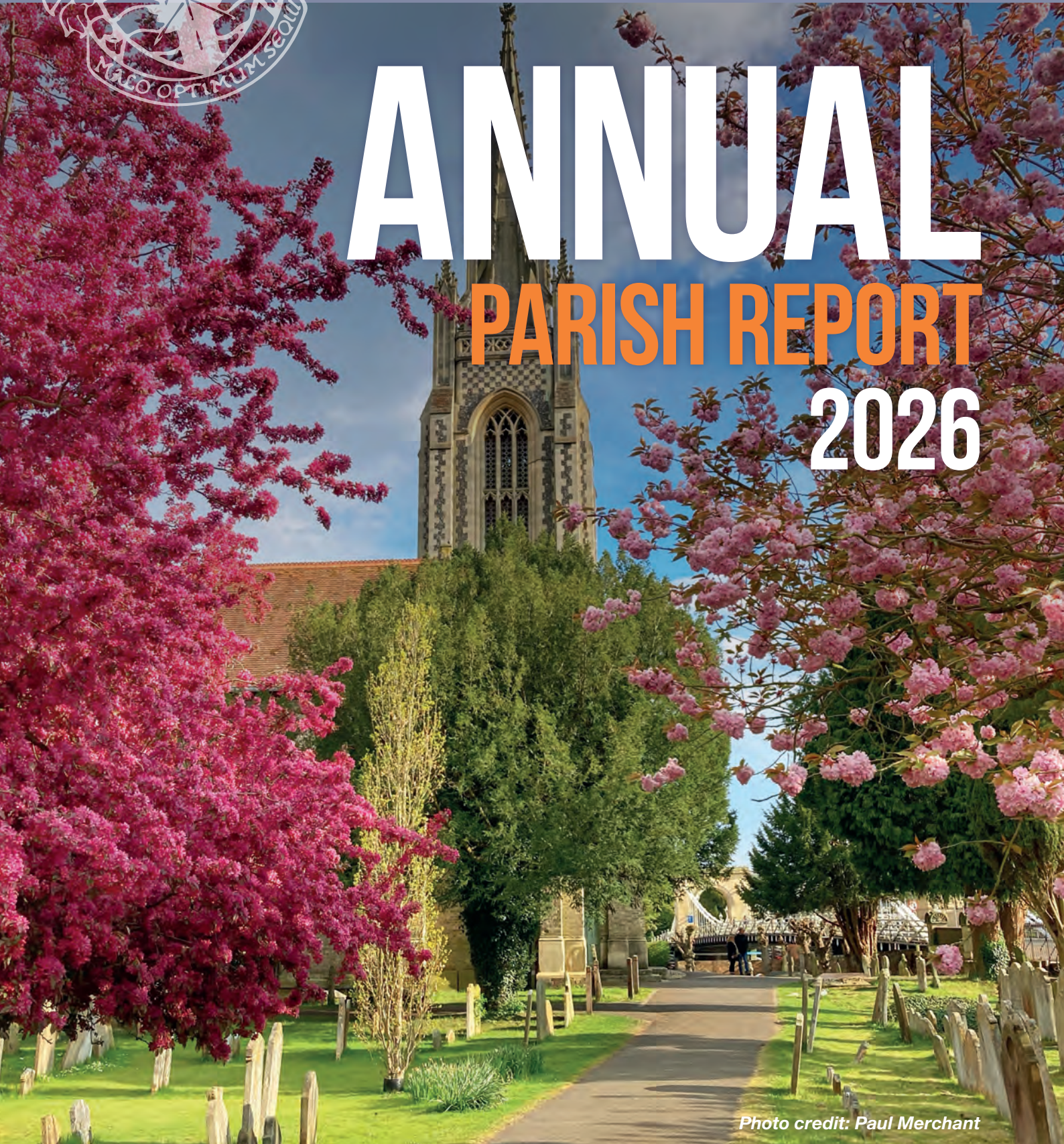




# ANNUAL PARISH REPORT 2026



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MARLOW TOWN COUNCIL

# MAYOR & LEADER'S

# REPORT 2025/26



## Mayor of Marlow, Cllr Muryel Boulay A Year In Service

The Mayor of Marlow is the First Citizen of the town - a civic role rooted in tradition, ceremony, and service. The Leader of the Council leads on policy and strategy, steering the council's priorities and its direction for the town. Both roles together shape how Marlow is represented, governed, and supported. This year, the council decided to have one person hold both roles. As Mayor, I gave voice to the community, represented Marlow at civic occasions, and chaired the Full Town Council. As Leader, I took responsibility for setting the council's strategic direction, working with fellow councillors and officers to plan for the town's future. One does not govern by decree but by influence, by presence, and by the relationships built over the course of a year. What the Mayor's chain does confer is something less tangible but no less real - the authority to open doors, to convene conversations, to bring people together, and to shine a light on those who might otherwise go unrecognised. Holding both roles meant carrying a



*Photo: Mayor of Marlow, Cllr Boulay with Royal Swan Marker David Barber. Credit: Jon Perry*

dual responsibility: to serve the community with the warmth and visibility the mayoral role demands, and to lead the council with the clarity and purpose that good governance requires.

When I was elected Mayor of Marlow in May 2025, I made a simple promise: to serve with dedication, openness, and a firm commitment to do good for others. Looking back across this year, I am proud to say that I have done my best to keep that promise every single day.

This was not just a new mayoral year - it was a brand-new council. Following the May elections, I had the privilege and the responsibility of helping to build a team, holding both the Mayor's and Leader's roles and navigating political differences with a shared commitment to serving Marlow. Working closely alongside our dedicated office staff, I learned the rhythms of the council calendar - the civic duties, the ceremonial occasions, the committee meetings, the consultations - and I embraced each one as an opportunity to connect, to listen, and to act. Bringing together the outward-facing role of Mayor with the inward-facing responsibilities of the Leader gave the year a particular richness and purpose, and I found the combination deeply rewarding.

