

CROSS *talk*



A message from the Town Mayor & Chairman of the Council.

On behalf of everyone at Princes Risborough Town Council may I express our great sorrow regarding the news of the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8th September. Our deepest and most heartfelt condolences to His Majesty King Charles III and the Royal Family.

Queen Elizabeth II was Britain's longest reigning monarch, providing us with seven decades of diligent service, and was the sole reigning monarch for any of our residents under the age of seventy. Our new monarch, His Majesty King Charles III, has big shoes to fill, however, we are sure he will make his late mother proud. God Save the King.

On Sunday 11th of September at 3.30pm, I had the honour of reading the proclamation address on behalf of our Town Council at the Market House in Princes Risborough. This historic document has now been entered into the Town Councils' archives. If anyone wishes to see it, please make an appointment with the Town Council offices.

Following the resignation of Cllr Mark Roberts, a by-election was held on Thursday 18th August for the election of a new Town Councillor. Results from Buckinghamshire Council confirmed Cllr Andrew Cross as elected to Princes Risborough Town Council. I wish him every success in his future years as a Town Councillor.

As we entered our second year of term, I also had the pleasure of presenting Cllr Josephine Biss with her Chain of Office as she was newly elected as our Deputy Town Mayor and Chairman.

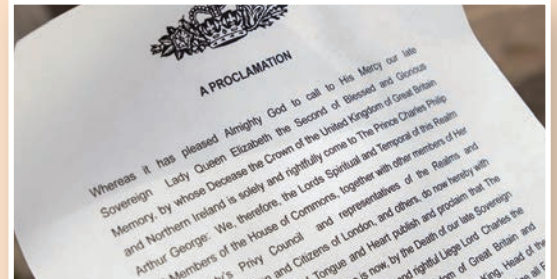
I would urge all readers who reside in Princes Risborough to please read pages 2-4 and submit a response to our most recent consultation regarding the Wades Centre. In 2019, a consultation was undertaken to identify desired improvements to our Community Centre. Phase 1 of the centre's refurbishment has seen the addition of space for functions. The Town Council is due to commence Phase 2 of its refurbishment programme next year.

As Town Mayor, I have had the delight of attending various engagements and events over recent months in my official Mayoral capacity including a charity cricket tournament held by the Mayor of High Wycombe, opening the Monks Risborough Horticultural Society Show, and presenting students with their certificates at the Longwick Pre-School Leavers Ceremony.

Looking to the future once more, we are excited for our planned Christmas Lights Switch On which will be taking place on Saturday 26th November. We have a few surprises in store that will please our residents as we look at making certain attractions free of charge for this year, a luxury I am sure many of us will appreciate during these unsettled times. See page 9 for our events update.

As always I am very approachable, so any time you see me walking around the town do please stop and have a chat with me, alternatively please do email me.

Cllr Andy Ball - Mayor and Chairman



The Proclamation



Town Councillors & Officers



Her late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II

Wades Centre Consultation

The Town Council is due to commence Phase 2 of its refurbishment programme of the Wades Centre next year. This phase will include the addition of a reception area and refurbishment of the Wades Centre restroom facilities. The current community-centre toilets will be replaced with better-quality ones in line with those available in the Brushwood Suite. The refurbishment will also allow for an increased number of toilets to be installed and will see the replacement of the present drainage system which is unable to cope with current use. For the last ten years, the Town Council office has been situated in the Princes Centre off of Clifford Road where it played a major role in securing the building to allow for the continuation of daycare provisions for the elderly and adults with learning disabilities. The Centre has since grown to become a highly successful organisation winning many awards. Their success has meant that they now require the office space that the Town Council occupy and regrettably have given notice to the Town Council that the lease will end in December 2023.

The Town Council has been aware that this may happen and has therefore been actively looking for alternative premises close to the centre of Princes Risborough for the past two years. Despite being on commercial lettings agents' mailing lists, no appropriate space has become available and an alternative solution needs to be found.

During Phase 2 of the Wades Centre refurbishment, the architect has been able to incorporate the insertion of an office space into the plans which would utilise the old changing rooms area and require only a small extension. This transformation would enable a reception desk to be fitted allowing our team to better assist with enquiries for current and prospective customers.

