

LPC NEWS

Latest news & updates from Limpfield Parish Council



Our newsletter is a good opportunity to reflect on a busy period for the Parish Council and look ahead to the coming year.

As the following articles show, alongside our regular work - and we are proud of our ongoing achievements - we have progressed two major projects: reviewing our Local Neighbourhood Plan, adopted in 2019, and preparing for proposed local government reforms - with the new East Surrey Unitary Authority and the dissolution of TDC coming into force in April 2027. Work is ongoing, and we hope to share updates at our Annual Parish Meeting on 14 May.

Much of what we achieve relies on the continued support of our County Councillor, Cameron McIntosh, and District Councillors, Claire Blackwell and Ian Booth, to whom we are very grateful. At the end of 2025, we were sorry to see Bernie de Haldevang step down after 10 years as Parish Councillor, but pleased to welcome Sarah Butler-Merritt, already an active member of the Limpfield and Oxted communities.

We hope to see as many of you as possible on 14 May.

A. Taylor, Chair

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Local Government Reorganisation

The Government has confirmed major changes to local government in Surrey. Surrey County Council and all district and borough councils, including Tandridge, will be replaced by two new unitary authorities: East Surrey and West Surrey. Elections will take place on 7 May 2026, with elected councillors forming a “shadow authority” before the new councils take full control on 1 April 2027. Parish Council elections will be held in May 2027. Our District Councillors, Claire Blackwell and Ian Booth also continue their roles until April 2027.

Limpsfield Parish Council services will continue as normal. However, parish councils are expected to play a more significant role, as they will be the most local level of government once district councils are removed. There may also be opportunities over time to take on additional responsibilities, particularly around local services and community facilities or amenity land.

Planning will be especially important under the new structure, as decisions will be made by a larger, more remote authority. Limpsfield is, however, well prepared, with its Neighbourhood Plan (reviewed in 2025) and Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plans already adopted. Part of the existing Development Plan, these documents carry weight in planning decisions and will help to ensure that development reflects local priorities, protects heritage and respects the Green Belt.

Alongside LGR, Tandridge District Council has been progressing Community Asset Transfers. We have expressed interest in taking on Stoneleigh Road Allotments and Tidys Green, both valued local open spaces. In addition, a joint proposal with Oxted Parish Council to take over Ellice Road Car Park has been approved in principle, with plans for joint oversight and professional management to ensure it can fund itself and operations remain in the interest for the residents and business community.

While the full details are still emerging, Limpsfield’s strong local policies, active council and engaged community mean it is well placed to adapt and make the most of the new system. Please find more detailed information on our website’s news page.

Planning Overview

This has been a challenging year for the Planning Committee, set against the transition from Tandridge District Council (TDC) to a new Unitary Authority and an evolving National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). This has inevitably created some ambiguity and, in our role as a statutory consultee, we have worked hard to ensure householders and developers do not exploit the situation. We await further progress on TDC's Local Plan, which we hope will be well advanced before the planned handover to the new authority in April 2027.

The Parish Council continues to do everything in its power to protect our surroundings while supporting appropriate, well-designed development that meets local needs. For example, we supported the redevelopment of the former Pastens children's home into two large houses, as this made good use of previously developed land and reflected the character of the surrounding area. In contrast, the proposal for Brookfield (2025/1471) off the A25 was considered better suited to smaller dwellings, and we have requested conditions to restrict permitted development so that properties cannot be extended beyond their original scale.

Our approach is underpinned by the Limpsfield Neighbourhood Plan (LNP), which has been reviewed this year, and the Conservation Area Assessment Management Plan (CAAMP).

We have also actively supported extensions to the Surrey Hills National Landscape (formerly AONB), which should provide further protection to valued countryside. In addition, specific sites such as the Glebe Field benefit from Local Green Space designation, offering an added layer of protection.



We have strongly resisted attempts to classify parts of the Green Belt as “grey belt”, particularly in the Red Lane area, where proposals have sought to convert stables and farm buildings into housing. We believe any potential reclassification must be considered holistically at district level, through the Local Plan process, and with full parish involvement.