From the very start, I made it a priority not just to attend events where I was invited, but to reach out to the extraordinary community organisations that make Marlow what it is. Amongst many appointments, I attended the Dementia Action BBQ, visited One Can Trust, attended the Remembrance Services in Marlow and in our twin town Marly-le-Roi, and accompanied Carol Kirkwood on top of the bus to switch on our town's Christmas lights - thanks again to our sponsors for making this possible. I accepted every invitation I could, because I believe that being Mayor means being present. I was also honoured to take part in some of Marlow's great civic traditions - among them joining the Royal Swan Uppers on the River Thames for the annual Swan Upping, one of the oldest and most distinctive ceremonies in the country, and a reminder of the deep heritage that runs through the life of this town.

➔ I believe that being Mayor means being present

# MAYOR & LEADER'S REPORT 2025/26 CONTINUED...

Beyond Marlow, I had the pleasure of meeting fellow mayors from across Buckinghamshire at civic services and county events - occasions where we shared the challenges our towns face and the solutions we are finding, and where I found the same spirit of collaboration and community pride everywhere I looked. It was also a genuine honour to meet the Lord-Lieutenant and the High Sheriff on some of these occasions, and to feel the wider civic network of which Marlow is so proudly a part.

Alongside the formal council structures, I worked to build relationships across Marlow's civic and business life. I engaged with the Marlow Society and the Chamber of Commerce - with almost 900 members, one of the most active civic organisations in the town - discussing issues including the Local Plan and the future of the High Street. I recognised that a thriving local economy is inseparable from a thriving community, and that our independent shops and restaurants are the heartbeat of the town centre.