Previous requests from service users have highlighted a demand and need for daily staff presence at the Wades Centre, including a reception desk to ensure that all service users are safe and cared for whilst onsite. This would also provide a more accessible, responsive, and user-friendly service for our many users as we understand many have struggled with the current access arrangements.

Improved toilet facilities were identified as a major priority by over 90% of the residents that took part in a previous consultation (2019). Phase 1 has met

the need for additional space for functions and the proposed plans laid out in this article meet the remaining needs as an addition to existing facilities. The main hall will remain unaltered with a kitchen that is directly accessible. Toilet facilities will be upgraded to service the Sports Hall, Cherry Baker Room, and the Carrington Room.

The cost of the Phase 2 refurbishment is £140,000. £90,000 for the extension and internal work to create the office space and new reception area, £50,000 to replace the drainage system and provide new toilets including a new disabled toilet. To progress this Phase 2 refurbishment, a new loan would need to be secured from the Public Works Loan Board for £130,000 over 15 years. The annual loan repayments would be £11,016. The remaining balance will be met from existing council funds.

The rent payable for our current office space during 2023 is £12,000 p.a. Therefore, this move would mean a reduction in the budget for the next financial year.

This solution would mean that the office would be able to remain at the Wades Centre in perpetuity, reducing the costs to the taxpayer of paying an annual rent indefinitely and the drainage system and toilets would receive a much needed upgrade.

Keeping the Town Council office in the town will enable the Town Council to continue serving the residents of Princes Risborough in person rather than just remotely by e-mail or telephone. This will ensure accessibility and inclusion for all members of our community, especially residents that are unable to access a computer or travel outside of the parish.

The important question is how much extra will it cost the taxpayer? The answer is nothing. Council tax will not be increased to repay the loan as annual repayments will cost less than the current rental costs for the premises the Town Council occupies.

Future Plans for the Wades Centre following the Phase 2 refurbishment programme include installing solar panels to the newly extended roof, an internal passageway connecting the new entrance and toilets with the Carrington room and a Changing Places Toilet.

Cllr Andy Shipley has written an article in this issue of Crosstalk explaining the need for a Changing Places Toilet in Princes Risborough see page 5.

An internal connecting passageway between the Carrington room, main entrance, and toilets has been requested on many occasions. Please see the following comments that have been made by regular hirers:

"in the rain and cold winter times, it is not pleasant to have to go via the outside of the building and also we are unable to monitor who enters or leaves the building through the unsecured at the main entrance doors"

"I think the minimum requirement is access to a disabled toilet from the Carrington room which does not require having to leave the building by the Carrington entrance and re-enter via the main entrance. It is less than ideal for anyone during the winter months to have to walk outside to access the toilets. It is absolutely not appropriate for anyone with mobility issues".

The new reception area in Phase 2 will enable the internal passageway to connect the Carrington room and the toilets including access to all for the Changing Places Toilet in Phase 3 of the refurbishment programme.

The Town Council will be undertaking a planning and feasibility study to assess the technical and

financial viability of a project to install solar panels on the current and extended roof of the Wades Centre. It is likely we can get a government grant to fund a feasibility and planning study.

We would like to invite the residents of Princes Risborough to share their views on the future plans for the Wades Centre. An open day and evening are planned for the 13th October between 10am - 12pm, 18th October 2pm-4pm and 6.30pm - 8pm in the Cherry Baker room allowing residents to drop in and see the plans for Phase 2 and 3 of the refurbishment, ask any questions and give us their feedback. A new page on the Princes Risborough Town Council website will be available to keep the residents up to date on the progress of the planned refurbishment.

So, please examine the facts set out in this consultation and consider supporting this request for permission to apply for a loan to end renting office space which, after the loan is repaid, will be rent free and to upgrade the toilets and drainage system in the Wades Centre in Phase 2 of the Wades Centre refurbishment programme.

Let us know how you feel by returning the below response form.



