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# Mayor's Message

## Summer welcome

Welcome to your new Council. Local elections took place on 6th May and there is now a new Council in place for the next four-year term. The 12-member Council is spread across three wards with the following councillors in each ward – North & West (David Brown, Roy Cadman, Natalia Mityaeva, Carol Heap, Chris Hoyle, Neil Marshall and Roger Wilson); South (Richard Scott and Jocelyn Towns); and South East (Tim Avery, Chris Funnell and Colleen Stapley). We are pleased to welcome five new councillors, all of whom live in the town.

Full contact details for all councillors are on page 26 of this Marlovian and on our website.

The following councillors retired at the election and I would like to pay tribute to Suzanne Brown, Bob Johnson, Camilla Keighley, Kathy Thomson and Emily West for the service they've provided to local residents and the Council over many years - in fact, their total service amounts to 46 years!

I am honoured and delighted to be your Mayor for the next 12 months. I will be ably supported by my experienced deputy mayor, Jocelyn Towns. Together, we will continue to support the town and all its activities



as we start to come out of the restrictions placed upon us by the Covid pandemic. We both look forward to attending our civic events and the many activities that our local organisations and clubs provide for their members and other residents.

I have said in previous mayoral messages that Marlow enjoys a wonderful community spirit that really shone through during the pandemic. I am committed to helping that spirit prosper and grow over the coming months.

The continuing Covid pandemic meant that all public-facing civic events were cancelled in the last year, but looking forward, the Council has agreed this year's dates for our widely supported Remembrance Day commemoration and the pre-Christmas civic events of Switch On and Shop and Carols on The Causeway - these dates are shown on the Town Council's website. A civic service will also be held during the year.

It has been the tradition of the Mayor to nominate a charity to support during the mayoral year. Over the past two years, I have added to the funds collected by my predecessor, Chris Funnell, which we will continue to use to support mental health issues, particularly in our schools. During this last year, the Council registered a new charity - the Marlow Mayor's Charity (1192089) – to formalise its fundraising and it is this body that ultimately approves any donations. That said, I have nominated as my charity, Thames Hospice, which offers world-class palliative and end-of-life care and support to people aged 16 and over across East Berkshire and South Buckinghamshire, including Marlow. Based in superb new buildings in Maidenhead, their facilities are second to none.

At its annual general meeting on 18th May, the Council established a new Environment & Sustainability committee. This committee will have a wide remit to expand the work previously carried out by our environmental working group in addressing the many issues associated with climate change. This work will build and expand on the excellent work to date and its progress will be regularly reported in the Marlovian and on our website and social media.

On behalf of the Town Council, its members and staff, may I wish all our residents a much improved 2021.

*Cllr Richard Scott*  
Marlow Town Mayor



# Town Council News

Summer 2021

## Bunting celebrates easing of lockdown and the start of summer

The new bunting was installed in time for the reopening of retail outlets in the town centre. Mayor Richard Scott said: "This is a small celebration of another milestone being achieved in the easing of lockdown — and a bright and cheery welcome back for shoppers to Marlow."



## Town upkeep

Despite lockdown, work has continued apace tidying up the town and keeping everything looking as smart as possible. Extensive work has taken place on the boundary of Seymour Park recreation ground to improve the fencing and access for residents along the boundary with Pinecroft.

The War Memorial gates and chains have been completely stripped back and repainted and the flower beds refreshed and re-planted.



## Retraction

The article on Alan Turner in the Spring issue was erroneously attributed to Bernard Burger. It should have read Bernard Carvell. The Town Council would like to apologise to both gentlemen for this error.

## Marlow Schools' Eco Conference

We're delighted to confirm that planning has begun once more for the first Marlow Schools' Eco Conference. Originally planned for March 2020, the event was postponed due to the pandemic. However many of Marlow's schools, including the original host Great Marlow School, have expressed their enthusiasm for holding an event in July 2021. Planning is in its early stages, and it is not yet known if the event will be virtual or in person, but the aim of the conference remains the same - to inspire and motivate Marlow's schoolchildren to work together to tackle local and global environmental challenges.

Phil Irving, who leads schools projects for Sustainable Marlow, Marlow Town Council's environmental initiative, said: "Many pupils were disappointed that the event was cancelled last year; however their commitment to sustainability has remained high. We will be working with schools in the Marlow area to plan an educational and interactive event that will support pupils and schools."

Kevin Ford, Headteacher at Great Marlow School, said: "This has been a challenging year for schools, pupils, parents and indeed the whole community. Nonetheless, our children's passion for the environment is astounding. We're delighted to be picking up this exciting project again."

Over the coming weeks, the Sustainable Marlow team will be working with local schools to plan the event.

## Council calls for care for the countryside

Follow the Countryside Code, says the Mayor. Following several comments from residents, Marlow Town Council is calling for everyone living and working in the town to follow the Countryside Code.

Marlow Mayor, Cllr Richard Scott said: "We've received a number of calls and emails regarding dog waste and litter — especially take-away cups, dogs being out of control and walkers not sticking to marked footpaths. It's more important than ever that we look after our common spaces and protect wildlife and the environment, so we're calling on everyone to abide by the Countryside Code. That means being considerate to others, cleaning up after yourself and your dog, and taking away your litter."

The Countryside Code, published by the government, reinforces these messages. See overleaf for the Countryside Code guide or visit [www.gov.uk/countryside-code](http://www.gov.uk/countryside-code).

# The Countryside Code



## Follow advice and local signs

In some cases, additional higher rights of access or permissive access could exist.

### Footpath



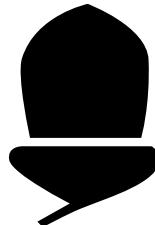
### Bridleway



### Restricted Byway



### Byway open to all traffic



### Permissive Path

Follow advice on local signs as landowners voluntarily provide access to these paths and choose who can use them. Some open access areas are also made available in the same way.



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For further information visit [www.gov.uk/countryside-code](http://www.gov.uk/countryside-code)



# Sustainable Marlow

## Council consults on sustainability strategy

Members of the community discussed future action for sustainability in Marlow at an online consultation event in March. The discussion was hosted by the Town Council and featured a presentation by the town's sustainability consultant.