Faith was another important thread through my year. I made it a point to engage with all of Marlow's churches - All Saints, Christ Church URC, River Church, St Peter's, Marlow Baptist, Marlow Methodist, and Newfield Community Church, working together through Churches Together Marlow - understanding that they serve not just as places of worship but as anchors of community life, supporting mental health, social connection, and some of our most vulnerable residents.

My two chosen causes - Wild Marlow and Brighter Futures Together - reflect what matters most to me: nurturing the young people growing up in our community and protecting the natural environment they will inherit. Wild Marlow is a volunteer-run group working to protect wildlife and biodiversity in the Marlow area. Brighter Futures Together is a not-for-profit CIC supporting youth mental health across the Thames Valley.

Perhaps the initiative I am most proud of is the Community Forum - launched in October 2025 and repeated after the Civic Celebration in March 2026. Welcoming over 60 representatives of local organisations to the table, listening to their challenges around volunteers and venues, and committing to carry that conversation forward - that felt like the truest expression of what this role can be. I was also very pleased to support my fellow councillors for the launch of the new Community Grant Scheme in February 2026, opening up meaningful financial support to local groups, charities and community organisations.



Even in the final weeks of my year, new initiatives are taking shape. I was delighted to see the first community use of Marlow's repurposed High Street Phone boxes which opened with a pop-up art exhibition by a local artist - a sign of what can happen when a town council thinks creatively about its assets and its people.

The Civic Celebration on 29th March was a deeply moving moment. In inaugurating Marlow's first Young People's Civic Awards, I was able to shine a light on three remarkable young residents: Millie Doolan, who transformed the grief of losing her brother into a community mission; Josh Mustard, who has run his own business since the age of 12 and gives back at every turn; and my personal choice, Andrew Somers - a young carer who tends to his father through cancer treatment, runs his household, supports younger children at Lighthouse, sings at All Saints Church, and steps in for his father in the church band. In honouring them, I hoped to show our whole community what quiet, selfless leadership looks like.

I did not seek the spotlight this year. I tried to direct it - at the people of Marlow, at those who serve it tirelessly, and at the young people who will one day lead it. It's been an absolute privilege to hold this office, and I am looking forward to continuing my contribution as a councillor.

*Cllr Muryel Boulay*

*Marlow Town Mayor 2025-26*

➔ I worked to build relationships across Marlow's civic and business life

## Chair, Cllr Frank Schoofs

When people think of the “Resources Committee”, they usually think of the Council’s budget and spending. However, this Committee is also responsible for our allotments, events, Community Grants scheme, contracts, assets and investments, and so I will also cover those areas below.



## Council budget and spending

**The Town Council’s 2025/2026 financial year budget.** The budget was set in January 2025 by the previous administration. That budget did not fully capture anticipated costs, including contract and staffing costs (just under £22,000). In addition, there were unexpected costs during the past year, such as essential safety and maintenance work at Seymour Park and Riley Park playgrounds (just under £34,000), and unexpectedly high May 2025 election costs of £29,539 payable to Buckinghamshire Council. As a result, we are anticipating to close the 2025/2026 financial year with a deficit of around £60,000, compared to a budgeted deficit of £5,000. This difference will need to be covered from our reserves.

For the 2026/2027 financial year, we have used a different approach. Our proposed budget is based on cautious

and realistic planning, capturing as many anticipated costs as possible. We want to avoid needing to use our reserves for operational day-to-day spend. However, the budget is only part of the Resource Committee’s scope.

## Allotments

Marlow Town Council provides allotments at two locations to support local residents to grow their own fresh, affordable food, and enjoy the physical and mental health benefits of gardening together as a community.

In addition, our aim is to cover as much of the costs as possible associated with running the allotments and so for this, as well as to ensure maximum benefit from the allotments for residents, we seek to maximise occupancy. Our occupancy rate of the allotments is good, with the Foxes Piece site fully occupied (171 plots) and 10 people on the waiting list as of April 2026. For Hanging Hill there are 190 plots occupied, but 12 still available (with three currently not suitable to let due to bramble cover). In order to maximise the utilisation, we have decided to allow residents from Marlow Bottom to also apply for allotments on this site (with Marlow residents still getting preference on the waiting list).

