

Welcome

This annual report covers the period May 2009 – May 2010 (financial year ending 31st March 2010).

Although the Sandhurst Town Council is not subject to the Local Government Act 1999 ‘Best Value’ duties it has a stated policy to subscribe to the principles of the legislation and this report is prepared with this policy in mind.

We hope you find the report both helpful and informative.

Sandhurst Town Council Annual Report 2009/2010

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About Sandhurst Town Council

The Council has encapsulated its overall objectives in its Mission Statement as follows:

"Working within its legal and financial limitations, Sandhurst Town Council will endeavour to constantly improve the quality of life and community safety of all residents, either directly, or by working with others."

The parish of Sandhurst was created in 1894. The Parish Council became a Town Council in 1974.

Today there are approximately 21,500 inhabitants within the four wards of Little Sandhurst, Central Sandhurst, Owlsmoor and College Town.

'The Council' consists of 24 Members. The work of Councillors not only involves attending Council and Committee meetings but also dealing with residents' concerns and representing the Council to other organisations. Within the Sandhurst Town Council all Councillors carry out their duties on a voluntary basis.

Meetings of the Council and its Committees are open to the public and notification of the main meetings is given on notice boards and on the Town Council website.

Full Council Meetings are chaired by the Mayor, and business detail is delegated to four main Committees (Planning, Environment, Leisure and Strategy & Policy Committee). The responsibilities of each Committee are detailed in this document. The Council and its Committees meet bi-monthly and a schedule of the meeting dates for 2010/2011 Council year is attached in appendix A.

All of the Council's services are administered from the Council Offices on the Sandhurst Memorial Park, which are open Monday to Friday from 9.00 am - 5.00 pm.

Contacting the Council

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Message from the Mayor

For yet another year the Memorial Park and the events on it had a central place in the Town Council's work. There were at least 30 special events as well as numerous other activities which took place on the Park. The Groundsmen have worked extremely hard to keep the park and playing pitches in tip top condition. If anyone wonders why football matches and tournaments are cancelled they usually do not have far to look for the reason, which is usually that the ground is too wet and the pitches would be damaged by playing on them.

One of my first official appointments was to meet HRH Prince Andrew when he visited Marks & Spencer in June, a brief, but enjoyable pleasure. I also attended the 50th Anniversary of the Sandhurst Residents Association and the 60th Anniversary celebrations of Bracknell being made a Town and the 90th Anniversary of Sandhurst Women's Institute. So far this Mayoral year I have attended 59 events in Sandhurst and representing Sandhurst further afield.

During the year the Council has been in discussion with the Methodist & Baptist Churches about their proposal to build a Church/Community Centre on the Memorial Park. As a result of these meetings the Coffee Spot project supported by The Churches Together was put on hold. The substance of these deliberations with the Methodist & Baptist Churches was put as a motion to the Full Council Meeting in January, (for details see our website www.sandhurst.gov.uk). After a long discussion a vote was taken on this proposal and the motion fell by a recorded vote of 8-9 votes.

Sandhurst Arts Festival was, yet again, a huge success, the weather, though better than in 2008 turned quite chilly in the evenings. However, it was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended which included many of those who had missed the event in 2008. This coming year we will be celebrating again on July 17/18th, not a Sandhurst Freedom March as we had hoped, but with music and dance of a slightly different kind, plus all the other events which took place last year. We are hoping that the Royal Military Academy will be able to march in 2012 which is their bi-centenary year.

Owlsmoor Primary School was chosen to take part in The Hampton Court Flower Show and subsequently their garden won a gold medal. Not to be outdone Uplands School were awarded the Rights, Respect & Responsibility Award sponsored by UNICEF, I hope you have read Anita Warwick's article in the SRA's Spring Magazine. We should be rightly proud of what our schools and their pupils achieved during this last year and will, I am sure, continue to achieve.

The Council welcomed the appointment of Mr Bal Rai as Nepali Support Worker to liaise with our Nepalese residents and to help the older members of this community to find their way around our social and leisure procedures.

Councillor Alan Ward celebrated 30 years as a Councillor for Central Sandhurst. Councillor John Abrahams has suffered from ill health for most of 2009 and we wish him all the best for a good recovery.