This year, we have also placed greater emphasis on the quality of soft landscaping within applications, recognising its importance in maintaining the character of streets and limiting environmental impact. Not all development is residential—we welcomed the change of use of the former Co-op building to the Medora restaurant—and we continue to comment on a wide range of smaller applications, always balancing the need to protect local character with the recognition that change can and should happen.



LPC's Position on Grey Belt

Limpsfield Parish Council (LPC) has been giving careful thought to what the introduction of “grey belt” might mean for our area, particularly as work continues on the new Tandridge Local Plan. While we recognise the pressure to deliver new housing, we remain very mindful of the importance of protecting the Green Belt that surrounds Limpsfield and the wider Oxted area.

At its heart, Green Belt policy is about preventing urban sprawl and keeping land permanently open. Locally, this is especially important given the close relationship between Limpsfield, Oxted, Hurst Green and Holland, which together form a single built-up area. The countryside around us plays a vital role in maintaining separation, preserving character, and protecting the setting of what is increasingly recognised as an historic town.

The concept of “grey belt” adds a new layer of complexity. In simple terms, it allows for some development on land that makes a limited contribution to key Green Belt purposes, or which has been “previously developed”. However, LPC has concerns about how this is interpreted in practice. In particular, we are cautious about attempts to classify open land—such as large garden areas—as “previously developed”, and we will continue to scrutinise whether sites genuinely make only a limited contribution to preventing sprawl or preserving the area’s character.

We are also mindful that not all sites put forward as grey belt are in sustainable locations, with good and safe access to services, transport and infrastructure. These factors are just as important as land classification when considering whether development is appropriate.

Overall, LPC’s focus is on taking a consistent, evidence-based approach. We will continue to engage with residents, respond to planning applications, and contribute to the Local Plan process to ensure that any future development is genuinely sustainable and that the essential openness and character of our area are protected for the long term. *Read the full summary document on our website.*

Looking ahead, the role of parish councils under the new Unitary Authority remains unclear. However, through Surrey Association of Local Councils’ (SALC) ongoing work to secure “a place at the table”, and closer collaboration with neighbouring parishes, we expect to play an active role—particularly on cross-boundary planning and infrastructure matters. Please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk with any planning related questions, issues or observations. clerk@limpsfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

Local Plan Consultation Response

We have recently submitted Limpsfield Parish Council's response to Tandridge District Council's Early Engagement Consultation on the new Local Plan, which will shape development across the District up to 2044.

We recognise the significant challenge of meeting national housing targets, particularly given the high proportion of Green Belt land and the sensitivity of many towns and villages to change. While new development will be necessary, we have stressed that growth must be carefully planned, sustainable and respectful of local character and infrastructure constraints.

We do not support an even spread of development across the District, as this would fail to reflect the differing character and capacity of settlements. Instead, we support a balanced and holistic approach, including new settlements alongside carefully planned development within and on the edges of existing towns and villages. Where Green Belt land is considered for release, this must be done strategically, with clear boundaries to prevent urban sprawl.

In terms of housing need, we have highlighted the importance of delivering the right type of homes. In Limpsfield, there is a strong case for more smaller homes of three bedrooms or fewer, helping older residents to downsize and supporting first- and second-time buyers. We have also requested minimum floor space standards to ensure homes are suitable for modern living.

Affordable housing remains important. While social rented housing is essential, we believe there should also be greater emphasis on affordable routes into home ownership, such as shared equity models.

We have stressed that infrastructure and services must keep pace with growth, with development contributing fairly to transport, healthcare, education and other services. We also highlighted the importance of town and village centres, local shops and community facilities.

Protecting Limpsfield's character, heritage and natural environment is vital. Alongside the green belt and Surrey Hills National Landscape, our Limpsfield Neighbourhood Plan and Limpsfield Village Conservation Area Appraisal & Management Plan remain key tools in ensuring development enhances what makes Limpsfield special.

