

## Parish Magazine – May 2025 Issue

**Annual Parish Meeting** - the meeting was well attended on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 at Tanyard Hall in Gomshall. This was the meeting which included the social roundup of the year and the opportunity for residents to meet their councillors in a more relaxed setting. There were light refreshments and a good atmosphere prior to everyone taking their seats.

Our guest speaker was **The Worshipful The Major of Guildford, Councillor Sallie Barker MBE** who gave a short talk on the proposed new Unitary Authority which is planned to replace both the Borough and County Council within the next two years, with a cost saving of up to £24 million by 2030 and more powers for economic development and growth. It was explained that it will likely include more services being devolved to Parish Councils.

Chair Roy Davey gave a report on the activities of the Parish Council over the previous year and the hopes and plans for the forthcoming year.

For more details, please see the meeting minutes on our website [www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Annual Report** – this has been sent to all households in the parish but If you have not received the Chairman’s Annual Report, you can view it on the website: <https://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk/annual-report-2024-25/>

It is a summary of what has happened in the last council year, including the Drop-in and Village Larder.

**Planters in The Square, Shere** – following the outpour of universal unhappiness from residents and visitors, over the size and look of the planters installed in The Square for the Part Pedestrianisation, Surrey County Council (SCC) has now agreed to change them. This time they will be consulting SCC Councillor B Hughes, who will also discuss with the Parish Council.



### A gentle reminder for two important actions:

1. **Use the link below to give feedback on the Part pedestrianisation - The Square, Shere** – the work was carried out by Surrey County Council (SCC) to make a pedestrianised area in The Square, Shere. This is in place for up to two years but a decision as to whether it will be made permanent will be made by SCC after six months. Please give your feedback online using the following link:  
<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/environment-and-infrastructure/the-square-shere-prohibition-of-vehicles/>
2. **If you are interested in submitting a tender for one of the following maintenance or cleaning contracts (go to [www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk) for full details), please note that the deadline is 12 noon 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025.** The tender must be delivered by hand or post to **Shere Parish Council Tanyard Hall 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF** – clearly stating the name of the tender on the outside of the envelope. These will then be opened by the Responsible Financial Officer and a member of the council after the deadline.
  - [Grass Cutting and Larger Projects](#)
  - [Routine Maintenance](#)
  - [Old Fire Station Toilets Cleaning](#)
  - [Tanyard Hall Cleaning](#)

**Next Full Council meeting – Annual Council Meeting 7.30pm Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 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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