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www.runnymede.gov.uk/leisureandculture

or call 01932 425677

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Are you aged seven to 16?
Would you like eight weeks of free sports coaching with the chance to compete?

The P&G Surrey Youth Games is the largest youth sports competition in Surrey for seven to 16 year olds. It takes place every year over a weekend in June. In the lead up to the competition from April to June the council provide eight weeks of free sports coaching in approximately 14 different sports. A team is then selected to go to the P&G Surrey Youth Games competition and represent Runnymede, competing for medals and trophies against the 10 other boroughs in Surrey.

The P&G Surrey Youth Games is your chance to discover a new talent or improve on the skills you already have with the help of dedicated and qualified sports coaches. The training sessions are held after school and at weekends and take place at sports clubs, leisure centres and schools across the borough.

For more information about the P&G Surrey Youth Games please contact the Community Development Team on 01932 425677 or visit www.runnymede.gov.uk/syg.
Runnymede Borough has the following leisure centres:

**Addlestone Leisure Centre**
School Lane, Addlestone, Surrey KT15 1TD  
Tel: 01932 858966 • Email: enquiries@achievelifestyle.co.uk  
Website: www.achievelifestyle.co.uk  
Facilities include a gym, studio and spinning studio. The sports facilities at Addlestone (sports hall, squash courts, small hall, outside areas) are managed by Jubilee High School. For sports bookings please ring 01932 884800 or email: booking@jubileehigh.surrey.sch.uk

**Egham Leisure Centre**
Vicarage Road, Egham, Surrey TW20 8NL  
Tel: 01784 437695 • Email: enquiries@achievelifestyle.co.uk  
Website: www.achievelifestyle.co.uk  
Facilities include a gym, sports hall, squash courts, studios, spinning studio, crèche, soft play, café, 3G 5-a-side football, 11-a-side & 9-a-side football and tennis courts.  
During school holidays, under 16s can play for only £1 at Egham Leisure Centre (tennis, squash, table tennis, basketball, badminton) and train for £1 at Egham and Addlestone Leisure Centres (12-15 years).  
Achieve Lifestyle will also be running the new gym being built as part of the Addlestone One Development which is due to open in 2017.

**The River Bourne Club**
Heriot Road, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 9DR  
Swimming pool, gym and fitness studio.  
Tel: 01932 560560  
Email: info@rbhealthclub.co.uk  
Website: www.rbhealthclub.co.uk
We are fortunate to have such a variety of parks and open spaces in Runnymede, a selection are listed below. All parks range in facilities, including two outdoor gyms at Victory Park and Hythe Park which are free to use.

**Addlestone**

**Victory Park**
Chertsey Road, Addlestone, KT15 2EW
Facilities: Football, tennis, bowls, playground, outdoor gym, paddling pool and toilets.

**Chertsey**

**The Orchard and Abbeyfields**
Staines Lane, Chertsey, KT16 8AT
Facilities: Football, cricket, playground, toilets.

**Chertsey Recreation Ground**
Guildford Road, Chertsey, KT16 9BW
Facilities: Football, cricket, bowls, outdoor table tennis, playground, paddling pool, a floodlit multi-sports court and toilets.

**Chertsey Meads**
Mead Lane, Chertsey, KT16 8LN
An open area of wildflower meadow on the banks of the Thames with a modern children's play area. Very popular with families and dog walkers alike, it is a great space for walks and family outings. The wildflowers are at their best from May to July.

**Gogmore Farm Park**
Off Guildford Street, Chertsey, KT16 9BB
Facilities: Tennis court, playground, floodlit multi-use games area, a riverside walk and toilets (Seasonal opening).

**Homewood Park**
Guildford Road, Chertsey, KT16 0QA
A 23-hectare park designed to echo the original landscape surrounding the Grade II listed Botley Manor Mansion of the late 1700s. The park includes car parking (from Stonehill Road), toilets (seasonal opening), a nature trail, pathways suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs, cycle routes, horse trails, a lake and woodland.

**St Ann's Hill**
Chertsey, KT16 9NL
A wooded park with stunning views over the surrounding countryside. You'll find a nature trail, a picnic area, walks and the site of an iron age fort.

