



BRAMLEY UPDATE

January 2026

News from Bramley and Grafham brought to you by Bramley Parish Council

Welcome to Bramley Update! Something you'd like to put into the next edition, or comments about what you'd like to see in it? Email bramleyupdate@gmail.com.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Brighten Up Bramley sessions - Sunday 17th, 24th & 31st January – 2.00pm - Meeting points TBC.
- Thursday 13th February – Full Council meeting and Planning Review committee meeting 6.30pm- Bramley Village Hall meeting room – All welcome
- Tuesday 17th – Thursday 19th February – Free Maths tuition at Bramley Library – see below for full details.
- Wednesday 25th March - Bramley Showcase, 8pm at Bramley Village Hall

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Bramley Parish Council News:

- BPC extends its thanks to outgoing Councillors Tony Coleman and Colin Marshall, and thanks to newly co-opted Councillor Mark England - more detail below.
- The **Park Drive application (WA/2025/00581)** for 26 homes previously refused in 2025 has now been appealed by the applicant - for further details on next steps scroll further down this email.
- **Licence application Building A, Combe Farm Buildings, Alldens Lane – application by Pickle & Winch Ltd for a new premises licence - 31141** (formerly known as the Hilltop kitchen). Bramley PC wish to draw your attention to this licence application and has resolved to object to this application on public safety grounds. Expected to proceed as a Hearing, further detail below.
- **Missing Bus Stop Shelter opposite ASDA** - in February 2025 this was hit by a vehicle and despite repeated chases and pressure, the install date received from Waverley is February 2026. WBC have cited procurement issues as the reason for the lengthy delay.

- **Fuel Leak** - following reports of odours in December 2025, fuel on the ground and continuing connectivity issues Chair Austin has requested an update from WBC and other stakeholders. Latest official updates [here](#).
- **Work on Bramley Library Green continues** - see below for further details.
- **Upcoming 20mph public consultation** Surrey County Council have held initial meetings about increasing road safety in the area via 20mph zones. We are awaiting more detail and a scope of proposed work.
- **Eastwood Road playground** - Phase 2 including a refurbishment of the football area is in quote collection phase. Consensus feedback remains to include goalposts but also to ensure that the space is prioritised for younger children.
- **Chestnut Way Playground** - WBC re-turfed the area in early December and installed Heras fencing around the goal area to prevent use while the new turf becomes established. WBC states removal of the fencing is weather dependent - cold ground may mean the turf takes longer to establish.
- **Mill Lane Pond** - a new purchaser has installed a 3ft fence on the water line for safety reasons. BPC is working with the new owner to re-site the bin and bench to maintain use and enjoyment of the lake view.
- **Gosden Common** - Residents will have seen the bunds near the entrance have now been created and will be sown with wildflowers in time for Spring.
- **Local Government Reorganisation** - On 28th October Government confirmed Surrey will be reorganised into two unitary authorities, West and East. Elections will be held May 2026. For more information click [here for Surrey CC's updates](#) or here for [Waverley BC's latest update](#).




Planning Appeal - Park Drive Application WA/2025/00581

The applicant has appealed previously refused application. To review the submitted appeal grounds and supporting documentation click [here](#). Bramley Parish Council is currently reviewing the appeal documentation and will share comments for submission in due course. Any comments made on the existing application will stand, but we would encourage you to review the additional information provided and submit additional comment to the Planning Inspectorate. The appeal reference is APP/R3650/W/25/3376467.

Licence application Building A, Combe Farm Buildings, Alldens Lane (formerly known as Hilltop Kitchen) – application by Pickle & Winch Ltd for a new premises licence - 31141

Bramley Parish Council wish to draw to your attention the application for a new premises licence.

The application is for:

-  On and Off sales of alcohol 12:00-23:00 Sunday to Thursday and 12:00-23:30 Friday and Saturday;
-  Late night refreshment 23:00-23:30 Friday and Saturday;
-  Opening hours 09:00-23:30 Sunday to Thursday and 09:00-00:00 Friday and Saturday.

The proposal represents a significant increase in dining capacity and significant intensification of use on this rural National Landscape site. Bramley Parish Council debated this item in December's full Council meeting and resolved to object to the licence application, primarily on public safety grounds given poor access, and prevention of public nuisance given the prominent National Landscape site.

Bramley Parish Council encourages residents to engage with the licence application and to make any representations by emailing licensing@waverley.gov.uk. The original deadline of 13th January for representations has been extended.

If you have any queries in respect of this application, please do not hesitate to contact [Waverley Borough Council](#) office via email to licensing@waverley.gov.uk.

To read the minutes of our December meeting please visit our [website](#)

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Bramley Parish Council would like to extend sincere thanks to outgoing Councillors Tony Coleman and Colin Marshall for their service to the Bramley community. Cllr Coleman has served as a Bramley Parish Councillor for over ten years; in that time he has made a significant contribution across all aspects of the Parish life, especially the Village Hall. Cllr Marshall has played a key role as part of the team responsible for the Eastwood Road playground refurbishment. We are pleased to welcome Mark England as a new Councillor following his recent co-option.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please email the Parish Clerk clerk@bramleyparishcouncil.gov.uk. Applications need to be received by 6th February 2026. For more details about the role please see [here](#).

Relandscaping the Area in Front of Bramley Library

We are pleased to announce the next phase of works to enhance the green space in front of Bramley Library. Following the installation of uplighting and supporting connections last year, the upcoming phase will include:

- Retaining the newly refurbished Jubilee sign
- Installing new benches
- Repairing the flagpoles
- Planting indigenous trees that are more in keeping with the character of a traditional English village

As part of these improvements, the two existing fir trees will be removed. These trees have grown too large for the site, and the necessary permission for their removal has been obtained. They will be replaced with more appropriate planting as part of the wider landscaping scheme.