We will continue to engage with the Local Plan process, ensuring the community's views are clearly represented.

You can find a more in-depth summary and the full response on the LPC website: <https://limpsfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

Review of the Limpsfield Neighbourhood Plan



We have recently completed a review of the Limpsfield Neighbourhood Plan (LNP), originally adopted in 2019.

The good news is that the Plan remains strong, relevant and effective, continuing to provide a community-led framework to guide development, conservation and the future of the parish. Tandridge District Council has confirmed that no material changes are needed, and an updated version will be submitted to TDC for final approval, and made available as soon as possible thereafter via the relevant websites and at the Library etc.

As well as its planning and development criteria, the LNP outlined various projects and activities and we are proud to have been able to make real progress on these, helping to deliver a wide range of positive improvements across Limpsfield.

One of the most significant achievements has been the creation and adoption of the Limpsfield Village Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan, now a formal planning document. This has supported several enhancements, including heritage-style street lighting, improved public spaces, the restoration and care of historic features such as ironstone pavements and the replacement and painting (black) of the pedestrian crossing railings at the Limpsfield traffic lights, providing both an appropriate entrance into the village and a physical connection to Wolf's Row - also part of the Conservation Area.

There has also been real progress in improving access and physical connectivity. Public footpaths and bridleways have been upgraded with new gates, better signage and ongoing maintenance, making them easier for everyone to use.

Limpfield Neighbourhood Plan ctd.

The creation of the Limpfield Way and Cycle Route has helped link the Village and the Chart, while also offering new opportunities for recreation and exploring the parish.

Protecting valued community assets has been another priority, with Memorial Stores, The Bull Inn and the Carpenters Arms successfully registered as Assets of Community Value (giving the community the right to bid if needed). Across the parish, new benches and planters, new and refurbished noticeboards have enhanced shared spaces for residents to enjoy.

Biodiversity has also been a key focus, with initiatives including wildflower planting, hedges, water testing, community grants, swift boxes and projects involving local schools. These efforts have helped support local wildlife while bringing the community together.

Other highlights include improvements to traffic management (through the parking review and liaison with SCC) and signage, support for community safety initiatives, plus the adoption of the decommissioned K6 telephone box for future community use. The Parish Council has also continued to engage with providers to push for better broadband and mobile connectivity.

Looking Ahead - Upcoming Projects

There is more to come. With funding secured from Surrey County Councillor Cameron McIntosh, new flower planters will be installed at the entrance to the Pebble Hill footpath up to Limpfield C of E School and our Grade II listed K6 telephone box, opposite St Peter's Church, is also set to be refurbished as a mini book exchange and a hub for local information.

The Parish Council will continue its work to register further Assets of Community Value, improve footpaths and accessibility, support new Speedwatch groups, raise local parking, traffic flow and pedestrian safety concerns with Surrey County Council, advocate for electric vehicle provision where appropriate, and keep pressing for better mobile and broadband coverage.

Together, these projects show how the Neighbourhood Plan is not just a document, but a practical tool helping to protect Limpfield's character while supporting a vibrant and connected community.

For all information on the Limpfield Neighbourhood Plan and Limpfield Village Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan, please see our website, www.limpfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Mobile & Broadband Update

Despite the South East being one of the UK's most economically active regions, rural communities such as Limpfield continue to experience frustrating gaps in broadband and mobile coverage. This is particularly evident in Limpfield Chart, where connectivity remains a persistent challenge.

Broadband access has improved in some areas through fibre rollout, but more remote properties—especially those in farmland or wooded locations—are often still under-served. For residents and home-based businesses, this can mean slow speeds, unreliable connections and limited choice of providers.

Mobile coverage is equally inconsistent. Limpfield Chart is widely known for weak signal and dropped calls, but issues are not confined to rural lanes. Even in more built-up areas such as nearby Oxted town centre, building density and tree cover can affect signal strength, showing that connectivity problems impact everyday life across the parish.

Nationally, initiatives such as the Shared Rural Network aim to improve 4G coverage across 95% of the UK's landmass. While progress is being made, improvements are gradual and many areas are still waiting to benefit.