**Truss's Island**
Chertsey Lane, Chertsey, TW18 3LS
A small riverside park with a picnic area and public slipway to the River Thames. There are fishing facilities for the disabled.
We also have public gardens owned by the Crown Estate at Virginia Water, Saville Gardens, and on the boarders of Windsor Great Park. For further information, please visit www.theroyallandscape.co.uk/gardens-and-landscape.

**Egham**

**Runnymede Pleasure Ground**  
*Windsor Road, Egham, TW20 0AE*  
A popular spot for picnics and the site of a new statue of Her Majesty QEII, the area is also a good starting point for walks along the river to the Magna Carta and John F Kennedy Memorials. During the summer months, a paddling pool, children’s rides and amusements all add to the attraction of the park. There are large open grass areas, a playground, a pay and display car park and toilets.

**Englefield Green**

**Englefield Green**  
*St Jude’s Road, Englefield Green, TW20 0BY*  
Traditional village green with cricket green, play area and toilets.

**New Haw**

**Heathervale Recreation Ground**  
*Park Side, New Haw, KT15 3AN*  
Facilities: Football, tennis, cricket, bowling, skate area, play equipment, multi-games court, paddling pool and toilets.

**Ottershaw**

**Ottershaw Memorial Fields**  
*Foxhills Road, Ottershaw, KT16 0NQ*  
Facilities: Football, cricket, tennis, bowls, play equipment, putting, a wooded walk and toilets.

For further information on opening and closing times and for pitch bookings, please visit our website www.runnymede.gov.uk/recsandparks or telephone 01932 425686.

**Hythe Park**

*Field View, Egham TW20 8AT*  
Opened in 2009, this park offers a children’s adventure playground and toddlers playground, outdoor gym, multi-use ball court, wildlife areas and new community garden and orchard.

We also have public gardens owned by the Crown Estate at Virginia Water, Saville Gardens, and on the boarders of Windsor Great Park. For further information, please visit www.theroyallandscape.co.uk/gardens-and-landscape.
There are 12 allotment sites in the borough of Runnymede.

**Council-managed sites**
Nine of the sites are managed directly by us, so we handle the letting of plots and site maintenance. If you’d like to find out where our vacant plots are call 01932 425686.

**Self-managed sites**
Three of the allotment sites are self-managed. This means they’re leased from the council and run by the plot holders, who set plot fees and manage most of the maintenance. Contact details are available from us.

We’re keen to encourage the move to self-management for all of our sites. If any other plot holders would like to explore this option, please contact Customer Services (allotments) on 01932 425686.

**Plot sizes**
Allotments are traditionally measured by the rod - a unit equating to approximately 25 square metres. Most plots in Runnymede are between five and 10 rods (125 to 250sqm).

**Locations**
Runnymede’s allotment sites are shown below (those with an asterisk are self-managed):
- Addlestone - Sayes Court*
- Chertsey - Barrsbrook Farm and St Ann’s
- Egham – Boshers*, Wendover Road and Vicarage Road
- Englefield Green - Bond Street and Kings Lane
- Thorpe – Thorpe
- Virginia Water - Stroude Road
- Woodham/New Haw - Woodham Lane* and Pinewood

Greenfingers in Runnymede

The Greenfingers in Runnymede competition (previously named Runnymede in Bloom) is held every year in July and 2016 will mark its 20th year. For more information about Greenfingers in Runnymede please visit www.runnymede.gov.uk/greenfingers or telephone 01932 425686.
Rambling, walks and cycling

There are over 120 public rights of way within the Borough, forming an extensive network across a diverse range of environments. Historic towns and bustling shopping centres provide a contrast to the peaceful rural parks, woodlands and quiet river walks.

**A selection of local walks**

- **Hare Hill Doorstep Walk** – A 20-25 minute walk through woods between Ottershaw and Addlestone
- **St Ann’s Doorstep Walk** – Close to Chertsey, this is a 40-45 minute walk on good paths around this historic site (now mostly wooded) with fine views.