We appreciate residents' patience while these works are carried out over the coming weeks and thank you for your understanding as we improve this important community space.

Bramley Parish Council – Smiths Charity

The Smith's Charity, managed by Bramley Parish Council, spent £4,193 supporting parishioners in need in 2025.

This included helping:

- 8 local families at Christmas with food vouchers
- a parishioner to buy furniture for their new accommodation
- a parishioner in financial difficulties with their fuel bills to avoid disconnection
- parishioners struggling to meet their needs with vouchers for food
- a parishioner struggling to pay for their nursery fees
- Bramley infant school with money to supply fresh fruit for the children
- a pupil at Bramley infants to attend music classes

In total we have supported 8 of our elderly parishioners, 11 younger members of the parish, 10 parishioners with disabilities and 11 school age children.

Working closely with Bramley Helping Hand (BHH) and Bramley Infant School we have been able to help more people in need this year than previous years and we hope to continue this work in 2026.

News from Bramley Village Society

Wednesday 25th March - Bramley Showcase, 8pm at Bramley Village Hall

The annual event for local clubs, societies and organisations to engage with both new and existing residents to explain what they do and recruit new members.

Come and enjoy a complimentary glass of wine, Bramley cider, or soft drink and meet your fellow locals on a convivial evening.

If you run a club or society in or near Bramley and would like to take a stall at Showcase, please contact us via bramleyvillagesociety@gmail.com.

Brighten up Bramley volunteer sessions

We are going to meet on the following dates in January - meeting points may change so best to email (lizsutherland73@gmail.com) or look at the BVS [website](#) for updates.

Sundays 17th, 24th & 31st January - 2pm - meeting points tbc

Bring gloves and a spade and help us keep the village looking good!

SCC Consultation: application to divert public bridleway and footpath no. 270, Bramley

Surrey County Council has received an application from the Wey and Arun Canal Trust to divert part of public bridleway and footpath no. 270 (Bramley) as shown on the attached plans [here](#) & [here](#).

News from Bramley Library

FREE GCSE, A level & A level further Maths Tuition in February

Half-term help with maths is available in Bramley Library on:

Tuesday 17th February (10.30, 11.30, 14.00, 15.00)

Wednesday 18th February (10.30, 11.30)

Thursday 19th February (10.30, 11.30, 14.00, 15.00)

One of our volunteers is a retired secondary maths teacher and can offer help up to GCSE, A-level Maths and A-level Further Maths. On the day, bring your questions, the more specific the better, and your current textbooks and notebooks. (You do not need to be a member of Surrey Libraries.)

To book a one-hour slot, sign up at the library during opening hours:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10-12.30, 14.00-16.30

Wednesday, Saturday 10-12.30

For our regular activities, opening hours and to hire our meeting room please visit our [website](#)

News from The Four Villages Wednesday Club

The Four Villages Wednesday Club are looking for a new assistant manager, if you are interested, please see [here](#)

News from Bramley Infant School

The school ended the Autumn term on a high note with wonderful Nativity performances, joyful carol services, and plenty of festive fun. We were so proud of the children, not only for their fantastic performances but also for the effort and dedication they showed.

Now that we are back in school, our focus turns to our new value for this half term: Perseverance. We are encouraging everyone to keep going, even when things feel challenging, and to remember that every step forward is a success. For more info on what we get up to here at Bramley please take a look at our weekly newsletters on our website <https://www.bramley.surrey.sch.uk/main-school/weekly-newsletters>

News from St Catherine's School

Informal Concert - Tuesday 27th January 2026 at 7.00pm - Lower Atrium – no need to pre- book tickets.

Please visit their [website](#) for more details

News from Bramley Music

Sunday 22nd February at 4pm come to Holy Trinity Church, Bramley to hear Elif Cansever (violin) and Firoze Madon (piano) from the Royal College of Music. Our annual Rising Stars concert is called 'Anticipating Spring' and features Beethoven's cheerful and uplifting Spring Sonata, as well as music by Tartini, Debussy and Kreisler.

Tickets are £15 (students and under 18s £5) available online from stuartwhite2023@gmail.com / 01483 892645 or in person (cash only) from Robertsons in Bramley High Street. There is a free glass of wine, a free programme, free parking, and you will be supporting charity – how can you resist?!

News from Holy Trinity, Bramley

January weekly Sunday Services:

8.00am – Bramley Book of Common Prayer

9.30am – Bramley Parish Eucharist

Chamber Concert at Holy Trinity, 7pm Saturday 31st January

This is a free chamber music performance, featuring Stravinsky's *The Soldier's Tale Suite* and several solo pieces. The professional musicians will be conducted by [Lucia Švecová](#), an upcoming British-Slovak conductor, and the concert will be recorded for audition purposes.

Church Curry Evening Friday 23rd January

Further information coming soon!_

Building Church 4-5pm Saturday 24th January

A family service for children and accompanying adults. Come and join us for a simple service and bible story, with songs, building (with lego, stickle bricks and anything else that comes to hand) and refreshments.

Visit their [website](#) for church and community information.

News from St Andrew's Grafham

January weekly Sunday Services 11.00am

Please see the [website](#) for more details.

Bramley Update is usually circulated between the 4th and 7th of each month. If you have a contribution to the content of a future issue, please send it to bramleyupdate@gmail.com by the end of the preceding month.

Details about future events taking place in Bramley and its immediate vicinity are welcome, as are news items that would be of interest to residents of Bramley. Adverts for job opportunities and information about events outside of our area will not be published.

Best wishes

Bramley Parish Council

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