The presentation included a list of six sustainability goals that the town could consider adopting.

These were:

- Net zero carbon emissions
- Good air quality
- Plentiful green and active transport
- Healthy, biodiverse habitats
- High eco-efficiency and low waste
- A thriving community and town centre

The consultant outlined the Council's current actions on sustainability and ways it is looking to do more.

The first of these is to act where it has direct control, for instance, the Council is increasing the number of wildflower verges this year, has calculated its carbon emissions and is drawing up plans to reduce them.

The second area is working with partnerships, the most important of which is with Buckinghamshire Council. This is because in many areas crucial for improved environmental performance in Marlow lead responsibility lies at county, not town, level. These include waste and recycling, litter, public transport, cycling, roadside trees and air quality.

Third is the need for community engagement. To give the most powerful example, Marlow cannot achieve net



zero emissions without residents playing an active part. The consultant outlined ways in which the Council could work together with local environmental and other groups to address this through an expanded Sustainable Marlow programme.

### *Marlow's "quietway" is an advance for sustainability*

Many residents will by now have seen the Trinity Road "quietway" that has been installed by Buckinghamshire Council. The scheme has produced a lot of public comment and the sustainability action consultant explains why he believes it is a good thing for the town.

### *Marlow cannot achieve net zero emissions without residents playing an active part*

Under the scheme Trinity Road is now closed to cars while still allowing access to walkers, cyclists and mobility scooters. The six-month trial was proposed by local councillors and community groups on the South West Chilterns Community Board. It was implemented by Buckinghamshire Council after local residents responded to a brief consultation: 63% to 37% in favour.

The underlying aim of the change is to make it safer and more pleasant for residents to walk and cycle on Trinity Road. Encouraging so-called "active transport" is an important part of making Marlow a more sustainable town, via improved health and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

Trinity Road is a key walking route to the town centre for residents living across a swathe of north and north-east Marlow. Via footpaths close by it connects to both the Seymour Park, Oak Tree Road and Hillside areas.

But with its single carriageway and single extremely narrow pavement, Trinity Road was not particularly safe for pedestrians. Many people chose to walk on the roadway, switching to the pavement to allow cars to pass. Mobility scooters and people with double pushchairs had no choice in the matter.

With the closure the whole roadway is now available to pedestrians with no fear of being run over by cars.



Groups can walk two or more abreast in safety, and one of Marlow's more picturesque streets can be more fully enjoyed.

The majority of Marlovians drive as well as walk, and some have expressed concerns at the loss of vehicle access to Trinity Road. This, as well as other concerns, is understandable and legitimate, but arguably the

negative impacts of this particular scheme are small both absolutely and relative to its benefits.

Motorists wanting to use Trinity Road must detour via Wethered Road and Dean Street. But the additional distance is only just over 100 metres.

Before the closure, traffic levels on Trinity Avenue were not high, so the absolute number of drivers affected is relatively small. This also makes it unlikely that the change will significantly worsen congestion on Wethered Rd, which is more likely mainly driven by drivers avoiding the town centre altogether.

Some people have suggested safety issues, but I know that Buckinghamshire's transport experts considered emergency access to properties on Trinity Avenue and other safety concerns and would not have let the trial go ahead if they had spotted any serious problems.

Overall, the Trinity Road quietway is an excellent example of targeted encouragement to walking and cycling, producing only minimal inconvenience.

Contributed by **Nick Rowcliffe**  
Sustainability Action Consultant to Marlow Town Council

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# Pollution Solution

## *County plan for cleaner air in Marlow*

Buckinghamshire Council has launched a major study looking at new ways to address Marlow's town centre nitrogen dioxide air pollution problem. As a result, Marlow could be designated an official "low emission zone".

Low emission zones are one of the most recognised methods for reducing pollution levels as quickly as possible. They come in various forms, including charging for driving through an area and excluding certain types or ages of vehicles.

Buckinghamshire Council has commissioned a study looking at whether it would be feasible to introduce a low emission zone in Marlow. The study will recommend a raft of measures to bring pollution down to acceptable levels, whether or not it recommends a formal low emission zone.

The Council carried out a traffic survey in the spring using automatic number plate recognition (ANPR). This was to

determine which vehicles (both age and type) are causing the problem and also the destinations of those vehicles. The survey will inform a cost-benefit analysis of potential measures that could be implemented, and it is hoped that many of the measures may be suitable for rolling out across the county. A report with recommendations is expected in the summer.

Buckinghamshire will consider all the recommendations received and will explore multiple funding sources for implementation. Any major measures will result in public consultation to ensure that all opinions and alternatives are explored. We welcome any ideas and opinions regarding potential measures by email to:

**[carl.griffin@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:carl.griffin@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)**

Contributed by *Carl Griffin*  
Control of Pollution  
Buckinghamshire Council

# Easy Rider

## *Electric cargo bike on loan for all!*

Saddle Safari have launched a fabulous new initiative of purchasing an electric bike to lend to anyone in Marlow for school drop offs, shopping or business errands. We hope you are in support of such an initiative, and that it will prove helpful in reducing pollution and traffic. As we know, a great deal of traffic in Marlow comprises local people using their cars for small trips; the aim is to get people to think of other ways to make short journeys.

Continental Europe has used cargo bikes widely for years and they are growing in popularity in the UK, especially in cities. Many large companies are swapping delivery vans for cargo bikes for local drop-offs.

Borrowing the bike is completely free so could be a great resource to the town. To borrow the bike contact us here **01628 477020** or email **[info@saddlesafari.co.uk](mailto:info@saddlesafari.co.uk)**.





# Solar Streets

*Discounted installation with 12 solar panels for £4000*

In its December edition, Marlovian readers will have seen that Marlow Energy Group, along with IDDEA, were promoting a very competitive solar panel offer in January on Zoom. This exciting venture is supported by Marlow Town Council's 'Sustainable Marlow' campaign and by many local groups.

IDDEA currently offer Marlow homeowners a highly competitive rate of £4000 to have 12 photo-voltaic (PV) panels installed, subject to a successful free survey. The system offered is 4kWp and will not only save the householder money but will also save around 1.0 tonnes of CO2 each year.