Tell us what you think

Please indicate below if you are in FAVOUR of the following:

- I support the Phase 2 plans for the Wades Centre, to include new toilets, a reception area and office space scheduled for 2023
- I support the initiative to install solar panels on the roof of the Wades Centre
- I support the initiative to install a Changing Places Toilet and connecting internal passageway, as featured in the plans for Phase 3

Name _____

Address _____

Signed _____

Date _____

Please send this response form to the Town Council at the address below:

FREEPOST PRTC (no stamp required) by 11th November 2022

Frequently Asked Questions

Why does the Council need to move offices?

The Council currently rents a room from the Princes Centre. Notice has been given to end the lease in December 2023

Why not buy a property?

The amount that an individual council will be authorised to borrow will normally be limited to a maximum of £500,000 in any single financial year for any single purpose. The Town Council would need to borrow more than £500,000 for an office in the centre of Princes Risborough. The repayments for a £500,000 loan would mean an increase in the council tax for all residents.

Why not rent elsewhere in Princes Risborough?

Suitable properties that the Town Council could afford in Princes Risborough with flexible accommodation, rarely come on the market. This is exacerbated by the office space that has been converted to residential space in recent years. There is not a suitable office space available near the town centre with access for the disabled and a meeting room where we can talk with residents in private,

especially when arranging a burial at the Stratton Memorial Garden.

Why relocate to the Wades Centre?

It is the only council-owned property that can accommodate an office and is accessible to all. It means that the Council will have a permanent home and will not be paying taxpayers' money to a landlord.

Does the Town Council need an office?

The office is visited by many residents who are uncomfortable using e-mail or the telephone and want to speak to someone in person. Arrangements for burials can be very stressful and having a private room where a member of staff can sit down and spend time with the bereaved, is invaluable. The staff worked from home during Covid and this was challenging not being able to help and support the residents. The Town Council minute books and burial records are stored in the office and are available to the residents that want to see them. The Town Council does not want to lose the personal touch and offer an inferior service.

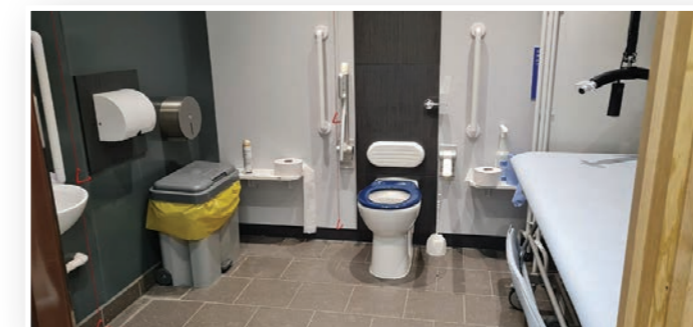
Would you lay any of your children on the floor of a public toilet?

Shockingly - for many families up and down the country, this is a very real question, whenever they want to spend time out and about. For these families, with a child or adult family member with certain disabilities or long-term health conditions, using standard male, female or unisex accessible toilets, is simply not an option.

This is because these facilities, no matter how well designed and laid out, just don't provide enough space or necessary equipment for parents and carers to give the help that their loved ones need, to use the toilet, clean up and change clothing. When suitable facilities aren't available, families describe having to endure such situations as changing their child "in the boot of a car" in view of other motorists on the A1; being forced "to give their child an enema behind a bush because there was nowhere else..."; changing their daughter on the tarmac at an airport..."

This means that these families either never go out together, or if they do, it will be for a very limited time, before having to head home again, or resort to the kind of drastic arrangements described above.

Changing Places Toilets(CPTs) are the response to this problem. CPTs are a bit larger than the standard unisex accessible WC, but in addition to this, they contain several extra features, which make all the difference for the people that require them. Enabling them to meet their sanitary needs with comfort, hygiene and dignity.



These features include:

- Large hygienic spaces
- Height-adjustable adult-sized changing bench
- Ceiling hoist and tracking
- Toilet with transfer space on either side
- Sink and privacy screen
- Adequate room for helpers and equipment



- Non-slip floor
- Wide paper roll for covering the bench
- Large bin for disposable pads
- Shower (optional)

When a CPT is available, people with disabilities and long-term health conditions and their families and friends can spend the day joining in with the everyday activities of their communities, whether it is shopping or visiting the local park, without having to cut it short and go home, or worry where they or their loved ones can go to the toilet safely and with dignity.