As most of our residents will know, Councillor Raymond Simonds died just before Christmas, just after performing as Santa Claus at the switching on of the Christmas Lights. He loved to do this for the children and he will be missed for this and for the many other duties he took on as Town & Borough Councillor. As is usual after a death in office, an Election took place in February and we welcomed our new Councillor Mr Philip Wallington as Town Councillor for Owlsmoor at the March Meeting and congratulated Councillor Norman Bowers on his election to Bracknell Forest Council.

In November Sandhurst Pride was given a Silver Award at the Bracknell Forest Partnership Awards. We were just pipped to the post by BE HEARD in the Community Section. This award carried with it a prize of £200 which will be put towards offsetting the cost of our Clean Team. Whilst on the subject of the Clean Team I have to report that we have lost two of our long term sponsors, Beesley Hair & Wigs and Romans Estate Agents. The Council would like to thank them for their support in the past and in doing so all sponsors are to be given a special award for their generosity. It is good to note that vandalism and anti-social behaviour has decreased over the year especially on the Park but also in the town. Litter still presents a problem and the Clean Team are kept very busy keeping Sandhurst clean. If there is anyone out there in the community who would like to make a donation to the Clean Team then please contact the Council Office.

The Service of Remembrance was very well attended and proved a moving spectacle especially at a time when our military are involved in the war in Afghanistan and deaths there are being frequently reported. The presence of the men from the Royal Military Academy was greatly appreciated and they set the standard for the whole programme. It was heart warming to see so many young people in the crowd with their parents and so many residents wanting to pay tribute to our dead in all conflicts. Our thanks go to all the organisations who helped to make this a truly moving event.

The switching-on of the Christmas Lights which I have mentioned previously took place as usual but the weather did force an early finish and everyone was able to get inside out of the rain and partake of mince pies and mulled wine. Thanks to St. Michaels Church Choir and the Sandhurst Silver Band for their contributions to this event.

Sandhurst Town Council has Quality Status and have been joined recently by the only other Town in the county to achieve this award, Thatcham.

In the present climate I would like to record that, as in previous years the Town Councillors agreed, unanimously, to continue not to accept expenses incurred in doing their duties as Councillors.

The Civic Service was held on 31st January, at the Methodist Church and my thanks go to Rev. Linda Phillips, the singing group and the flower lady. Linda Philips was a great help to me in assisting to frame the service which was very well attended. At the Reception afterwards Civic Awards were awarded to residents, nominated by the community for their voluntary work in Sandhurst.

In a recent survey carried out by Bracknell Forest Council, the summary provided by QA Research, who collated the survey, concluded that the residents in:-

Little Sandhurst and Central Sandhurst

- Were satisfied with the local area as a place to live (highest score of all 14 NAG areas)
- Thought that Police deal successfully with crime and anti social behaviour. Second highest of all NAG submissions
- That education provision in area was good, rated at 5th
- And were satisfied with the Town Council (92% satisfaction of residents)

College Town and Owlsmoor

- Residents would like to see more Police on the streets
- Police more involved in tackling anti- social behaviour
- That there was good access to parks, open spaces and nature
- And were satisfied with Town Council (86% satisfaction by residents)

Although there is still work to be done, we can be pleased with the overall result. Sandhurst is a safe, pleasant place to live whose residents value our Council facilities, parks, nature, education and health services.

I would like to thank all those who have supported the Town Council and me in the last year and in particular my thanks go to Chris Smith our Executive Officer whose help and guidance I could not have done without.

Councillor Mrs Carole Cupper
Mayor of Sandhurst

Committee Responsibilities

Planning Committee

To consider planning applications relating to Sandhurst and make recommendations to Bracknell Forest Borough Council planning department. Performance monitoring.

Environment Committee

To discuss and resolve action on all such areas of concern which affect the residents of Sandhurst not relating to the parks. Maintain and develop relationships between the Council and the wider community. Recommend spending plans in line with these responsibilities. Performance monitoring.

Leisure Committee

To discuss and resolve items concerning the management and development of the recreation ground facilities and the Community Hall complex, etc. so as to ensure maximum benefit to the residents of Sandhurst and to maximise revenue through appropriate commercial lettings. Recommend spending plans in line with these responsibilities. Performance monitoring.

Strategy & Policy Committee

To recommend to the Council a budget based upon proposals submitted by committees and to appraise the Council of its impact. To make Policy recommendations to the Council¹. To be responsible to the Council for all aspects of staff employment conditions. To review, manage and control capital projects authorised by the Council. To review and agree all contracts for services and supplies placed on behalf of the Council. Performance monitoring.

¹ Details on the Mission and Policy statements are available upon request.

