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Michael Cutler
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Q&A with private client expert Michael Cutler

Following his recent arrival at Blaser Mills Law, we sat down with Michael Cutler, a highly experienced Wills, Trusts and Probate specialist, to discuss his longstanding connection to the local area and his experience advising families across Berkshire and Buckinghamshire.

What is your connection to Marlow and the local community?

Marlow has been home for around 45 years, so I have very strong roots in the local area. My children attended local schools including Danesfield, Sir William Borlase's Grammar School and John Hampden, and my grandchildren are now growing up here too.

Having lived and worked locally for so long, I have a real understanding of the people, families and businesses that make this area such a special place. Many of the clients I advise are local families who value trusted, long-term relationships with their advisers.

Building those relationships and supporting generations of families as they plan ahead is one of the most rewarding aspects of my work.

Tell us about your experience and areas of expertise?

I have specialised exclusively in private client law for more than 30 years, advising individuals and families across Berkshire and Buckinghamshire on Wills, trusts, estate planning and inheritance tax matters.

A key area of my work is the use of trusts as part of practical inheritance tax and estate planning. Many clients want to ensure their wealth is protected and passed on in the most effective way possible, but the options can often feel complex. My role is to make those choices clear and accessible, so clients can make informed decisions with confidence.

I believe private client advice should always be personal, straight forward and reassuring. These are

often sensitive and important family matters, and clients should feel fully supported at every stage.

What type of clients do you typically work with?

Almost everyone benefits from having proper private client planning in place. I work with individuals, couples and families who want peace of mind that everything is structured correctly for the future, whether that involves Wills, Lasting Powers of Attorney or trust planning.

I also support clients with more complex estates, including business owners and those with inheritance tax exposure, pension death benefits, life insurance policies or other assets that require careful structuring. The aim is always to put the right arrangements in place to protect wealth and make things as straightforward as possible for the next generation.

What was your first impression of Blaser Mills?

Blaser Mills Law has an excellent reputation across the region, which I was already very aware of before joining. What stood out immediately was the combination of strong technical expertise and a genuinely approachable culture. There is a clear focus on building long-term client relationships and delivering practical, high-quality advice in a supportive environment, which very much aligns with my own approach.

Can you tell us something interesting about yourself?

Outside of work, I have been involved in target shooting for many years. I shoot competitively and have represented both England and Great Britain, including winning a Commonwealth medal.

To enquire about our Private Client services, contact Michael Cutler at michael.cutler@blasermills.co.uk.

Mayor's Message

Marlow Town Council elects a new Mayor and Deputy Mayor



*Photo: Cllr Jennifer Simnett, Mayor of Marlow and Cllr Olwen Elliott, Deputy Mayor of Marlow 2026 – 2027
Photo credit: Paul Merchant, My Marlow*

Residents and community representatives gathered at Court Garden House on Tuesday, 12th May for the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of Marlow Town Council, marking an important occasion in the civic calendar. The evening began with the Annual Parish Meeting, where the outgoing Mayor presented an overview of the Council's Annual Parish Report for 2025–2026. The report highlights the Council's achievements, projects and community initiatives over the past year and its strategic plan for the future. (See page 9 to read the Annual Parish Report.)

The subsequent Annual Meeting saw the formal election of Cllr Jennifer Simnett as Mayor and Cllr Olwen Elliott as Deputy Mayor for the 2026–2027 civic year, alongside the appointment of committee members and committee chairs across the Council. Speaking following the meeting, the newly elected Mayor, Cllr Jenny Simnett said:

"It is a tremendous honour to be elected Mayor of Marlow Town Council. I look forward to working closely with fellow councillors, local organisations, and residents to continue building a vibrant, welcoming, and forward-looking community for everyone."

The Council also thanked the outgoing Mayor, Cllr Muryel Boulay for their service and dedication throughout the 2025–2026 civic year.

The newly appointed committees will now begin work on delivering the Council's priorities and supporting local initiatives across Marlow over the coming year.

