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Council Finances

Epsom and Ewell Borough Council reveals scale of vacancies and agency costs



8 October 2025

Epsom and Ewell Borough Council is currently carrying 56 vacant posts, according to figures released under the Freedom of Information Act. The disclosure sheds light on the staffing challenges facing ... [Read More](#)

News Westminster

Poll points to further Conservative decline in Surrey



5 October 2025

Reform UK is in line to win its first Surrey seat, according to a major YouGov poll. The survey of 13,000 people's voting intentions suggests three Surrey MPs would lose ... [Read More](#)

Business Council News

Businesses get £2 million boost in Surrey



3 October 2025

An economic boost worth millions, scores of new jobs and hundreds of local opportunities will be delivered thanks to funding awarded to dozens of businesses by Surrey County Council. From ... [Read More](#)

Community Health

Get paid for falling over in Surrey study



3 October 2025

With 219,000 fall-related emergency hospital admissions among people aged 65 and over in England in 2023/24, a new

trial at the University of Surrey is exploring how smart flooring could help prevent ... [Read More](#)
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Surrey gets a sinking feeling over cost of its holes



2 October 2025

Has Surrey become Britain's sinkhole capital? Well, the figures certainly point in that direction. Surrey County Council is on track to spend a staggering £1.6m fixing the collapsed 65ft hole ... [Read More](#)

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A snapshot of Romany Gypsy life in Woking

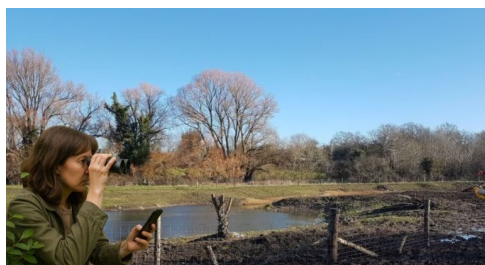


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Written and visual sources for the lived experience of Romany Gypsies in the county are rare so a collection of copy photographs of the Baker family of Sunridge/Sundridge Camp, Old ... [Read More](#)

[Community](#) [Nature](#)

Cuddington birdwatch could go Epsom and Ewell Borough-wide?



2 October 2025

What started as a local experiment in Cuddington has grown into one of Epsom and Ewell's liveliest community-led wildlife projects. After hearing news of the planned Grafton Stables nature reserve, ... [Read More](#)

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Redhill care home put under special measures



2 October 2025

A supported living service in Redhill has been rated "inadequate" and put into special measures after inspectors said they uncovered six legal breaches. The health watchdog slammed the service as ... [Read More](#)

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Epsom's Rainbow Leisure Centre Places new operators



1 October 2025

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council is pleased to confirm that Places Leisure will take over the operation of the Rainbow Leisure Centre in Epsom from 1 October. This follows the ... [Read More](#)

Council Council constitution

Epsom and Ewell Council CEO contests 'culture of secrecy' claim and outlines fixes



1 October 2025

Audit & Scrutiny grills council on transparency Epsom & Ewell Borough Council's Audit & Scrutiny Committee on 30 September 2025, chaired by Cllr Steven McCormick (RA Woodcote and Langley), devoted ... [Read More](#)



Arts Culture News

From Epsom to the Big Screen

1 October 2025

Dean Puckett Returns Home with His Debut Feature The Severed Sun for a Special Screening and Q&A next week Wednesday 8th October! A special homecoming event is set to light up the ... [Read More](#)

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Council Finances

Epsom reserves vs investment



29 September 2025

A bid to raid a Epsom and Ewell council's multi-million pound property reserves to pay for crumbling public buildings has been thrown out by councillors. Epsom and Ewell Borough councillors ... [Read More](#)

Community Health

Rehabilitation Hub in Leatherhead rehabilitated



29 September 2025

Epsom residents are set to benefit from a new integrated musculoskeletal (MSK) facility following a significant investment at Leatherhead Hospital. The Leach Rehabilitation Hub has undergone a comprehensive transformation, creating ... [Read More](#)

Council Housing Planning

Stage 2 Examination of Epsom & Ewell's Local Plan opens Tuesday



28 September 2025

The Inspector appointed to examine Epsom & Ewell Borough Council's draft Local Plan, C Masters MA (Hons) FRTPI, will open Stage 2 hearings at Epsom Town Hall, The Parade, KT18 ... [Read More](#)

Council Council constitution

Caterham's parochial battle.... a sign of things to come?