All other aspects such as financial savings, battery storage, extra panel costs, etc., were covered during the Zoom get-together. On the night, we were delighted to see 43 people attending the presentation, but for those who missed it, this 55 minute event is now available on YouTube. To view it, either visit the MEG website [www.marlowenergygroup.com](http://www.marlowenergygroup.com), or use the following link <https://youtu.be/y2POpc370hU>

If interested in IDDEA's offer, either visit [www.solarstreets.co.uk](http://www.solarstreets.co.uk), or email them at [info@iddea.co.uk](mailto:info@iddea.co.uk), with your address and contact details and you will be offered a 'free' survey.

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# Annual Meeting

*First formal meeting for newly elected Council*



**O**n Tuesday, 18th May, Marlow Town Council's (MTC) Annual Meeting took place. This was the first formal gathering of the Council this year and included a number of newly elected Councillors. Unlike all other MTC meetings this past year, the event was "real, in person" but also live-streamed on Facebook.

Town Clerk Hilary Martin explained: "We have managed well the past year with Zoom meetings, but from the 6th May it became a legal requirement for local councils to meet in person. Because this legal requirement contradicts many Covid guidelines, many councils have abandoned routine meeting in person until the next easing of restrictions due on June 21st. However, given the recent elections, the newly elected Council had to meet formally now — otherwise they would not legally have any decision-making powers."

The meeting was open to the public but to comply with Covid rules only limited numbers could enter the room, so it was also live-streamed on Facebook for all to see. Under normal circumstances, MTC would also hold the Parish Meeting on the same day, immediately before this meeting. This is the forum for the Council reports on achievements in the past year, and plans for the next, with the facility for the public to ask questions. Hilary



said: "The parish report will be included in the Marlovian magazine published on 7th June, and the Council is looking forward to a return to normal meetings from 21st June."

## *The Annual Meeting*

The main purpose was to vote in the Mayor, Leader of the Council and deputies and populate all the various committees. Richard Scott was elected to continue as Mayor, with Jocelyn Towns moving to Deputy Mayor. The Mayor paid tribute to previous Councillors who stood down this time – with 46 years of combined service between them. He also confirmed his charity for the year would be Thames Hospice. Chris Funnell was elected as the new Leader of the Council, with newly elected Chris Hoyle as deputy. Cllr Funnell outlined the Council's vision. In particular, he mentioned the creation of a new Environment and Sustainability committee to be focused entirely on the environment, intended to deliver significant change. Working through the Agenda, the Mayor called for votes to agree the appointment of Councillors to the various committees, namely Resources, Planning and Transport, and Environment and Sustainability committees and working groups. This information is published on our website under the respective Councillor. [www.marlow-tc.gov.uk/your-councillors](http://www.marlow-tc.gov.uk/your-councillors)





# ANNUAL PARISH REPORT 2021



## A challenging time for us all

I am honoured to have been your Town Mayor for the last twelve months, though it has been somewhat challenging.

The period of uncertainty caused by the Covid pandemic has affected every resident in some way, whether by illness, death, loss of income or being unable to see loved ones. The country has been in and out of lockdown with shops, businesses and restaurants intermittently opening and closing, and this has unfortunately led to the permanent closure of a number of well-known and established businesses.

We owe a great debt of gratitude not only to our NHS and their support staff, but to many more in the community who have worked selflessly over the last twelve months to keep our lives as normal as possible. Doctors and dentists have remained open, mail has been delivered, bins have been emptied and the emergency services have continued to operate. Many of our town organisations have supported (and continue to do so) many of our residents, not only with food and meals, but with moral support where there has been loneliness or other personal issues. This has been a continual example of the community spirit that exists in Marlow.

The Town Council has maintained business as usual. Whilst the office was closed to physical visitors, officers continued working and supporting residents with their queries over the phone. However, a large number of traditional civic events and activities associated with town organisations were cancelled, adapted or took place virtually.

We have all missed May Fayre, French Market, Love Marlow, Town Regatta & Festival, Pub in the Park, Marlow Carnival, Remembrance weekend, Santa Fun Run, Christmas lights Switch On and Carols on The Causeway. That said, we were fortunate to be able to broadcast a superb virtual Remembrance service and our Christmas lights were switched on virtually at 3.30 am on a cold November morning by Chris Evans. The Santa Fun Run also took place virtually, raising over £20,000 for local charities. A Christmas Drive-In also allowed a number of schools and organisations to hold some of their cancelled events at Marlow Rugby Club in a Covid-secure way and I thank Brand Events for helping the Council to organise both the Drive-In and the Christmas lights Switch On.

It is part of the Mayor's enjoyable duties to attend events held within the town, but unsurprisingly the vast majority of these were cancelled. Where possible, I was able to attend a number of events either physically or virtually, including

Remembrance service, Christmas lights Switch On and the Drive-In. Just before the December lockdown I was pleased to welcome three new businesses to the town and note that a number of our currently empty shops appear to have plans for occupancy. I know we all look forward to visiting our shops, restaurants, cafes and other businesses without restrictions in the coming months.

It is also usual for the Mayor to select a charity to support during their year and during the last year I have continued to support the initiative started by my predecessor, Cllr Chris Funnell, to raise funds to support mental health provision in Marlow schools. Unfortunately, my major fundraising event, the Mayor's Golf Day, was cancelled, but a number of donations have been received during the year. Together with Chris, I am looking to use these funds now that the schools are fully open.

Since 2019 your council has operated under the mayor/leader model that has allowed the Mayor (chairman of the Council) to be responsible for civic duties, whilst the leader, Cllr Jocelyn Towns, has fulfilled the non-civic duties and driven a growing list of projects and initiatives at a time when council services are expanding. Some of these projects are detailed in the leader's report. Cllr Jocelyn Towns has continued in this role for a second year to deliver our existing council services, whilst introducing new initiatives and services as efficiently and quickly as possible. We believe that this model has worked well and is the right way to use the skills of Councillors for the benefit of our community.

Marlow is a very community-orientated town and I'd like to offer a big thank you to all residents for your support. My thanks also go to all Town Councillors and to my Deputy, Cllr Bob Johnson, who has supported me and stood in for me on a number of occasions. Elections took place on 6th May and, by the time you read this report, a new Council will be in place.