A message from your new Mayor

It is a tremendous honour and privilege to serve as your new Mayor. I would like to thank my fellow councillors for placing their trust in me, and I look forward to representing our community over the coming year.

Our town is a place with a proud history, a strong sense of identity, and, most importantly, wonderful people. From our local businesses and community groups to our volunteers, schools, and residents, it is the people here who make our town such a special place to live, work, and visit. I am incredibly proud to take on this role and to support the many individuals and organisations who work tirelessly to improve life for everyone in our community.

As Mayor, I hope to be visible, approachable, and engaged with residents of all ages. One of the aspects I am most looking forward to is attending local events, meeting community groups, and celebrating the achievements of the people who contribute so much to our town every day. Whether it is recognising the dedication of volunteers, supporting local charities, or encouraging initiatives that bring people together, I believe that civic pride and community spirit are more important than ever.

The coming year will no doubt bring challenges, but it will also bring opportunities. By working together respectfully and positively, we can continue to strengthen our town and ensure it remains a welcoming and vibrant place for future generations. I am particularly keen to support the progress of strategic projects that encourage community involvement, improve our environment, optimally utilise our assets and promote easy navigation of Marlow for residents and visitors.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the previous Mayor for her hard work and commitment during her term of office. Serving the community is a responsibility that requires dedication and time, and her contribution is greatly appreciated.

Finally, I encourage residents to stay connected with the Town Council and take an active interest in local matters. Your ideas, feedback, and involvement help shape the future of our town and ensure that the Council reflects the needs and aspirations of the community it serves.

I am truly excited for the year ahead and look forward to meeting many of you at events and activities throughout the town. Together, I am confident we can continue building a strong, supportive, and thriving community.

Cllr Jennifer Simnett

Marlow Town Mayor



Town Council News

Summer 2026

MTC Community Fund

Marlow Town Council has launched its new Community Fund, designed to support local community organisations, charities and clubs delivering projects, events and new ideas that benefit the town and its residents.

The Community Fund will provide Community Grants of up to £1,500 per organisation per financial year, with three application rounds per year to ensure projects taking place at different times of year can be supported.

The scheme was launched on 3rd February 2026, initially as a pilot, allowing the Council to gather valuable learning and feedback to shape how the scheme operates going forward. The aim is to gain a wider perspective on the funds required and to implement a grant process that is fair and transparent.

The £30k Grant Fund is open to registered not-for-profit organisations delivering community-focused activity aligned with the Town Council's vision and priorities. Applications will be assessed for their community impact, innovation and the ability to deliver.

www.marlow-tc.gov.uk/marlow-town-council-community-fund

Bunting and hanging baskets

Rows of red, white, and blue bunting and hanging baskets adorn the streets, courtesy of Marlow Town Council's thoughtful investment. The vibrant colours create a charming display that adds a touch of warmth and festivity to Marlow's bustling streets. The baskets and planters are a riot of colour, both schemes reflecting the Council's commitment to enhancing the town's ambience and fostering a sense of unity among residents.

Best Kept Village Competition

Marlow is gearing up for the annual Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition this year, aiming to present itself at its absolute best for judging between 1st June and mid-July. The competition, established in 1957 under the guidance of Sir Francis Dashwood and the Local Councils' Association, draws participants from villages and towns across Buckinghamshire looking to showcase their unique charm and character. The objective is to encourage entrants to work together as a community, involving all age groups, to make villages and towns more attractive places for residents and for visitors. Marlow won the Michaelis cup in 2024.



Please help us ensure that the town is tidy and looking its best!

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Civic Celebration

Young People's Civic Award winners celebrated



The Civic Celebration was held on March 29th at Liston Hall where the outgoing Mayor welcomed over 100 guests, amongst them, members from local community organisations, local dignitaries and the Young People's Civic Award winners and their families.

As part of her opening address, Cllr Boulay said: "We are here to celebrate our young people, their energy, their ideas, their achievements. And the power of a close-knit community that supports and uplifts them. Because when we invest in our youth, we invest in our future."