27 September 2025

Caterham could soon be governed by a single town council after a majority of residents backed the idea - but the proposal has split opinion among councillors and locals. At ... [Read More](#)

Horse racing Sports

Epsom Racecourse: Preview and Tips for Sunday's Seven-Race Card



27 September 2025

It's Epsom Racecourse's season finale Sunday, and the seven-race card card features the Apprentices' Derby Handicap,

alongside four other handicaps, a conditions stakes and a novice. Read on for a ... [Read More](#)

Council Transport

Half price Surrey bus journeys for under 20s soar to one million



27 September 2025

19,000 young people aged 20 and under are now benefitting from 50% off bus journeys across Surrey. The Surrey LINK card was developed by Surrey County Council in 2023 to ... [Read More](#)

Council Education

Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity expands into 70 Surrey schools



27 September 2025

The Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINs) has begun its second year in Surrey, extending support from 41 to 70 schools. The programme, a joint initiative by NHS ... [Read More](#)

Arts Community Culture

Guildford theatre stage for a community cultural hub



27 September 2025

Yvonne Arnaud Theatre marks 60th birthday with major transformation On Wednesday 10 September, the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre in Guildford hosted a 60th Birthday Concert celebrating both a milestone anniversary and ... [Read More](#)

Community News

Bookham to get new community centre



24 September 2025

After six years of waiting and false starts, Bookham is finally getting a new community centre. The old Bookham Youth Centre on Lower Road shut its doors in 2019 after ... [Read More](#)

Community Council

Surrey's "suffer the little children..." tested



24 September 2025

Plans to turn a family house into a home for vulnerable children on a Surrey street have been given the green light despite strong opposition from its future neighbours. A ... [Read More](#)

Community Education

Surrey Uni finds gay vets face discrimination

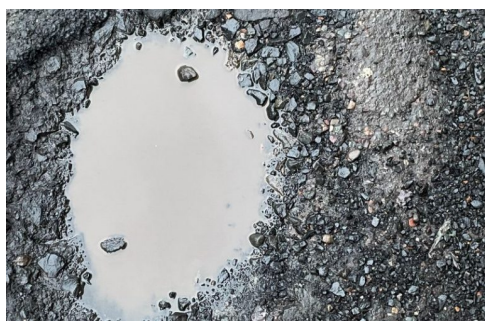


24 September 2025

A new study from the University of Surrey and the Royal Veterinary College has highlighted the ongoing presence of discrimination and its impact on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and other ... [Read More](#)

Council Transport

Epsom's potholes. We're not alone...



24 September 2025

'Sink holes happen' was the blunt message from a Surrey highways officer when asked if the council had the budget to repair five crumbling suburban roads. In fairness, council budgets ... [Read More](#)

Education News

Epsom and Ewell's NESCOT plumbs the heights



24 September 2025

Nescot's gas and plumbing apprenticeship provision has been awarded a City & Guilds End Point Assessment (EPA) plaque for excellence in apprenticeship delivery. Elizabeth Akinlaja, City & Guilds Business Development ... [Read More](#)

Community Culture Local History

Epsom & Ewell's French racing twin is a favourite



24 September 2025

The Château de Chantilly has been selected as Monument Préféré des Français 2025 (France's Favourite Monument), surpassing 13 other iconic sites in a national vote. It succeeds the 24 Hours ... [Read More](#)

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Community Faith

Thousands of Young Muslims Gather in Surrey to Raise the Union Flag



24 September 2025

While London headlines were recently dominated by a divisive political rally, a very different gathering of young British Muslims took place quietly in the Surrey countryside. From 19-21 September 2025, ... [Read More](#)

Community Environment Planning

From field to fight: Bramley camp faces enforcement questions



23 September 2025

An unauthorised traveller camp has been built on land earmarked for inclusion in the Surrey Hills National Landscape - and now plans to make the site permanent have been submitted. ... [Read More](#)

Rugby Sports

Reigatian Hoodoo Broken: Sutton and Epsom Scale the Heights



23 September 2025

Old Reigatian 14 Sutton and Epsom RFC 49. Saturday 20th September. Sutton and Epsom may have enjoyed the better

start to the campaign with two victories compared to their opponent's ... [Read More](#)

Arts Council

Dorking Halls to shut again for restoration?



20 September 2025

One of Surrey's "largest and most comprehensive arts and performance" spaces could shut its doors again if the next phase of its near £10m revamp is approved. Dorking Halls closed ... [Read More](#)

Council Housing Planning

Elmbridge resists London's creep into Surrey



20 September 2025

Outline plans for 60 homes on the edge of a Surrey village have been scrapped again in a bid to stop "London creeping towards us". Elmbridge councillors said the land ... [Read More](#)

Community Health

Epsom residents to get "care closer to home"?