Planning Committee Report

The Planning Committee comprises eight Town Councillors (two from each ward) and meets fortnightly on Mondays to consider all planning applications affecting property in Sandhurst. We are responsible for making recommendations to the Planning Department at Bracknell Forest Council (BFC), where decisions on planning applications are made, either by Planning Officers (under delegated powers), or by the Planning Committee made up of elected Borough Councillors. Our Meetings are sometimes attended by members of the public who may wish to express their opinions regarding a particular application that is being considered.

Our recommendations are part of the planning consultation process, which includes the issue of notifications to near neighbours of properties subject to planning applications, inviting comments or representations concerning what is proposed. In considering planning applications, Town Councillors will invariably visit the site of the subject property and, where considered appropriate, discuss the proposal with neighbours if it is considered that there will be a material impact on neighbouring property. Planning applications are considered against strict guidelines, and some objections, such as “it will devalue neighbouring properties” or “it will obscure my view” cannot necessarily be taken into consideration. Whilst Town Councillors are not required to be experts on planning law, they do endeavour to help residents to understand the manner in which applications will be considered.

We do regard our role as primarily to protect and enhance the “built environment” in which we reside. That is not to say that our recommendations are always reflected in the planning decisions that are made at BFC, where the wider panoply of planning law and strategies come into play. In the past 12 months, the level of Planning Applications affecting Sandhurst has reduced by more than 50% - a reflection of the economic recession that has affected the Country.

There is great pressure in the South East for additional housing provision and whilst there has always been a preference for developing existing “brownfield” sites, or “infil” developments, there is a limit to the amount of new housing that can be created in this way. There is obviously a reluctance to appropriate “greenfield” sites for development, but Bracknell Forest Council is currently facing the challenge of finding suitable locations for future residential development in the Borough. The present requirement from Central Government is for the building of 13,000 new homes in the Borough by 2026. To date, sites for some 7,500 new homes have been found, and there is currently a consultation document – a Site Allocations Development Plan – which identifies 8 potential sites where the balance of 5,500 homes might be located. Two of these sites are adjacent to Sandhurst and would have a significant impact on our community. Sandhurst Town Council Planning Committee have discussed these proposals and are concerned that the two Sandhurst sites would have a detrimental affect not only on the character of our community, but also on the infrastructure (particularly roads) that serves our community. We have therefore written to Bracknell Forest Council setting out our concerns and recommending that the two Sandhurst sites do not go forward as being suitable for inclusion in the Site Allocations Development Plan.

Finally, I would like to thank all Town Councillors serving on the Planning Committee for their work dealing with the applications during the past year, and also Vanessa Tucker, the Assistant Executive Officer, who deals with the associated administration and liaison with BFC.

Councillor Bob Piggin
Chairman – Planning Committee

Environment Committee Report

In this the 10th Year of Sandhurst Pride, our Clean Team go from strength to strength and they continue to deliver a sterling service to the community. We would certainly miss the team if they were to be disbanded and the Town would not continue to be the beautiful place it is. Unfortunately we have lost both our main sponsors during this last year. The economic climate makes it difficult for companies to continue with spending on other than core matters for their particular company. We made an appeal to all the shops in the area, but only received sponsorship from one company in College Town, Tyne Carpets & Flooring.

Last Autumn, as usual, in an initiative started under the banner of Sandhurst Pride, members of the Environment Committee and the Groundsmen planted spring bulbs. Last year it was at the entrance to St Michael's Road and at the entrance to Mountbatten Rise. Now they are starting to bloom I am sure they will look great and will cheer us up after such a hard, long winter. This time we concentrated on snowdrops, crocuses and some bluebells, English of course. Any ideas for this Autumn as to where we could bring a little cheer after the winter months would be welcomed.

The volunteer numbers at the Police Point continue to hover at around 10, some came and some left throughout the year. There is always room for other people to volunteer so if you are thinking of putting something back into the community please go along to the Police Point and to collect an enrolment form. Sandhurst Police Point was the first of its kind in the country and has been open since the year 2000 serving the public, sadly even now some people do not seem to know where it is. As the Town Council and Thames Valley Police were co-originators of the Police Point, we as a Council have concerns about this diminution of the service offered. This year we celebrate our 10th year and most of the volunteers now serving are original members or close to original members.