The key challenge remains the lack of a coordinated approach between providers, with each company making independent, commercially driven decisions about where to invest and lack of influence on the process at a local level.

Locally, while telecommunications infrastructure sits outside council control and general power to influence, Limpfield Parish Council has been actively advocating for improvements with the help of our County Councillor, Cameron McIntosh.

Activity includes:

- Engaging with providers such as VodafoneThree, Openreach and AirFast (and ongoing attempts to engage other providers, e.g O2/EE)
- Lobbying MP Claire Coutinho and our cabinet member, Matthew Furniss for assistance
- Gathering resident feedback to map coverage gaps
- Exploring funding opportunities for alternative provision
- Looking at potentially viable mast sites should the comms companies be minded to install one in Limpfield area

The Parish Council has also helped bring together residents, councillors and telecoms providers to improve communication and push for progress. However, without a more joined-up national approach, this is a frustrating and slow process, but we will keep you informed of progress via our website.

Biodiversity



We are determined to keep biodiversity and wildlife protection at top of mind, both from a planning perspective and also at a grass roots level. We encourage residents informal groups to create their own "wildlife corridors", linking wild areas of gardens for pollinators, hedgehog highways, mini ponds etc. Your road's existing WhatsApp Group is a great way to do this, and projects are brilliant weekend and school holiday activities!

We continue to support community projects with small grants of £250 - still available to local groups for biodiversity projects. We have helped many community projects already, with grants awarded to Stanhopes and Padbrook residents associations, the Community Orchard near Grub Street, Limpsfield in Bloom and The Grange School.

St Andrew's Church recently received a small grant to plant new natural hedging in the churchyard to encourage the biodiversity there, while Limpsfield C of E Infants School has also been awarded a small grant to plant a sensory SEN garden for the children. Planting is being done by the school gardening club.

We have added more wildlife features to our own Chart Orchard, and are also in the process of re-seeding the wildflower areas at the top of Limpsfield High Street, which are so admired by locals and visitors alike and serve to create both a bee corridor and also a physical connection from Limpsfield Village to Wolfs Row (part of our Limpsfield Village Conservation Area activities).

Suggestions for activities and projects are always welcome!

You can find activities worksheets, spotter sheets and our latest biodiversity calendar on the biodiversity page of www.LimpsfieldSurrey.com.

NT Ranger's Report - India Davies

Hello! I'm India, the new(ish!) National Trust Ranger for Limpsfield Common. I'm new to the National Trust, so I've spent the past 6 months settling into the organisation and getting to know the vibrant local community of Limpsfield. Before the National Trust, I worked for Surrey Hills Society, running Growing Together - a National Lottery Heritage Fund project. I've had such a warm welcome already from the Limpsfield community, and I'm excited to work together to protect and enhance nature on the common with all the people who care for this special place...

See you around the Common!



Spring has truly arrived on Limpsfield Common, and it's been a joy to witness the seasonal changes unfolding across the woodland and heath. One of the highlights has been the return of frogs to Yalden Spring. Seeing the pond alive with activity is a wonderful reminder of how important this habitat is for local wildlife...

Yalden Spring Project

As part of a more long-term project, the Task Force has recently been working at Yalden Spring, with activities including selective tree removal and clearing in order to allow more light to reach the pond.

As frog populations have returned, we have installed signage to encourage visitors to enjoy their presence while protecting their habitat.

Our 2026 restoration project is getting underway, to restore this beautiful and historically important wetland habitat. Throughout 2026 we'll be improving the area for the benefit of visitors, but most importantly, for nature.

