



Introducing The Mayor of Guildford Municipal year 2026 to 2027 Councillor Jane Tyson

Jane's connection with Guildford began in 1993. After backpacking around Australia and South East Asia, she returned to live in Stoughton. While working at Guildford Spectrum she completed an access course at Guildford College, which was an important catalyst for her future personal development.

She went on to study Education and Psychology, followed by a Postgraduate Certificate in Education. For over 30 years she has worked in education in varied roles as an educator, championing resilience, confidence, and lifelong learning. In 2012, her love of learning took Jane, husband Paul, and their two children, on a two-year adventure in Tanzania.

Returning to Guildford, a chance conversation while her children were playing in Sutherland Memorial Park in Burpham led to new friendships, a yoga class at Guildford Spectrum, and a growing network of community connections. That experience strengthened her belief in the power of conversation to spark the unexpected and open new possibilities. She has since co-authored a book, exploring how meaningful dialogue builds stronger relationships and communities.

Vision. Vitality. Voice.

One of the things that sits at the heart of how Jane works is connection. Jane often describes herself as someone who brings people together with the intention of helping things happen. Her theme for this mayoral year is rooted in that idea, and guided by three values:

- Vision, in seeing what's possible for our communities.
- Vitality, in bringing energy and momentum to the things that matter.
- Voice, in helping people feel heard, valued and able to express what matters to them.

How Jane is supporting communities and businesses across the borough

- Hosting Business Buzz Guildford networking sessions, connecting businesses and charities.
- Championing environmental responsibility through her work with Surrey Climate Commission.
- Contributing to community outreach initiatives at Burpham Community Hub.
- Running monthly family nature sessions at Rosamund Community Garden.
- Volunteering with Guildford Twinning, Guildford Wellfest and Zero Carbon Guildford.



As Mayor, Jane is committed to serving the residents of Guildford and its surrounding villages with energy, openness and integrity, creating spaces where people feel seen, heard and connected. She hopes to inspire resilience, encourage lifelong learning and demonstrate what becomes possible when people work together.

Charity Support

During this Mayoral year, Jane has chosen to support the following charities.

Home-Start Guildford

Home-Start Guildford is an independent charity supporting families with at least one child under the age of 5, living in Guildford Borough. It is part of Home-Start UK, one of the UK's leading family support charities, benefitting from their policy framework and quality assurance, but not funding.

www.hsguildford.org.uk



SATRO

Raising young people's aspirations, building confidence and developing skills ready for work.

www.satro.org.uk



The Mayor of Guildford's Local Support Fund

This fund provides vital financial support to residents experiencing difficult circumstances.

Throughout Jane's mayoral year, she will be working hard to raise awareness of the fund across the borough, ensuring it reaches the people who need it most.

Email: civicsecretary@guildford.gov.uk



Meet the Mayor

Jane is looking forward to visiting community groups and organisations across the borough.

During her mayoral year, she aims to:

- learn more about the charities, voluntary groups, and businesses that support Guildford residents
- help raise the profile of organisations making a real difference in our communities
- support local charity fundraising activities
- and hopefully help to 'spark the unexpected' and connect communities in new and meaningful ways.

If you'd like her to visit you, please email civicsecretary@guildford.gov.uk or fill out the form on Guildford Borough Council's website.

Upcoming Events

- 17 May 2026: The Rotary Big Charity Fundraising Walk, starting at Shalford Park
- Sunday 6 September 2026: Gosdenberry, an afternoon of music with cream tea, organised by Rotary in Guildford
- 7 November 2026: Winter Wellfest Guildford, G Live
- 13 December 2026: The Mayor's Christmas Concert, organised by Rotary in Guildford in partnership with the Vivace Chorus
- New Year 2027: Charity Night at The Shahin Restaurant, Woodbridge Hill, Guildford

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