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Epsom & Ewell Borough Council publishes final Annual Report

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Today, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council has published its 2025/26 Annual Report, marking the authority's final annual report before local government reorganisation and reflecting on almost 90 years of service to residents.

The report showcases both the council's achievements over the last financial year and key moments from its history since the Borough of Epsom and Ewell was established in 1937.

The council will be 90 years old when it is dissolved ahead of East Surrey Council's Vesting Day on 1 April 2027.

The report highlights key achievements over the past year, including:

- setting a balanced budget for 2026/27 without cuts to services
- allocating more than £1.6 million to Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) projects supporting local infrastructure and community organisations
- determining around 94% of planning applications within statutory timescales, including 100% of major applications
- progressing the borough's Local Plan through Public Examination, helping to shape how future development is managed while protecting the borough's green spaces, heritage and character
- progressing the council's Climate Change Action Plan through energy-efficiency improvements and renewable energy investment
- preventing or relieving homelessness for 525 households and supporting vulnerable residents through housing and home improvement services
- launching new health and wellbeing initiatives for young people and families across the borough.

As well as highlighting the council's work during 2025/26, the report celebrates 90 years of local government in Epsom & Ewell, featuring notable milestones from the borough's history, including the creation of the borough in 1937, the establishment of Bourne Hall and the council's support for residents through national events including the Second World War and the Covid-19 pandemic.

Jackie King, Chief Executive of Epsom & Ewell Borough Council, said:

"This Annual Report is a particularly significant one, as it will be the last published by Epsom & Ewell Borough Council before the authority becomes part of the new East Surrey unitary council in April 2027.

"While the report highlights the achievements of the past year, it is also an opportunity to reflect on almost 90 years of public service and the people who have made that possible.

"Over nine decades, generations of councillors, officers, volunteers and community partners have helped shape Epsom & Ewell into the thriving borough it is today. As we enter a period of significant change for this borough and Surrey as a whole, this report recognises the lasting legacy they leave behind.

"It has been an honour to serve this borough and I hope residents will enjoy looking back on the council's history as we prepare for the next chapter of local government in Surrey."

Hannah Dalton, Leader of Epsom & Ewell Borough Council, added:

"This report is an opportunity to reflect on 90 years of service to our communities and the lasting contribution the council has made to life in Epsom & Ewell.

"Since the council was established in 1937, it has been led by the Residents' Association, with a strong focus on local priorities and community values. As we prepare for local government reorganisation, I am proud of what has been achieved by generations of councillors, officers and community partners working together on behalf of residents.

"While this chapter is coming to a close, the legacy of Epsom & Ewell Borough Council and the strong sense of local identity that defines our borough will endure."

The report is available on the council's website at: Epsom & Ewell Annual Report 2025/26 | Epsom and Ewell Borough

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Young Legends offered free autumn activities in Epsom and Ewell

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Children aged nine to 11 living in Epsom and Ewell can take part in up to two free sports or creative activities through the return of the borough council's Young Legends programme.

Bookings are now open, with places allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The programme is intended to help children develop skills and confidence, make friends and prepare for the transition to secondary school.

Activities running during November and December include basketball, coding, football, girls' rugby, judo, musical theatre, scrapbooking, choir and tennis. A dedicated arts and crafts course is available for children with special educational needs.

Councillor Clive Woodbridge, Chair of Epsom and Ewell Borough Council's Community and Wellbeing Committee, said positive feedback from the programme's first year had demonstrated the value of providing such opportunities.

He said: "Through Young Legends, we're helping children stay active, build confidence and connect with others, while working to make the programme accessible to as many young people as possible.

"Whether you want to continue with an activity you enjoyed last year or try something completely new, I encourage parents, carers and children to explore the activities on offer and give an activity a try."

Activities and dates

Arts and crafts for children with SEN
Mondays: 9, 16, 23 and 30 November and 7 December, 4.15pm–5.15pm
Epsom Library
Delivered by Creative Minds

Basketball
Tuesdays: 3, 10, 17 and 24 November and 1 and 8 December, 7pm–8pm
Epsom and Ewell High School
Delivered by Cagers Basketball Club

Coding
Thursdays: 5, 12, 19 and 26 November and 3 and 10 December, 5pm–6pm
or Fridays: 6, 13, 20 and 27 November and 4 and 11 December, 5pm–6pm
Church House, St Martin's Church
Delivered by Code Ninjas

Football
Thursdays: 5, 12, 19 and 26 November and 3 and 10 December, 5pm–6pm
Court Recreation Ground
Delivered by Young Ones United Football Foundation

Girls' rugby
Wednesdays: 4, 11, 18 and 25 November and 2 and 9 December, 6.30pm–7.30pm
Sutton and Epsom Rugby Club
Delivered by Sutton and Epsom RFC

Judo
Tuesdays: 3, 10, 17 and 24 November and 1 and 8 December

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Ages nine to 10: 4pm–5pm
Ages 10 to 11: 5pm–6pm
Rainbow Leisure Centre
Delivered by Westcroft Judo Nork