As always, if you are interested in an allotment, please reach out to the Town Council Office or the Marlow Allotment Association, to arrange a visit to the plots in use and the ones that are currently available.



→ Our proposed budget is based on cautious and realistic planning

# RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT 2025/26 CONTINUED...



## Events

We continued to organise our traditional, much-loved community events this year, with record attendances: over 5,000 at the Remembrance service, around 3,000 people on the High Street for the Christmas Lights Switch-On with Carol Kirkwood and 1,000 people singing together at Carols On The Causeway. Organising these events is no mean feat, and we are all grateful for the efforts of the Town Council Officers in pulling these together.

The Council also had a stall in the "Green Village" at the Marlow Carnival in September to engage with and listen to residents. We hosted a Conker Competition, a Bag for Life rehoming scheme, a poetry competition and we sourced ideas for displays in our High Street phone boxes (more on that below).

We added a new series of events, namely a quarterly "Community Forum", to bring all community organisations and charities serving the Marlow community together. The purpose of these Forums is to understand local organisations' needs and create connections and support opportunities for collaboration between them. At our events in October 2025 and March 2026 we had tens of different organisations represented on each occasion.

## Grants

Since 1981, Marlow Town Council, in line with most other Town and Parish Councils, has offered small grants to local community organisations to support their work in our community.

In the past year, we have awarded £2,500 in grants to Lighthouse Marlow (support for moving their storage to St Peter's School), Marlow Town Regatta & Festival (support for organising their family day), Marlow United Charities

(support for food vouchers for school children in Marlow) and Chiltern Arts (support for a classical music concert where under 16s go free, taking place on 20th May 2026 in All Saints Church).

In preparation for the coming financial year, we have revamped our Community Grant scheme, making it more transparent, structured, and more impactful. A total of up to £30,000 in funding is being made available across three rounds, with organisations needing to clearly demonstrate how their proposed project benefits our community. More information can be found on our website.

## Assets & investments

Compared to other local town councils, Marlow has a limited number of assets and investments, but we still want to ensure that the community obtains the maximum benefit from them. We are therefore actively monitoring our investments with the CCLA and will be trialling a new platform in the next financial year to earn more interest on our cash.

We are investigating and costing the refurbishment and alternative uses of the cemetery chapel and also how best to utilise the strip of land along the footpath near the doctor's surgery and Dedmere Rise.

In August 2025, the Town Council adopted two old BT phone boxes on the High Street (for £1 each), with the purpose of making these available to the community for displays. The primary purpose is the showcase community organisations and charities, but we are open to pop-up ideas and business use too. We received lots of ideas at the Marlow Carnival, including several for an art exhibition, which you should have been able to admire already. Thank you Holly Anastasia Art and Marlow Art Trail for being our first exhibitors.

➔ We continued to organise our traditional community events this year

## Chair, Cllr Olwen Elliott

Marlow Town Council is a statutory consultee in the decision-making process for local planning applications, covering building, licencing and tree works. Following a change in timings from Buckinghamshire Council, the Planning and Transport Committee now meets every fortnight, rather than once every three weeks, in order to view planning applications by the dates required. Another change this year is that Bucks Council has removed the visibility of public comments in the county planning portal, so if you wish Marlow Town Council to take your views into consideration, please contact the office with your information. This can be done most efficiently via email [office@marlow-tc.gov.uk](mailto:office@marlow-tc.gov.uk) but officers can be contacted by telephone if email is not possible. Planning meetings are open to the public and you are welcome to attend. This year we have included a short slot at the start of each meeting for members of the public to speak if they wish.