The following Councillors did not stand for re-election and, on your behalf, I would like to thank them for their service to the town over many years – Suzanne Brown, Bob Johnson, Camilla Keighley, Kathy Thomson and Emily West. We would not function as a Council without the support of our officers, led by Town Clerk, Hilary Martin. Many thanks to them for running everything in the background.

I have very much enjoyed representing our town again and I wish you and your families well for the coming months.

*Cllr Richard Scott*

Town Mayor



# RESOURCES

## COMMITTEE

# REPORT 2020/21

### Cllr Bob Johnson

Deputy Mayor and Chairman  
Resources Committee



The Resources Committee is responsible for the effectiveness of the resources of the Town Council. It meets regularly during the year and residents are very welcome to attend its meetings. The Committee aims to maximise the use of the Town Council element of your Council Tax and continues to provide excellent value for money in procuring and administering services for residents. Despite Covid restrictions, we have maintained our normal high service levels.

During the year ended 31st March 2021 and with the same level of Council Tax as the previous year, we have increased and enhanced our services, including:

- Expenditure on environmental projects – details in the Leader's report.
- Provided a fund for Covid related projects.
- Installed new electrical infrastructure for brand-new Christmas lights.
- Established provisions for possible lighting of the bridge and enhancements to The Causeway.
- Maintained our allotments and cemetery to a high standard.
- Better control of grass cutting.
- Use of reserves for new projects.
- Exceeded our budget on grants and donations to local worthy causes. Grant applications with a total of £10,085 donated.



In addition:

- The Celebrate Marlow Event was unable to be held this year due to Covid. In its place, we supported Marlow Christmas Drive-in, which allowed local charities and organisations to bring pre-Christmas cheer to the town.
- We continue to keep our children's play areas and green spaces in excellent condition.
- Further improvement in grounds maintenance with Gossmore recreation ground now back in use.
- We have continued the use of the Community Payback scheme with Thames Valley Probation Service. This enables the Council to use this service in areas such as path clearance to keep our town attractive.
- We have continued to provide half the cost of a Police Community Support Officer who is active in the town everyday. There has been good feedback on this service.
- We have continued to maintain the Town Cemetery to a high standard.
- The allotments are always in great demand and we continue to look for further small areas within the existing sites to address this demand.
- The Council achieved a clean financial audit.

The 2021/22 budget seeks to improve and continue support of all the above services and we are delighted to announce that we can do this again without an increase in your Marlow Town Council Tax for the sixth consecutive year. This has been achieved through the enhanced utilisation of available resources, continually reviewing procurement contractual agreements and extremely prudent management. Your Council remains financially strong, with excellent levels of general and earmarked reserves, some of which are invested in longer-term investments. We review our reserves on an on-going basis and we will use all reserves appropriately to achieve our long-term objective of retaining and continually improving the attractiveness of our town. The various projects under consideration are mentioned in the Leader's report.



→Your council remains financially strong, with excellent levels of reserves

# PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

# REPORT 2020/21

## Chairman, Cllr Neil Marshall

### Planning

Marlow Town Council is a statutory consultee to the local planning Buckinghamshire Authority. The Planning, Environment and Transport (PET) Committee meets every three weeks to review planning applications within the Marlow town boundary. We review all applications carefully and make appropriate comment or objections.

The bulk of applications reviewed each year are for minor extensions or changes of use and we have a strong correlation with the Planning Authority findings.

The Wycombe Local Plan was approved without any major changes affecting Marlow. It maintained our Green Belt protection areas against developer threats. A new Local Plan for Bucks will be developed in the near future, superseding the Wycombe Plan in due course, but it is still some years away and is unlikely to have major impact on Marlow.

Developments currently under consideration include Lidl taking over the former Waitrose site. We are pleased to see that the development of Regal House on Station Road, which has been empty for many years, is going ahead.



### Environment

This is becoming an area of great interest for Marlow as well as for the wider community. An Air Quality Management Area has been declared for the Chapel Street, Spittal Street, High Street and West Street areas of Marlow and we are working with Buckinghamshire Council to alleviate the issue.

The PET committee set up an advisory panel of Marlow residents with professional knowledge in environmental matters to help raise public and commercial awareness of the issues and possible actions to improve our environment. The Town Council has appointed a professional adviser to assist in environment matters, completed its Carbon Audit and developed an Environment Performance Index, one of the first small towns to do so.

### Transport

We are always mindful of the challenge of parking availability in the town, largely brought about by the vibrancy of the town itself. However, solutions that satisfy residents, shoppers and inward commuters (all of whom are essential to the viability of the town) prove to be very challenging. We are working with the new Buckinghamshire Council towards a post-Covid travel plan and with other community groups through the new Marlow Climate Action group (Marlow CAN).



→The Committee is looking forward to another busy and productive year



# LEADER'S REPORT 2020/21

## Cllr Jocelyn Towns

This has been an unprecedented year for all of us, and we are still far from being able to resume life as we knew it! Our hope is that the roll-out of the vaccine will start to make a difference.



Despite lockdowns, it has been a busy year for the Town Council, and we have continued to work throughout the pandemic for the benefit of Marlow and Marlovians. We have helped the Meals from Marlow initiative with delivering meals, and we're grateful to the many other groups in the town providing food parcels and general provisions for the vulnerable and needy.

This has been a year for creativity, and the problem of how to deliver some of our well-known events was especially challenging. For example, both our Remembrance Service and the Christmas Switch On were filmed and delivered remotely last year. We also launched new Christmas Lights, which were very warmly welcomed and much needed to cheer up the town as we headed into more restrictions. The 'virtual' Switch On by Chris Evans, broadcast on social media, was especially well received. Many thanks to our wonderful sponsors who make our Christmas Lights possible.

We continue to be guided by our Town Vision. We have recently taken on an environmental 'expert' to help us deliver our environment strategy, as we work towards making Marlow 'an environmental exemplar town.' There will be more on this in the coming months.

The environment is important to us: it helps with our wellbeing and it needs our protection. There is a widespread desire in our community for more action, as evidenced by



the emergence of a number of voluntary groups with whom we are working closely.