Musical theatre – song and dance
Mondays: 9, 16, 23 and 30 November and 7 December, 4.30pm–6pm
Laine Theatre Arts
Delivered by Laine Theatre Arts

Scrapbooking
Wednesdays: 4, 11, 18 and 25 November and 2 and 9 December, 5pm–6pm
Epsom Picturehouse
Delivered by Kate McBarron

Sing and Sign Choir
Fridays: 6, 13, 20 and 27 November and 4 and 11 December, 4.30pm–5.30pm
Council Chamber, Epsom Town Hall
Delivered by Include

Tennis
Sundays: 8, 15, 22 and 29 November and 6 and 13 December, 11.30am–12.30pm
Rainbow Leisure Centre
Delivered by Callum Macarty Tennis

Parents and carers can find further information and book through the council's Young Legends webpage. Application forms can also be completed at Epsom Town Hall during its opening hours.

Up to two activities may be selected for each child.

Questions can be sent to the council's Community Development team at cdevelopment@epsom-ewell.gov.uk.

The council also offers an Access to Activity Bursary for eligible 12 to 15-year-olds and community football sessions for children and young people aged 10 to 16. Details are available on its Getting Active webpage.

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Epsom & Ewell residents invited to share 'Messages of Hope' for World Suicide Prevention Day

1 October 2026



Epsom & Ewell Borough Council is inviting residents to share messages of encouragement and support as part of the Messages of Hope campaign, marking World Suicide Prevention Day on 10 September.

Part of the council's Health and Wellbeing Strategy, the initiative aims to help people feel connected, reduce the stigma around mental health, raise awareness of local support services and resources, and provide messages of hope to people who may be facing mental health challenges or affected by the loss of someone to suicide.

Messages of Hope display boards will be located at several locations across the borough. Residents are invited to write a message of hope for others and read or take a message that resonates with them. Information about local mental health support services and resources will be available at each location.

From 10 to 17 September, residents can write a message of hope and pin it to one of the boards located at:

- Ashley Centre, Epsom
- Bourne Hall Library, Ewell
- Epsom Library

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- Epsom Picturehouse
- St John's Church, Stoneleigh

Chief Executive of Epsom & Ewell Borough Council, Jackie King, Chair of the Community & Wellbeing Committee, Councillor Clive Woodbridge, and the Mayor of Epsom & Ewell, Councillor Lucie McIntyre, will add their own messages to the board at the Ashley Centre on 10 September.

Epsom Picturehouse will host a free Letters of Hope workshop in its café area on 10 September from 2pm to 4pm, led by local facilitator Kate McBarron. Participants will be guided through letter-writing techniques and prompts to help them create messages of hope, with time afterwards to continue writing. To book a place, email epsom.marketing@picturehouses.co.uk or call 07841 724938.

Councillor Clive Woodbridge, Chair of the Community and Wellbeing Committee said: "Mental health challenges can affect anyone, and they can have a profound impact on individuals, families and friends.

"World Suicide Prevention Day is an opportunity to raise awareness, encourage conversations and remind people that small acts of kindness can make a real difference. Through Messages of Hope, we want to show that Epsom & Ewell is a community that cares, where people look out for one another and where nobody has to face difficult times alone."

"I would encourage anyone who is experiencing mental health difficulties, or who is concerned about someone they know, to reach out for help. One life lost is too much."

Information about local mental health support and resources can be found here: Mental Health Support and Resources | Epsom and Ewell Borough Council

About the EEBC Messages of Hope campaign

The Message of Hope campaign aims to create moments of human connection, reduce stigma around emotional wellbeing, and provide accessible messages of hope to anyone who may be struggling. This campaign does not replace professional support; it complements existing suicide prevention efforts by creating opportunities for compassion, conversation, and hope across the borough.

About Epsom's Picturehouse free letter-writing technique workshop, supported by EEBC

Epsom's Picturehouse cinema in Epsom Square will be opening its café space for a free Letters of Hope workshop on September 10th, led by local facilitator Kate McBarron. Kate will lead an hour of guided letter-writing techniques, prompts and inspiration from 2pm, followed by time for participants to continue writing and use the resources provided.

About the EEBC Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2025-2028

The strategy supports all residents, with particular attention given to children and young people, older adults, individuals whose health is affected by broader social and economic factors and those whose personal circumstances may disproportionately increase their vulnerability to poor health and wellbeing. The strategy also includes specific references to those who are disproportionately impacted by isolation, disability, digital exclusion and people with long-term health conditions. (Public Pack) Agenda Document for Community and Wellbeing Committee, 08/07/2025 19:30

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Free community football sessions and more for Epsom and Ewell

1 October 2026



Epsom & Ewell Borough Council is pleased to announce that free community football sessions will be available for young people aged 10 to 16 who live in the borough, from 24 August 2026 to 31 March 2027. This programme will be delivered by YOUfF (Young Ones United Football Foundation) with monthly life lesson mentoring sessions also available for participants.