## Local Plan for Buckinghamshire

The new Local Plan for Buckinghamshire took a further step forward, with the Regulation 18 public consultation between September and October last year. To help residents make their views heard, we set up a drop-in session displaying the key sections of the plan and sign-posted people to Bucks Council's online feedback system. We also highlighted issues which would be of specific relevance to Marlow and gathered comments from residents. From the feedback received, our Local Plan Working Group pulled together a submission which was approved by the Town Council and uploaded to Bucks Council's consultation portal. In February, Bucks Council published their Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment, which showed areas across the county which were considered possible for future development or for Gypsy and Traveller sites, plus those areas for which the current green belt designation may change. We publicised the interactive map locally, collated comments received, and uploaded a document onto the consultation portal following Town Council approval in March. The submissions for both these Local Plan consultations can be found in the minutes of the relevant meeting on the Town Council website. Two additional consultations, on Parking Standards and Design Code, which have very short turnaround times, have been highlighted on the Town Council website and close today (May 12th).

The next stage for the Bucks Local Plan is publication of the plan via a Regulation 19 public consultation, expected in July. The remit for this stage is different from the previous consultations, in that only representations about the legality and soundness of the plan are considered. For example, a submission objecting to a site's development would be valid if supported by information showing that the evidence that Bucks had used was incorrect, but would not be valid without that proof. We intend to help residents access this plan and voice any concerns, with the mechanism of this being decided shortly.

## Marlow Film Studios approval

The most significant information for the town on the planning front this year was undoubtedly the approval of the Marlow Film Studios application last November, following a call-in by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government. The decision document stated that the proposal was inappropriate development in the Green Belt, but that the promised benefits gave the required 'very special circumstances' for approval. In March of this year, your Council had a meeting with the developer, to discuss the company's plans to engage with the Marlow community. This meeting was recorded and a link can be found on the Meetings page of the website: Meetings, Agendas and Minutes - Marlow Town Council. We intend to work towards getting the best outcome for residents and ensuring that people's concerns are heard.



## LOCAL PLAN for Buckinghamshire

*Shaping the future together*





Several parts of the Local Plan deal with issues associated with climate change, including the need for mitigation and adaptation – so that new buildings incorporate measures to improve energy efficiency and also are able to cope with the expected increases in temperature and flooding. These aspects are obviously also relevant to the current housing stock and therefore it's sensible to consider going above the legal minimum if making changes to a property. Over the next year, the Planning Committee intends to work with local architects and builders to promote the options to do this, as part of the Care for our Town theme.

## Transport

Transport is a key part of the Committee's remit and we are working on how to make the current local bus provision more attractive to the people who are most likely to use it. We are collaborating with Bucks Council and neighbouring parishes, all of whom subsidise routes 156, 158 and 160, to improve the value for money.

We are conscious of the problems of congestion and parking in the town and wish to work alongside our Bucks Councillors to tackle these issues. We have ideas we want to trial to reduce the number of cars searching for a parking place in the High Street, while at the same time enabling residents who are less mobile to access the amenities of the town centre more easily. To reduce the number of additional vehicles that arrive in Marlow due to its success as a visitor destination town, we will encourage people to travel by public transport and help those who decide to drive to find parking away from the centre.

To evaluate how to encourage more people to walk, wheel and cycle instead of taking short car trips into town, we have initiated the first steps to creating a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for Marlow. Once 'adopted' by Bucks Council, this will enable Marlow to bid for infrastructure money and support which the draft Local Plan indicates will only be available to towns with an LCWIP in place. Creation of Marlow's LCWIP can only be done with volunteer input – so please do email the office if you are interested in helping, and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

The Committee is looking forward to helping make a positive difference to Marlow over the coming year.



## Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)

➔ We will work to tackle the issues of congestion and parking in town

# STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY

# 2026 - 2029

## Our vision

Marlow is a thriving, welcoming town where people can move around safely and easily, care for their environment, and come together to support and celebrate their community. The town values its rich history and is committed to building a future that works for everyone.