### Some of our actions to date:

- Banner placed on Spittal Street to alert drivers to cut pollution.
- Green areas designated for wildflower planting.
- Verge protection in Lock Road and the Claremonts coming soon.
- Litter Picking – we continue to support the Wombles, who do a great wonderful job.
- We are working with Wild Marlow on a number of initiatives.
- Supporting Releaf with their tree-planting project.
- Alleyway clearance to give as much space as possible for pedestrians.

We worked closely over the last three years with the Environment Agency and Buckinghamshire Council on the extensive flood relief scheme in Gossmore Park, Pergola Field and Pound Lane area. We are pleased to say that both Gossmore and Pergola have been returned to the Town Council. In the recent flooding the pumps worked well, keeping the surrounding homes clear of floodwater.

With more residents using their bicycles during this past year there was a call for more cycle hoops around the town centre. Working with Buckinghamshire Council we identified and installed 16 new cycle hoops in December.

Our new website was launched at the end of last year. Please do take a look; there is plenty of useful local information [www.marlow-tc.gov.uk](http://www.marlow-tc.gov.uk). We would also welcome your feedback via [office@marlow-tc.gov.uk](mailto:office@marlow-tc.gov.uk).

Marlow is a lovely town with a wonderful community ethos. This past year has really shown how residents have stepped up to help. We should take time to thank ourselves for what we have done and continue to do, as we embark on our 'new' normal.



→This past year has shown how residents have stepped up to help



# Much Wilder Marlow

*Help create a wildlife-friendly nature corridor*

We've all heard about the climate crisis, haven't we? Climate change and habitat loss are having devastating effects on wildlife and biodiversity throughout the UK — and that includes Marlow. But what are we actually doing about it? Wild Marlow has come up with a major new campaign to counter those effects — and everyone can get involved. The wildlife group is calling on everyone in the Marlow area to create a 'nature corridor' to support wildlife and help avert the climate crisis.

The 'Much Wilder Marlow' campaign encourages people to work with their families, friends and neighbours to turn their gardens and outside areas into wildlife-friendly environments. Suggested activities include litter-picking, pledges to create natural wild areas, sharing progress on social media, planting for pollinators, nature connection and much more.

Nature corridors are pieces of land that connect larger nature habitats with each other, helping wildlife to thrive in man-made environments. Without them, wildlife cannot move around the countryside. Here in Marlow we can use our gardens, balconies, doorsteps, driveways, businesses, schools and green spaces to make different choices and increase the health of all species, including ourselves. Our aim is for Marlow to provide the biggest local nature corridor, and we need your help!

You don't need to have a garden to get involved. You can make changes on a balcony or windowsill or use your voice to influence others. Why not help a friend in their garden, or get your school or place of work thinking about how they may contribute? On our website, [www.wildmarlow.org.uk/wilder\\_marlow.php](http://www.wildmarlow.org.uk/wilder_marlow.php), we've come up with some quick, easy and cheap ideas for all the family as well as some more ambitious projects for those with a little more time.

We're developing a 'Much Wilder Marlow' map of all the wildlife support activities going on in the area, and are hoping people will contribute their projects to create

the overall picture. There are four main strands to our campaign:

**Change** - Top tips to help nature in your outside space, covering habitats, food, water, sustainable gardens and nature connection.

**Pledge** - Pledge to help - there are lots of suggestions on the website - or tell us what you have already done to help create the nature corridor. Your activity will be added to our nature corridor map so we can see how things are progressing.

**Influence** - Help this campaign in a number of ways by influencing the community. Connect to your street via your street WhatsApp group and get them involved and pledging.

**Share** - Share your progress with us and watch as the nature corridor blooms!

Over the next few months we'll be running lots of activities and sharing our successes with the community, so do look out for more information on the website, [www.wildmarlow.org.uk](http://www.wildmarlow.org.uk)

## Volunteering

As restrictions ease, the opportunities to volunteer are growing. If you'd like to get involved with Wild Marlow, there are a number of options: practical conservation work parties; carrying out surveys, providing talks; or joining our Steering Group to help plan and deliver our projects. If you think you could help, please do get in touch: [contact@wildmarlow.org.uk](mailto:contact@wildmarlow.org.uk)

## Join Wild Marlow

You can also help by becoming a paid-up member for just £10 a year. We are a community non-profit group that relies on donations. To join go to: [www.wildmarlow.org.uk](http://www.wildmarlow.org.uk) or email: [contact@wildmarlow.org.uk](mailto:contact@wildmarlow.org.uk).

# Keep Marlow Tidy

## Marlow Wombles litter poster competition results

The Marlow Wombles would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all entrants of the Keep Marlow Tidy poster competition. All entries went above and beyond in demonstrating a clear understanding of the impacts litter is causing on our local community and wildlife. The judges were so impressed and enthused that it was agreed these wonderful posters will be displayed around Marlow town and on Globe Business Park — so look out for posters that will be popping up soon.

Emma Hawkins, Chief Womble, said: "Marlow is a lovely town but sadly it's often covered in litter. Over the past few years Marlow Wombles have been actively working hard to change this. We are always looking for positive ways to educate and inspire people to Love Our Town! Nature ends up living amongst litter and people suffer anxiety as they see it lying around."

"It has been inspiring to receive so many fantastic entries to this competition from children and young people."

Prizes for the poster competition were kindly donated by Globe Business Park BID and Creation Station.

Charlotte Eames, Creation Station, said: "Here at the Creation Station we love two things: inspiring young imaginations and supporting our local community. We think The Marlow Wombles 'Keep Marlow Tidy Competition' is a fantastic way to combine both imagination and community support for children. We are delighted and extremely proud to support such a wonderful, ethical and important issue."

Litter has become an increasing problem and has escalated during the recent lockdowns, due in part to

more use of outside spaces. We want everyone, including wildlife, to be able to enjoy our town and surrounding areas in a safe and responsible way.

Key messages helping in the fight against litter:

- Please pick up and dispose of dog waste responsibly.
- If bins are full please take your litter home – don't place it next to or on top of a full bin.
- Pick up a litter picker and join the cause – it's addictive and cheaper than going to the gym!

Gareth Hughes, BID Board Chair: "As a BID our relationship with the town and local community groups is synergistic and we were delighted to partner with Marlow Town Council and Marlow Wombles on this great initiative. The poster entries were excellent, capturing the essence of the task whilst adding some local significance. A special note to Foxes Piece – we loved your foxes! We look forward to seeing the posters in and around GBP and the local community."