Cllr Boulay was especially delighted during the event to present awards to three very deserving young people.

Millie Dowler received the Mayor's Community Champion Award for transforming grief into community action.

The Mayor's Young Innovator Award went to Josh Mustard who demonstrated his entrepreneurship by starting up his own dog biscuit business.

The Mayor's Choice Award was awarded to Andrew Somers for caring for his father for a number of years while he has undergone treatment to manage a brain tumour.



Walking Challenge

Outgoing Mayor raises over £2,000 for local causes

As her year in office came to a close, outgoing Mayor Cllr Muryel Boulay set herself a simple challenge: to walk every day during her final month in office while raising money for two local causes. What began as a fundraising effort soon became a rewarding community experience, with residents, friends, local groups and businesses joining Cllr Boulay on her daily walks for conversation, companionship and laughter.

The challenge raised an impressive £2,000 for Wild Marlow and Brighter Futures Together.

Reflecting on the experience, Cllr Boulay said:

"The walking itself was wonderful, but the best part was spending time with the people who joined me. The conversations and connections made every step worthwhile.

I hope this challenge shows that small things really can make a big difference. Walking is good for both our physical and mental wellbeing, and spending time outdoors with others is so positive."

The initiative highlighted the value of community spirit, staying active and connecting with others while supporting local causes.

Cllr Boulay, who plans to continue weekly walks with residents, thanked everyone who joined, donated or offered encouragement throughout the month.





Walking, Wheeling & Cycling

Marlow is creating a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

Marlow Town Council is pleased to announce the initiation of a project to develop a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for the town, which will identify and prioritise improvements to routes for walking, wheeling and cycling. The aim is to create a safe, accessible network for residents of all ages and abilities, including users of manual and motorised wheelchairs.

An increased number of people choosing to travel by these methods can benefit the whole community in terms of safer and more pleasant streets, reduced congestion and increased footfall for businesses – as well as resulting in significant health improvements for individuals.

Having a Marlow LCWIP will enable future planning to be conducted with these infrastructure needs in mind. This includes factoring them in when making other changes (for example when tackling flood risk), as well as directly feeding into Buckinghamshire

Council's travel investment plans and helping secure government funding to implement the suggestions made. The aim is to involve as many members of the community as possible in the creation of the LCWIP, to clearly communicate during the various stages of its development and to consult at the critical decision points so all views can be expressed and considered.



At this early stage of the project, the recently convened working group of councillors and other volunteers welcomes your input, whether that is a concern or an opportunity, something that impacts you or would help others, a small gain or a sweeping idea. We will be in the Active Travel area of the Green Village on the Regatta's free Family Day (Sunday, 14th June). Please come along to hear about how we will create the LCWIP, share your thoughts, or simply to discuss travel in the town. Alternatively, head to www.marlow-tc.gov.uk/active-travel to give your comments.

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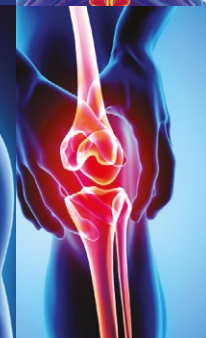
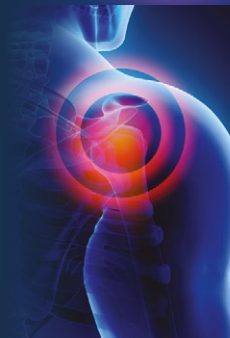
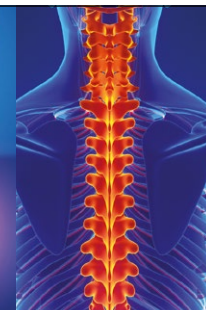


