

Residents' Newsletter

New managing director

Duncan Sharkey has been appointed as managing director of the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead following ratification at Full Council.

Duncan's previous roles include:

- Corporate Director, Place, at Milton Keynes Council - June 2015 - January 2019.
- Managing Director (Head of paid service), Worcester City Council - March 2010 - May 2015.
- Chief Executive, West Lindsey District Council - May 2005 - March 2010.
- Corporate Director, Corby Borough Council - November 2002 - May 2005.
- Head of Regeneration, Boston Borough Council - June 1997 - November 2002.

Broadway roadworks: starts 25 February

We are making improvements to the Broadway and Frascati Way junction making the western section two way.

This will allow you to turn left or right out of the Nicholsons car park exit on Broadway meaning you won't have to go through the town centre one way system to access the A4, A308 or M4.

Work starts week beginning Monday 25 February.

Information event on Maidenhead regeneration

We are holding an information event to update you on plans for regeneration in the town.

The event will take place in the former Next unit in the Nicholsons shopping centre.

There will be two sessions - Friday 1 March - 1pm - 7pm and Saturday 2 March - 10am - 4pm.

Developers attending include Countryside, Hub, Shanly as well as Project Centre who are involved in the station forecourt improvements and the Broadway changes.

Budget proposals to be discussed at Full Council

The proposed budget for 2019/20 will be discussed at Full Council on Tuesday 26 February and sets out investment for services that matter to our residents as well as ensuring front line services are protected.

The budget also proposes a 2.99% increase in the council's element of Council Tax which keeps it the [lowest outside of London](#) while ensuring key services like weekly bin collections remain.

The council budget has already been discussed at scrutiny panels and Cabinet with the final approval at Full Council on Tuesday 26 February in the Town Hall, Maidenhead.

Read the proposed budget papers in [full here](#).

Improvements for Maidenhead roundabouts

Funding for improved road junctions around Maidenhead has been approved by Thames Valley Berkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

The significant investment of £4.2 million from the Thames Valley Berkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) alongside investment of £1.1 million from the council will see six roundabouts in Maidenhead improved as part of the regeneration programme in the town.

The work will start in Autumn 2019 and follows a route from the Braywick Road roundabout as you leave the M4 through to the A4 Bath Road before you exit the borough across Maidenhead Bridge.

The junctions which will be upgraded and improved are:

- A308(M)/A308/A330/ The Bingshams (Braywick roundabout)
 - A308/Rushington Avenue/Stafferton Way roundabout
 - A308/A4 Castle Hill roundabout
 - A4/B4447 (Cookham Road roundabout)
 - A4/B3028 (Oldfield Road roundabout)
 - A4/A4094 Ray Mead Road (Guards Club roundabout).
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Cycling action plan approved

Funding for improved cycling in

Maidenhead has been approved by Thames Valley Berkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) while a new cycling action plan has been approved by Cabinet.

The cycling action plan sets out the council's aspiration for the next 10 years to promote cycling and improve the infrastructure for people. This includes new cycle routes and cycle parking as well as improved signage and other supporting measures.

The action plan, which has been developed with input from the Cycle Forum, councillors and parish councillors, aims to encourage residents, commuters and visitors to choose cycling as an everyday form of transport, as well as for leisure and fitness.

The action plan is supported by significant investment which includes the £2.8 million 'Maidenhead missing links' scheme with another £2.2 million awarded by the LEP's Local Growth Fund (LGF).

Sites connected by the scheme include Saint Cloud Way, West Street, The Landing and the train station. The scheme features improved cycle routes across Town Moor, a replacement bridge over the waterway, a cycle route through Kidwells Park, and a subway link under the A4.

See the [full press release](#) here.

New safety barriers in Windsor

We are investing in new permanent hostile vehicle mitigation (HVM) measures in Windsor town centre.

In March 2017, temporary HVM measures were deployed in response to the Westminster attacks, but a permanent, integrated solution has now been identified.

The Royal Borough has been working with Thames Valley Police and specialist security consultants to develop the designs, and detailed assessment work has been undertaken at each location to determine the best position and type of HVM measures to fit in with the surrounding street scene.

There are six locations the first phase will cover:

- Sheet Street; south of the entrance to Victoria Barracks
- Victoria Street; west of Sheet Street near to the pedestrian crossing
- Park Street; at the junction with Sheet Street
- Castle Hotel; at the High Street entrance to the parking yard
- Peascod Street; at the junction with the High Street
- Thames Street; by the junction with River Street

Installation of these safety measures is set to begin in summer 2019, and the Royal Borough has agreed to commit £942,000 towards phase 1 of the project, with Thames Valley Police committing £250,000.

To see the designs, click [here](#)

Maidenhead Big Read

Our library services are partnering with the Maidenhead Community Book Festival to bring special events and activities to Maidenhead for the Maidenhead Big Read which takes place between Saturday 2 March to Sunday 17 March 2019.

On Saturday 2 March our mobile library will be on the High Street outside Boots from 10am - 4pm for books and giveaways.

Keep your eyes peeled in town for Horrid Henry (9.30-10.30am), and Bookstart Bear (11-12pm and 2-2.45pm) who will be on hand in the town centre. Maidenhead Library will have special Storytime Sessions with Horrid Henry, running at 10.30am and 3.30pm. **Booking online is essential.**

Keeping in touch

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Our recent [press releases](#) are also on the website.

Other accounts you may be interested in:

- Royal Windsor Information Centre [tourism web page](#).
- Enjoy Maidenhead [web page](#) and [Facebook](#).
- Libraries on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- Children's centres on [Facebook](#).
- Borough Leisure Centre [web pages](#).

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