20 September 2025

Residents across East Surrey and Surrey Downs are set to benefit from more joined-up healthcare closer to home, as the area becomes one of the first in the country to ... [Read More](#)

Council Transport

Dorking to slow down?

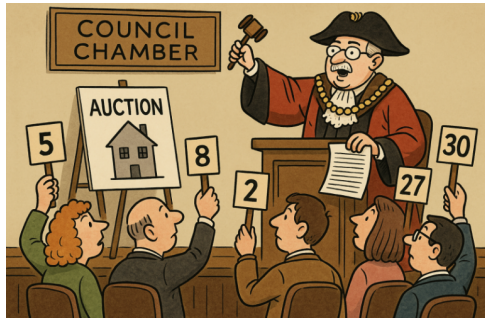


20 September 2025

Plans to cut speed limits in Dorking town centre to 20mph are being considered. Surrey County Council is looking at cutting speeds along the A25 Reigate Road, West Street, South ... [Read More](#)

Council Finances

Surrey Heath steps up sell-off drive as council debts mount



20 September 2025

Surrey Heath Borough Council is accelerating the disposal of local assets to reduce its debts, with both car parks and town centre shops now on the block. At its September ... [Read More](#)

Business Council Planning

Energy storage plan takes a battering from a Surrey Council



20 September 2025

A bid to build a huge battery storage farm on green belt land in Shepperton has been thrown out after councillors decided it didn't pass the 'special circumstances' test needed to build ... [Read More](#)

Education Westminster

Epsom and Ewell MP calls for SEND action

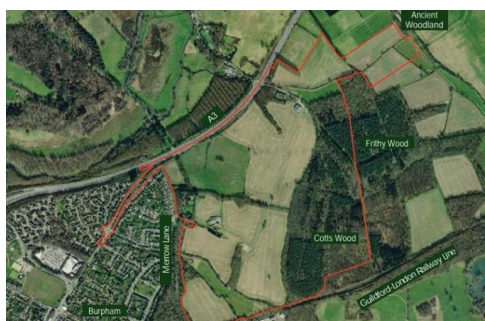


17 September 2025

Helen Maguire MP for Epsom and Ewell renewed her call for immediate government action to address the crisis in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) services, following her attendance at ... [Read More](#)

Housing News Planning

Big housing development coming to Guildford



17 September 2025

Guildford could soon see one of its biggest housing developments in decades, with fresh plans submitted to build up to 1,800 new homes at Gosden Hill. Developers Martin Grant Homes ... [Read More](#)

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Community Health

Laser gift to Epsom Hospital shines light on the hand of Jimmy Hendry



17 September 2025

The arrival of a major piece of medical equipment always lifts spirits among hospital staff—but the recent installation of a £40,000 laser at Epsom General Orthopaedics held particular poignancy, bringing ... [Read More](#)

Business Education

Surrey Uni studies the climate friendly way to grow our lettuces



17 September 2025

Vertical farming has been hailed as a futuristic answer to Britain’s food security challenges – but a new study led by the University of Surrey suggests the picture is more ... [Read More](#)

Business Community News

Big improvements required of Epsom care home



17 September 2025

An Epsom care home has been told it needs to make big improvements after inspectors found residents were being left to lead “very isolated lives.” Fir Trees House, a residential ... [Read More](#)

Arts Culture News

Epsom’s Milly to share spotlight with West End star Kerry Ellis



17 September 2025

Local talent will step into the limelight at the Epsom Playhouse this Thursday, when Stagecoach Epsom student Milly Playle performs alongside one of Britain’s most celebrated West End stars, Kerry ... [Read More](#)

Council Education

Surrey’s education failings cost £1 million



15 September 2025

Surrey County Council’s failings have cost the authority more than £1m in fines and redress payments over the past two years – the vast majority within its education services, newly ... [Read More](#)

Rugby Sports

Dartford fail to bridge the gap with Epsom rugby



15 September 2025

Sutton and Epsom RFC 33 Dartfordians 29 Saturday 13th September Last season’s meetings between these two clubs reflected the Sutton and Epsom campaign. The early encounter in Bexley was one ... [Read More](#)

Cricket Sports

13 September 2025

Surrey County Cricket Club ground in the red



A Surrey sports ground is set to get a £114,000 hand out to keep it afloat after the site racked up a big budget shortfall last year. But councillors insist ... [Read More](#)

Council Housing

No Place Like Home - Until Surrey Sells It



13 September 2025

Families have been left worried sick and children devastated after Surrey County Council decided to sell their homes “to ensure best value” in the “disposal of public assets”. Residents say ... [Read More](#)

