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BURPHAM TIMES

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From your Burpham Borough Councillors Monika Juneja & Christian Holliday

KINGSPPOST PARADE IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETE

Guildford Borough Council has completed the landscape and parking improvements at the Kingspost Shopping Parade. These improvements, paid for with financial contributions obtained from a developer through the use of a Section S106 Agreement, include a larger turning area for vehicles, designated disabled parking, an outdoor communal area and improved road markings. The improvements increase visual amenity and provide practical benefits to drivers and pedestrians visiting the shops.



Christian and Monika said: "We are please these improvements were carried out on time and within budget. The changes make it easier for patrons to park and enjoy the facilities on the parade."

GUILDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL ACHIEVES AAA CREDIT RATING

Guildford Borough Council has become the first district council to achieve a triple A credit rating

Guildford now joins the few councils in the UK that have asked for this assessment and the first to achieve a AAA Stable credit rating from international ratings agency Moody's Investors Service.

This means that GBC is judged to have the highest standards of financial management and budget control and represent a very low level of credit risk, allowing GBC to have access to the lowest rates of borrowing, providing a better deal for the taxpayer if funds are needed to be raised.

In their assessment Moody's praised the Council's "sound financial performance" and the fact that "it has maintained strong governance and management as well as a good liquidity position relative to its operating responsibilities". Other strengths included a broad diversification of sources of income, a "solid track record in maintaining budgets within limits and "a solid cash and investment position".

Cllr Monika Juneja says: "We are delighted with this excellent credit score. It underpins our belief that strong fiscal management is key and demonstrates that our financial policies are working well."

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GREEN FLAG FLIES OVER SUTHERLAND MEMORIAL PARK



Sutherland Memorial Park is one of the best open spaces in the Country – and that’s official! Green Flag sites have been recognised as well-managed, well-maintained sites with excellent facilities for visitors. The Green Flag awards are awarded nationally by Keep Britain Tidy and others.

Monika said: “This is great news for Burpham and Guildford. Sutherland Memorial park is an important ‘Green Lung’ for Burpham and Guildford and the council will continue to give it a high level of protection and maintenance to ensure residents get maximum benefit from the park.”

All award-winning sites now have the chance to receive a further award from the Green Flag Plus

Partnership, the People’s Choice Award. This award must be voted for by the public. If you want to see Sutherland Memorial Park receive a national accolade, then visit the Green Flag Award website now to register your vote: www.Keepbritaintidy/greenflag

NEW BUS STATION AND REGENERATION PROPOSED FOR GUILDFORD TOWN CENTRE



Proposals were agreed unanimously at on 20th October as a first step for a new high quality bus station.

However, no decisions will be made before the proposals are developed in significantly greater detail together with extensive public engagement throughout next year.

The idea of moving the bus station closer to the railway station, as public consultations suggested a while ago, would encourage the regeneration of North Street. A new bus station, it is proposed would include

commercial, leisure, retail and residential buildings with wider improvements suggested for the river frontage.

If you have any comments or questions about the proposal please contact Monika on 0 01483 454108 or monika.juneja@guildford.gov.uk

BURPHAM’S HISTORIC PILLAR BOX LISTED



The post office pillar box at Kings Post Parade has been locally listed by Guildford Borough Council for its important historic interest.

It has been listed because it is an Edward VIII post box and is one of only 100 such boxes nationally, which were specially made for the King’s short reign (20 January 1936 – 11 December 1936). Edward VIII is said to have designed the special cipher on these post boxes himself.

The vast majority of other Edward VIII boxes are statutory listed. However, the Post Office has now agreed a retention policy with English Heritage and since the agreement was put into place English Heritage have declined to add any others to the statutory list.

Christian said: “Although Edward’s reign was short, it was a significant one in the nation’s history.

Therefore, as we have one of these important pillar boxes within the Borough, it has been added to the Local List so that its importance piece of local history has been given the protection it deserves.”



County Issues

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Road Resurfacing

The new road contract with May Gurney is proving successful with a larger number of pot-holes filled and more stretches of road resurfaced to a higher standard for our money. This is very good news and gradually we are addressing the poor state of the roads across Surrey. With the help of prioritisation from Councillor Ellwood, the Highways Dept. have now finished full surface treatments to Trodds Lane in Merrow and the stretch of Merrow Lane in Burpham adjacent to the London Road. He is now pressing for funds for Highways to be able to similarly repair the other roads in Merrow and Burpham that are most in need of attention. I shall continue to fight to improve all of the roads in our area.

Road Markings re-painted

There is a current programme to renew the faded lines on the roads after years of neglect. You will see repainted lines gradually appearing on the roads across Guildford, making the roads safer and visually better.

On-Street Parking Charges Challenge Success

During the Summer Guildford Local Committee did not accept the SCC proposed areas of additional On-Street Parking. Since Guildford’s stand this summer, Surrey County Council has withdrawn the Countywide programme and left the decisions to be made by the Local

Committees, where local knowledge can bring about better results for residents.

New Parking proposals for Parade

Following resident concerns over parking at the shopping parades all day, Cllr Ellwood has proposed parking restrictions which will go for public consultation in the next round of on street parking reviews. This is in order to ease parking in the shopping parades in Merrow and Burpham and to enable shoppers to more easily find a space.

New VAS sign for Burpham

Cllr Ellwood has funded two Vehicle Activated Signs, reminding drivers to slow down to 30mph, out of his Local Allowance, one for Trodds Lane in Merrow and one for Burpham Lane in Burpham. He is very grateful to the volunteers who will be maintaining these valuable pieces of safety equipment.

Cllr Ellwood provides funding for Carers & Disability Challengers

Councillor Ellwood has funded from his SCC Allowance, via Burpham Carers, some special days of relaxation for full time carers who do not qualify for the usual State Benefits. For the charity Disability Challengers he has helped with funding for disabled children to spend days at Disability Challengers in the Summer Holidays. Some further funding has also been provided by him to help Disability Challengers with their Christmas Party for disabled children

Pavement repairs to go ahead

From the Community Pride Fund, Councillor Ellwood has provided funds for pavement repairs opposite George Abbot School on the corner of Woodruff Avenue and Charlock Way. Residents had complained this was in a very bad state of repair. He is now working with the School and the Police to remind parents not to park on the pavement.