## Our mission

Marlow Town Council will work together with residents, businesses, visitors, and partner organisations to deliver meaningful improvements across four key areas: strengthening our community, protecting, and enhancing our environment, enabling safe and convenient travel, and managing public money wisely.

## Our strategic themes

### Care of our town

We aim to make our town a clean, sustainable place, resilient to climate and environmental change. We will support the wellbeing and safety of residents.

### A connected community

We aim to create an inclusive and connected community in Marlow, where people of all ages and backgrounds feel involved, supported and inspired to contribute. We will organise and support events, work with our local community organisations and identify other opportunities to create community connections.

### Moving around Marlow

We aim for everyone to travel safely and conveniently around the local area, supporting an accessible town. We will support reliable public transport services, walking and cycling as realistic, healthy, and viable alternatives to driving short journeys.

### Optimising assets & investments

We will responsibly manage our financial and non-financial assets, assessing risks and opportunities involved. We aim to generate greater community value and benefit for residents by unlocking value from the council's assets, including land, property, and investments.

## How we will deliver

**Community engagement**  
through forums, events, and partnerships.

**Dedicated working groups**  
led by councillors for each theme.

**Evidence-based decisions**  
using data, surveys, and expert input

**Transparent reporting**  
with regular progress updates to residents.

**Our values: Sustainability • Transparency • Inclusivity • Collaboration • Enthusiasm**

## Projects under each theme

### Care of our town

Climate adaptation plan  
Extreme events plan  
Litter management  
Water testing

### Community

Democracy in schools  
New residents welcome pack  
Volunteering platform  
Community Grants

### Transport

Town bus  
LCWIP  
Survey  
Out of town parking

### Assets

Financial Investments  
Chapel refurbishment  
Old Foxes Piece playground management  
Phone boxes

→ Strategic themes: care of our town, community, transport and assets

# PLAN FOR MARLOW

# 2026 - 2029

## This is Marlow's plan. And it belongs to all of us.

Marlow Town Council has worked on a three-year plan: we want every resident to know what's in it, why it matters, and how you can be part of it. This isn't a document that sits on a shelf. It's a set of real commitments, real projects and real people working to make Marlow better.

Everything we do is guided by two simple ideas:

**"Marlow will be a town where people are proud to live - clean, green, connected, and ready for whatever the future brings."**

And the way we'll get there:

**"We will listen to our residents, manage our resources wisely, and partner with local organisations to deliver real improvements across four priorities."**

## The team behind it all

Before we get into the projects, a word about the people who make it all possible. Marlow Town Council's office staff are the engine behind everything in this plan. While councillors lead on projects and strategy, our office team keeps the council running every single day - answering residents' calls and emails, coordinating with Buckinghamshire Council, administering grants, managing our assets, and supporting every meeting, event, and initiative. They are why things get done, and they deserve to be recognised for it.

## Our strategic themes

- Care for our town
- Getting around more easily
- A connected community
- Making the most of what we own

## Caring for our town

**Is our river safe? Are our streets clean? Are we ready for climate change? We're going to find out - and do something about it.**

Marlow is a beautiful town. But beauty takes work and climate change means that work is getting harder. This theme is our commitment to protect the environment we

all love, keep our streets and parks clean, and make sure our community is ready for whatever the future brings.

**Behind the scenes:** Our office team liaises daily with Buckinghamshire Council and the Environment Agency, coordinates grant applications for environmental projects, and makes sure residents' concerns about the local environment reach the right people.

## The projects

**Is our river safe to swim in? We're going to find out - and tell you.**

**River water testing** - Cllr Boulay & Cllr Elliott

We're working with Marlow Society and the rowing club, alongside with our neighbouring towns to set up testing of river water in the Thames for sewage contamination. We aim to publish the results so rowers, swimmers, anglers, residents, and visitors can keep themselves informed and safe. We'll contribute to the collective along the river to influence key players such as Thames Water and the Environment Agency to restore water quality and nature depending on it.