Horse racing Sports

Today's racing at Epsom racecourse



11 September 2025

This afternoon's first race is a two-year-olds' seven-furlong novice (1.37). Each of the seven runners have been seen before, with the best currently presenting as Ollie Sangster's Red Tsarina, who ... [Read More](#)

Council News

Epsom library opening to register births and deaths



11 September 2025

Surrey's Registration & Nationality Service has been undergoing changes over the past year with the aim of providing an improved experience for residents at important life moments. Dated and non-energy ... [Read More](#)

News Planning Policing

Surrey Police HQ development dogged by flood risks



11 September 2025

Plans to redevelop Surrey Police's Mount Browne headquarters in Guildford — including a new dog training school — have been green-lit for a second time despite fresh flood risk modelling ... [Read More](#)

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Community Council News

Surrey County Council flags up the flag issue



10 September 2025

Surrey County Council has set the record straight about whether residents can hang flags from lampposts. In a statement shared with councillors and online, the authority said: "We recognise the ... [Read More](#)

Horse racing Sports

Should Epsom's Derby revert to Wednesday?



9 September 2025

Epsom-based trainer: make the Derby “London’s Race” as town’s training revival gathers pace “There’s a genuine feel that Epsom is back on the map” Epsom-based trainer George Baker says the ... [Read More](#)

Council Finances Policing

Surrey Police tax set to rise



8 September 2025

Council tax bills could keep climbing despite warnings residents could be getting less bang for their buck. Surrey’s Police and Crime Commissioner has insisted she “will not ask the public ... [Read More](#)

Community Council

The young of Epsom and Ewell can be legends



8 September 2025

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council is proud to announce its new local initiative – Epsom & Ewell Young Legends – an exciting programme of sports and creative activities taking place ... [Read More](#)

Rugby Sports

Sutton and Epsom rugby season opener



8 September 2025

Having enjoyed their first winning season since lifting the Level 5 title in 2018-19 Sutton approached this new campaign with renewed vigour, optimism and purpose. The opening fixture was a ... [Read More](#)

Community Education News

New Centre at Nescot gives vision impaired students “the best

of both worlds”



8 September 2025

A new Centre of Excellence for vision impaired young people has opened at the North East Surrey College of Technology (Nescot) in Ewell. The initiative is run by the Royal ... [Read More](#)

Council Housing Planning

Epsom care home to become hotel and staff HMO



7 September 2025

A former Surrey care home is being given a new lease of life – not for elderly residents but as a mix of hotel rooms and shared housing. The Elders, ... [Read More](#)

News Policing

Anti-catcalling campaign triggered ‘vitriolic’ backlash



7 September 2025

Surrey’s Police and Crime Commissioner has said the “vitriolic” online abuse she faced after an anti-catcalling trial campaign went viral shows why tackling violence against women and girls must remain ... [Read More](#)

Local History News Transport

King Athelstan returns to Kingston

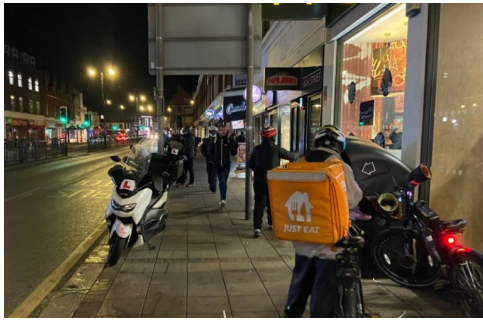


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Podcaster and historian Tom Holland was in Kingston on Thursday 4th September to mark the 1,100th anniversary of the coronation of King Athelstan, regarded as England’s first monarch. At a ... [Read More](#)

News Transport Westminster

Pavement Parking: Epsom & Ewell MP Speaks Out



7 September 2025

3rd September Helen Maguire, Liberal Democrat MP for Epsom & Ewell, spotlighted i

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Business Community News

Godstone's gasworks fury while sinkhole not fixed

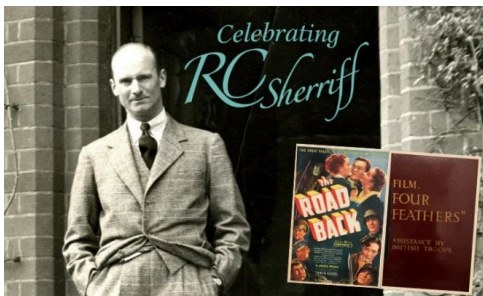


3 September 2025

Godstone residents are up in arms over suddenly announced gasworks on a 'major cut through'', warning the closures could turn traffic into a nightmare and hit local businesses - all ... [Read More](#)