The Remembrance Sunday Service was very well attended. Yet again the Royal Military Academy paraded and made a spectacular sight around the War Memorial. A total of £1,036.35 was collected for the Royal British Legion. A big thank you to all the Community Groups who attended from the youngest to the oldest. Our serving soldiers, airmen and naval personnel deserve our support.

At the November meeting the Environment Committee invited Ms Kath Cox to talk to them about the Travelling Community. The talk was entitled "What's it to do with us". I believe that we all found her talk very instructive and it opened a window on the problems experienced by this group within our community.

The funding for a Nepali Support Worker has been continued for another year after Mr Bal Rai was appointed last Spring. Mr Rai has become a welcomed addition to the area and has involved himself in many activities outside the narrow remit of his job.

Travellers and the Nepalese are two of our minority community groups with whom we live and co-exist and it is incumbent upon us to find out more about their culture and their beliefs.

Councillor Brossard was re-elected as Chairman of the Neighbourhood Action Group, with Councillor Mrs Bettison as Vice Chairman, Councillors Edger, Blair, and I support him. This organisation grew out of the Neighbourhood Forums and is tasked with trying to deliver on the issues said to be most important by residents. This organisation is sponsored by Bracknell Forest Council and supported by Thames Valley Police.

We will hear later at the meeting about progress with the Town Guide and Welcome Pack.

For those who have not received the latest Council Newsletter the ongoing saga of getting handrails up to the platforms at Sandhurst Halt continues, the latest promise was that they would be done by end of April.

Although we have gained planning permission and decided on the re-placing the Millennium Stone we have failed to engage our contractor to come along and position it. We have now decided that we will try to find alternative companies to tender for this work. It seems very difficult to get companies to quote, but we will continue to work on this replacement.

The Car Park in the Library had been enlarged and I hope that these extra parking spaces will mitigate the problems arising from people wanting to visit the shops, dentist surgery and doctor's surgery in Sandhurst.

Councillor Mrs Carole Cupper
Chairman of the Environment Committee

Leisure Committee Report

The year has seen a wide range of activities on the Park. These include the regular sporting events, Cricket, Football, Tug of War and Tennis. Community Events included Donkey Derby, It's a Knockout Tournament, Family Fitness Fun Day, Summer activities for the children, Arts Festival and Dog Shows.

Thanks to the efforts of the Groundstaff in keeping the park in excellent condition. The Town Council, in partnership with Bracknell Forest Council, received the Green Flag award for the sixth successive year for the Memorial Park and Shepherd Meadows. There will soon be plaques placed around the park to commemorate this as well as flying the Green Flag.

For the first time 'It's a Knockout' competition was organized by the charity DebRA. A professional company was bought in to run the event, which was very successful. It was a pity that there were not more Sandhurst teams taking part.

Our partnership with South Hill Park saw a packed weekend in July. The Saturday afternoon had activities for the children with street entertainers and percussion workshops. The evening started with a Salsa dance workshop followed by the main act of a Latin American group, which got the audience dancing and tapping their feet.

The Sunday started with the Churches Together Songs of Praise followed by a concert by the Sandhurst Silver Band in the afternoon. The evening's entertainment was the Three Other Tenors from the Welsh Opera with a guest soprano singing popular classic music.

The Fitness Fun Day, which is run by the local doctors surgery, suffered from a day of very heavy rain. Those people who did turn up enjoyed the varied activities, which included rowing races on equipment supplied by the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, yoga, Nintendo Wii games, short tennis, basketball and a fun run.

The Summer of Fun for the children's school holiday had a number of varied activities for all ages.

The appalling winter weather caused the cancellation of many football matches. The heavy snow damaged and uprooted several trees on the parks.

The Groundstaff have completed their programme of work at Owlsmoor Recreation ground and will continue to make this area clean and safe.

A new play area is currently being installed at the Memorial Park thanks to the National Play Builder Scheme Phase I. For Playbuilder Phase II we have been identifying further sites for Play areas and it is a big disappointment that we have been unable to locate a suitable area in Little Sandhurst, which has hardly any play grounds.

Thanks to the 1st Sandhurst Scouts for the use of their building at the Arts Festival. To Sandhurst Town Football Club for the use of their facilities as changing rooms and rest rooms again for the Festival. To the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst for their continued support at various events but mainly the Remembrance Service. To the Office staff and the Groundstaff for their continued assistance in putting all these events together.

Thanks to the Members of the Leisure Committee for their continued support to me as Chairman

Date for your diaries July 17th and 18th – The Sandhurst Festival.

