

11 March 2020

Dear Parish and Neighbourhood Council Chairs,

RE: Jubilee celebrations

I recently wrote to you to offer a commemorative tree for each Parish and Neighbourhood Council so that we could all honour and take part in the Queen's Green Canopy initiative during this very important Jubilee year.

I am now really pleased to be able to write to you again today to offer you additional support, should you need it, to enable celebratory Jubilee events to happen throughout our district. I am sure you will agree that the Queen's Platinum Jubilee is a 'once in lifetime' event and one which our community will want to mark and celebrate in special ways, particularly over the bank holiday weekend. I also feel that it is a wonderful opportunity for all our residents to enjoy being together after such a long time without being able to do so during the pandemic, when happy times as a community were very rare and impossible to organise.

On behalf of Horsham District Council I would therefore like to offer each Parish and Neighbourhood Council a grant of up to £200 to support you with your local events to mark the Jubilee from 2-5 June. We will only be able to contribute towards confirmed Platinum Jubilee events and celebrations. If you are interested, please do contact Vicky Wise, Head of Leisure and Culture (Vicky.wise@horsham.gov.uk) and in your email please outline what specific celebrations you will be looking to use the funding for. If you have any queries Vicky will be more than happy to talk this through in detail. We will be looking to transfer payments through the normal precept process, and therefore we will need confirmation by Friday 16 April 2022, so please do get in contact with Vicky before then.

We are also waiving the fees for any street party road closures during the Jubilee weekend. Residents will still need to contact our environmental health team to apply for the road closure, but we have all the information on our website now to make life as easy as possible:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/community/queens-platinum-jubilee-2022>

I wish you all a wonderful Jubilee Year, and please do continue to contact the Parks and Countryside team with your requests for commemorative trees. I look forward to seeing the whole of our district light up with festivities to mark this very special occasion.

With best wishes to all our Councils,

Roger

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