### Primary School Category results:

- 1st Alfie Wright  
2nd Katherine Irvin

### Secondary School Category results:

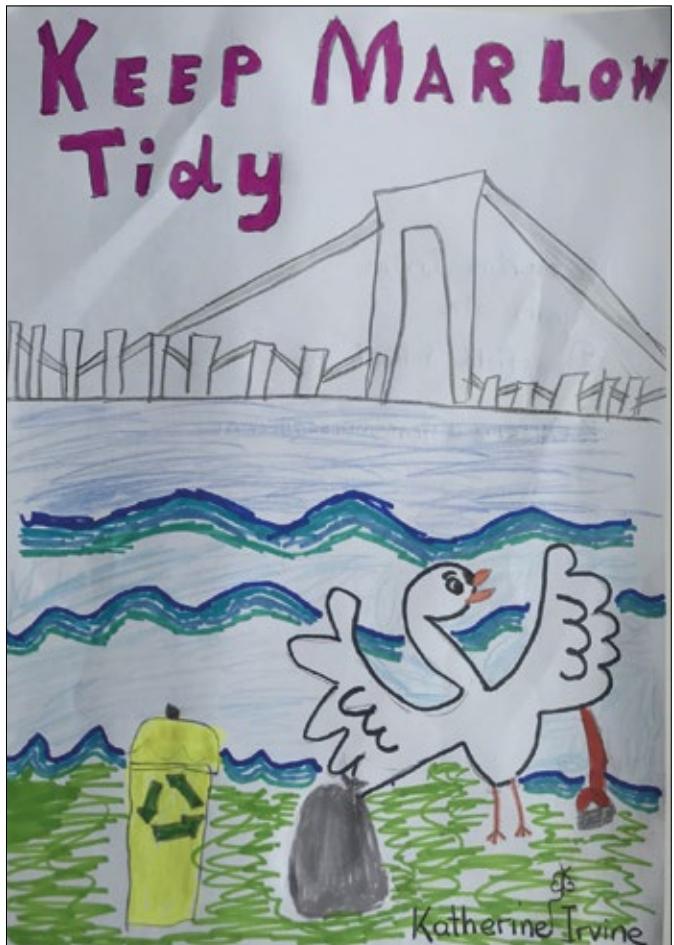
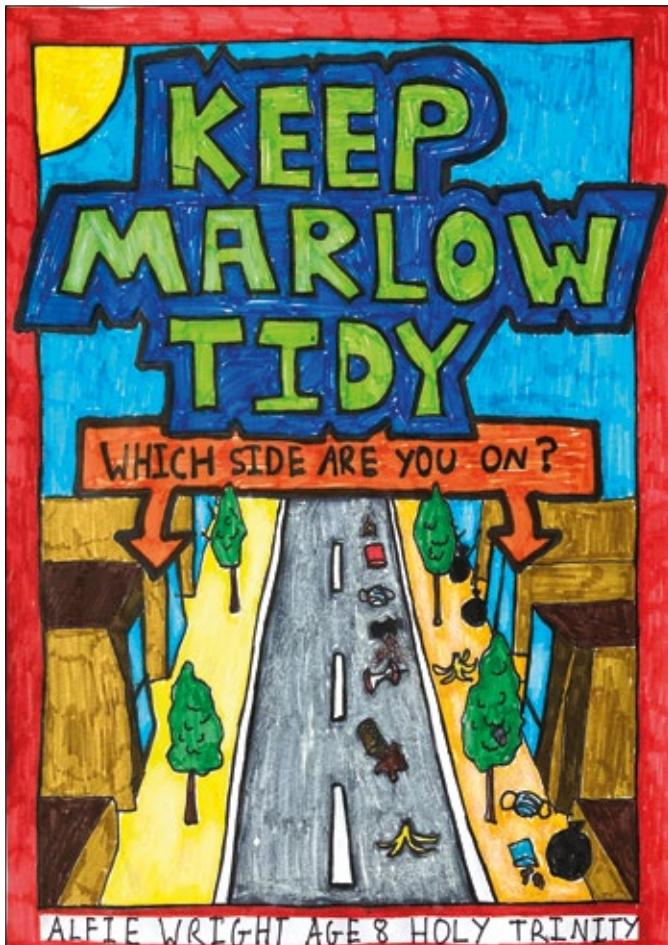
- 1st Daisy Northover  
2nd Shoshi Street

The judges were so impressed that additional prizes were given to all entrants.

Photos (left to right): Alfie Wright, Katherine Irvine and Daisy Northover receiving their prizes.



Poster images: (Top left to right) 1st Alfie Wright, 2nd Katherine Irvine. (Bottom left to right) 1st Daisy Northover, 2nd Shoshi Street



# Marlow Refugee Action

*Spinfield students changing lives through Bags for Life!*

Year 6 students at Spinfield School have been putting their creative and entrepreneurial skills to the test, producing and selling eco Bags for Life made from unwanted bed linen, as part of their British Council International School Award. Not only are the students converting household waste into useful items, but they have chosen to raise funds for Marlow Refugee Action by selling the bags. This is a local charity that supports projects working with refugees and asylum seekers, both locally and across the world. The students made 32 bags, raising £211. Children in Spinfield's link school in Rawalpindi, Pakistan, also made some eco shoppers as part of this collaborative Social Enterprise Project. The shoppers were sent to Spinfield by post and then raffled, raising a further £94. The total raised is £305.

Chair of Marlow Refugee Action, Tania Baldwin-Pask, was delighted to receive the support of these entrepreneurial students. "We are so grateful to the pupils of Spinfield School for supporting Marlow Refugee Action and the projects we partner with," she said. "These funds



will be used to support fellow school students living in refugee camps on the island of Chios (Greece) through our partner, Action for Education.

"This funding will be used to buy educational materials for the students, allowing them to progress with their studies in just the same way as students here in Marlow. They need books, worksheets and stationery, and this donation will cover these costs for around one school term."

Head teacher Jayne Spreadbury could not be more proud of her students. "At Spinfield we believe that being a Global Citizen is an important life skill," she said. "We have been delighted with the children's response to the fundraiser for Marlow Refugee Action and it shows the spirit of the Spinfield children helping other children."