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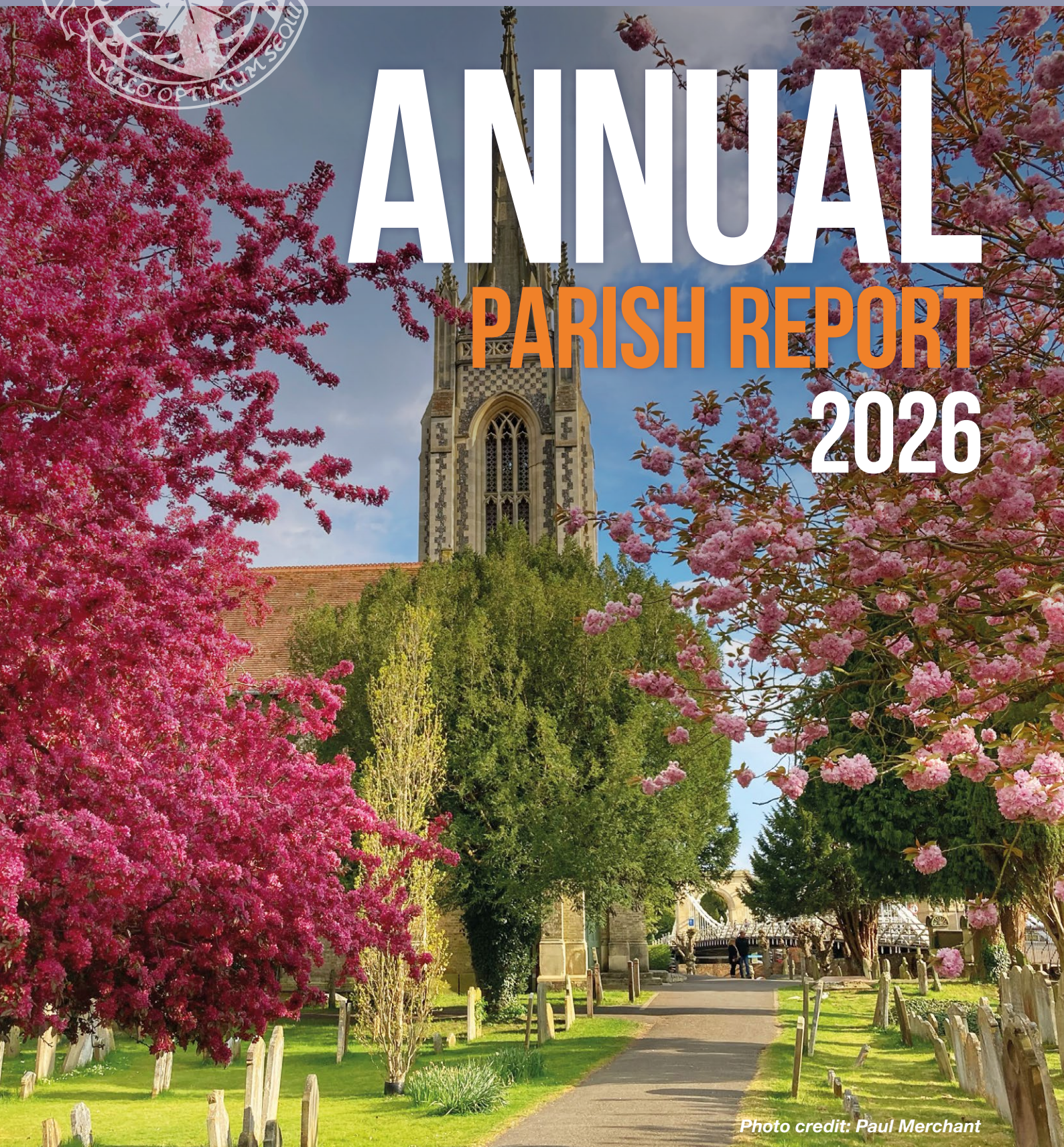


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MARLOWTOWNCOUNCIL

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.