Councillor Norman Bowers
Chairman of the Leisure Committee

Strategy and Policy Report

The purpose of the Strategy and Policy Committee is to ensure that the finances of the Council are managed in an efficient and effective manner. The committee consists of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the council, the chairman of each committee and to ensure that there is fair representation, a member from each of the four Sandhurst Wards. Apart from the financial control, we also have the responsibility for all aspects of staffing, employment conditions and for setting the policies and procedures by which the Council operates.

As with the other committees of the Council, the Strategy & Policy Committee meet on a bi-monthly basis. However, there are other groups which also report into this committee.

- The Grants Panel meets annually to decide which local causes will benefit from our grants budget.
- The Personnel Working Group meets regularly throughout the year to look at all aspects of staffing.

Details of the Town Council's accomplishments this year have been covered elsewhere in this report. All these projects have to be financed and much of the involvement of the Strategy and Policy Committee happens very early on in the project cycle when the Council determine how they are to be funded.

One of the major tasks of the year for the Strategy & Policy Committee is to determine the budgets for the following year so that the Precept can be recommended for approval by the Council. Each committee is asked to produce a budget for the next fiscal year and these are all pulled together to determine the likely level of expenditure.

Council expenditure falls into one of the following categories:

Core Expenditure: These are the “must haves”. This covers all the salaries of the grounds staff and office staff, routine maintenance of the building and grounds, stationery, utility bills etc. These are all the things we are committed to paying every year and have little or no discretion over. Without this expenditure, the Council could not function.

Committed Expenditure: These are items which have been committed to by the Council in a previous budget but for which the funds have not yet been spent.

Contingency Expenditure: These are the “may need” items. We have to reserve money for these but it may not be required. Items covered by this category include By Elections, Community Safety, vandalism, recruitment fees and emergency repairs. Whilst we have to reserve this money, on average only around 50% gets spent each year, so we do get to roll over some of this into money available for future expenditure.

Subjective Expenditure: The next category is the “nice to haves”. These are services which the residents have come to expect, and would notice if they were not provided. The annual Christmas concert, the Civic Awards and facilities like the dog warden fall into this category.

New Projects: These are generally one off capital projects designed to improve the facilities offered by the Council.

The Council derives its income from two sources. The majority comes from the Council Tax (90%) and the remainder from the hiring of its facilities.

In the 2010-2011 budget, the total income from the Council Tax is just over half a million pounds. For the services that the Town Council provides, each household contributes £70.47 – that’s just over £1.30 a week. This represents a very modest increase of 2% in contributions over the previous year.

Our expected expenditure for 2009-2010 is a little under £700,000, around 75% of which is “core” expenditure – the “must haves”. However, there are around £50,000 of new items in this budget.

Aside from the finances, the Strategy and Policy Committee also has responsibility for:

- Legal compliance
- Member development and training
- Monitoring the Code of Conduct
- Keeping members up to date with changes in Government policy
- Communications and community engagement
- Vandalism, police liaison, campaigns

Quality Town Council

Sandhurst Town Council first achieved “Quality” status in 2004. The Quality Parish and Town Council scheme was launched in June 2003 and was designed to provide a benchmark minimum standard for Parish and Town Councils and enable them to better represent the communities they serve. The scheme also aims to give enhanced relationships between local councils, principal authorities and community and voluntary sector organisations. In 2008 the scheme was updated to better reflect the increased professionalism of councils.

In order to achieve Quality Status, Parish and Town Councils must demonstrate that they have reached the standard required by passing several tests. These tests cover:

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| * Electoral Mandate | * Council Meetings |
| * Qualifications of the Clerk | * Annual Report |
| * Communication and
Community Engagement | * Accounts |
| * Promoting Local Democracy
and Citizenship | * Code of Conduct |
| | * Terms and Conditions |
| | * Training |

To put this achievement into perspective – there are around 10,000 Town and Parish Councils in England and Wales. To date, just over 695 Councils have achieved Quality Status, putting Sandhurst in the top 7% of Town and Parish Councils in England and Wales – and are one of only two Councils in Berkshire to hold this award.

Moving on from Quality Status, but as a consequence of it, Sandhurst Town Council signed a Charter with Bracknell Forest Council, our principal authority, in September 2007 which placed the services between the Borough and the Town on a more formal footing. The Government is keen to push ahead with its devolvement of power to communities and has developed a Power of Wellbeing that Councils will be able to use should they choose to do so. The Charter with Bracknell Forest Council will aid this process.

