



The Mayor of Guildford

Municipal year 2021 - 2022
Councillor Marsha Moseley

"Community is Key"



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About Marsha

Marsha was born in Portsmouth and went to school in Gosport Hampshire. She later graduated from what is now Bournemouth University, with an honours degree in History, English and Politics. Marsha joined the Civil Service in 1984, moving to Guildford in 1990. In 2018, after 33 years full time service with Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, Marsha took voluntary redundancy.

Marsha has always had a keen interest in local and national politics. In 1999, just to make the numbers up, she stood as a "paper candidate" in both the Guildford Borough and Ash Parish Council elections. To her absolute astonishment, she was elected to



represent her community on both Guildford Borough and Ash Parish Council for the Ash Vale ward and has continued to do so ever since. Marsha has served as a member of the (old) Building and Works Committee, the Corporate Improvement Scrutiny Committee, the Licensing Committee and the Planning Committee. The latter she joined in 1999 and was its Chairman from 2013 until 2020. Marsha also served as Mayor of Guildford for the municipal year 2010-2011.

Marsha's interests in sport, leisure and the local environment has been reflected in the other roles she has undertaken; she has been a representative on 'Sport Guildford', the Ash Manor Joint Management Committee, and a member of the Guildford in Bloom Committee. As an Ash Parish Councillor, Marsha has been Chairman of the Planning Committee since 2001 and was Vice Chairman of the Council from 2006 until 2015.

In addition to being a Borough and Parish Councillor Marsha served as a Surrey County Councillor from July 2006 until May 2021 when she "retired" undefeated.

Marsha's satisfaction comes from being able to represent the area in which she lives and working closely with local people and organisations. Marsha has a genuine concern for her fellow residents and as a trustee of various charities such as the James Payne Memorial Fund and the Ash and District Museum Society, she is able to ensure that people in need within her community, receive the help that is available to them. Marsha has also served as a school governor and for several years, was Chairman at a local school in Ash.



Marsha still enjoys keeping up to date with current affairs, cooking, and "playing" in her garden. Since taking redundancy from full-time employment, along with her partner Nigel, Marsha is now able to take many more "holidays" and really enjoys travelling to Europe, particularly to France and Spain to indulge in the sunny weather, culture, food and wine.

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Even before the Covid 19 Pandemic took hold of our Country, many local volunteers have gone unsung, quietly providing cohesion in our communities, by helping many disadvantaged and vulnerable people. However, Covid 19 brought its own unique set of challenges and the role of volunteers became even more important than ever. It has been absolutely overwhelming to see so many people come forward to help, to do what they could, no matter how big or small. These selfless individuals by pulling together in this extraordinary way, have clearly shown that Community is Key. During her Mayoral year, Marsha wants to be able to thank, in person when allowable, as many of the incredible volunteers as possible and she is really looking forward to getting out and about around the whole borough to do just that.

Marsha's chosen charity



Shooting Star Children's Hospices

Ted's story

Shooting Star Children's Hospices supports babies, children and young people with life-limiting conditions, and their families, across Surrey and London.



Families just like Ted's. As first-time parents, Amber and Arthur were overjoyed when they welcomed their son into the world, however following numerous tests, Ted was diagnosed with Aicardi-Goutières syndrome which meant he had brain damage and ultimately needed 24-hour-care.

"Everything seemed so overwhelming, but when we were told that Shooting Star Children's Hospices would be able to support us, it was like a hole had been filled, a weight lifted," explains Amber and Arthur. "So many special memories with Ted are at the hospice and we always hoped that, when the time came, Ted would die peacefully there with his family around him. But sadly, it didn't happen that way."



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Ted died in hospital in March 2020. "Without Shooting Star Children's Hospices we don't know what we would have done, they were there for us from the moment he died. When Ted was finally moved to the hospice it meant our family and close friends had the time they needed to say goodbye to Ted, they needed that closure. You can never prepare for the heartache of losing your child, but the support of the care team kept us going. They created hand casts and handprints for us, which we'll always treasure. Saying goodbye to your child is such a heart-breaking and unnatural thing to have to do, but in the hospice setting, it's beautiful really. We will be forever grateful that we got to say goodbye to Ted at the place that felt like home."



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The Mayor of Guildford's Local Support Fund

Marsha will also continue to support The Mayor of Guildford's Local Support Fund. As the title reflects, the fund provides vital support to local residents who may be struggling to make ends meet in a challenging economic climate. For those in genuine need a small sum of money provided from the fund can be vital and make a huge difference to their day to day to life.

For more information about the Fund and the terms under which applications can be made for a grant, or if you would like to make a donation or put on a fundraising event please contact:

Email: civicsecretary@guildford.gov.uk

Fundraising Events

During her Mayoral year, Marsha will be supporting and hosting a number of events to raise awareness and much needed funds for Shooting Star Children's Hospices and The Mayor of Guildford's Local Support Fund.

Events include...

Sunday 31 October – Spooky fundraising fun for Halloween! Full details to follow on our website.

Sunday 12 December – Holy Trinity Church, Vivace Chorus – The Mayor of Guildford's Christmas Concert – organised by the Rotary Club of Guildford.

Saturday 23 April 2022 - St George's Day Ball, Guildford Harbour Hotel with dancing to the fabulous Co-Stars!

Tesco Bucket collection and Tombola at TESCO, Egerton Road – (date to be announced).

Film and Fizz Night – in collaboration with Circle 8 Film Group – (date and venue to be announced).

Tour and Talk – about the history of Holy Trinity Church, Guildford – (date to be announced).

To keep up to date throughout the Mayoral year please visit: www.guildford.gov.uk/mayor.