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Community football sessions will take place three days a week at Court Recreation Ground, with dedicated sessions for different age groups and genders. Spaces for up to 21 participants are available in each session and participation will need to be confirmed in advance via the YOUfF Instagram Poll. New players must complete a registration form, either online or in person at the session. For more information and details on how to book, visit this page on the YOUfF website – https://www.youff.org.uk/whatwedo

Monthly life lesson mentoring sessions will take place at St Barnabas Church in Epsom.

The Epsom & Ewell Community Football Programme supports the council's Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which focuses on increasing physical activity, improving wellbeing and reducing health inequalities in the borough.

Councillor Clive Woodbridge (RA Ewell Village)**, Chair of the Community and Wellbeing Committee, said:**

"The Epsom & Ewell Community Football Programme provides a fantastic opportunity for young people to take part in regular physical activity. Sessions will also provide a positive and supportive environment in which to improve their wellbeing and build their confidence.

"As well as developing football skills, participants will experience the benefits of being part of a team, building friendships, learning to be part of a team and developing a sense of belonging.

"This programme supports our commitment to improving health and wellbeing across the borough by providing free, accessible activities for young people. Alongside the football sessions, participants will also have access to mentoring and guidance to help them develop valuable life skills and make positive life choices.

"I'd like to thank YOUfF for partnering with the council to deliver this programme, and I encourage young people aged 10 to 16, and their parents and carers, to get involved and take advantage of this fantastic opportunity."

Yasha Tobias-Browne, Founder of YOUfF CIC said: "YOUfF was created around the belief that football can be so much more than just a game. It gives us a way to bring young people together, build relationships and create opportunities both on and off the pitch. Through Epsom & Ewell Community Football, we want young people across the borough to have somewhere they can just turn up for FREE, play football, make friends and feel part of something positive. From there they can join the monthly mentoring sessions, where they'll learn life skills, learn about qualifications and pathways that can genuinely help shape their futures. We're really excited to be working with Epsom & Ewell Borough Council to make that happen."

For any questions, email the council's Community Development team: cdevelopment@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

About the Epsom and Ewell Community Football programme (EECF)

- Community Football sessions at Court Recreation Ground:
  - Mondays between 4-5pm – years 6-8 (10-13 yrs) for girls and boys
  - Tuesdays between 4-5pm – years 9-11 (13-16 yrs) for boys
  - Fridays between 4-5pm – years 7-11 (11-16 yrs) for girls
- Monthly lifestyle mentoring sessions will take place every Friday between 5-7pm for participants of Community Football.
- More information: https://www.youff.org.uk/whatwedo

About Young Ones United Football Foundation (YOUfF)

YOUfF is a football and mentoring CiC helping young people engage in education and employment. They work alongside a number of educational organisations and reach disengaged learners using football and mentoring interventions. Football Educational Mentoring | UK | Y.O.U.F.F

About the EEBC Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2025-2028

The strategy is designed to support all residents, with particular attention given to children and young people, older adults, individuals whose health is affected by broader social and economic factors and those whose personal circumstances may disproportionately increase their vulnerability to poor health and wellbeing. The strategy also includes specific references to those who are disproportionately impacted by isolation, disability, digital exclusion and people with long-term health conditions. (Public Pack) Agenda Document for Community and Wellbeing Committee, 08/07/2025 19:30

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Epsom & Ewell Borough Council Invites Community

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to Share ‘A Million Acts of Hope’

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Epsom & Ewell Borough Council, in partnership with the Epsom & Ewell Refugee Network, is inviting residents to take part in *A Million Acts of Hope* during Refugee Week this June – celebrating the everyday actions that bring people together and strengthen communities.

A Million Acts of Hope is a national initiative recognising the small but meaningful contributions people make to their community each day. From coaching youth teams and volunteering at food banks to supporting neighbours and caring for shared spaces, these acts may go unnoticed, but they play an important role in building compassionate and connected communities.

Running from 15 June to 21 June, Refugee Week offers an opportunity to recognise the contributions of refugees, while celebrating the diversity, resilience and community spirit that enrich local life. This year, the borough will also mark *A Million Acts of Hope* during the same week, highlighting how simple actions can help create a more welcoming and inclusive place for everyone.

These shared values are reflected in the work of the Epsom & Ewell Refugee Network (EERN), which supports refugees to feel welcomed, connected and part of the community. EERN, which is partly funded by Epsom & Ewell Borough Council, delivers a range of services, including: group activities, helpdesk support, language classes and community initiatives – all designed to help foster inclusion and understanding.

To encourage residents to get involved*, A Million Acts of Hope* boards were installed at Epsom Library and Ewell Library (Bourne Hall) this week. The CEO of Epsom & Ewell Borough Council, Jackie King, Councillor Clive Woodbridge, Chair of the Community & Wellbeing Committee at Epsom & Ewell Borough Council, the Mayor of Epsom & Ewell, Councillor Lucie McIntyre and Epsom & Ewell Refugee Network Lead, Jo Sherring, have all added their messages to the board.
We encourage visitors to share messages of kindness, gratitude or community spirit.

Participants can write a short note on a postcard, available at both locations, and add it to the display, creating a collective expression of hope across the borough.