- We have already removed some smaller trees around the pond to increase all important sunlight, which plants, animals and insects need to thrive.
- Later in the summer, we will begin the main phases of the project:
 - to remove years of leaf mould and silt build up from the pond
 - repair leaks in the pond embankment and
 - replace the ageing boardwalk
- Meanwhile, it's frog breeding and tadpole season! Please enjoy this early sign of spring returning, but **keep dogs and children safe and outside this ecologically sensitive area and never throw any objects into the water.**





West Heath

During February, our Task Force volunteers were busy constructing a dead hedge on West Heath. This has been created using material from thinning understory scrub and trees such as gorse and holly. The hedge is designed to protect recovering heathland from damage caused by “desire paths,” including those formed by mountain bikers, while also helping to open up the heathland habitat.

Work has included raking back old bracken, exposing bare ground, cutting encroaching small trees and mature gorse, and brushcutting scrub. We have purchased heather and acid grassland seed mixes and are now in the process of sowing these to encourage regeneration. Controlling bracken is an ongoing challenge: to be effective, it must be cut back three times a year for at least three years, so this area will need continued attention.

Bike Pits

We are engaging with the local community to address antisocial behaviour and unsafe jump construction in the bike pit area. We are consulting pump track specialists and establishing a monitoring schedule, aiming to allow responsible enjoyment while ensuring proper risk assessment and minimising environmental damage.

Cherry Laurel Control

We are also investigating effective methods to eradicate cherry laurel, an invasive species that spreads rapidly and outcompetes native plants. Due to the scale of the issue and the need for chemical treatment and removal from site, specialist contractors are likely to be required.

A few important reminders:

- **Unauthorised bike trails are not permitted**, and no motorised bikes are allowed.
- **Mountain bikes** are only permitted on blue arrow-marked bridleways and must give way to horses and pedestrians.
- **Horseriders** may only use bridleways, not footpaths.
- **Dog walkers** must be mindful of others. No large groups, keep antisocial dogs on leads and ensure dogs do not enter Yalden Spring ponds.
- **Dogs must be under proper control** at all times, particularly around livestock and wildlife.
- **Please respect all fenced-off areas**, which are in place to protect sensitive habitats.
- **Don't trample the bluebells** at Ridlands Grove! The fencing is there to protect this special display for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you

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News & Updates

Detillens Horse Trough Reinstatement

We were delighted to see our replica horse trough reinstalled at the end of Detillens Lane. While it took a little longer than hoped, creating a faithful replacement of the 1913 original (stolen in August 2024) was our priority.

Huge thanks go to stonemason Jason Barrett (Natural Cut Stone), Signal Services for groundworks and installation, local residents for their crowdfunding support, the Drinking Fountain and Cattle Trough Association for their generous contribution, and BBC Surrey for their coverage.

With improved security, we hope the trough will remain in place for generations to come.



Open Spaces & Recreational Improvements

We continue to enhance our open spaces for residents and visitors. Over the past year, new bins, benches and planters have been installed at Limpsfield Village Green (Stanhopes), Hookwood Bungalows and Glebe Meadow.

If you know of an area that could benefit from improvement, please email us..

Limpsfield Chart Orchard

Our orchard off Stoneleigh Road has been enhanced with new wildlife features, thanks to a suggestion from a local resident. These include a bird box, water station, hedgehog house and ground-level water container.

Do stop by and enjoy this tucked-away spot beside the cricket pitch.

Many thanks to the volunteers who help care for the trees throughout the year.

Chart playground improvements

Installed in 2008 on National Trust land, the Chart Playground continues to be maintained following regular inspections, with recent repairs and replacements carried out. Please note this playground is designed for children up to around age 12 and is not suitable for teenagers or adults!

Noticeboards & Bus Shelters

We continue to keep an eye on the various noticeboards and bus shelters, carrying out repairs as required. This year we have tidied up the bus shelter noticeboards opposite Limpsfield School and at Tally Road, and TDC kindly replaced the old bin at Tally Road for a much more wholesome one!

Meet Our New Councillor: Sarah Butler-Merritt

Our newest councillor, co-opted following the departure of Bernie de Haldevang, Sarah is a Recruitment Business Partner at Detillens Ltd in Oxted. She began her career in IT sales at Computacenter and Bloomberg before running her own personal training business.