Arts Culture Local History

Surrey to mark 50 years since the death of playwright R.C. Sherriff



3 September 2025

This November marks the 50th anniversary of the death of Robert Cedric Sherriff (1896-1975), the Surrey-born playwright and screenwriter best remembered for his First World War play Journey's End. Sherriff, ... [Read More](#)

News Policing

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A former Surrey Police officer secretly got back with his ex while under investigation for behaviour in their relationship - then tried to persuade her to retract a statement, a ... [Read More](#)

Education News

Surrey expansion of SEN places

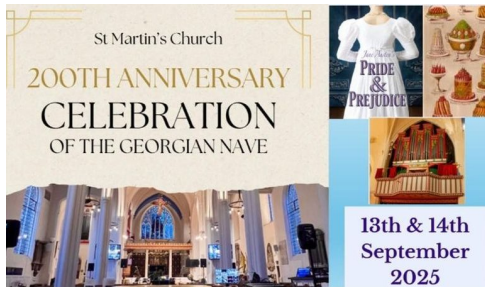


3 September 2025

An ‘Outstanding’ Surrey school could open a new satellite site at another primary- around eight miles away. Surrey County Council has revealed plans to expand a top-rated school for children ... [Read More](#)

Community Faith Local History

Epsom’s Parish Church Marks 200 Years



29 August 2025

This September, Epsom pauses to celebrate the 200th anniversary of its parish church, the Church of St Martin of Tours. For two centuries the building has stood at the centre ... [Read More](#)

Community Local History News

Two new Epsom and Ewell virtual day trips unveiled



28 August 2025

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council has launched two new inclusive tours, part of their Virtual Day Trips series, in partnership with Whistlestop Tours. These tours explore Epsom and Ewell, shining ... [Read More](#)

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Horse racing News

Epsom racecourse caught short of loos on family day



27 August 2025

A long-standing racegoer has written to the Epsom & Ewell Times to complain of what she described as “a complete lack of sanitation facilities” at Epsom Downs Racecourse during the ... [Read More](#)

Business Health News

Surrey care home concerns



26 August 2025

The death of a 76-year-old man, who was found on the floor with fractured ribs, has led to concerns over safety of the remaining residents at a Surrey care home. ... [Read More](#)

Horse racing Sports

Epsom's bank holiday racing results



26 August 2025

The seven-race card at Epsom on Monday afternoon saw a good spread of results with a pair of winning favourites alongside some less anticipated victors, with some very impressive winning ... [Read More](#)

News Transport

Epsom rail commuters brace for fare increases



26 August 2025

Commuters travelling from Epsom to London terminals are set to pay significantly more for their journeys next year if government policy on rail fares continues unchanged. The current cost of ... [Read More](#)

Council Finances

Epsom and Ewell Borough Council debt update



26 August 2025

Councils across the UK have added a further £7.8bn to their collective borrowing in the last year, leaving local authorities with debts of £122.2bn - the equivalent of £1,791 for ... [Read More](#)

Community Housing News

RNIB blind to the interests of its Epsom residents?



24 August 2025

The future of Swail House in Epsom, a landmark housing estate for visually impaired people, has become the subject of debate as residents and the Royal National Institute of Blind ... [Read More](#)

Education Health News

Prostate cancer vaccine research launched in Surrey



22 August 2025

In September 2025, The Prostate Project, a Guildford-based volunteer-led charity, will launch a £250,000 campaign to raise funds for a prostate cancer research project widely anticipated to be ‘game-changing’. ... [Read More](#)

Education News

Epsom schools celebrate GCSE results



22 August 2025

Epsom schools have been celebrating another strong year of GCSE results, with both Glyn School and Rosebery School reporting exceptional performances from the Class of 2025. At Glyn School, 86% ... [Read More](#)

Community Faith Local History

Epsom commemorates VJ day



18 August 2025

St Martin's Church, Epsom, was filled on Friday 15th August as the borough came together to mark the 80th anniversary of VJ Day - the end of the Second World ... [Read More](#)

Health News

Local MP speaks out on Epsom Hospital's bed-blocking



16 August 2025

Epsom & Ewell's MP, Helen Maguire, has called for urgent action on social care after visiting Epsom Hospital's accident and emergency department this week. The Liberal Democrat MP met hospital ... [Read More](#)

Business Council

No alcohol sales between 3am and 7am rules Epsom licensing committee



15 August 2025

An Epsom corner shop has been given the green light for longer trading hours - but stopped short of being allowed to serve alcohol 24/7. Ruxley Food & Wine, an ... [Read More](#)