It is important to Princes Risborough Town Council that we do whatever we can to make our town as

welcoming as possible for everybody. So, we would like to include a Changing Places Toilet as part of our planned



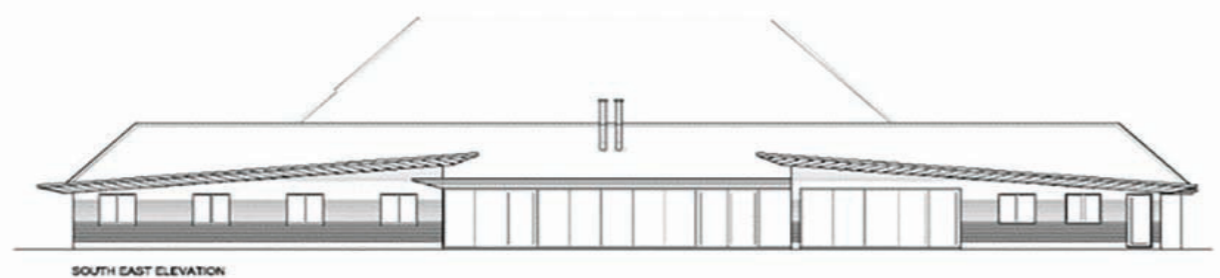
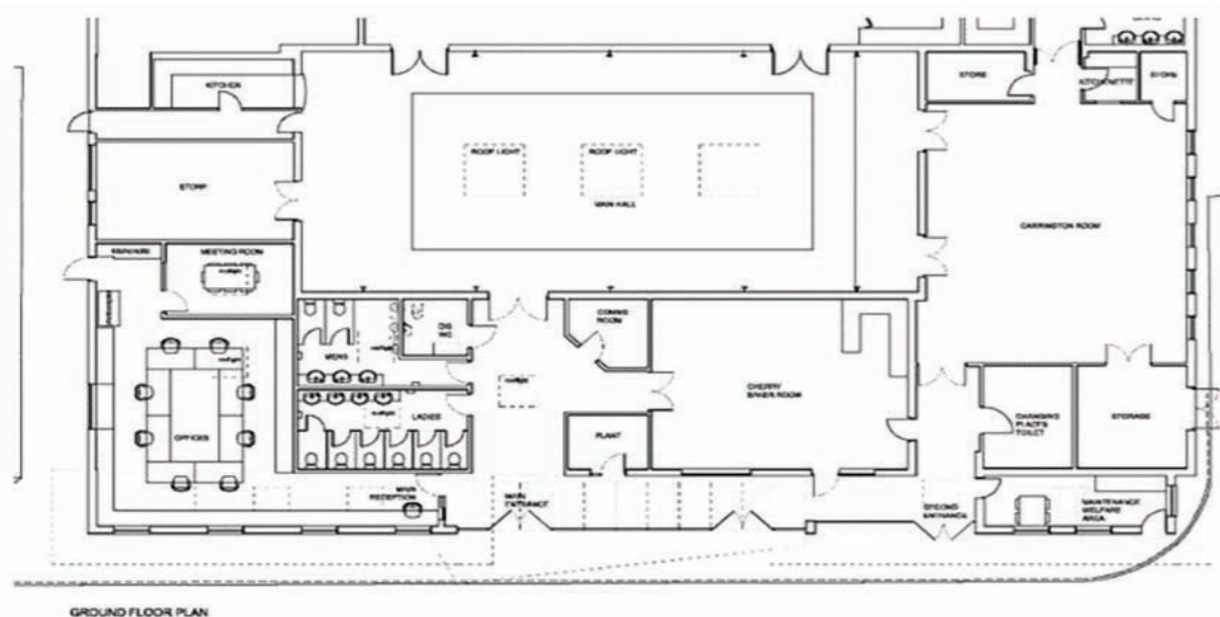
refurbishment of the Wades Centre. But to do this, we will need to secure the funding to cover the costs of construction and CPT equipment. So, we will be doing whatever we can to raise these funds, including applying for various charitable grants.