Interested in volunteering to help with testing? Get in touch with the council [office@marlow-tc.gov.uk](mailto:office@marlow-tc.gov.uk)

**What happens to Marlow if the river floods, the power goes out, or something else goes wrong?**

**Getting ready for extreme events** - Cllr Nuttall & Cllr Elliott

We're building practical guidance and resources to help residents prepare for emergencies - from floods to power cuts. We'll work with emergency services and national frameworks to make sure Marlow has a clear, accessible plan.

Watch out for more information coming soon on the council website.

**A cleaner Marlow starts with all of us.**

**Tackling waste & litter** - Cllr Hawkins & Cllr Simnett

We're working with High Street businesses, schools, parks, and residents to make Marlow cleaner and greener. From smarter bins to youth 'adopt a street' schemes, to working with Buckinghamshire Council's new litter enforcement team - this is about civic pride, and it belongs to everyone.

Schools, businesses, and community groups: talk to us about getting involved [office@marlow-tc.gov.uk](mailto:office@marlow-tc.gov.uk)

**→ We want every resident to know what is in our three-year plan**

# PLAN FOR MARLOW 2026 - 2029 CONTINUED...

**The Climate Adaptation Plan: investing now to prepare for the future.**

**Community Resilience** - Cllr Boulay, Cllr Whelan & Cllr Schoofs

We're creating a Strategic Adaptation for Emergency Resilience (SAFER) plan for Marlow, following a model developed by the Climate Majority Project - and we want residents to help write it. A community forum will bring people together to identify Marlow's biggest climate risks and decide how we respond.

Watch out for more information coming in soon on the council website.

## Getting around more easily

Whether you walk, cycle, drive, or take the bus - getting around Marlow should be safer, simpler, and less stressful.

We don't control Marlow's roads - Buckinghamshire Council does. But we can build the evidence, make the case, and push hard for the changes residents want to see.

**Behind the scenes:** Our office team handles responses to every planning application, keeps residents informed about road changes and consultations, and makes sure councillors have what they need to make the strongest possible case to Buckinghamshire Council.

## The projects

**Before we can fix it, we need to map it.**

**Building the evidence for better active travel infrastructure** - Cllr Skoyles, Cllr Elliott & Cllr Whelan

We want to enable residents to circulate within the Marlow town boundaries easily and safely. We're developing a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) to map where routes are missing, dangerous or disconnected - a proper evidence base that gives us the best chance of influencing real investment in Marlow's streets. This will be the foundation for future projects- from pushing for new crossings, and arguing for better bus connections, to applying for infrastructure funding.

Have a route in mind that needs capturing? Tell us at [office@marlow-tc.gov.uk](mailto:office@marlow-tc.gov.uk)

## Shared mobility.

**Develop alternatives to private, single occupancy car use – investigating service improvements to meet residents' needs** – Cllr Elliott & Cllr Schoofs

We are collaborating with Buckinghamshire Council and other stakeholders to make improvements to the service currently provided by the town bus. The aim is to develop a service which better suits residents' needs and is more cost efficient. We will also investigate options for lift-share and car-share (car clubs) with proposals being brought



forward if an attractive solution is found.

We will establish how the highway space is used in Marlow, make proposals for changes, and work with BC to trial them where possible, capturing information before and after, and consulting with residents and businesses to decide whether to press for permanent adoption.

This could include:

- Parking initiatives (considering the needs of residents, workers, and visitors) e.g. public on-street and off-street parking and Park & Ride /Park & Stride.
- Use of the town centre public space, prioritising pedestrian safety, and comfort.
- Propose modification of current highway systems such as speed limits and traffic routes within the town to improve traffic flow, ease congestion, reduce air pollution and decrease risk for vulnerable road users.

## A connected community

**Marlow's greatest asset isn't its High Street or its river. It's its people.**

From the volunteers who run food collections, to the young people making a difference, to the organisations keeping residents connected, Marlow works because people care. Our job is to support that, amplify it, and make sure nobody gets left behind. We celebrate it through our events and grants.

