

Welcome to 2026 from the Laleham Residents Association

Happy New Year from everyone at the **Laleham Residents Association (LRA)**.

As we step into 2026, there is much to look forward to, with a calendar full of much-loved events, opportunities to get involved, and ongoing initiatives that support village life. From the **Heritage Centre** and the **Laleham Village Fair** to the return of the **Gardens Open Day**, the first half of the year offers plenty of chances to come together and celebrate the strong community spirit that makes Laleham such a special place. Many of these events rely on local support, and we warmly invite residents to get involved, whether by opening their garden for Open Gardens Day, helping behind the scenes at the Village Fair, or lending a hand in other ways. Alongside this, the LRA will continue to keep residents informed through regular community news, *Town Cry* email updates and practical resources such as the **Laleham Roadworks** page on our website. Whether you are a long-standing resident or new to the village, we hope 2026 will be a happy, active and well-connected year for all.

Light Up Laleham

Before we finally left 2025 behind, the festive season was launched in style with **Light Up Laleham** on Sunday 30 November. Jointly hosted by **All Saints' Parish Church** and the **LRA**, the evening brought villagers together for mulled wine, mince pies and a short Advent service, followed by the much-anticipated Christmas lights switch-on, led by **Reverend Andy Saville**. A warm and joyful occasion, it once again highlighted the strength of community spirit in Laleham.

Laleham History & Heritage

Laleham's rich past continues to be celebrated at the **Laleham Heritage Centre**, located on The Broadway between the Recreation Ground and the Village Hall. Run by volunteers Dominic, John, Ken and Rod, the Centre offers a welcoming place to explore historic documents, maps, books and artefacts, or simply enjoy a friendly chat over a cup of tea. The Heritage Centre will be closed during January, reopening for its first open day of 2026 on **Saturday 7 February**. Residents with photographs, artefacts or personal stories connected to Laleham are warmly encouraged to contribute. Please contact curator **Dominic O'Malley** at dom.omalley@hotmail.co.uk

Laleham Gardens Open Day

A much-loved feature of the village calendar, the **Laleham Gardens Open Day** will return in **early summer 2026**. The event provides a wonderful opportunity to welcome new residents, reconnect with neighbours and celebrate the gardens that help define Laleham's character. The 2026 Open Day will be held in memory of **Beryl Shattock**, who many residents will remember, gave years of dedicated service to both the Laleham Society and the LRA, running the event with great care and commitment. Gardeners of all abilities are invited to take part, whether tending a large garden or a small space, and to share ideas and tips while continuing the community spirit Beryl so warmly

championed. If you would like your garden to be included, please email lra@laleham-residents-association.org.uk with “**Open Gardens**” in the subject line.

Laleham Village Fair 2026

A firm favourite in the village calendar, **Laleham Village Fair** returns on **Saturday 4 July 2026** at **Lucan Recreation Ground**. Planning is already underway, with more details to follow via our website and social media channels. The Fair is a true community celebration, bringing together families, friends and neighbours for a day of fun and entertainment. Volunteers play a vital role, and help is needed with setting up, erecting gazebos, assisting behind the scenes during the event and clearing up afterwards. No experience is required; just enthusiasm and a willingness to help. Whether you can spare an hour or more, every contribution makes a difference.

Laleham Roadworks

The LRA regularly updates a dedicated **Laleham Roadworks** page on the website, providing the latest available information on current and planned works in the village, link here: laleham-residents-association.org.uk/laleham-roadworks

Join the LRA Community

The **Laleham Residents Association** (*Registered Charity No. 262220*) relies on membership to continue its work on behalf of the village. Annual membership costs **£10 per household** and includes regular *Town Cry* and community news updates. To join, please email membership@laleham-residents-association.org.uk

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