Education News

Epsom's boys' and girls' schools celebrate A level results



15 August 2025

Epsom's two prominent secondary schools, Rosebery and Glyn, are celebrating outstanding A-level and vocational qualification results, with this year's achievements marking new highs in performance and student destinations. At Rosebery ... [Read More](#)

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Arts Education

Let your A level winners be creative says Epsom's Arts University



13 August 2025

Ahead of A-level results day and Clearing, University for the Creative Arts (UCA) has written an open letter to parents and carers asking them not to discourage their children from ... [Read More](#)

Council Housing Planning

Keep our Valley Green say Langley Vale campaigners



13 August 2025

Campaigners in an Epsom village have hit out at proposals to build on “pristine farmland”, warning the plans will destroy a cherished stretch of countryside on the edge of the ... [Read More](#)

Business Council

New Business Start-Up Surrey Programme



13 August 2025

Budding entrepreneurs and early-stage businesses across Surrey are set to receive a major boost with the launch of the Start-Up Surrey Programme, a dynamic new initiative funded by Surrey County ... [Read More](#)

Arts Community Culture

Silver musical lines under a cloudless Epsom sky



11 August 2025

On Sunday 10 August, under a radiant summer sky, the Epsom & Ewell Silver Band gave a free open-air concert in Rosebery Park. Families and friends gathered, bringing their own ... [Read More](#)

Business Community Health

Garage Gives Ewell a Heart-Start



11 August 2025

A busy garage in Ewell that supports a prominent local charity now offers a rather special – and potentially life-saving – service. Autotest MOT in Ruxley Lane recently celebrated its ... [Read More](#)

Football News Sports

Banned fan cheers on Epsom and Ewell FC from tree



10 August 2025

A lifelong supporter of Epsom & Ewell Football Club has taken to watching matches from a nearby tree after receiving what he describes as an “unwarranted” lifetime ban from the ... [Read More](#)

Community News

Epsom Mother and Daughter join British Army together

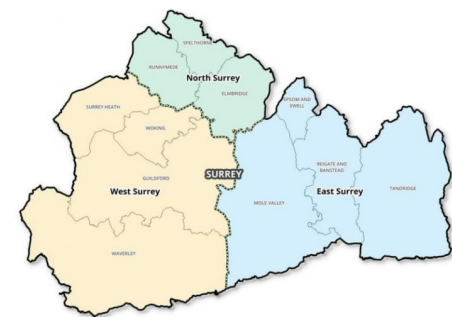


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A mother and daughter from Epsom have completed Army entry training within weeks of each other, marking the start of their respective military careers. Sherene De Stadler, 40, will join ... [Read More](#)

Council Council constitution

LGR and CGR, what’s the difference for Epsom and Ewell?



8 August 2025

Two sets of initials could soon reshape local democracy in Surrey - and in Epsom & Ewell in particular. LGR - Local Government Reorganisation - is the national government’s plan ... [Read More](#)

Obituary Sports

Local Epsom lad who became a radio shock-jock in sport passes



8 August 2025

James Whale (Michael James Whale) - 13 May 1951 - 4 August 2025 James Whale was born Michael James Whale on 13 May 1951 in Ewell, Surrey, into a middle-class ... [Read More](#)

Community Health Local History

What has kept us well in Surrey through the ages?



7 August 2025

How have people in Surrey looked after their wellbeing through the centuries — and what can we learn from them today? That's the question behind a new year-long heritage and ... [Read More](#)

Community News Notices

Epsom & Ewell Community Fund Seeks New Chair



7 August 2025

The Epsom & Ewell Community Fund is a philanthropic fund that provides financial support to local charities and projects across the borough. As Chair, your role is to lead a ... [Read More](#)

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Community News



Asylum hotel tension mounts in Surrey

6 August 2025

The leader of Spelthorne Borough Council has again written to the Home Office, demanding the government to abandon controversial plans to use Stanwell Hotel exclusively for single male asylum seekers. ... [Read More](#)

Council Social care

Carers respite at the Crossroads in Surrey?



6 August 2025

A row has erupted over the sudden withdrawal of Surrey County Council funding for respite care provided by the long-standing charity, Crossroads Care Surrey, leaving hundreds of unpaid carers uncertain ... [Read More](#)

Council Education Westminster

Surrey MPs slam SEND profiteers



2 August 2025

A new analysis of Surrey’s special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) provision reveals growing concern over spiralling costs, limited local authority capacity, and soaring profits among private providers – all ... [Read More](#)

Council Finances

Guildford Council’s CEO’s salary touches the UK Prime Minister’s



2 August 2025

Guildford and Waverley Borough Council’s chief executive’s new salary will be £169,950 after a three per cent pay rise was agreed – despite the likelihood the two councils will soon ... [Read More](#)