If you’d like to see more of the local area, improve your health, and meet new people, why not join a walking group? Every Monday at 10am, a group meet at Manor Farm Centre in Egham and walk together for around 45 minutes. On occasion, transport is arranged to travel to new locations. For more information on these and other walks and rambles in Runnymede, please visit www.runnymede.gov.uk/walks

**Interactive Runnymede Cycle Map**

The Runnymede interactive cycle map shows recommended, safe cycle routes in your area. These are marked on the map in three colours to indicate busy and quieter roads plus off-road tracks. To view the interactive cycle map please visit maps.runnymede.gov.uk/website/cycle_map/main.html

**Plan a cycle route**

To plan your own cycle ride, visit www.cyclestreets.net which provides directions, photos of routes and the number of calories you’ll burn.
Stay Active, Stay Fit, Stay Healthy

The ‘Stay Active, Stay Fit, Stay Healthy’ programme provides a range of leisure activities designed to help over 55s in Runnymede stay active and independent.

Outdoor Gyms
Victory Park, Addlestone (off Chertsey Road) and Hythe Park, Egham (off Rowan Avenue)
The outdoor fitness equipment is free to use and is good fun for some outdoor exercise.

Social Centres
The Social Centres in Addlestone, New Haw, and Egham are a great place for older people to meet up. They all have friendly, lively atmospheres and offer support, guidance and advice as well as the chance to meet new people and take part in a range of activities.
All the centres are open from 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.
Stay Active, Stay Fit, Stay Healthy

Swimming
A transport and chaperone service is available to and from the River Bourne Health Club, Chertsey. The cost is £1 for the first four sessions and £2 thereafter and they run from each of the Social Centres in Runnymede:

- **Woodham and New Haw Centre, New Haw KT15 3ET**
  - Tuesdays at 10.15am
  - Tel: 01932 335707

- **Manor Farm Centre, Egham TW20 9HR**
  - Wednesdays at 10am
  - Tel: 01784 435278

- **Eileen Tozer Centre, Addlestone KT15 2AN**
  - Fridays at 9.15am
  - Tel: 01932 841088

**Gym**
**Mondays at 10am from Eileen Tozer**
Free transport is provided from the Eileen Tozer Centre to the River Bourne Health Club to use their specialist Milon circuit equipment exclusively for one hour. This session costs £3.50, paid directly to the River Bourne upon arrival. New users must book an induction prior to their first gym session by calling the River Bourne directly on 01932 560560.

**Led Walks**
**Mondays at 10am from Manor Farm**
A group meet at Manor Farm for a walk that lasts approximately 45 minutes. On occasion, transport is arranged to travel to new locations. The walks are a great way to see the local area, stay fit and meet new people.

**Zumba Gold**
**Tuesdays at 11am at Woodham and New Haw**
A perfect class for active older adults. The sessions focus on all elements of fitness; cardiovascular, muscular conditioning, flexibility and balance. Sessions cost £3.

**For more information about these activities and to book, please telephone the appropriate Centre directly.**
Walking Basketball **Thursdays, 12pm-1pm at Egham Leisure Centre**
Walking Basketball is an exciting opportunity for people wishing to participate in basketball, in an adapted, lower impact form. First session is free, £2 thereafter. No need to book, just turn up!

Sing and Mingle **Fridays, 11am-12pm at Manor Farm**
A weekly singing group for carers. The singing sessions are fun, free and light-hearted, with no previous musical experience necessary. The Manor Farm Centre is able to provide respite care for a limited amount of people while carers participate in the singing. Let us know you’d like to come along by calling Manor Farm on 01784 435278.

Safer Driving with Age (SAGE)
SAGE provides residents 55+ in Runnymede with the opportunity to get advice and reassurance from an approved driving instructor during a one hour driving session in your own car, without the pressure of a pass or fail driving test.

**For more information please visit**
[www.runnymede.gov.uk/SAGE](http://www.runnymede.gov.uk/SAGE) or telephone 01932 425688.

The Community Sport Activation Fund (CSAF)
CSAF is a scheme to encourage those 50+ to become more active. Part funded by Sport England; this scheme involves a wide variety of different sports and activities in Runnymede from walking football, exercise classes, bowls and badminton!

Volunteering
We offer a range of volunteer opportunities including volunteer walk leaders, gardeners and the Step into Sport volunteer programme for younger people. At our Social Centres, we offer volunteer roles including receptionists, kitchen assistants, chaperones and bingo callers.