A keen runner and part-time DJ, she's also deeply involved in the local community through St Mary's Church, the NT's Taskforce, Roaming Rangers, and her local residents' committee. Sarah has served on Limpsfield Infant School's PTA and is currently a member of the local National Trust Committee.

She is known for her practical, can-do approach and commitment to Limpsfield Chart and Common, and lives in Pains Hill with her husband, children and retriever, Mabel! We are very happy and lucky to have her on board!



Limpsfield in Bloom

After 20 years of successful competition, Limpsfield in Bloom (LIB) is no longer entering the annual RHS competition. However, the group is still aiming to maintain a high standard of planting and colour in Limpsfield throughout the year. The team is planning a **'Keep Limpsfield Blooming Day'** on **Saturday 18 July** and welcome all to come and enjoy our lovely village, have tea in the church hall and learn more about their endeavours. More information will follow – keep an eye out for posters and posts on our website and social media, as well as in other local media.

Limpsfield Chart Residents Association

The committee that runs the annual Chart Fair has formalised its structure and registered as a Residents Association. Limpsfield Chart Residents Association aims to represent and promote residents' interests, support the community, organise local events and help safeguard the area's character. Its principal activities remain the Fair and weekly Coffee Mornings, with flexibility to introduce new initiatives where there is demand.

Email: hello@limpsfieldchart.com. www.limpsfieldchart.com (coming soon)

Pebble Hill / A25 Resurfacing

We are happy that the resurfacing of Pebble Hill is scheduled to take place in May. Thanks to Cllr McIntosh for maintaining pressure to make this a priority. Works will take place at night over a 10-day period. Resurfacing will extend from the traffic lights up to Grub Street, on both carriageways.

Support for Local Endeavours

We were very happy to continue our support of the following organisations and charities over the last year:



- **Biodiversity Small Grants awarded in 2025**
 - St Andrews Church - hedgerow plants for biodiversity
 - Stanhopes pollinator pathway - wildflowers
 - Funding swift boxes for key Limpsfield buildings via The Woodhouse Centre Men in Sheds
- **Kent & Surrey Air Ambulance Service** - grant to this air ambulance service providing emergency medical response across the south east, particularly important in rural areas.
- **Oxted First Responders** - Grant to cover defibrillator maintenance. The First Responders provide a vital service maintaining many of the defibrillators in Limpsfield Village and Limpsfield Chart. See locations on our website.
- **Limpsfield in Bloom** - for the final (20th) year entry into the competition and continuing to ensure our village Conservation Area looks beautiful all year round.
- **Chart Coffee Mornings** - grant to help run weekly free coffee mornings at St Andrew's Village Hall on Limpsfield Chart. With very few community amenities available on Limpsfield Chart, the Coffee Morning provides an important opportunity for locals to chat over a cuppa and a slice of home-made cake! As always a huge thank you to Ann Davey, Sue O'Rourke and the team for their service and great cakes! *Every Wednesday 10am-12pm.*
- **Chart Fair** - grant to support this very popular summer fair held at the Limpsfield Chart Cricket Club. There will be a brainstorming session at the Chart Cricket Club on 23 April 6-7.30pm for this year's event. Stallholders requests and general event enquiries to Ann Davey; anndavey01@icloud.com
- **Limpsfield Village Fete** - grant to support this long-standing village fete, held in conjunction with Limpsfield CofE Infants and St Peter's Church. Stallholder requests and general event enquiries to Jane Tozer. Email: janetozer55@hotmail.com

Volunteers Call-Out

- **Litter Angels** - for regular litter picks around the village and Oxted Town Centre - contact Sophie: hello@limpsfieldsurrey.com
- **Memorial Stores** - for shop and post office duties - email Di at: manager@limpsfieldstores.co.uk or pop in.
- **Oxted & District LINK** - for drivers and phone duties. Email: volmanager@oxtedlink.co.uk
- **Friends of Limpsfield Common Guardians** - for litter picking and general volunteering (not Task Force). email Peter: pbeard_41saxbys@yahoo.co.uk