Photo: Community Forum. Credit: Jon Perry

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

RESOURCES COMMITTEE

REPORT 2025/26

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

PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

REPORT 2025/26

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 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



➔ Planning meetings are open to the public and you are welcome to attend



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

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

→ **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

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**

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➔ **Progress on every project will be reported in The Marlovian**

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MARLOWTOWNCOUNCIL

Marlow Mentions

Community highlights



Chiltern Music Academy concert

On Saturday 7th March, Deputy Mayor Jenny Simnett attended a concert by Chiltern Music Academy in All Saints Church, Marlow, organised by the Rotary Club of Marlow. The church was packed with proud parents and friends. She was hugely impressed with the young people's range of musical and singing talent. Chatting to some of them during the intermission, she heard about their commitment to rehearsal, how some were hoping to study music at university and the social life which came with their membership.



Great British Spring Clean in Marlow

Marlow residents came together on Saturday, 28th March, for the Great British Spring Clean, showing strong community spirit and pride in the town. Volunteers of all ages helped clear litter from streets, parks, and public spaces, making a visible difference across Marlow. Equipped with litter pickers and bags, they worked together to help keep the town clean, green and welcoming for everyone. Marlow Town Council thanks everyone who took part and gives special thanks to the Marlow Wombles for their continued dedication all year. Residents are encouraged to continue caring for the town and inspiring others to do the same.



Marlow Age Concern lunch club

Staying connected, active and eating well matters more than ever as we age. Whether you live alone, want to



meet new people or take a break from daily cooking, this friendly lunch club offers a delicious two-course meal in a warm, relaxed setting. Guests often say it's the highlight of their week, a place filled with laughter, conversation and friendship, both old and new. Regular outings give you something to look forward to, helping you to stay socially connected and active.

The friendly volunteers are always ready with a warm welcome and a smile and you don't have to worry about getting to us, we can arrange to collect you and drop you home again.

If you or someone you know would enjoy great food and friendly company, come along and give us a try. Please call Laura on **01628 482883**.

Gunthorpe Road Resident Surgery

A second Resident Surgery was held on Saturday, 25th April on the Gunthorpe Road grass area. Marlow Town councillors Jenny Simnett, Emma Hawkins and Muryel Boulay spoke to approximately 60 residents from the estate about their issues. They were joined by Red Kite community engagement and development representatives, Thames Valley Police and Bucks Council councillors, Anna Crabtree and Carol Heap. Key concerns were the Shelley Road planned development of the old garages, parking, trees and fly tipping. Marlow Town councillors and Red Kite have since met to agree actions related to the issues raised and will be posting feedback to residents via the Gunthorpe Road Facebook page.





MARLOW TOWN REGATTA AND FESTIVAL 2026



Saturday 13th June

Times 8.00 am - 10.00 pm. Entry is via a ticket and wristband.

Rowing Junior and Adaptive races. Coordinated by **Marlow Rowing Club**.

Picnic Pitches allow guests to host gatherings inside the **Regatta Enclosures**.

Jim Campbell Riverside Enclosure Maintains the traditional dress code and is next to the rowing.

Upper Enclosure showcases the Music Festival amidst a display of classic cars and bikes.

Music **Marlow FM 97.5** will be hosting a mix of music and interviews. Live music from 2.30 pm to 10.00 pm

Food and Drink varied stalls and the **Marlow Round Table Riverside Bar**

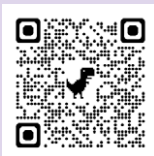
Schools Art Competition

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Saturday Music Festival
2.30 pm to 10.00 pm

Glee Club Choir
Dave Dunbar
Shotgun Approach
El Guapo - Crowdaoke
These Certain People

Sunday 14th June

Times 9.00 am - 4.30 pm. Free Entry
Family Friendly Entertainment

Dragon Boat Festival

Round Table Bar

Trade, Craft and Food Stalls

Bouncy Castle & Slide

Basil & Crew Petting Farm

Marlow Art Trail

Bake Off Competition

Churches Together Sunday Service

Marlow Primary Schools Choir

Come Bye - Duck & Sheep Herding

Tina and the Dreams Band

Circus Passion Display

Dance2Salsa Display

Jam Theatre Performance

The Fun Dog Show

Marlow Town Regatta



Discover and explore the festival's Green Village

Sunday 14th June is the Regatta's free Family Day. Pop into the Green Village, above the arena, by Sir Steve's statue. Around a calm area for children's play, with building blocks, Jenga and juggling, local eco-oriented groups will welcome you and demonstrate what they do.