To learn more about the work of Marlow Refugee Action and to support their work please visit [www.marlowrefugeeaction.org.uk](http://www.marlowrefugeeaction.org.uk). Here you will also find details for more local activities during Refugee Week 14th – 20th June.

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# Walk of Life

*Commemorate a loved one or life event in a peaceful garden*

One of the better things to come out of the pandemic, perhaps, has been the opening up of the community garden at Christ Church URC, on Oxford Road in Marlow.

Even though the church building had to be closed during lockdown and the finances of the church itself took a battering for the same reason, the congregation decided to press ahead in 2020 with its garden project.

The result has been the creation of a peaceful haven that has quickly become appreciated by local residents and visitors alike. Mothers and toddlers can pop in for a bit of exercise, shop staff may stop by to eat their lunch in the sunshine, and older Marlovians are often seen enjoying a bit of a sit down while out and about.

Already we have opened up a new pedestrian entrance direct from the pavement of Oxford Road and installed a water bottle filling station with the support of a grant from Marlow Town Council. This demonstrates care for the environment and hopefully will discourage single-use plastic bottles.

There is more to come. Christ Church URC has now launched an appeal called the ‘Walk of Life’ – to construct a brick-paved pathway leading in a spiral from the garden entrance, with improved seating areas. This will make the garden more accessible to wheelchair users and other people with mobility problems, who can find the current gravel pathway difficult to negotiate. But the Walk of Life also offers something else: the chance for anyone to commemorate a person they have loved, a life event like an anniversary or the birth of grandchildren, with an engraved brick in the path.



There is nowhere else in Marlow where you can create a lasting memorial of this kind while at the same time helping the community enjoy a beautiful place. Speaking for the church, project leader Martin Ashford said: “This is something that we are so pleased to offer the community: the garden is a gift from us to the town and we’re delighted that the town is responding by helping us make it even better!”

For full details of the Walk of Life, and how to apply for your brick, see [www.walkoflife.moonfruit.com](http://www.walkoflife.moonfruit.com), pick up a leaflet at the garden entrance, or email **[fundraising@christchurch-marlow.uk](mailto:fundraising@christchurch-marlow.uk)**.

Contributed by *Martin Ashford*



# All Saints Marlow

## New Team Vicar for the church by the bridge

“Is it the church by the bridge?” my friends asked me when I told them the news of my appointment. “Yes!” I was able to reply with excitement. All Saints, with its towering spire, has been the iconic image of Marlow for nearly two centuries. Indeed there has been a church on this site since 1070. It is, therefore, such a privilege to join the team here, as Team Vicar, led by the Rector, Dave Bull. At All Saints, I’ll be involved with weddings, baptisms and funerals, as well as leading different aspects of church life.

I was ordained in 2016. Before then I had never wanted to be a vicar. I started my working life in Parliament and then moved across into the world of communications, which I loved. I have always had a strong faith in God but I knew that didn’t mean I had to be a vicar. However, after my youngest child started school, God intervened and showed me he had different plans.

What has stayed with me, however, is the awareness that God is interested in every part of our lives, not just those things we think are ‘spiritual’ or ‘godly’. Over this last year, with lockdown, the boundaries that used to exist between home, work, school and church have all but disappeared; they have all had to share the same kitchen table. I think in a way that is how God sees our lives —

non-compartmentalised. Each part is precious to him, because we are precious to him.

What I have noticed already about Marlow is the sense of community and that the church is an integral part of that too. Tackling Covid-19 has required that unity, especially, as we have seen, with the inspiring Meals from Marlow initiative.

I love that All Saints is here for everyone in Marlow. It is your parish church so please do feel able to come on a Sunday or midweek. Services are back again and each week more activities are opening up. It has been a hard year and many of us are feeling daunted, even as restrictions ease.

Please don’t feel you have to face things alone. We are the church by the bridge, visit [www.4u-team.org](http://www.4u-team.org) or email me, [sarah.jones@4u-team.org](mailto:sarah.jones@4u-team.org).

Contributed by *Rev Sarah Jones*  
Team Vicar, All Saints Marlow.



# Liston Hall Hire

*Marlow's community hall available to book*

**M**arlow Community Association was set up in May 1967 when Liston Hall was donated by Mrs Nesta Liston as a facility to bring together groups and individuals offering mutual support and friendship to the community.

First used as a Methodist Church in 1874, it has had a colourful life since ceasing to be a church. It has been a county library, Labour Exchange, dance hall, theatre, Weights and Measures Inspection Centre, clinic and finally, in 1970, home of the Marlow Community Association (MCA). As a registered charity it relies on the regular use of its rooms to generate income for maintenance and improvement of its facilities.

*Liston Hall is re-opening and is able to offer a range of versatile rooms for hire for one-off occasions or repeat bookings such as Yoga, Pilates, educational classes and business meetings*

The Thames Room is to the rear of the main hall making it ideal for meetings, classes, or small children's parties. With its own private entrance, small kitchen, and toilet, it can accommodate up to 50 people with stacking tables and chairs available.



The Garden Room is a lovely bright room that overlooks our garden at the front of the building. With carpets and curtains it is perfect for screenings like slide shows



or movies. Suitable for smaller functions, lunches and meetings, this room is popular with card players, especially bridge clubs. It holds up to 40 people, offering tables and cushioned chairs, a hatch to the kitchen and disabled access to the room.



The Main Hall is our largest room and is used for a variety of events including weddings, parties, large meetings, open days, company promotions, sales, shows, classes and more. It's a big space - a bouncy castle can fit inside! It can accommodate up to 200 people or 175 people seated in theatre style, with a hatch to the kitchen and disabled access.



We also have a well-equipped and spacious kitchen providing excellent full catering facilities for a variety of occasions. Free Wi-Fi is available with a digital projector, lectern and a flipchart stand available to book. There is also a large pay and display car park next door.

Please get in touch to find out more:  
**[marlowcommunity@btconnect.com](mailto:marlowcommunity@btconnect.com)** or  
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# Marlow Town Regatta & Festival Celebrates 21 years!