Council Finances

A Surrey Council debates its bank’s “support” for Gaza genocide



2 August 2025

Pro-Palestinian campaigners have urged a Surrey council to cut financial ties with Barclays Bank, accusing the firm, of funding what they called Israel’s “genocide of the Palestinian people”. But no ... [Read More](#)

Education News

Almost any listening environment on Earth coming to Surrey



31 July 2025

A new national audio hub featuring world-first acoustic facilities is being built at the University of Surrey, thanks to £2.2 million in funding from the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research ... [Read More](#)

Education News

Box Hill teacher with naked boy interest struck off



31 July 2025

A teacher has been struck off and banned from the profession after being found with hundreds of indecent images of children and a search history looking for naked young boys. ... [Read More](#)

Nature News

Water voles return to Ewell



31 July 2025

Once extinct in the county, the much-loved water vole has today (30th July) made an historic return to the Upper Hogsmill in Epsom & Ewell. This milestone is the result ... [Read More](#)

News Transport

Leatherhead railway station gets access upgrade



31 July 2025

A major upgrade to Leatherhead railway station has officially opened, marking what local MP Helen Maguire has called a “crucial step” in the campaign to make rail travel more accessible ... [Read More](#)

Community News

Male only asylum Surrey hotel “shock”



31 July 2025

A Surrey council leader has said she was “shocked” to learn of Home Office proposals to house exclusively male asylum seekers in a hotel in a village. In a strongly ... [Read More](#)

Horse racing Sports

Today’s Epsom racing tips



31 July 2025

Epsom Racecourse presents its latest race meeting on Thursday evening, with a total of six races; five handicaps and a juveniles' novice race. Read on for a full preview of ... [Read More](#)

Community Sports Volunteers

Epsom charity backs Ukrainian wheelchair athletes in world championship



31 July 2025

Surrey Stands with Ukraine, the Epsom-based humanitarian charity operating under Harrop HR Missions Ltd (Registered Charity No. 1117155), is proudly sponsoring the Ukrainian Pickleball Team at the prestigious English Open ... [Read More](#)

News

Surrey tops UK hydrogen bus league



31 July 2025

Surrey County Council has invested over £16m in 34 zero emission hydrogen buses to ensure the county's bus service is cleaner and greener. Over the last few months, 11 double ... [Read More](#)

Education News

Former Surrey teacher avoids ban from profession



31 July 2025

A former science teacher and head of year at a Surrey private school has avoided a ban from the profession despite sending 'sexually explicit' messages to three colleagues. Leishan Silva, ...

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Council News

Busy Epsom and Ewell Borough Council next meets December



29 July 2025

At a busy half-hour meeting of Epsom and Ewell Borough Council on 22nd July, councillors confronted some of the borough's most pressing issues, including the future of Horton Cemetery, the ... [Read More](#)

Council Housing Planning

Casting vote approves 9 new homes in Epsom



29 July 2025

Tripling the number of houses on a brownfield Epsom site vexed Epsom and Ewell Borough Council's Planning Committee on 10th July. The Application from Nuro Homes Limited proposed the erection ... [Read More](#)

Council Finances Transport

Mole Valley spending plans



27 July 2025

How £11m for rail, transport, school, health and recreation upgrades will be spent in Mole Valley has been laid out. The district council has approved spending plans for community infrastructure ... [Read More](#)

Council Education

£4.9 million not enough to solve Surrey's SEND problems?



25 July 2025

A £4.9m overhaul of special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) services in Surrey has been approved. But opposition members have claimed the investment won't fix the system's deep-rooted problems. The ... [Read More](#)

Council Finances

Surrey County Council claim funding review "unfair".



25 July 2025

A Surrey County Council could be pushed to the brink of financial crisis if government reforms, aimed at evening out local authority funding, go ahead, its leader has warned. Cllr ... [Read More](#)

Community Local History News

12,000 years of Surrey history to spring to life



24 July 2025

Fetcham Springs, Surrey - One of Surrey's most important archaeological sites has secured £250,000 in National Lottery Heritage Fund backing to launch a groundbreaking five-year community archaeology initiative. The Communities ... [Read More](#)

Community Education

Epsom Charity Hears Students' Plea: Cut the Cost of School Uniforms



24 July 2025

As school doors close for the summer, an Epsom-based charity has shared powerful testimony from local students who say the cost of school uniform is putting their families under severe ... [Read More](#)

Cricket Health News

Coroner visits Surrey cricket hero's mental decline



24 July 2025

Coroner's Inquest visits the loss of former England and Surrey batting great Graham Thorpe MBE, who died in August 2024 aged 55. Following an inquest held this week at Surrey ... [Read More](#)