Speaking of the upcoming events, Councillor Clive Woodbridge, Chair of the Community and Wellbeing Committee, said:

“Epsom & Ewell is a borough defined by the strength of its community, and initiatives like *A Million Acts of Hope* highlight the kindness, compassion and generosity that bring our residents together. It has been truly heartwarming to read the many stories already shared on the boards across the borough, each one reflecting small but meaningful acts of care, gratitude and support.

These stories capture what makes Epsom & Ewell such a special place to live, and I encourage residents to continue adding their voices as we come together to celebrate hope and the power of community.”

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Image EEBC: rom left to right: Chair of the Community & Wellbeing Committee, Councillor Clive Woodbridge, Mayor of Epsom & Ewell, Councillor Lucie McIntyre and Epsom & Ewell Refugee Network Lead, Jo Sherring.

Epsom and Ewell Local Plan next phase

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We are contacting you to remind you about a Planning Policy consultation being carried out by Epsom & Ewell Borough Council on Additional Documents Submitted by the Council during the Local Plan Examination. The consultation will close at 23:59pm on Monday 15 June 2026.Thank you to those that have responded to our consultation already.
The consultation, additional documents and response form can be accessed on our consultation portal using the link below:https://epsom-ewell.inconsult.uk/localplan.additionaldocuments
Reference copies of the consultation documents along with copies of the response forms are available from the Town Hall and borough Libraries during opening hours.
If you have any questions about the consultation, or do not wish to receive future communications on planning policy consultations in the borough, please contact a member of the planning policy team using the methods below:Email: localplan@epsom-ewell.gov.uk
Phone: 01372 732000Examination
Hearing:
Please note that a further Examination Hearing will be held on Thursday 2 July 2026 and will commence at 09:30am at:
Epsom Town Hall
The Parade
Epsom
Surrey
KT18 5BY
The Hearing can be attended by interested members of the public who wish to observe proceedings. Friday 3 July 2026 is a Reserve Day, if required. If you wish to participate in the Hearing you need to indicate this in your response to the consultation and confirm your request to attend with the Programme Officer by the close of the consultation by emailing: bankssolutionsuk@gmail.com.
Further information on the additional Hearing will be published on our Examination webpage:
Local Plan Examination | Epsom and Ewell Borough Council
The Planning Policy Team

Bourne Hall hosts Summer Festival

1 October 2026



Epsom & Ewell Borough Council is pleased to announce that Bourne Hall will host a free Summer Festival on Saturday, 20 June 2026, from 12pm until 5pm.

The free event promises fun for all the family, with live music, food, fairground activities, craft stalls and plenty to enjoy throughout the day.

The main stage will showcase a variety of live music performances, featuring talented local artists and bands. Artists supported by iPlay Collective, a local creative organisation that nurtures emerging performers and champions inclusive access to the arts, will perform across the day. Audiences can expect a lively and varied programme celebrating local talent and a wide range of musical styles, with a DJ host keeping the atmosphere buzzing between sets.

Festival-goers can browse a wide selection of market stalls showcasing unique handcrafted items from local makers and artisan sellers. Visitors will find a diverse range of goods including seated acupressure therapy, hand-turned wooden gifts and homeware, jewellery, laser-engraved cheese and serving boards, handmade woodwork and textiles, locally produced Tropic organic skincare and make-up, daily essentials and health supplements, alongside homemade gifts, keyrings, stickers, prints and cross-stitch items. There will also be handmade natural soaps, stone and crystal candles, as well as

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stalls supporting good causes, including a dog rescue offering gifts and a tombola. The Rainbow Leisure Centre will also be present, promoting healthy lifestyles and community wellbeing.

In addition to the stalls, several local organisations and venues will be hosting activities throughout the day. These include the Home Improvement Agency, Epsom Playhouse, the Dementia Hub, Bourne Hall Museum and Ewell Library, ensuring there is plenty to explore and engage with for all ages.

For those looking for thrills, the fairground will feature trampolines and teacup rides. There will also be merchandise stalls selling balloon animals and bubbles, adding to the festive atmosphere.

A variety of outdoor food options will be available, including burgers, nachos, ice cream and candyfloss, alongside refreshments from the Flying Saucer Café, which will be open from 9am until 5pm serving hot and cold drinks and treats.

Speaking of the upcoming event, Councillor **Clive Woodbridge**, (RA Ewell Village) Chair of the Community & Wellbeing Committee said:

“The Bourne Hall Summer Festival is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and enjoy a full day of free, inclusive entertainment. We’re delighted to be showcasing talented local musicians, including artists supported by iPlay Collective, who play such an important role in nurturing emerging performers.

“Alongside the live music, visitors can explore a fantastic selection of artisan and craft stalls, offering unique handmade goods from local makers – the perfect chance to support independent businesses and discover something special. With great food, creative talent and activities for all ages, the festival really highlights the vibrant community spirit of our borough.”

Event timetable is subject to change.

The Bourne Hall Festival is an annual event with a different theme each year. Previous iterations have included Sustainability, The Herald of Spring and New Beginnings. This year’s festival will run from 12pm to 5pm.

