners and those within the scope of the Order, to discuss the commencement of clearance work at the site.

The Order shall remain in force until further order of the Court. The injunction is therefore in place indefinitely (subject to someone making an application to the Court to amend/remove etc).

The Parish Council is pleased an injunction has been placed and will monitor the developments and clearance of this site.

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## WARM WELCOME AND FUEL VOUCHERS

Our Warm Welcome coffee mornings provide residents with an opportunity to warm up, get a hot drink, home made cake and biscuits for free, receive energy advice and debt support and enjoy some social interaction.


### ***Winter warmers***

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

### ***Fuel Vouchers***

We have also been allocated Fuel Vouchers to provide to residents who are in fuel poverty or struggling to heat their home. Eligibility criteria applies but if you believe you would benefit from a fuel voucher, please contact the Clerk. No form filling and all details provided are confidential.

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## PARISH COUNCIL TO SUPPORT FUNDING FOR NEW BOLLARDS ON WEST AVENUE

In 2024, the Parish Council agreed to support the purchase and installation of two new bollards on West Avenue to assist with parking at the rear entrance to Salfords primary school. County Cllr Baart liaised with Surrey County Council Highways department who confirmed the cost for installing two bollards on the east side of West Avenue to prevent vehicles parking. The Parish Council has agreed to fund these works at a cost of £2,250 using CIL funds.

We now await a date for installation.

<h3>♥ PARACISE ♥</h3> <h4>Mondays 11:15am</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gentle on the joints</li> <li>• Low impact dance class               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No floor work</li> <li>• Fabulous music</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Improve posture, balance, mobility &amp; flexibility</li> </ul> <p>No experience required </p>	<h3>🔥 CLUBBERCISE 🔥</h3> <h4>Thursdays 7pm</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring the night out to your workout &amp; burn around 600kcal</li> <li>• Simple and fun dance cardio fitness routines to club anthems including 90s classics and latest chart hits</li> <li>• In a darkened room with disco lights and glow sticks </li> </ul>
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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION UPDATE

The government has confirmed plans for Surrey to have two Strategic Authorities – led by an elected Mayor. This means that from April 2027 there will be two new unitary councils – East Surrey and West Surrey when at this time Surrey County Council and all the Borough/District Councils no longer exist.

To do this, Surrey must first reorganise into unitary councils, which combine county and existing district and borough (12 councils) services into a single level of government.



### **East Surrey council will replace: -**

Elmbridge Borough Council  
Epsom and Ewell Borough Council  
Mole Valley District Council  
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council

Tandridge District Council

### **West Surrey council will replace: -**

Guildford Borough Council  
Runnymede Borough Council  
Spelthorne Borough Council  
Surrey Heath Borough Council  
Waverley Borough Council  
Woking Borough Council

Government has said that this is a once in a generation reform which will see stronger local councils in charge of all local services, equipped to drive economic growth, improve local public services, and lead and empower their communities – ultimately it is intended to help improve living standards.

### **What this means**

This means the current two-tier system – where county, and district / borough councils have separate responsibilities – will be replaced by a simpler and, hopefully more efficient structure. In a unitary model, one council is responsible for all services in an area.

Government believes that simplifying local government also ensures a strong foundation for devolution.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION UPDATE - CONTINUED

### The new structure

From April 2027, Surrey County Council and the 11 District and Borough Councils in Surrey will be dissolved. To support the transition:

- Elections to the new shadow authorities will take place in May 2026.
- These elected members will help set up the new councils and operate in a “shadow” capacity until vesting day (1 April 2027).
- On 31 March 2027, the 12 existing councils will be dissolved.
- From 1 April 2027 (vesting day), the new unitary councils will officially take over.

There should be no immediate changes to how residents access services. Council offices and community spaces will remain open, and services will continue as usual.

Currently there are 81 Surrey County Councillors and 45 councillors for just Reigate and Banstead Borough Council (R&BBC) with R&BBC divided into 15 wards, with each ward electing three councillors.