**For more information on the variety of leisure activities that are currently available, or for our volunteer opportunities, please visit** [www.runnymede.gov.uk/stayactivefitthealthy](http://www.runnymede.gov.uk/stayactivefitthealthy) or telephone 01932 425677.
We have two halls in Runnymede available for hire for a variety of occasions including but not exclusively: wedding receptions, birthday parties, meetings, family functions, fitness classes, employment fairs, craft fairs, stage presentations and educational classes.

**Chertsey Hall**  
Heriot Road, Chertsey, Surrey, KT16 9DR

**Hythe Centre**  
Thorpe Road, Staines, Middlesex, TW18 3HD

Hire charges are dependent on type of hire, venue, the day of the week and times. Equipment is also available to hire.

For further information and to make a booking please telephone 01932 425684, e-mail halls@runnymede.gov.uk or visit www.runnymede.gov.uk/halls.
Chertsey Museum is the local authority museum for the borough. We fund it with support from the Olive Matthews Trust.

The Museum has a fantastic range of collections including:

- history of the Runnymede area
- local archaeology (including a Viking sword found near Thorpe Park) and history of Chertsey Abbey
- fine art, decorative art
- social history including many documents and photographs
- local clocks
- the nationally significant Olive Matthews Collection of dress and textiles, with costume exhibitions displaying fashion throughout the years

The Museum also holds regular temporary exhibitions on a variety of subjects and organises activities and events for children and adults. Current exhibitions and a ‘what’s on’ calendar of forthcoming activities and event are listed on the Museum’s website.

Did you know.. Chertsey Museum has a free app available to download that gives you fun facts and snippets of local history? Download it for FREE from the App Store or Google Play by searching for Chertsey Museum.

Chertsey Museum
The Cedars, 33 Windsor Street
Chertsey, Surrey KT16 8AT

Open: Tuesday – Friday (12.30pm-4.30pm), Saturdays (11am-4pm).
Closed Sundays and Mondays.
Telephone: 01932 565764
Website: www.chertseymuseum.org.uk
Free Access for County Sportspeople (FACS)

The Runnymede FACS scheme enables county standard sports people living in the borough to train, free of charge, at a variety of venues during off-peak hours. These facilities include Addlestone and Egham Leisure Centres and many outdoor facilities. For more information or to apply for a FACS card, visit our website www.runnymede.gov.uk/fundingforsport or telephone 01932 425677.

Elite

Elite is Active Surrey’s support scheme designed to enable national-level athletes to reach their full potential and prepare them for future Olympic and Paralympic Games. Through the scheme, over 30 local leisure centres, training facilities and sports therapists are offering discounts on their services to reduce the financial burden for young athletes. In return, Elite members become ambassadors for these facilities, helping with local events and coaching sessions. For more details about Elite or to become a member, please visit www.activesurrey.com/funding/elite or telephone 01483 518944.

Other funding

Grant Aid
Voluntary and community groups in Runnymede are highly valued and this is reflected in our commitment to make over £400,000 available annually to support their work. We also make available grant aid support to individuals who participate in sports, arts, voluntary, educational or charitable activities. For more information on Grant Aid and other funding please visit www.runnymede.gov.uk/grantaid or telephone 01932 425628 to find out about current funding availability.

Sportivate
Sportivate is a funding stream aimed at community orientated organisations to attract and sustain 14-25 year olds in sport/physical activity. For more information visit www.activesurrey.com/sportivate.

The Community Projects Fund
Apply for up to £1000 for new projects or expansions to existing projects within the Runnymede Borough. For more information please visit www.runnymede.gov.uk/CPF or telephone 01932 425688.
Sports policies and legislation are constantly developing and have a big impact on how clubs have to operate. They need to be safe, well administered and structured in order to be open and accessible to all.

Sport Runnymede helps local sports clubs, organisations and individuals meet current legislation with financial assistance and information to support their development.

For more information and support please contact the Community Development Team on 01932 425677.

Sport Runnymede Annual Sports Awards
The Sports Awards provide a fantastic opportunity to recognise talented local athletes, coaches, volunteers, teams and clubs for their outstanding sporting achievements over the past 12 months.
Those who win a local award will automatically go through to the assessment panel for the county awards; providing they meet the county nomination criteria.

If you have any questions about the Runnymede Sports Awards, please contact the Community Development Team on 01932 425677.