Bourne Hall’s address is Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF.

www.bournehall.org

Driving Directions:
Bourne Hall is easily accessible from:
Gatwick via M25 – A217 – A240
Heathrow via M25 – A3
London via A3
Please check your directions at www.theaa.com/route-planner/index.jsp

Parking:
Local pay & display car parks:
Bourne Hall, Spring street
24 hours Monday to Sunday
High Street, Ewell
24 hours Monday to Sunday
Dorset House, High street, Ewell
24 hours Monday to Sunday

Train:
The nearest railway station is Ewell West (5 minutes’ walk) with regular direct rail routes between Guildford and Waterloo. Please plan your journey at www.nationalrail.co.uk

Bus
Bus number 293, 406, 467, S2 and E16

Live Music: 12:00 – 17:00
Enjoy a diverse range of musical genres that will keep you entertained and dancing all day long with a DJ host.

Market Stalls: 12:00 – 17:00
Explore a vibrant array of market stalls showcasing local crafts, products, and more. It’s the perfect opportunity to support local businesses and find unique treasures.

Food Stalls: The Flying Saucer Café 09:00 – 17:00, Food stalls 12:00 – 17:00
A selection of food will be available, offering a range of tasty treats and refreshments.

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New moped bays introduced to tackle pavement parking in Epsom High Street

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Epsom & Ewell Borough Council have established new moped-only parking spaces outside the Town Hall in a bid to combat pavement parking on Epsom High Street.

The issue of delivery riders mounting kerbs outside fast-food restaurants has been a cause of significant concern for residents and visitors in recent years. Vehicles blocking pavements create serious safety risks for pedestrians, particularly wheelchair users, those with visual impairments, and parents with prams and pushchairs.

The bays are the latest measure in the council's multi-agency approach to the problem. Motions have been successfully passed at both Epsom & Ewell Borough Council and Surrey County Council calling for dedicated motorcycle parking at all new retail and takeaway developments, the introduction of "round-table" discussions with delivery apps such as Uber Eats and Deliveroo, and stronger enforcement of parking regulations.

The Epsom Business Improvement District (Go Epsom) is also working directly with restaurants and delivery riders to promote the use of these dedicated bays as a faster and legal alternative to pavement parking.

The local initiative coincides with a significant national policy shift. On 8 January 2026, the Department for Transport responded to a long-awaited consultation, announcing new powers for local authorities to tackle pavement parking more effectively.

Unlike the previous street-by-street approach, which was often slow and costly to implement, the new secondary legislation will allow councils to enforce against "unnecessary obstruction" more easily.

Councillor **Steven McCormick**, (RA Woodcote and Langley) Chair of the Planning Committee and a member of Surrey County Council's Communities, Environment and Highways Select Committee, said:

"Pavements are for people, not for motorised shortcuts. We've heard from residents who have been forced into the road because the footway is entirely blocked. We are committed to making the High Street safe for everyone. The new moped bays that Epsom & Ewell have provided will mean there is no longer any excuse for this unacceptable and inconsiderate parking."

"I also welcome the announcement of new powers from the Department for Transport. As soon as this national legislation is fully enacted, I will be pushing Surrey County Council to implement a new Traffic Regulation Order specifically designed to curb pavement parking across the borough.

"This TRO will provide the 'teeth' that enforcement officers have lacked, allowing them to issue civil penalties."

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Related reports:

Problem Pavement Parking Powers Promised

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Bikes that blight the blind

Last round of developers' funds in Epsom and Ewell

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Epsom & Ewell Borough Council is inviting local community groups and organisations to apply for funds, raised by the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), to deliver projects that benefit residents and support new development across the borough.

Bid applications will open on Monday 9 March 2026 and close on Sunday 17 May 2026.

This will be the final time that Epsom & Ewell Borough Council will run this funding process. From April 2027, the council will be dissolved and replaced by the new East Surrey Council, which will be responsible for delivering local infrastructure projects across the geographic areas of Elmbridge, Epsom & Ewell, Mole Valley, Reigate & Banstead and Tandridge.

When new development takes place, it can place extra pressure on local services and facilities. The Community Infrastructure Levy enables councils to raise funds from development to be spent on the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of local infrastructure—the levy is intended to give councils more choice and flexibility in how they fund the infrastructure required to support local growth.

Last year, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council allocated over ?230,000 from the 2024/2025 Neighbourhood CIL Fund for community infrastructure projects, including:

- a permanent secure storage shed for The Library of Things enabling residents to borrow useful household items
- energy-efficient lighting installed in a pedestrian tunnel for the Cattle Arch/Under-Rail Tunnel project
- a Road Safety Outside School Scheme implemented at Linden Bridge School improving pedestrian accessibility, a safety crossing for children on Grafton Road and traffic flow aids.

Councillor **Neil Dallen** (RA Town) , Chair of the Strategy and Resources Committee said: “This Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy funding is a real opportunity to make a meaningful and lasting difference in our community. As this will be the last chance to apply through Epsom & Ewell Borough Council, we strongly encourage local community groups and organisations to put forward ideas that could benefit their neighbourhoods.