The new unitary authority is proposing representation from 72 councillors for East Surrey and 90 councillors for West Surrey. This will see a huge reduction (32%) in local representation for residents in Reigate and Banstead borough

As part of this process R&BBC has launched a Community Governance Review giving residents in the borough the option to consider becoming parished as Salfords and Sidlow and Horley already are – see pages 5 to 7.

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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 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 October to December the Council reviewed 17 planning applications as follows:- No comment - 1, No observation - 5, No objection with comment - 7 and 4 objections.

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As we approach the festive season, it's a great time to reflect on all the exciting things that have happened at Salfords Primary School this Autumn term. It's been a busy and rewarding term, filled with learning, creativity, and community spirit.

**Celebrating Learning and Achievement** - Our pupils have been working incredibly hard across all year groups. From exploring new topics in their project learning to developing their writing and maths skills, the enthusiasm for learning has been inspiring. We've seen fantastic progress and a real sense of pride in the children's achievements.

**Special Events and Activities** - Since I last wrote, October began with a wonderful Harvest celebration, where pupils shared poems, songs, and reflections on gratitude. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our food collection for Loveworks Food Bank, it makes a real difference.

In November, we marked Remembrance Day with a thoughtful assembly and a silence. Our School Council shared a beautiful poppy wreath with the residents of Greensand House.



We also enjoyed Children in Need, with a fun-filled day of activities and fundraising. The generosity of our families helped us raise an impressive amount for this important cause.

**Looking Ahead** - As December unfolds, we're excited for our Christmas performances and festive celebrations. These events are always a highlight of the year, bringing joy to pupils, staff, and families alike. On behalf of everyone at Salfords Primary School, thank you for your continued support. We wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and look forward to an exciting new year of learning and growth.

**Starting School** - If your child/ren is due to start school in September 2026, the Surrey County Council closing date is 15th January. Our Nursery applications for September 2026 are also open, go to our website and click on the 'Nursery' tab.

Claire Regnard  
Headteacher

## **Neighbourhood Plan Update and Progress**

The Parish Council has agreed we will not be designating sites for development but we recognise that Developers are looking at our villages to build homes – some on a large scale.

We know Reigate and Banstead Borough Council (R&BBC) is currently undertaking a Green Belt Assessment (GB) review alongside a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) review, which will both be integral to our parish, with expected results in 2026.

We have gathered evidence, based on the survey feedback received through our public consultation events, and prepared a first draft of the plan which was reviewed by R&BBC. They provided critical feedback stating that our plan needs to have ‘granularity’, i.e., comprising distinguishable differences, which has consistent strategic policies that are relevant to Salfords and Sidlow and not in the R&BBC local plan. Based on this feedback, Councillors met with a Planning Advisor to help provide guidance and support for us to shape the plan.

Councillors now need to consider if we would like to create a design guide for new housing development or include what we would like to see such as pattern of play spaces/ age-appropriate play provision, safeguard local green spaces, footpaths/ cycleways, wildlife corridors, good connectivity for transport, bus shelters, car parking, shops, community space, health and education provision, etc. It is important that the Neighbourhood Plan request things that echoes or will improve S&SPC.

The Parish Council will now draw up a set of policies and work with R&BBC and our Planning Advisor to finalise our draft plan before we hold another 6-week consultation with our residents.

If you would like to get involved in the development of the plan please contact the Clerk.

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## **SALFORDS COMMUNITY FUN DAY - SAVE THE DATE**

Our community day will be on Saturday 13 June from 1pm to 5pm at Salfords Social Club. Please put the date in your diary.

More information will be provided in Spring 2026.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Parish Council has been celebrating many events over the Autumn months including running a support station at Emmanuel Church in Sidlow for the Reigate Marathon. It was great to see so many runners and be able to serve refreshments to the race wardens, emergency services and one supporter, who chose Sidlow to come and watch their family.

We hosted a Diwali celebration at Salfords village hall which included live dancing, fresh Indian cuisine and music. There were lots of bright colours and decorations with a chance for residents to dress up.

