

Parish Magazine – March 2023 Issue

Gomshall Yellow lines – Double yellow lines have been proposed for part of Station road, Gomshall by the bend opposite Colekitchen Lane. Shere Parish Council Councillors are keen to improve safety but also concerned with the reduction of parking for residents and the potential for traffic to speed up, with no parked cars to slow traffic. After a meeting with the Borough Councillors, Parish Councillors and residents, Surrey County Council Councillor B Hughes has been asked to investigate traffic calming and the possibility of removing the bus stop on the corner of Station Road and Queen Street to provide further parking, away from the bend, as there is an alternative bus stop near the Compasses public house. As more information becomes available it will be shared on our website and social media as well as the parish magazine.



Coronation of King Charles III – Residents have been looking into how they would like to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. The parish council has offered £250 towards decorations for each village, please could the organiser of each event contact the Clerk for more information.

The Eden Project has put together a resource pack for anyone holding an event. See the following website for details: <https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/the-big-lunch>

Applications for road closures have to be made to Guildford Borough Council by the 3rd of April 2023 (to allow for processing time) using the following form: <https://www.guildford.gov.uk/article/21050/Apply-for-a-road-closure-form>

If the land you would like to use is owned by Shere Parish Council please contact us for permission clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk and Insurance is advisable for all events and mandatory if using parish council land. If you let the parish council know about your event, we are happy to add the details to our website, for advertising.

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) Training – the council is looking into holding a CPR training event for residents, if you are interested, please get in touch. In the meantime, please look at this link for instructions on CPR <https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/how-to-do-cpr/cpr-training-videos>

The Square, Shere – Surrey County Council (SCC) Placemaking Team are carrying out a parking audit, topographical survey and health and safety audit on the potential part closure of The Square (the small area of The Square closed during Covid). Depending on the answers from the surveys, if it is possible to implement the parklet, concept designs will be created by SCC and shared with the parish council and the community via public consultation. No decision on whether to support the concept has been made by the parish council at this time.



Overgrown hedges and trees – It is the resident's responsibility to prevent hedges or trees encroaching onto pavements or highways. Please ensure they are cut back and maintained to allow access on pavements and to maintain sight lines, keep road signs clear and allow safe passage on highways. If you see a hedge or tree encroaching on the pavement or highway please contact Surrey County Council by reporting it online <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/report-a-highway-problem/tree-hedge-grass-weed-issue> or you can call them on 03456 009 009

Police – Two members of the police force attended the parish council meeting on the 9th February to give advice and update the council on what they can do to make our community safer. In recent months the council have been made aware of cars being keyed in Shere, car and shed thefts and drug dealing activity. The Police emphasised that they took these incidents seriously and encouraged anyone who has witnessed a non-urgent crime or been a victim of a non-urgent crime to report the incident, by telephoning 101, online using <https://www.surrey.police.uk/ro/report/> or on the Surrey Police Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SurreyPolice/>. By reporting the crime (even if not much was lost) PCSOs will follow up and make the local community aware of any issues and if they know the times these incidents take place, they can when possible, be more present in the villages at these times. The issue of inconsiderate and dangerous parking was also raised and the police replied that they can put stickers on offending cars and possibly liaise with the local authority to increase signage in the area.

Parish Council elections are 4th May 2023 – If you want to support your community, get involved and make a difference become a parish councillor. For more information go to <https://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk/become-a-parish-councillor/> or contact clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk

From 4 May 2023, voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations in some elections.

This will apply to:

Local elections

Police and Crime Commissioner elections

UK parliamentary by-elections

Recall petitions

From October 2023 it will also apply to UK General elections.

If you don't have accepted photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document, which is known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

To find out what ID is acceptable or how to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate please go to this following website: <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id/accepted-forms-photo-id>

or see the Shere Parish Council website for a pack called Voter ID – Your Guide www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk

See what your Parish Council does - view the minutes from every council meeting since January 2012 by going to:

<https://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk/council-meetings/>

Next Full Council meeting – Thursday 9th March 2023 at Tanyard Hall 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF.

Annual Parish Meeting (social roundup of year) – Tuesday 21st March 2023 at Tanyard Hall 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF. Refreshments will be served and our guest speaker is Jonathan Duffy, Shere Parish Council Drop-in Coordinator and Manager of the new Village Larder/Micro Pantry. Jonathan will be giving an update on all the activities at the drop-in centre and details on how the village larder/micro pantry will work.

All meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity at every council meeting for members of the public to address the councillors.

Dates for the meetings can be found on our website - <https://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk/meeting-date-diary/>

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