“We’re proud that the Neighbourhood CIL funding has already helped deliver a wide range of successful local projects – from the recently installed 3G football pitch at Glynn School, to secure specialist bike storage for Wheels for Epsom, the regeneration of disused grounds at the Horton Arts Centre, and the water fountains installed at various locations across the borough. These achievements show just how powerful this funding can be when community ambition and local investment come together.

“As the council launches its final tranche of Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy funding, we want to ensure that money raised from new development continues to support projects that strengthen our community and improve the quality of life for residents across the borough for years to come.”

Application process

The bidding process is designed to be a clear as possible and the application form — available to download from the council’s website, with hard copies at Epsom Town Hall, Bourne Hall and Epsom Playhouse — aims to help make the process simpler. Neighbourhood CIL Funding | Epsom and Ewell Borough Council

Bids will be shortlisted using the criteria set out in section C of the CIL Spending Protocol (adopted March 2025). More information on the process and prioritisation criteria can be found in section 5 of the CIL Spending Protocol.

To receive funding, all CIL spending applications must be for infrastructure. All bids that pass stage 1 of the assessment process will be examined by the CIL Member Working Group, who will make recommendations to the Strategy and Resources Committee for approval.

It is important for each application to be completed in full. The CIL Spending Protocol **(adopted March 2025) needs to be read alongside the application form.**

Any questions about the application form or process can be emailed to: CIL@Epsom-Ewell.gov.uk.

About the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

- The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) allows councils to raise funds from new developments for infrastructure projects which help to mitigate the impacts of new development. Of the total collected:
  - 80% goes towards strategic borough-wide infrastructure – examples include highway schemes, permanent school expansions, hospitals, and other health and social care facilities

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- 15% is allocated for local projects (neighbourhood CIL) a portion of the CIL is to be spent on local projects in accordance with the CIL regulations and aligns with the Corporate Plan – examples include sport pitches, courts upgrades, public realm improvements and community gardens
- 5% for the day-to-day costs of administering CIL.

- The Epsom & Ewell Borough Council CIL Spending Protocol was approved by the Licencing and Planning Policy Committee on 11 March 2025.
- The CIL Spending Protocol sets out the Epsom and Ewell Borough specific protocol governing the process and criteria for selecting infrastructure projects for funding through CIL. When completing a CIL bid form please read the CIL Spending Protocol alongside, as this sets out the guidance and criteria required for your Neighbourhood CIL bid application.
- More information about the Neighbourhood CIL Fund can be found here: https://www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/Neighbourhood-CIL

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Council agrees to continue jobseeker support in Epsom & Ewell

1 October 2026



On 27 January 2026, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council's Strategy & Resources Committee approved continued funding and delivery arrangements for the Epsom & Ewell Hub (EE Hub). This decision ensures that this valuable community service can continue helping residents develop their skills, build confidence and improve emotional wellbeing in an easily accessible location— supporting more residents to move successfully into employment. Between 2022-2025, over 1,319 residents registered with EE Hub.

The EE Hub will continue to be delivered by Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership – a local charity that is active in employment support, skills training and community learning.



Councillor **Clive Woodbridge** (RA Ewell Village), Chair of the Community & Wellbeing Committee, said: "We are extremely proud to continue supporting the Epsom & Ewell Hub, which has become an invaluable resource for residents taking positive steps towards work.

"The Hub's strength lies in its holistic, people-centred approach—helping individuals overcome both practical barriers to employment and the anxiety or low confidence that can often accompany time out of work. For many, challenges linked to education, confidence or personal circumstances can hinder progress, and the Hub provides exactly the support needed to move forward.

"Over the past five years, the Hub has built strong partnerships with local businesses, NESCOT and DWP Jobcentre work coaches, which are essential to helping residents access training and meaningful opportunities.

"I am delighted that we are continuing our partnership with Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership to deliver this service, and I would like to thank them—and all our partners—for their commitment to providing such an effective and supportive

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resource for our borough."

EE Hub services available

The Epsom & Ewell Hub provides free support for residents entering the workforce or returning to work, offering help with CVs, interviews and interpersonal skills, while also supporting those facing barriers such as anxiety or low confidence. Its holistic approach includes creative activities that build resilience, and it maintains strong links with local employers—connecting jobseekers to opportunities across organisations and high street businesses—and hosting regular job fairs.

Digital support is also available, helping anyone who wants to set up a mobile phone, access email through to using Microsoft Office or finding jobs online.

Residents can also access complementary programmes and training such as Work Well, which supports adults with long-term conditions to re-engage with employment; and Multiply, a numeracy skills initiative.

Mandy Bosher, Deputy Chief Executive, Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership said: "We are delighted that, with the support of Epsom & Ewell Borough Council, the Epsom & Ewell Hub has been able to help residents build new skills and gain the confidence needed to move into work. Empathy and understanding are at the heart of everything we do, and our focus is always on providing the personalised support individuals need to move forward. What inspires us most are the individual learning journeys—each one unique, powerful and truly heartwarming."

