

Happy New Year!

New Councillor – Shere Parish Council welcomes **Russell Findlay** as the new Shere Parish Council Councillor for Holmbury St Mary (South East Ward). Following the call to Guildford Borough Council for an election, there were two nominees and the election took place on Thursday 14th November 2024; Russell was elected but thank you to Quentin Jayne for also standing.



Russell moved to the village 6 years ago and is enthusiastic about helping the community he lives in and ensuring every resident feels represented. Russell has 30 years of experience leading teams and organisations with complex stakeholder groups and has worked with local, regional, and national governments to influence policies and get things done. With 20 years' experience as a CEO of non-profit organizations, managing over £30 million in funds he will be a great asset to the Parish Council and a strong representative for Holmbury St Mary.

Councillor Vacancy - Councillor Chris Carlisle has sadly resigned from the council. Chris has served the community of Holmbury St Mary for 17 years and his knowledge and hard work will be missed. We wish him and his family all the best for the future.

As a result, there is another vacancy for South East Ward (Holmbury St Mary). A notice of Vacancy has been posted and if no election is called the Council will be able to co-opt on to the council. Our co-option policy is on our website, along with the application form <https://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Co-option-Policy.pdf>. Please keep an eye out on our website for more information.



Christmas Tree Collection points – you can leave your Christmas tree at the usual collection points of:

- Holmbury St Mary Village Hall, Felday Glade, Holmbury St Mary
- Shere Recreation Ground car park
- Pond Lane car park, Peaslake

Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) Theft – a council owned VAS has been stolen from Shere Lane/Pathfields, Shere. These are very heavy and padlocked to the post. The council is incredibly surprised/confused as to why it has been stolen. It is no use for anyone else and was positioned there to remind motorists to drive carefully and adhere to the speed limit for safety. If anyone knows what happen to it, please get in touch by phoning 01483 203431 or emailing clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk



Shere Car Park Charging – following the Christmas free parking, **charging will start again in the car park 9am on Thursday 2nd January 2024**

Next Full Council meeting – **7.30pm Thursday 9th January 2025** at Tanyard Hall 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU59LF

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.

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