For more details on the work of Sandhurst Town Council, check out our website at www.sandhurst.gov.uk. It has details of what the council does and who your local councillors are, the facilities on the Memorial Park and the other park areas in Sandhurst, contact details for all the local clubs, details of the events on the Memorial Park and, for the insomniacs, minutes for all the committee meetings from the beginning of 2008.

New for 2009, we have introduced a sister website which is specifically aimed at giving details of what's going on in the Sandhurst area. So if you are looking for something to do in the local area - check out www.sandhurstpride.co.uk.

Councillor Nick Allen
Chairman Strategy & Policy Committee

Audit and Sandhurst Town Council Finances

As explained elsewhere in the report, the annual expenditure on the Council's services is funded mainly by a precept within the council tax bill sent to every household in Sandhurst, plus charges paid by those using the Council's facilities such as sport pitches and the Community Hall complex. Like other local Councils, the Council does not receive any grants from Central Government towards the cost of its services, although it has a proven track record in successfully obtaining external funding from Lottery sources for its capital projects.

Financial Reports

UNAUDITED² SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS for year ending 31st March 2010

General balance 31/3/2009	<u>£ 222,154.00</u>
Year to 31 st March 2010	
Income	£ 617,335.00
Expenditure	<u>(£ 575,837.00)</u>
General balance 31/3/2010	<u>£ 263,652.00</u>

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS YEARS

	<u>2007/2008</u>	<u>2008/2009</u>
Income	£ 587,888.00	£ 611,537.00
Expenditure	£ 567,325.00	£ 694,581.00

In accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations the Town Council employs the services of an independent Internal Auditor.

² The Auditors are appointed by the Audit Commission. The date for the annual audit for figures relating to the financial year-end 31st March 2010 has been called for 29th July 2010. Full details of electors' rights for access to the documentation is published on notice boards and on the website in accordance with the statutory requirements.

Consultation and Communication Strategies

The Sandhurst Town Council recognises the value of formally consulting with local residents and has demonstrated this in the following ways:

- Public Consultation 2003
- Residents Association and Town Council Quarterly Meetings
- Sandhurst Forum for the Future - The aims and objectives of this sub committee of the Strategy & Policy Committee and its vision are "to make Sandhurst into a community which is perceived to be safe, vibrant, healthy and respects the local and global environment. To make Sandhurst a place where individuals and local enterprise prosper. To provide a high quality of life for residents socially, economically in a renewable way that recognises the needs of ALL."
- The publication of the Sandhurst Plan 2004
- The Sandhurst Town Council communicates with residents via the quarterly newsletter, its website www.sandhurst.gov.uk, notice boards, press releases and Roadshows
- Sandhurst Memorial Park visitor's survey 2005
- B.F.B.C. Sandhurst Memorial Park visitor's survey 2006
- Meetings with 'friends of' Owlsmoor Park 2007
- 'Sandhurst would be a better place if' – Young persons survey 2008.

Partnership Strategies

The Town Council has a number of partnership arrangements.

Notable partnerships in the period have been:-

Thames Valley Police	- Neighbourhood Forums/NAG's
Bracknell Forest Council	- Green Flag Awards
Bracknell Forest Council	- Dog Warden
Bracknell Forest Council	- Green Bag Recycling Scheme
Bracknell Forest Council/ Thames Valley Police	- CCTV
Thames Valley Police	- Police Point
Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership	- Valley Maintenance
Bracknell Forest Council	- CHARTER
RMAS	- Sandhurst Freedom March
Beesley Wigs Ltd	- Sponsorship Clean Team
Romans Estate Agents	- Sponsorship Clean Team
Inchcape Toyota	- Sponsorship Clean Team
Tyne Carpets & Flooring Ltd	- Sponsorship Clean Team
College Meadows Residents Association	- Sponsorship Clean Team
Waitrose	- Sandhurst Family Fitness Funday
South Hill Park	- Sandhurst Arts Festival

Sandhurst Town Council as a Service Provider

There are a number of 'Interested Parties' that use the grounds and facilities provided and managed by the Town Council. The Town Council has a predisposition towards preferential rates for community clubs, groups and organisations.

