

Councillor Newsletter - August 2026

Clewer & Dedworth West Windsor

Coping with the heat, School uniform help, Bus service wins, Not the Windsor Town Council, Feeling lonely....

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Cllrs Carole & Wisdom Da Costa

Bus Services Wins



Changes to the local bus services introduced in August 2025 badly affected workers, young people and the elderly as bus services were cut, bus stops removed, routes changed and the operating times and frequencies reduced.

Wisdom helped advocate for residents around the Willows, the Kings Road and Wolf Lane requesting RBWM create more sensible and usable bus services.

We have been successful in improving the Saturday bus service for No. 1 and restoring the use of the bus stop at the foot of Ruddlesway for No. 16, with an hourly bus service.

We want more improvement including a pedestrian crossing across the Maidenhead Road so you can get to the bus stop safely AND, more frequent buses, going to useful places, for more of the day and night.

School Uniform Help – Cost of Living Crisis

We are well into the summer holidays and thoughts (and even fears) now turn to paying for school uniforms for our growing children.



If you have any concerns about being able to pay for school uniform then please see Carole at the West Windsor Hub every Tuesday or Friday between 10:30 am and 2 pm, at All Saints Church, on Dedworth Road.

Not the Windsor Town Council – Have your say

After many years of campaigning, the Borough Council has finally agreed to set up a Town Council for Windsor.

However, **RBWM plans to exclude you from the benefits** of a Town Council if you live in areas including **the Willows, The Limes, Broom Farm Army Estate, new houses and new flats.**

Imagine that. You pay your council tax, you have a Windsor postcode, your life centres around Windsor but you would not benefit from things like reduced parking charges, improved buses, community discounts and you would have no say in such decisions through a Windsor Town Council!!!

Carole & Wisdom want all Windsorians to be included in the benefits of a Windsor Town Council. Don't you?

Please sign the petition before 19 August 2026 at <https://rbwm.moderngov.co.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=2222&RPI=D=0&HPID=0> or use the purple QR Code



Windsor Town Council Petition



Mini Sudoku

Would you prefer a harder Sudoku next time? Let us know cllr.dacosta@rbwm.gov.uk cllr.c.dacosta@rbwm.gov.uk

From LinkedIn #357 Yoroshiku by Nikoli & Thomas Snyder

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New Building Rules and Strategy – Have your say

“The Council has started work on a new Development Plan for the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead. This will guide future growth and development across the Borough and set the planning policies that shape how our communities evolve over the coming years.

As the first step in preparing the Plan, [RBWM has] launched a six-week Scoping Consultation to gather views on the key planning issues, opportunities, and priorities that the new Plan should address.

Alongside this, the Council is running a Call for Sites exercise and both the Scoping Consultation and Call for Sites exercise are open until 11.59pm on 13 September 2026.”

You can have your say until 13 September 2026.
Use the Blue QR Code ➡ ➡ ➡

We will shortly send you information on completing the consultation effectively

Complete the Consultation



Are you feeling lonely?

Imagine being in a gentle place with people who accept you. Pop down for a free cuppa with Carole and the team at the West Windsor Hub any Tuesday or Friday between 10:30 am and 2 pm – this is located at All Saints Church, on Dedworth Road.



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Road Repairs – QR code on header

Following a series of poor road reinstatements by utility companies, Carole reported these issues, and road repairs have now been completed on Pierson Rd and Testwood Rd.



If you are aware of potholes and patches needing repair, please use the Report It facility (**QR Code on leaflet front**) at <https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/apply-pay-report/report-it>

Knights Close Play Park

We have repeatedly reported the broken equipment at Knights Close Play Park and will continue to do so until the council prioritises our children.



Planning Enforcements

We continue to push the Council to enforce many planning infringements that result in unsightly and harmful building outcomes in the area.



Windsor Wordsearch

WINDSOR, TOWN COUNCIL, BUS SERVICES, RUDDLESWAY, BUS STOP, SCHOOL UNIFORM, SOCIAL ISOLATION, HEATSTROKE, FUN, HOLIDAY, DA COSTA, PLAY PARK, REPORT IT, PLANNING, REGULATIONS, ENFORCEMENT

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Key Tips for Coping in the Heat

Keep out of the heat: Avoid going outside during the hottest part of the day between **11am and 3pm**. Stay in the shade. Put on sunscreen (at least SPF 30). Don a wide-brimmed hat. Wear light, loose-fitting cotton or linen clothes.

Cool yourself down: Drink plenty of cold fluids regularly and eat cold, water-rich foods like salads and fruit. Avoid alcohol, caffeine, and hot drinks. Take cool showers or splash your skin with cool water.

Keep your living space cool: Close windows, curtains, & blinds during the day to block out the sun's glare (open them at night when the outdoor temperature drops). Electric fans can assist with air circulation if the room temperature is below 35°C.

Look out for others: Check in on neighbours, older adults, young children, and anyone with underlying health conditions who may struggle to stay cool and hydrated.

Knowing the Signs of Heat Illness

Heat exhaustion symptoms include a headache, dizziness, feeling sick, intense thirst, and excessive sweating. Move the person to a cool place, remove extra clothing, and give them water to drink; they should feel better within 30 minutes.

Heatstroke (Emergency): If someone feels hot and dry, stops sweating, is confused, has a seizure, or loses consciousness, call **999** immediately as this is a life-threatening medical emergency. Use [NHS 111 online](#) or call 111 for non-urgent medical advice.

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