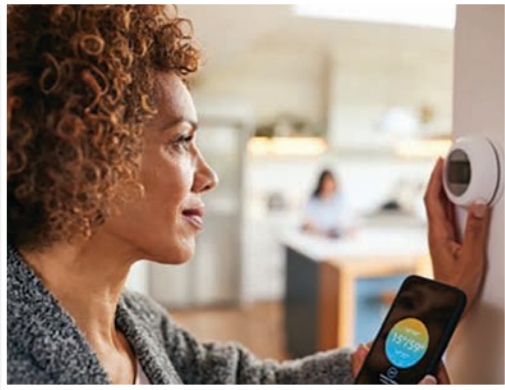
To enable them to decide what projects to support, funders want to hear how the project will help the community. So, to help us do this, we would love to hear from residents about what difference a Changing Places Toilet would make for them, a family member or a friend. We are very committed to making this happen, and your stories will play a crucial part in securing the funding we need.

It isn't an overstatement to say that Changing Places Toilets are life-changing for many families and individuals with severe disabilities and health conditions, and together, we can make this a reality for Princes Risborough's residents and visitors.

If you would like to tell us what a Changing Places Toilet in the Wades Centre would mean to you, please email us at: towncouncil@princesrisboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk

Cllr Andy Shipley





Heat or Eat

Energy Crisis and Inflation Hit Princes Risborough Families

Despite the welcomed help announced by the Government on **8th September** many residents of Princes Risborough will be worrying about how they will manage over the coming winter. With inflation expected to reach 13% and rising energy bills, this will be a tough winter for many in our community.

The Energy “Cap” some important points

The new ‘Energy Price Guarantee’ will mean, from 1st October, a typical UK household will now pay up to an average £2,500 a year on their energy bill for the next two years. This is automatic and applies to all households and is in addition to the £400 energy bills discount for all households taking average bills to £2,100. Additional assistance* may be available based on individual needs and circumstances. It is expected that further announcements will be made as to assistance for businesses shortly. Some important points about the price cap.

Firstly, this is a price cap on the unit charge so the more energy you use the more you will pay; use less and you will pay less. Even taking into account the new assistance average energy bills will be increasing by 6.5%.

Secondly, be aware of scams; it is essential that you always check that something you are being told is not an energy scam. If you are not sure take a moment and ask someone else to think it through with you.



Help in Princes Risborough

The pressure that vulnerable families, particularly older people and those on fixed incomes, may feel has spurred community groups in Princes Risborough to come together to make help available. Whilst concrete plans are still being formulated the intention is to open Warm Hubs throughout the week and offer support to access information and apply for assistance during visits.

The complete schedule of Warm Hubs will be announced in the coming weeks and will be widely publicised, but we would ask you, as good neighbours, to make sure the elderly or people at risk are aware of this help.

The Warm Hub group will also need help from the community to volunteer time to be available to talk to concerned visitors, offering practical help such as accessing additional assistance and being a supportive “friend”.

Our goal is to ensure that people do not feel isolated and know that help, of various types, is available to worried residents. Additional initiatives are being investigated and we hope will be announced later in the Autumn.

* The £650 payments to those on many benefits will continue (half has been paid already) as will the £150 to those with disabilities and £300 to pensioners.

Cllr Jane Rampin



Do you need help now? Local Charities are here to help.

Although we live in an affluent area of the country, we, the Town Council, understand that some of us will have difficulty in making ends meet during this Cost-of-Living crisis. This is where local charities can help in providing both goods and monetary assistance.

Many people in the town are unaware of what charities exist and what help they can give to families and individuals who are going through hard times.

Some of these charities date back a couple of centuries and were set up under the ‘Poor Laws’ to help with the cost of fuel, food and clothing and they are on hand today to provide aid.

These charities have been helping families throughout the pandemic by providing vouchers that can be used locally and at certain times of the year, food hampers to back up those in need.

The Charity Commission website shows many diverse charities that exist in the area with their means and objectives but here are a few that we know to be operating at present.

The Princes Risborough Charity (PRC):

This charity administers several parcels of land in the area from which the rentals make up the bulk of its income. It also operates as the custodians of allotment fields both in Longwick and Parslows Hillock. The stated objectives are ‘The Prevention or Relief of Poverty and the Provision of Fuel’.