Your Councillors

- **Tony Taylor – Chair - Granville Road:** Retired banker with international experience; former school governor, keen tennis player and active local volunteer.
- **Mark Wilson – Vice-Chair - Limpsfield Village:** Economist and management consultant; former Council Chair with long-standing involvement in parish committees and local politics.
- **Thomas Briggs – Finance Chair - Limpsfield Common:** Retired (US) lawyer and Former BP executive specialising in energy policy; a keen runner, golfer; Former Chair and particularly interested in sustainability and air quality.
- **Jenny Williams – Planning Chair - Limpsfield Village:** Finance and property background with a strong interest in heritage, housing and community volunteering. Oversees all things planning related.
- **Ann Osborn – Neighbourhood Plan Chair - Limpsfield Village:** Former local Surrey County Council director, professional musician, chair of Friends of Limpsfield Common and Limpsfield in Bloom founder; leads biodiversity and community initiatives.
- **Bob Harvey – Highways & Parish Assets – Limpsfield Village** (formerly Limpsfield Chart): Longstanding council member, former Chair and local business owner; oversees highways, parish property and playgrounds.
- **John Thompson – Committees (Finance, Planning, LNP) - Park Road:** Former Chair and Finance Chair, with background in recruitment and management consultancy; trustee experience in voluntary sector.
- **Michael Tinker – Councillor - Limpsfield Chart:** Corporate finance and legal background; active in school governance, Chart Fair / Limpsfield Chart Residents Association and St Andrew's PCC; oversees comms project and Community Asset Transfers - part of Local Government Reorganisation.
- **Sarah Butler-Merritt – Councillor - Pains Hill:** Recruitment professional and community volunteer (Friends of Limpsfield Common / NT Task Force and Limpsfield Common Committee and St Mary's Church), DJ and fitness coach
- **Sophie Martin - Parish Clerk - Limpsfield Chart:** Freelance PR & Comms professional, invigilator/cover teacher, National Trust Committee / volunteer and Oxted BID Manager (Love Oxted).

As we enter the final year of this parish council's term, we encourage anyone who might be interested in becoming a parish councillor, joining a committee or project working group to get in touch: clerk@limpsfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

Diary Dates

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - 14TH MAY 2026

All Limpfields residents and business owners are warmly invited to our Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 14th May at St Peter's Church Hall in Limpfields Village, starting promptly at 7.30pm.

This is a great opportunity to hear about the Council's recent work, raise any issues or ask questions regarding the parish and meet your Parish, District, and County Councillors.

Community Organisations are invited to attend to raise awareness of their activities and distribute promotional material.

Refreshments will be provided—we hope to see you there!

Here are just a few dates for some of key community events going on over the next few months:

- **Sunday 19 April - Messy Church** - 3pm at St Peter's Church.
- **Thursday 23 April - Chart Fair Brainstorm Session!** 6pm until 7.30pm, Chart Cricket Club. Refreshments provided!
- **Thursday 7 May - New Unitary Authority (East Surrey) Council Elections** - (please make sure you are registered to vote) 8am to 10pm at either St Peter's Church Hall or St Andrew's Church Hall.
- **Saturday 9 May (Surrey Day) and Sunday 19 July - Air Raid Shelters Open Days** - 2-4pm - once again the shelters will be open to the public for free tours. Please reserve your places on Eventbrite, by using the link from the Friends of Limpfields Common website, www.friendsoflimpfieldscommon.org
- **Thursday 14 May - Limpfields Annual Parish Meeting**
- **Sunday 14 June - Chart Fair**, Chart Cricket Club, 12-4pm
- **Saturday 20 June - Limpfields Village Fete**, Glebe Meadow, 12-4pm
- **Saturday 18 July - Keep Limpfields Blooming Day**
- **Saturday 12 September - Friends of Limpfields Common (NT Limpfields Common Committee) Annual Public Meeting** - 11.30am. St Andrew's Hall.



Any enquiries, issues or suggestions to be sent to the Parish Clerk, Sophie Martin, by email: clerk@limpsfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

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