The Parish Council helped sponsor Sidlow Community Association's Bonfire night which was held in Sidlow. A few hundred residents and the Reigate and Banstead Deputy Mayor attended this fun filled evening which provided a licensed bar and BBQ. We were lucky that the rain had passed so families could enjoy the pyrotechnic music display in the dry (although muddy field)!

It was great to bring our pop-up refreshment station to the corner of the A23 and watch the classic veteran cars and bikes pass by on a sunny Sunday morning in early November. Thanks to all the residents who came to say hello and support this annual event through the village of Salfords.

Our Christmas light switch on event, although held in early November, welcomed nearly one hundred residents to come and join in the fun. We served free refreshments including mince pies, mulled wine and hot chocolate. Residents were able to purchase early Christmas presents from the variety of craft stalls whilst enjoying listening to the live music from the AtoZ Flute Choir.

The Parish Council provided 2500 daffodil bulbs to be planted in Salfords and Sidlow by Councillors and residents. Salfords residents planted bulbs outside the Miller and Carter in late October and Sidlow residents planted theirs along Ironsbottom in mid-November.

Both Salfords and Sidlow residents also came to join in the Autumn litter picks, and we were able to collect over fifteen bags of rubbish.

We are now planning our events for 2026 so please review through this newsletter with dates.

Our community events are only successful if our residents come and join us. We are so appreciating that we have such an active community who do join in and attend the variety of events we put on. We are already planning for 2026 including our annual Community day at Salfords Social Club – see page 24 Salfords Spring litter pick – see page 17 and sponsoring Infinity in Bloom to hold a tabletop and Nearly New baby and children clothes and toy sale – see page 18.

## A SEASON OF PROGRESS AT SALFORDS CRICKET CLUB

As we look back on the cricketing year, Salfords Cricket Club can reflect on a season filled with energy, commitment, and exciting developments—both on and off the field. While results on the pitch were mixed, the true success of the season lay in the strong engagement across the club, with both senior and junior players turning out in impressive numbers. The growth in participation is a positive sign for the future and reflects the vibrant community spirit at the heart of the club.



One of the proudest achievements was the first year with our brand-new pavilion. The facility has already proven its worth, hosting several well-attended functions and providing a warm, welcoming space for players, families, and supporters. It stands as a fantastic milestone for the club and a valuable asset for the wider parish.

Looking ahead, preparations for next season are already underway. Winter nets will begin on 25th January, running from 12pm to 2pm, and all players—returning or new—are encouraged to come along. Whether you're an experienced cricketer, someone returning to the game, or a complete beginner, Salfords Cricket Club always welcomes new members and greater involvement from the community. With solid foundations and growing momentum, the club enters the new year with optimism and enthusiasm.

Here's to an even stronger season ahead for Salfords Cricket Club!

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## EMMANUEL CHURCH

Dear Friends,

The season of Advent began on Sunday 30 November 30. Advent means 'coming' and is observed in many Western Christian churches as a time of expectancy, waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Unfortunately this season often gets missed as we rush through it with the busyness of the season or by simply marking it with a daily chocolate or other reward without much deeper thought. Now don't get me wrong, I love an Advent calendar but there is more to it than simply marking time until December 25th! Advent is meant as time to look back as we prepare for and celebrate the birth of Jesus; it is also a time to look ahead to what is to come.

We hope that you will consider joining us at Emmanuel in the Advent and Christmas Season. We have the following services:

- Christmas Eve - 4:00 pm Christingle Service
- Christmas Day - 11:00 am Family Communion Service

**Tea & Chat** - 11:00 am on the last Wednesday of each month (except December)

**Knit & Natter** - 11:00 am on the 2nd Thursday of each month (it will resume in February).

In October we had a successful Quiz Night at the church and it was lovely to make some new friends and renew old acquaintances. We hope to be able to do it again next year.

We wish everyone in Salfords & Sidlow and Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2026.



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## **A23 BUS CORRIDOR**

County Cllr Andy Lynch arranged for and joined Parish Councillors when they met with Surrey County Council (SCC) Officers from Transport Passenger Group and Highways. The meeting was to discuss the next phase of the proposed A23 bus corridor which will be implemented at various points from Redhill to Horley. Our meeting focused on the A23 through Salfords. It was confirmed that resident feedback had been considered from the public consultation earlier in 2025 when making final decisions.