**Saturday 26th June 2021**

**Marlow Rowing Club also commemorating a  
huge milestone are 150 years OLD!**

**This will be a FREE Rowing Only Event**

**Marlow Town Regatta & Festival** commemorates **21 years**, after Marlow Amateur Regatta, the major qualifying regatta for Henley Royal, moved to Dorney Lake in 2000, to meet International standards.

Jim Campbell, the driving force behind reinstating the event at the start of the millennium, remained on as the founding Chairman, supported by Sir Steve & Lady Redgrave as joint Presidents. Along with his network of acquaintances, a dedicated committee of volunteers was formed, working tirelessly to help shape the successful event we see today, for the people of Marlow.

**The Town Regatta** eventually evolved into the format we now know, growing from strength to strength under the Chairmanship of Nav Ali. Stewardship was handed over to Robin Atkinson in 2019, who gracefully accepted taking the helm, thanking Nav for his leadership & inspiration. Sarah Campbell took up the mantle of Vice Chair the same year.

In keeping with the spirit of the event, in order to **mark this significant occasion, 1000 Limited Edition, numbered, 21st Anniversary badges will be released**. A collector's piece to wear on the day.

Over the next 4 weeks, **commemorative badges** will be made available for **a donation** at various High Street locations. Then finally on the **26th June** at the **MTR&F stand at 'Marlow Round Table Spring Fayre'**

**Support your Town Regatta** by making a donation, more updates coming soon, [www.marlowtownregatta.org](http://www.marlowtownregatta.org).



# James Campbell, a Tribute & Reflection - 10 years on

10 years on it's fair to say -  
the year our Father went away,  
he left us all in disarray!  
If only he'd known what happened next,  
I think he would have tried his best,  
to stay around long enough to stop  
'Jongie Walker' get the chop.  
'Afore ye go', I think it said,  
was leaving Kilmarnock for  
Glasgow instead!

Sadly too in Marlow Town,  
our famous Pub as well burnt down.  
Three men in a boat could not save this,  
St.Peters Street was at a miss.  
The Rowing Club went up in flames,  
the Plough demolished, could not be saved!  
This all occurred the year you went,  
it's pretty hard to comprehend.

The 10th Town Regatta, life's long dream,  
took years of planning through all extremes.  
Official Opening the following month,  
without you there, Lady Ann declared,  
'A Celebration of what you started',  
the 'Best Regatta' in memory of Jim,  
the driving force behind it all,  
Regatta Chief and stalwart tall.

The British Legion still marches on,  
with the Royal Scots Guards affiliated strong.  
The Town turns out in bright array,  
always Remembering on that day,  
'They Shall Grow Not Old',  
your voice still heard,  
a little fainter, a little blurred.

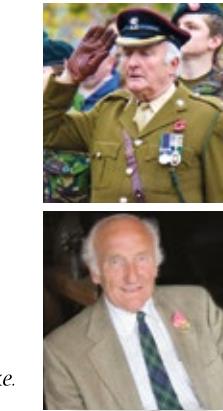
Your Memory lives on,  
you'd be surprised to know,  
as many a day the towns folk say,  
"I still see Jim walking up the street",  
stopping to chat and pass the day,  
as always he did in that charming way.  
Paper under arm, with a story to tell,  
of the rats in the jungle of Borneo,  
where months were spent many moons ago!

An adopted son of Marlow,  
from Scotland you came,  
a love of community spirit saw you through,  
tirelessly working for the good you could do.  
A gentle character and humour to share,  
School Headmaster, Local Mayor,  
British Legion President - it was all there!

What's so unique is now you're gone,  
the day to day still carries on.  
Yet in the Park there is a bench,  
proudly perched behind Sir Steve,  
Where folk can sit and think of you  
not that's what you'd wish them to do.  
It does go on, I dare to say,  
there is a Road as well you know -  
it has your name...again such fame!  
The list continues in your wake,  
there's a name on a Boat and an Award to take.

Yet none of this would alter your plight,  
you were there to fight the fight.  
A modest man of humble traits,  
who had no care for praise or State,  
You just got on and did the job,  
with no fuss made or airs and graces,  
You saw the needs and recognised the faces.

What's left to say is simply this,  
we are all so PROUD of you and miss  
each and every thing you do,  
and try to be as true as you.



**Mayor's 'privileged year'**



Lucky Jim seizes Best Kept club

By Sarah Campbell - 2021



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# Act now to beat the Stamp Duty holiday deadline

When you buy a home, you normally have to pay Stamp Duty Land Transaction Tax (SDLT) on all properties over £125,000, or £300,000 for first-time buyers.

In July last year, Chancellor Rishi Sunak temporarily increased the Stamp Duty threshold to £500,000 for many property purchases in England and Northern Ireland. This was to provide support to the housing industry and in particular buyers who had taken a financial hit because of the Coronavirus pandemic and help them complete their purchase.

For those hoping to capitalise on the Stamp Duty break and take advantage of what remains of the holiday, the timing of exchange is a key consideration.

The tax break will end on *30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021*, after which there will still be no duty on homes worth up to £250,000 for another three months, and then the threshold will return to the usual level of £125,000 from 1st October 2021.

## How much the Stamp Duty holiday could save you

How much you will save from not having to pay Stamp Duty depends on the property's value and whether you are a first-time buyer or buying a second or holiday home - but it could be tens of thousands of pounds. A second or additional home buyer purchasing a house worth £200,000 would save £1,500 and £10,000 on a £400,000 property.

It is also important to realise that if you are buying a home over the £500,000 threshold you will still benefit too. In fact, if you buy a home that costs more than £500,000 you will get the maximum saving of £15,000 on stamp duty fees

For example, a family looking to buy a new home worth £675,000 would save £15,000 with SDLT payable of £8,750.

## We're here to help you get ahead of the deadline

Now is the time to get in touch with us if you want to take advantage of the remaining Stamp Duty holiday. Our highly qualified and experienced team of conveyancing solicitors are on hand to assist in your purchase and can turn sales and purchases around swiftly, whilst providing a stress-free and straightforward approach to the conveyancing process.

Our trusted relationships with credible mortgage brokers and estate agents also mean we can introduce you to proactive and reliable third parties who can streamline the process and provide you with a fast and efficient service.

## For more information on Stamp Duty Tax, or on Residential Property in general, please contact

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