How to access EE Hub services

No appointment is needed, residents can simply drop in.

- Opening hours:9am to 5pm
- Location: 2nd Floor, Global House (opposite Waitrose exit in the Ashley Centre)
- Phone: 07903 697546
- Email:epsomandewellhub@surreyllp.org.uk
- Website:www.epsomandewellhub.com – *site is currently being updated*

Residents can also be referred through the local Job Centre Plus or other local charities and voluntary sector organisation.

More information on the EE Hub services can be found here: Employments, skills and training support | Epsom and Ewell Borough Council

About the Epsom & Ewell Hub (EE Hub)

Initially the service was funded by the DWP and focused on supporting people aged 18-24 into employment. Following marked improvements in local youth unemployment, DWP funding ceased in 2023. From August 2023 the council utilised funding from the UK Prosperity Fund to support a service providing a wider range of employment support to residents of all ages across the borough and the Hub became the Epsom & Ewell Hub.

The service employs a small team of three dedicated staff, alongside other partners who deliver complementary services such as Work Well (helping to get long term sick back into employment) and other training schemes such as Multiply, a mathematical skills programme. www.epsomandewellhub.com is currently being updated

About Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership

Established in 1999, Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership (SLLP) is a registered charity. Each year they help around 2,000 people return to learn to gain new skills, qualifications and employment. They rely on a mix of income streams, including generating funds through their Bike Project social enterprise and securing grant funding for projects. About Us – Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership

About NESCOT

The North East Surrey College Of Technology (NESCOT) is a large further education and higher education college in Epsom and Ewell, Surrey. Attracting learners from the local community, nationally and from overseas, their range of courses include Further Education, Higher Education, professional, leisure, short, full- and part-time courses. Nescot College Surrey. College of Further and Higher Education | Nescot

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Festival of Friendship –Epsom and Ewell – Ukraine

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From 27 January to 1 February, Epsom and Ewell Borough Council is proud to partner with Epsom and Ewell Refugee Network, Epsom Library, and Epsom Picturehouse to host a borough Festival of Friendship – Ukraine.

This week-long celebration will showcase traditional Ukrainian crafts, music, and cultural heritage, while highlighting the friendships formed between Ukrainian nationals who have settled in the borough and the local community that has welcomed them.

The festival offers a vibrant programme of exhibitions, workshops, films, and live performances, all designed to share Ukrainian culture and foster community connections.

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council has worked with partners to curate and run a week of workshops as part of the Festival of Friendship – Ukraine.

Key Highlights:

- Free Workshops and Exhibitions at Epsom Library, including Ukrainian block printing, paper cutting art, wool crafts, and beading. *Spaces are limited; please arrive early to secure your spot. All materials provided.*
- Film Screenings at Epsom Picturehouse, accompanied by live Ukrainian music performances. *Tickets available via the Epsom Picturehouse website.*
- Children's Activities, including a treasure hunt, face painting, and a special Paddington Bear appearance, at Epsom Library.

Speaking of the upcoming festival, Councillor **Clive Woodbridge**, (RA Ewell Village) Chair of the Community and Wellbeing Community said, "The Festival of Friendship – Ukraine is a heartwarming celebration of culture and community spirit, it brings together Ukrainian nationals and local residents through shared traditions, crafts, music and friendship. Events like this remind us that kindness and mutual understanding are at the heart of a thriving borough—thank you to everyone helping to make this festival possible."

Jo Sherring, Lead from Epsom & Ewell Refugee Network added, "Epsom & Ewell Refugee Network are delighted to partner with Epsom & Ewell Borough Council, Epsom Library and Epsom Picturehouse to create this celebration of our friendship with Ukrainian nationals who live in our community. Since the start of the war in Ukraine in 2022, we have been working with Ukrainian nationals who fled to the UK, helping them access work, housing, schools and community. Their courage, resilience and determination have been an example to us. As we have helped them to navigate life in the UK, we have enjoyed building friendships and learning about their culture and traditions.

The Festival of Friendship is a chance for our Ukrainian friends to share their traditions and culture with the local community with activities happening during the week. We hope you will find time to join us during the week to be part of this celebration."

Festival Timetable Highlights:

- **Tuesday 27 January:** Opening Celebration at Epsom Library; Ukrainian craft workshops and exhibitions.
- **Thursday 29 January:** Performance by Renaissance Choir and screening of *Rocky Road to Berlin* at Epsom Picturehouse.
- **Sunday 1 February:** Music from Yuliia Komyshan (Ukrainian Bandura) followed by screenings of Sanatorium and Home for Ukraine at Epsom Picturehouse

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Epsom & Ewell Borough Council celebrates its first Young Legends graduates

1 October 2026

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council proudly marked the completion of its first Young Legends programme with a celebration event for participants and their families.

Over the last nine weeks, over 80 children aged 9-11 enjoyed a range of sports and creative activities as part of the council's Health & Wellbeing Strategy, that aims to improve the mental and emotional wellbeing of all residents. The programme supports the strategy by helping children and young people be more active, learn new skills and build connections—key to improving mental and emotional wellbeing.