Active Travel wants to help people walk, wheel and cycle. Give your ideas to go into Marlow Town Council's Local



Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) that's just getting started.

Repair Café's working repair station will offer a helping hand at repairing almost anything!

Marlow Energy's advice on energy savings, and the use of low carbon technologies will help your home become greener. SaveEnergy can explain the benefits of a professional energy survey.

Meet Marlow Wombles, have a chat and try the litter-picking challenge. Learn how you can be part of the Town Council's litter reduction plan.

Find out about the future of Little Marlow Lakes Country Park, our precious recreational green area, abundant with wildlife. The Bucks, Berks and Oxon Wildlife Trust will explain the opportunities available at the many local nature reserves. A local beekeeper will share his knowledge about our vital pollinators.

So come to discover, join in, and to tell us about challenges and opportunities you have come across in green Marlow!



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Back To Nature

Wild Marlow and Brighter Futures Together unite for project

Each year, the Mayor of Marlow supports local causes that make a difference in the community. Last year's chosen causes; Brighter Futures Together and Wild Marlow, teamed up to deliver a nature-focused Easter holiday session for local young people.

The day began at Spade Oak Lake Nature Reserve, where young people took part in bird spotting and nature activities with support from Bucks Bird Club. Despite the

lively group, they spotted 27 bird species – and for some participants, it was a rare chance to spend time outdoors exploring nature.

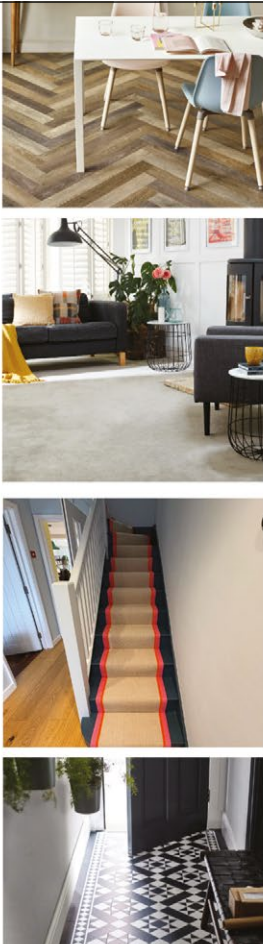
The session continued at Marlow Youth & Community Centre with a hands-on workshop led by Bisham Nest Box Group. Young people built and decorated bird boxes and seed feeders, with additional feeders installed at the centre.



The day ended with a shared healthy meal, giving young people the chance to connect, try something new, and enjoy time together.

The project highlighted the impact local organisations can have when working together – creating opportunities for young people while supporting local wildlife.

To find out more about Brighter Futures Together visit **brighterfuturestogether.org.uk** and Wild Marlow visit **wildmarlow.org.uk**





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Girlguiding in Marlow

1st Marlow Brownies are 100 years old!



Girlguiding has been active in Marlow for more than 100 years and in December 2026 the 1st Marlow Brownie unit will be celebrating their 100th birthday.

Guiding gives girls a safe space to build confidence, have fun and enjoy adventures while supporting their community through activities including a Christmas concert at Cliveden Manor care home, litter picking in Higginson Park and watering trees in Seymour Park orchard. Brownies are now preparing for an ocean-themed holiday featuring a silent disco beach party, sea glass art, science crafts and outdoor cooking, while three members have recently achieved the Gold Award, the highest Brownie honour.

Our 100th birthday is also going to be a time to celebrate with some special events already being planned. We would be excited to hear from anyone who was a member of the unit in the past. Please contact us at marlowdistrictgg@gmail.com

Girls can join Guiding from the age of 4 years as a Rainbow before joining Brownies at 7, Guides at 10 years old before moving to Rangers when they are 14.