This charity gives grants to assist in the purchase of food and fuel and at Christmas time food hampers to both isolated and vulnerable families and individuals. Last year the charity provided 60+ hampers and this year expects the number to increase.

The Monks Risborough Parochial Charity (MRPC) aka Poor’s Law Charity:

Like the Princes Risborough Charity, the MRPC administers parcels of land and provides allotment fields. The stated objectives are much the same as for the PRC as ‘The Prevention or Relief of Poverty and the Provision of Fuel’. The charity gives grants to individuals and organisations to meet its aims.

The Princes Risborough Old British School Fund (OBSF):

This charity was set up to ‘Provide Assistance for Education and Training for children and young people’. It does this by giving grants to those who are attending school or further education to buy books or equipment that they would otherwise have difficulty purchasing.

The Princes Risborough War Memorial Fund (PRWMF):

This charity has the ‘Advancement of Health or Saving of Lives or helping to overcome Disability’ as its stated objectives and makes grants to both individuals and organisations to assist Children/young People, the Elderly/old People, People with Disabilities and Other Charities or Voluntary Bodies and Other Defined Groups. This charity has in the past funded wheelchairs and other equipment that helps disabled people lead a more normal life.

There are many other charities in the town that offer assistance for a diverse number of areas, and you can find out more about them on the Charity Commission website.

If you or someone you know requires assistance from any of these charities, then please contact them either directly from the contact details on the Charity Commission website or through the Town Council office. All communication regarding these charities and any assistance given will always remain confidential.

To find out more go to:

www.register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk and search for ‘Princes Risborough’.

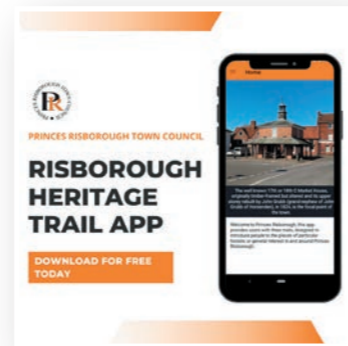
Reading of the Proclamation

On **Sunday 11th September**, beneath the Market House in Princes Risborough, Town Mayor and Chairman, Cllr Andy Ball, read the Proclamation of our new Sovereign, His Majesty King Charles III. Reverend David Williams from St Marys Parish Church opened the event with a short speech and prayer, followed by a speech from local MP Greg Smith who then welcomed the Town Mayor and Chairman to read the Proclamation. Town Mayor and Chairman, Cllr Andy Ball, stood beneath the historic Market House to read the Proclamation Accession speech to Princes Risborough.



Heritage Trail App

Princes Risborough residents, families, and visitors are encouraged to venture outdoors this autumn and uncover the treasures of the season and historical gems through our Heritage Trail App. The app currently has three trails, a children's treasure trail, and a flat walking town trail and a newly added walking route will take users throughout Princes Risborough toward the Whiteleaf Cross. We welcome user feedback on this third route as it has been added on a trial basis. The app is currently available to download for free from both iOS and Android app stores on your mobile phone. Just search for Princes Risborough Heritage.



Act of Remembrance

This year's Remembrance Day Event will be held on **Sunday 13th November**. With the gradual return to normality post- covid, the church service in St Mary's Church will start at 10.00am prompt and will be followed by a gathering in the Market Square at 11.00am for the two-minute silence, prayers and wreath laying ceremony. For organisations wishing to lay a wreath at this year's event please notify the Town Council office so that an "order of laying" is prepared ready for representatives to be called forward on the day. Individuals wishing to lay wreaths are also welcome to do so and will be invited to come forward at the appropriate point. Wreaths can be ordered direct from the Royal British Legion website. **Cllr Alan Turner**



Rotary Christmas Lunch

The Rotary Club of Princes Risborough is planning to continue the tradition of hosting a free Christmas Lunch for those over 75 year olds living alone in the town on **Saturday 10th December**. The lunch will be held at the Princes Centre. There will be a full Christmas menu, with an alternative for those with special dietary requirements, and suitable entertainment after the meal. Transport will be available for those who are unable to get themselves to and from the venue.



Attendance is free to any individual who lives locally and meets the necessary criteria. If you would like to attend or know of somebody eligible whose name you would like to put forward, or if you have any questions, please contact Rotarian John White johnwhite2102@gmail.com; or call **01494 562906**.