It was confirmed there will be a new bus lane (24/7) from Honeycrook Lane to the Salbrook Road entrance using the ghosted line areas of the A23. The A23 south bound will also be turned into a single road for traffic. SCC are still reviewing and considering options going further south past Salbrook Road. A design scheme has been confirmed for the Chequers roundabout in Horley.

Councillors recognised the improvements with the scheme, having taken on feedback from our initial meeting and the public consultation. Councillors suggested hatching of areas for ease of cars crossing the A23 as this could be of benefit to aid traffic flow in rush hour/ busy times at Salbrook Road and Honeycrook Lane. We also proposed moving the recycling bins to another location to aid users of these facilities who would not be able to stop in a bus lane. This requirement has now been superseded by their removal – see below.

We await an implementation date for the works to start by SCC .



## **RECYCLE BINS REMOVED FROM SALFORDS**

Reigate and Banstead Borough Council (R&BBC) has removed the recycling bins near the parade of shops in Salfords following a borough-wide review of communal recycling sites. This was done to address issues such as contamination and misuse, and to improve overall waste management.

## **SALFORDS PRIMARY SCHOOL PARKING REVIEW**

Surrey County Council (SCC) Officers, County Councillor Catherine Baart, Salfords Primary School and Parish Councillors attended a meeting to follow up on previous discussions and activity to review resident feedback which had been requested in early 2025.

SCC Officers advised that SCC has £3m funding for projects to make improvements for parking around schools. It was confirmed that Salfords Primary School currently has a greater priority with an enforcement SCC Officer visiting the school usually once a week. It should be noted this is more for a visual presence and deterrent to parents who park inconsiderately because unfortunately the SCC Officer has little empowerment: -

- Yellow lines – it is legal to load/ unload – including persons so this cannot be enforced around a school
- Zigzag lines - cannot park or unload. It can be enforced
- Footpath – this is not illegal unless there is an obstruction. The Police can enforce on this.

It was agreed that ongoing enforcement, even if daily, will not solve the issue if penalties cannot be issued. SCC Officers recommended the introduction of having a School Street. This is where ANPR cameras are installed at each end of the street with timing for no entry for parents – say 8.15am to 9am and 2.30pm to 3.15pm (these are just suggested times). If a vehicle has entered before the time, then they would not be fined. Residents and Carers receive an exemption for free so can enter and leave as they please, but it will not allow for visitors/ deliveries. Resident/ Carer's cars would be registered for free for the ANPR camera.

The introduction of a School Street would be an experimental traffic order which would be monitored so timings of no entry can be amended, and the scheme can be withdrawn if not successful. It was agreed that all roads around the school would need to be part of the scheme including: -

Woodside Way, Copsleigh Avenue, Copsleigh Close and West Avenue – this road would need agreement from the Care home. It was recognised that if West Avenue was excluded this would cause traffic jams and real problems.

Unfortunately, there is no manpower or financial resources available for 2025/26, but the Parish Council has requested the potential for a School Street for Salfords Primary School to be added to the list for prioritisation for 2026/27 or 2027/28. At that time, SCC will engage with the local community and school parents/ carers with a consultation (website portal) and likelihood of holding an event at the school. Responses are analysed and Cllr Baart has the final decision whether to implement. It should be noted the decision is not based on a majority vote

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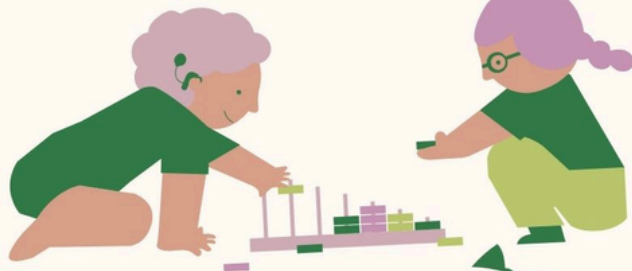
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