**Behind the scenes:** Our office team administers the Community Grant Scheme, organises the Community Forum, coordinates the events, such as the Remembrance Service, the Christmas Lights Switch and Carols on the Causeway, and is the first point of contact for the dozens of community organisations who rely on the council for support and signposting.

➔ **A set of real commitments, real projects and real people**

# PLAN FOR MARLOW 2026 - 2029 CONTINUED...

## The projects

### Welcoming our new residents.

#### Marlow Welcome Pack - Cllr Schoofs

We want to welcome new residents to our town and point them to all the relevant resources, to make them feel at home.

Are you an estate agent or do you know new residents? Please get in touch to help us distribute the information.

### Bringing organisations and good will together.

#### Volunteering Hub – Cllr Schoofs

We want to support every community organisation in the town to access the overwhelming good will that characterise our residents. We have started engaging with all charities and other local initiatives through the community organisations forum. The output of the volunteering forum will help us shape a proposal to be reviewed with all.

Chairs and trustees – do reach out to the office with feedback/comments.

### The voters of tomorrow are in our schools today.

#### Democracy in Schools - Cllr Riches, Cllr Towns & Cllr Boulay

We want every child in Marlow to understand how democracy works, why their vote matters, and what a town council actually does. Working with Marlow's school heads, we'll revive an age-appropriate programme that brings local democracy to life in the classroom.

Teachers and heads: we'd love to hear from you **office@marlow-tc.gov.uk**

## Making the most of what we own

### The council owns buildings, land and assets that belong to Marlow. We're determined to make them work harder - for residents, and for the town's finances.

From an Edwardian chapel to a strip of unused land, from repurposed phone boxes to our allotment sites - Marlow Town Council has a few assets that are underused. Every project in this theme is expected to cover its own costs and deliver real benefit. We'll keep residents informed and involved as each one develops.

**Behind the scenes:** Our office team manages the council's full asset register, supports the legal and planning processes around property, handles bookings and lettings, and ensures every financial decision meets the council's compliance obligations.

## The projects

### An Edwardian chapel that has barely been used - could it become a community space?

### Cemetery Chapel refurbishment - Cllr Simnett, Cllr Towns, Cllr Nuttall & Cllr Elliott

We're exploring the restoration of the cemetery chapel into a practical, welcoming space - available for funeral services, wakes, and community events that suit the setting. The crypt will provide much-needed council storage. The aim is for the chapel to cover its own costs and generate a small surplus.

Watch out for more information coming in soon on the council website **www.marlow-tc.gov.uk**

### A piece of land that's been sitting empty for years. What should we do with it?

#### Strip of land near the Doctor's Surgery - Cllr Simnett, Cllr Towns, Cllr Nuttall & Cllr Elliott

This unused MTC-owned land has been empty for years. A local organisation has expressed interest in buying it for parking. But we want residents to have a say first - a consultation will set out the options with their pros and cons before any decision is made.

Watch out for the resident consultation - your view matters.

### Our phone boxes: Just getting started.

#### Telephone boxes - Cllr Simnett, Cllr Towns & Cllr Nuttall

You may have already spotted the first community art display in our repurposed High Street phone boxes - a pop-up gallery by local artists. That's just the beginning. We have renovated all boxes and are opening the two located on the High Street to community organisations, charities, and local businesses as changing display spaces.

Want to use a phone box for your organisation? Contact the office.



## Want to know more?

All our council meetings are open to the public - come along and have your say. Progress on every project will be reported in future editions of The Marlovian and on our website. And if you have a question, an idea, or just want to get involved, we'd love to hear from you.

Email: **office@marlow-tc.gov.uk**

Call: **01628 484024**

**www.marlow-tc.gov.uk**

➔ Progress on every project will be reported in The Marlovian

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# 2025/26

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