Full details of hiring charges are available from the Council offices

The following groups have an interest in the Memorial Park and its facilities:-

- Bracknell Forest Council
- BBOWT
- Thames Water Plc
- Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership
- Railtrack
- Environment Agency
- Forestry Commission
- English Nature
- Sandhurst Sports Club
- Sandhurst Sports Football Club
- Sandhurst Town Boys and Girls Football Club
- Sandhurst Town Football Club
- Sandhurst Devels Football Club
- Sandhurst Cricket Club
- Sandhurst Lawn Tennis Club
- Sandhurst Tug of War Club
- Sandhurst Joggers
- National Blood Service
- PCT
- Churches Together
- Sandhurst Short Mat Bowling Club
- Sandhurst Guide Association
- 3rd Sandhurst Scouts
- The Gardening Club of Sandhurst & District
- Sandhurst & District Allotment Assoc.
- Sandhurst Womens Institute
- Sandhurst Day Centre
- Bracknell Forest Borough Council Youth & Community Service
- Nursery Groups
- Sandhurst Museum Trust
- Sandhurst Historical Society
- WHI Walkers
- Sandhurst Residents Assoc.
- College Meadows Residents Assoc.
- Snaprails Residents Association
- Longdown Lodge Residents Association
- Pipers Field Residents Association
- Thames Valley Police
- Citizens Advice Bureau
- U3A

Sandhurst Town Council Community Awards

Sandhurst Town Council endeavours to acknowledge and foster a sense of community spirit in the Town and to that end has a Community Award to celebrate residents' contributions.

The Award is conferred on individuals, residents in Sandhurst who have devoted time and effort in the service of their Community. There are many people, both young and old, who have worked unstintingly for many years and although valued and respected, have not received due recognition and thanks from the Town.

Residents are invited to nominate individuals whom they think are especially worthy of this award, on a nomination form obtainable from the Town Council offices, together with brief details of the services rendered. The nominations are made without publicity and the awards are recommended to the Council by an appointed Sub - Committee, chaired by the Mayor.

Those chosen for the Community Award are presented with a certificate at the Town's Annual Civic Service and they are invited to sign the Community Award book, which is kept in the Council offices.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the Council Offices on the Memorial Park and should be returned by 30th November in time for the ceremony each year.

Recognition is sometimes given to teams who have performed outstanding achievements and in doing so have contributed towards the sense of community spirit together with promoting the name of Sandhurst.

Recipients in 2009/2010 were as follows:

Annie Bailey
Charles Chesterton
Hazel Hawkes
Muriel Mason
Reginald Oldfield
Val Goodwin
Katherine Walpole
Yasmin Kabir
Sandhurst Tug of War Youth Team

Grants to Voluntary and Other Organisations

Each year the Council makes grants to local organisations providing services and activities on a voluntary basis within the community. Making grants is a way of recognising their contribution towards community life in Sandhurst, as well as providing the financial support that they need.

A list of grants during the year is shown on Appendix B.

The deadline for applications is the 31st December each year. Full details are contained in Annex C.

Appendix B - Grants and Contributions 2009/2010

	£
Sandhurst Day Centre	16,000.00
Sandhurst Tug of War	1,000.00
Citizens Advice Bureau	1,200.00
Sandhurst Parochial Church (Churchyard Maintenance)	3,000.00
Sandhurst Donkey Derby	500.00
Sandhurst Museum Trust	500.00
Sandhurst Sports Centre	36,020.00
Ambarrow Court	515.00
Blackwater Valley	5,000.00
B.F.B.C. Footpath Maintenance	1,650.00
Sandhurst Silver Band	2,500.00
Sandhurst Day Centre Minibus	1,500.00
Sandhurst Historical Society (Photo Competition)	70.00