Halloween Trail

Boo! Are you ready for some fang-tastic fun this Halloween? Our Fancy Dress and Shop Window Art Trail is back! Join us on **Saturday 29th October** for a spooktacular afternoon of fun in our High Street. Entry forms will be available from the haunted house tent outside Princes Risborough Library from 13:00.

All children returning their completed form to the tent before 16:00 will receive a treat bag. We encourage everyone to dress up in Halloween costumes and remind guardians to bring a pen or pencil for each child completing the trail. Fancy some extra goodies? Start at our Farmers Market in King George V Park on Wellington Avenue between 1pm-2pm for a treat box that is perfect for collecting all your goodies in!



Farmers Market

Our Farmers Markets are a foodies delight, showcasing a wonderful array of produce that is lovingly made right here in the Chilterns, and where possible within a 40-mile radius of Princes Risborough.

On **Saturday 29th October** and **Saturday 12th November** we will be joined by both fan-favourites and new vendors selling local goodies inclusive of artisan cheese, cured meats, oils, honey, craft beers & ales, chutneys, pies, and both savoury and sweet treats. Hot takeaway food will also be available.

Children can enjoy Basil and Crews Educational Mobile Farm, a selection of craft activities, and start our Halloween High Street Trail at our October Farmers Market. As part of both events, we will also be hosting a Councillor Surgery between 11:00-13:00. This is an opportunity for residents to meet with and speak to their Town Councillors about town affairs that matter to them.

These events will be held at King George V Park on Wellington Avenue. Starting at 09:00 and finishing at 14:00. We hope to see you there!



Christmas Light Switch On

We are excited to announce that our annual Christmas Light Switch On event will return on **Saturday 26th November**. You can expect an afternoon filled with live performances from local acts, themed roaming street characters, festive food and drink, and opportunities to ice skate, meet Santa and get a bit of early Christmas shopping in with High street retailers, small businesses, and commercial vendors. The festive afternoon is the perfect opportunity for local businesses, organisations, and charities to build their profiles and raise much-needed funds for their projects. If you are interested in a pitch at this event, please contact Stephanie at stephanie@princesrisboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk for a booking form.

We would like to thank Michael Grahams for their continued support of this event. We would also like to give special thanks to Swish Fibre who have generously sponsored all of the entertainment elements for this event meaning all Council sourced entertainment will be free of charge to enjoy.





A Risborough Response

Our area represents the second largest group of sponsors and their Ukrainian guests in Buckinghamshire. Our latest figures are 109 host families and over 220 Ukrainian families and individuals. This has been made possible by hard work, commitment, amazing generosity, community spirit and human kindness. I think it is fair to say that our Ukrainian guests have enriched our lives locally and have integrated well into their new life in the Chilterns.

Whilst we are very aware that we have British families struggling, illustrated by the pressure on local food banks which is unprecedented, the situation faced by Ukraine is desperate and atrocities and war crimes continue unabated.

We have all seen the terrible ravages of war inflicted on Ukraine and the resulting mass exodus of Ukrainian families to their neighbouring countries. None of us can truly imagine the horror of being forced to leave our homes, loved ones and our country, not knowing what the future holds or if, when, we can return.

Here are just a few of the amazing initiatives and events that have been put together to welcome and support our guests.

Princes Risborough Secondary, Primary Schools and Early Years Provisions have taken Ukrainian children into their classrooms. The schools have reacted to this emergency with integrity and professionalism. The children are rising to the challenges that learning in a new language poses for them and their English is improving at meteoric rates.

Princes Risborough Youth Club ran a special club on a Wednesday, primarily for Ukrainian teenagers. This initiative was put together by Jonathan Bush and his team, who have offered their time, venue and expertise freely and have provided a real haven for these displaced teenagers.

Bucks Adult Education (BAE) has been heavily involved too. They are teaching English reading and writing at the Library in Princes Risborough. We now have more than 40 Ukrainian adults attending these free classes.

Our New2U Clothes Barn has been a terrific success. The Princes Risborough Rotary has generously funded the purchase of 'new' items. The barn is open most days between 2-4pm and more information is available on our website www.ukraine2chilterns.com

Local businesses have provided invaluable support from the very start of the crisis. Hypnos provided beds to several of our host families and Wainwrights continue to donate school shoes.