Children from across the borough took part in Arts & Crafts, Basketball, Girls Rugby, Judo, Musical Theatre and Yoga. The programme was delivered by trusted and skilled coaches from the Body & Brain, Cadgers Basketball Club, Creative Minds, Laines Theatre Arts, Sutton and Epsom Rugby Club, and Westcroft Judo Nork at no cost to the children or their families.

The graduation was a celebration of the programme and included a performance by children who took part in the programme's Musical Theatre sessions, and an arts and crafts activity. The Council's Chief Executive, Jackie King, Councillor Clive Woodbridge and Councillor Bernice Froud joined families and coaches at the event.

Hayley, parent of an Epsom & Ewell Young Legends participant said: "The Young Legends Musical Theatre course gave my son an opportunity to experience performance arts in a way he might not otherwise have had. He discovered a passion for performing and the support and encouragement he received gave him the confidence to overcome any initial fears and showcase an amazing talent we were unaware he had!"

Councillor Clive Woodbridge, Chair of the Community & Wellbeing Committee commented: "Our Epsom & Ewell Young Legends programme has been a fantastic experience! We focused on children aged 9–11 to support their transition to secondary school, which we know can be a particularly challenging time, and we're delighted to have been able to give them the chance to take part in a variety of fun activities—helping to build their confidence as they navigate this key stage.

Parents have shared some wonderful feedback. One discovered their child has a real passion for singing, whilst another said yoga sessions have helped improve their child's emotional wellbeing.

A huge thank you to everyone who made this programme possible: the coaches and practitioners who gave their time, and our dedicated council officers who worked hard to deliver a programme that supports children during this key stage.

We're proud to have supported local children and hope they feel inspired to keep exploring any opportunity that comes their way —long after the programme ends."

About Epsom & Ewell Young Legends programme 2025

More information about the Epsom & Ewell Young Legends programme can be found here: Epsom & Ewell Young Legends | Epsom and Ewell Borough Council

About the EEBC Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2025-2028

The strategy is designed to support all residents, with particular attention given to children and young people, older adults, individuals whose health is affected by broader social and economic factors and those whose personal circumstances may disproportionately increase their vulnerability to poor health and wellbeing. The strategy also includes specific references to those who are disproportionately impacted by isolation, disability, digital exclusion and people with long-term health conditions. (Public Pack) Agenda Document for Community and Wellbeing Committee, 08/07/2025 19:30

About Body & Brain, Epsom

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Body & Brain Epsom Centre offers classes in deep physical, emotional and spiritual healing through meditative movement, deep stretching and shaking exercises. The practice originates from Korea where it has a rich 5,000 year old history of holistic healing and mind-body practices. Devoted to helping individuals better manage and utilize their brains, this beautiful discipline is suitable for people of all ages and levels, and it is the perfect way to increase your physical activity and gain a greater sense of peace. Body & Brain | EPSOM | Class Schedule

About Cadgers Basketball Club

Cagers Basketball Club is committed to fostering a love for the game and providing competitive basketball for players of all ages and abilities. Their core values include hard work, respect, discipline, and enjoyment. Through teaching correct fundamentals and improving basketball knowledge and skills, we prepare players for the next level, emphasising individual success within a team-oriented framework. Epsom and Ewell Families » Cagers Basketball Club

About Creative Minds

Founded in November 2012, Creative Minds has been delivering accessible and empowering art sessions for over a decade, earning a reputation as a highly trusted and respected service provider across the UK. Their Creative Minds (CM) Artists bring creativity, expression, and human connection to every session they deliver. We work with a wide variety of venues, including care homes, schools, learning disability services, day centres, and many more, ensuring art is accessible to people of all ages and abilities. About Us – Creative Minds – Accessible Art Sessions For Everyone!

About Laines Theatre Arts

Since its inception in 1962, Laine Theatre Arts has been dedicated to the fostering of creative talent. Among their alumni are some of the most highly regarded performers, teachers, choreographers, and director-choreographers in the world. The College’s outstanding reputation in the performing arts has been built on its unique identity as a training provider, exceptional employment records, and the company values instilled in its students which are noted, time and again by employers. Those familiar with Laine Theatre Arts agree unanimously that it is a unique environment. Who we are – Laine Theatre Arts

About Sutton and Epsom Rugby Club

Founded in 1881, Sutton & Epsom is one of the oldest active Rugby Clubs in England with a proud and magnificent history. We first played against Saracens as far back as 1883/84, as one of their very early opponents, and in 1901 beat Stade Francais on their home turf.

Today the Club is one of the largest amateur Rugby Clubs in the Country and from its main ground in Rugby Lane, Cheam, remains run by enthusiasts for enthusiasts. They have over 30 teams with 1,200 current and former playing members, plus 1,800 social members. suttonrugby.co.uk

About Westcroft Judo Nork

Their martial arts store offers an extensive selection of high-quality gear and apparel for practitioners of all levels. With products sourced from reputable brands, they ensure that both beginners and seasoned martial artists find the equipment they need to excel in their training. Westcroft Judo Nork

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