To register your daughter, please email marlowdistrictgg@gmail.com. Units are run by volunteer leaders. It is a fun and rewarding role where you can learn skills and be a role model for girls. Other volunteer roles help with our admin and accounts. Could you give your time to make Guiding happen in Marlow? If you would like to find out more, please get in touch by email.



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Marlow Inner Wheel

Johnny Ball speaks at 69th birthday tea

Members and friends of Marlow Inner Wheel were entertained by Johnny Ball at their 69th birthday tea in April. The popular television personality, children's presenter, writer and populariser of mathematics, gave a fascinating and entertaining talk on his life, from a Butlins redcoat, a stand-up comedian and a presenter of the children's programme, *Play School* to his series on mathematics. He even demonstrated his remarkable memory by reciting *The Magna Carta*, a monologue by Marriott Edgar, made famous by Stanley Holloway. Following the talk, a sumptuous tea, baked and prepared by members, was enjoyed by all. The event, including a raffle for three elaborate hampers, raised £800, bringing the total raised for charities this year to over £3,000.

Inner Wheel is the largest international women's service organisation in the world. Founded in Manchester in 1924, it has spread to 104 countries and, via its seat at United Nations, has recently influenced the current campaign against violence towards women and children. Initially membership was limited to wives/partners of Rotarians, but now most clubs, including Marlow, have "open" membership.



Marlow Inner Wheel, with a healthy membership of 36, meets several times a month at local venues. Members cater for and assist at some Rotary events, including Bridge Afternoons, the Annual Senior Citizen's Boat Trips and Young Carer's Day Out, as well as holding their own fundraising events, supporting local, national and international charities, throughout the year. This fun and friendly club welcomes new members. All enquiries to **marlowinnerwheel@gmail.com**

Marlow Writers' Society

"Reflections" book launch

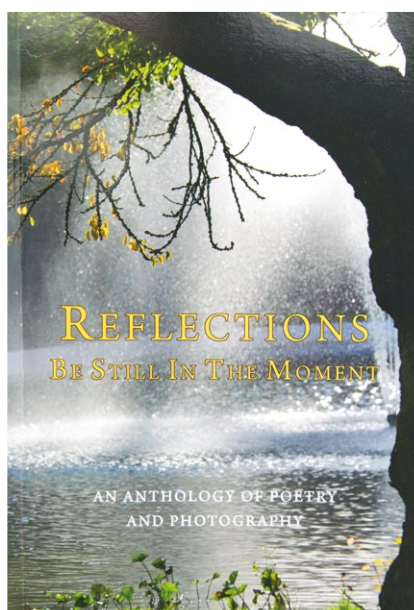
Saturday, 18th April was a special evening for the Marlow Writers' Society and the Marlow Camera Club. The launch of a new collaborative book called *Reflections – An Anthology of Poetry and Photography*.

Fourteen writers and twelve photographers shared their creative talents to achieve a high quality, full colour, well-bound publication.

Sincere thanks were expressed to all involved but especially to poet Cecelia Sadek who initiated the project and saw it through to full editing and printing; photographers Jon Perry and Catherine Day plus colleagues for their cooperative enthusiasm.

The book is in two parts. The first is where photographers supplied photos to match the poems and the second is where writers supplied poems to

match the photos. The launch was held in the Pugin Rooms at St Peters Church with over 70 attendees including our outgoing Mayor Cllr Muryel Boulay and other town counsellors, who all thoroughly enjoyed seeing and hearing the background to the photos and the readings of the accompanying poems, many of which celebrate Marlow and its beautiful surroundings.



Marlow Writers' Society Chair, Jonathan Slack presented a copy of *Reflections* to Cllr Boulay to thank her and previous Mayors for their ongoing support for such ambitious cultural endeavours.

Copies of the book can be obtained by emailing **jonathanslack26@gmail.com**



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