Appendix C - Provision of Community Grants

SANDHURST TOWN COUNCIL

CRITERIA

1. Applications for financial assistance from non-profit making organisations within Sandhurst will be considered on the basis of additionality, i.e. the extent to which a proposal would proceed, with or without assistance from Sandhurst Town Council, and its benefit to the local Community as a whole. Each application will be judged on its own merits and in the case of specific projects, some evidence of viability may be required.
 2. All applicants must complete the attached application form and submit audited accounts, where available. Failure to do so could jeopardise the application and possibly result in its rejection.
 3. Grants are given to groups/organisations, not individuals. For information on grants available for individuals contact Bracknell Forest Borough Council Partnership Officer on 01344 352296.
 4. Grants may be given towards the cost of one off or capital items, e.g. the purchase of equipment, for some general running expenses (but not normally wages) and can be up to 100% of the total cost.
 5. The group/organisation seeking a grant must not have any political objectives and should be non-profit making in the sense that the profits are distributed to shareholders, members etc.
 6. Applications for assistance should be made before the end of the calendar year preceding the financial year in which payment is sought, e.g. applications for grants in the year commencing 5 April 2010 must be received by 31 December 2009. Applications received after this date will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.
 7. The amount of grant to be provided will be determined after careful consideration of the merits of each application, the level of funds available, and the total number/value of applications received for such assistance. Consideration will also be given to the extent to which financial assistance has been sought elsewhere, e.g. Bracknell Forest Borough Council*.
 8. There will be no automatic rights to a grant. Applications will need to be made annually. Successful applications for a grant will be subject to a Service Level Agreement, where appropriate.
 9. Confirmation that the proposed expenditure has been incurred, any change of circumstance affecting the nature or purpose of the application, either before or after payment of a grant, must be notified in writing to the Council immediately. Failure to do so could result in action being taken to recover any grant advanced.
- * Information about other sources of funding is available from the Bracknell Forest Voluntary Action (BFVA) on 01344 304404.

Appendix D - List of Members

SANDHURST TOWN COUNCIL Updated List of Members – 5th March 2010

College Town Ward

Nicholas M Allen	C P	330 Yorktown Road, College Town, GU47 0PZ	01276 33601
Robert A I Blair	C	126 College Road, College Town, GU47 0RD	01276 35637
Andy Blatchford	C	233 Yorktown Road, College Town GU47 0RT	01344 777211
Mrs Carole J Cupper	C P	Selamat Datang, 8 Findhorn Close, College Town, GU47 0RD	01344 771431
Robert C Edger OBE	C	3 Turner Place, College Town GU47 0FW	01276 600004
Roger A Inions	I	18 Landseer Close, College Town, GU47 0FQ	01276 600347

Little Sandhurst Ward

John M Abrahams	C P	2 St Michael's Road, Sandhurst, GU47 9HE	01252 874281
Mrs Jean M Bettison	C	Longdown House, Mickle Hill, Sandhurst, GU47 8QL	01344 778949
Paul D Bettison	C	Longdown House, Mickle Hill, Sandhurst, GU47 8QL	01344 778949
Dale P Birch	C	8 Dale Gardens, Scotland Hill, Sandhurst, GU47 8LA	01344 778140
Adrian P Ronca	C P	47 Albion Road, Sandhurst, GU47 9BP	01252 873862
Nicholas P Skinner	C	Church View, 30 Moffats Close, Sandhurst, GU47 9EN	01252 873709

Central Sandhurst Ward

Michael R Brossard	C	6 Ackrells Mead, Little Sandhurst, GU47 8JJ	01252 873826
Mrs Deena Honey	C P	8 Templar Close, Sandhurst, GU47 8JP	01252 890663
Mrs Diana E Pidgeon OBE	C	3 Dale Gardens, Scotland Hill, Sandhurst, GU47 8LA	01344 775138
Bob Piggin	C P	Briar Lodge 24A Robin Lane, Sandhurst GU47 9 AU	01344 762138
Graham S Ramsey	C	10 Beech Ride, Sandhurst GU47 8PR	07867 900479
Alan F Ward	C	17 Eagle Close, Crowthorne RG45 6TP	01344 774909

Owlsmoor Ward

John R Blowfield	C	10 Brittain Court, Park Road, Sandhurst, GU47 9DP	01344 751611
Norman W Bowers	C	"Redfern", 13 Owlsmoor Road, Owlsmoor, GU47 0SD	01344 774674
Abdul Haseeb	C	8 Georgeham Road, Owlsmoor, GU47 0YR	07841 488885
Mrs Audrey Shephard	C P	4 Birkbeck Place, Owlsmoor, GU47 0UL	01276 32782
Philip Wallington	C P	19 Acacia Ave, Owlsmoor, GU47 0RU	01344 780880
David Worrall	C	"Repeto", 17 Owlsmoor Road, Owlsmoor, Sandhurst, GU47 0SD	01344 775595

I = Independent:

C = Conservative:

P = Planning Committee:

Executive Officer

Christopher E Smith
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Assistant Executive Officer

Vanessa Tucker

Unitary Councillors

College Town Ward	A Blatchford (see above) R Edger (see above)
Little Sandhurst Ward	D P Birch (see above) P D Bettison (see above)
Central Sandhurst Ward	M R Brossard (see above) A Ward (see above)
Owlsmoor Ward	N Bowers (see above) D J Worrall (see above)