Many jobs have been provided, including at Ercol and Hypnos, as well as local restaurants and bars.

St Teresa's Church has been running coffee mornings on a Tuesday and has become a collection point for donated items. Resident, Andrew Knott has been brilliant in sourcing IT requirements from local software companies.

The Elim Church in Princes Risborough has been hosting 'pudding parties' where sponsors and their guests can join together to eat and chat in the cafe there. They have also provided the venue for our new 'Creative Conversation' classes.

Princes Risborough Rotary Club hosted a barn dance in August making £1,000 to support our Ukrainian community.

Finally, we are a registered charity with the specific aim of supporting Ukrainian refugees within our area of the Chilterns. Our mission is to enable this group to integrate successfully into our community by offering practical and financial support.

All donations are welcome, please contact us via our website www.ukraine2chilterns.com

Thank you to all those who have given up their time, effort and their homes and those others who have helped in myriad ways, we would not be able to help without all of you.

Louisa Spearing - Chair of the Ukraine to Chilterns Charity

Arsons in town

We are deeply disappointed to report that another act of arson has been committed in King George V Park, Wellington Avenue. The incident happened during the evening/early hours of the 17th and 18th of September 2022.

The individual(s) destroyed some of the park's fencing to fuel a fire made in an item of play equipment. The fire service was called out early Sunday morning to extinguish the still smouldering embers - an unnecessary burden on our emergency services. Images depict the damage caused by the incident. The area has since been taped off and we are waiting on a report on the future use of this popular piece of equipment. The replacement value is estimated to cost £10,000.

Sadly, this is not the first act of vandalism or arson to happen in this park. Both of these recent incidents have cost both time and money to rectify.

We urge those who have information about the individual(s) who committed this crime to please come forward and help us to identify the culprit(s). If you witnessed the individual(s) or incident, please do report this information.

If you are able to help us or Thames Valley Police in any way please contact either the Town Council Office on towncouncil@princesrisboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk or contact 101 quoting **Crime Reference Number 43220423487**. Please remember these vandals are costing you, the taxpayer, a lot of money that could be better utilised on more proactive projects



Queens Green Canopy - Tree Planting in Princes Risborough

After the sad passing of the Queen, the significance of the Queens Green Canopy feels more poignant, and we have been discussing opportunities with partners to plant trees across the town. We are very pleased to announce that Highways Buckinghamshire have offered to plant a number of trees in the town and we are consulting with residents near the sites to ensure that trees are planted in the right places.

We are also delighted to announce the **GREAT BIG TREE GIVE AWAY** - at the Farmers' Market on **12th November, 10am to 1pm**. Residents of Princes Risborough will be offered a small tree, a "whip" suitable for gardens to plant and nurture. Instructions about how to do this will also be given. Trees are an important part of increasing biodiversity and tackling the effects of climate

change, both through their absorption of carbon dioxide and because of the shade they offer. Trees can also reduce the temperature in their surroundings by a number of degrees in a hot spell. Please come along to the market in November and collect your tree if you have a suitable spot to plant one.

We hope to be able to announce other tree planting initiatives that we are working on with residents over the coming weeks and months and welcome ideas that you would like to see followed up.

Thank You

Queen's Green Canopy Team – Cllrs Surinder Marshall, Jane Rampin and Cath Campbell





Civic Awards

Early this year and as part of the Annual Town Meeting event, the Town Council issued three awards in recognition of individuals, organisations and businesses that are doing extraordinary things in our local community.

The winners for 2022 were:

Gill Wilkinson – Citizen for the Year

Days to Remember – Business of the Year

Risborough Environmental Group – Community Group of the Year



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Cllr Gary Hall

Cllr Surinder Marshall

Cllr Andrew Cross

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The full Town Council meets at 7.00 pm, monthly on the last Tuesday of the month. There is a 10-minute slot at the beginning of each meeting when the public can express a view or concern relating to town matters. Please check the website to confirm.

The next meetings are: **Tuesday October 25th 2022** **Tuesday November 29th 2022**

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