Amersham Youth Council

Information Pack 2026

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What is the Youth Council?

The Youth Council is an inclusive, non-party-political group of young people who represent the views of young people living in Amersham.

The Youth Council works closely with Amersham Town Council to ensure that young people's voices are heard in decisions that affect their community.

Anyone aged **14-19** who lives, or attends a community group or school, in Amersham is eligible to join the Youth Council. There are a maximum of **15** seats available. Membership is determined by Amersham Town Council following a recruitment process. Open applications as well as nominations from parents, schools and youth groups are welcome.

For more information, visit **www.amersham-tc.gov.uk/youth-council**, or email **info@amersham-tc.gov.uk**.

Roles & Responsibilities

The role of a Youth Councillor requires enthusiasm, time and commitment. You will be asked to attend various meetings (approx. every 6 weeks) and the occasional event. You will need to be comfortable working with a wide range of people, including adults and other young people. You must be community-minded and be willing to advocate for young people. Specific roles and responsibilities, e.g. Chair, vice-Chair, will be determined by the Youth Council at the first meeting.

How can you become a Youth Councillor?

- Anyone aged **14-19** who lives in or attends school/groups in **Amersham** is eligible
- Have the approval of your parent, guardian or carer (if you are under the age of **18**)
- Have the time, availability and commitment to fulfil the role
- Get your nomination form completed and submitted by the closing date of **Monday 19th October 2026**

Youth Council Nomination Form

To be completed by the candidate (if self nominating) or the nominator. Must be signed by the candidate, and a parent/ guardian/carer if the candidate is under the age of 18.

Name of Young Person/Candidate:

Date of Birth:

Age:

Address:

Email Address of candidate:

Please use this space to briefly explain why the candidate is suitable for the role of Youth Councillor (continue on a separate sheet of paper if you wish):

Parent/Guardian/Carer Permission (if the candidate is under the age of 18):

I, the parent/guardian/carer, have read and understood the roles and responsibilties of the Youth Council and give permission for the candidate to join the Council, attend meetings and occasional events and, if elected, undertake the roles and responsibilities of an elected Youth Councillor as outlined in the Constitution.

Signature of parent/guardian/carer: **Date:**

Parent/guardian/carer mobile number:

Photo Permissions:

Amersham Town Council (including Youth Council) promotes the positive image of young people and seeks to raise the profile of young people in the community. Photos may be taken of Youth Councillors at community events for promotional, publicity and display purposes. This may include publicity in local newspapers, online via social media, or on the Amersham Town Council website.

Please tick the box to indicate that you consent for Amersham Town Council to include the photos of the candidate in publicity materials as outlined above.

☐ **YES I do give consent**

Signature of parent/guardian/carer (if candidate is under 18): **Date:**

Signature of candidate: **Date:**