Health News

Surrey and Sussex NHS Boards to merge



24 July 2025

Hundreds of jobs are at risk as two key NHS boards for Sussex and Surrey prepare to merge as part of a money-saving drive by the government. NHS Sussex and ... [Read More](#)



Health News

Doctors' strike to hit Epsom Hospital

24 July 2025

Hospitals across South West London are bracing for disruption this week as resident doctors begin a five-day strike on Friday, 25 July. The week-long strike action by British Medical Association ... [Read More](#)

Housing News Planning

Big housing development proposed NW of Epsom and Ewell



23 July 2025

Over 2,000 new homes could be built on the Surrey border, to the right of Claygate and Esher, and above Epsom and Ewell. Plans for 2,003 new homes and a ... [Read More](#)

Council News

Public meet tonight on Epsom and Ewell Borough Council future



23 July 2025

A public debate TONIGHT will ask whether Epsom and Ewell Borough Council could soon be abolished — and whether such a decision might happen without any vote or public consultation. ... [Read More](#)

24th July 2025

8 October 2025

Health News Transport

Nurse demands 24 hour rail tickets to avoid night-shift double costs



23 July 2025

A specialist NHS nurse is calling for urgent train ticket reform after revealing she spends over £200 a month commuting to her job at Great Ormond Street Hospital. Alicia Arias, ... [Read More](#)

Council Council constitution

Absence of CEO on audit Red Flag causes an outrage



20 July 2025

The Audit and Scrutiny Committee of Epsom and Ewell Borough Council met on 17th July. Cllr Chris Ames (Labour Court) expressed his outrage that the Chief Executive of the Council ... [Read More](#)

Council Council constitution

Guildford going for new Town Council? Whither unitary authorities?

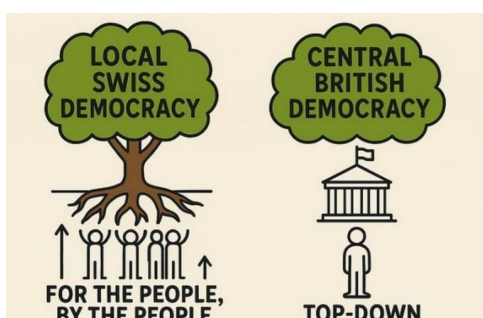


19 July 2025

Guildford could soon have its own town council for the first time in the hopes it would bring more local decision-making to its urban centre. The driving force behind this ... [Read More](#)

Council Letters Opinions Planning

Top-Down Power, Bottom-Up Pain: How Central Control is Killing Local Communities



19 July 2025

When I was a child growing up in rural Surrey, I could never imagine why anyone wouldn't want to preserve the wondrous landscapes of Britain, only to replace them with ... [Read More](#)

Council Environment Nature

Epsom Common 19th Green Flag Award



19 July 2025

Epsom Common Local Nature Reserve's enduring excellence recognised with 19th consecutive Green Flag Award Epsom & Ewell Borough Council is celebrating receiving the prestigious Green Flag Award for Epsom Common ... [Read More](#)

Business Environment News

Hosepipe ban not reached Epsom and Ewell yet



19 July 2025

Frustration is growing towards Thames Water after it announced a hosepipe ban in parts of the South East just months after residents lived through a winter of "huge" leaks and ... [Read More](#)

Community Health

Surrey Uni expose the unwashed hospital toilet users

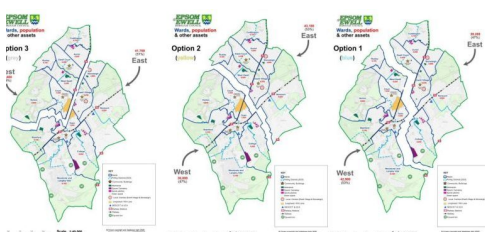


19 July 2025

Nearly 45% of hospital toilet users fail to wash their hands, study finds Almost one in two people using a hospital toilet did not wash their hands afterwards, according to ... [Read More](#)

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New Epsom and Ewell Parish? Cherish or perish the thought?



19 July 2025

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council consults residents on new parish councils Epsom & Ewell Borough Council is asking residents and stakeholders for their view on whether to create parish areas, ... [Read More](#)

Council Letters

Who will pay for Epsom's leisure centre "better deal"?



19 July 2025

Dear Editor, Your excellent article on the Council's decision to appoint a new operator for the Rainbow Leisure Centre raises important questions about what residents can expect. One crucial point ... [Read More](#)

17th July 2025

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Council News

Has Woking gone barking mad?



16 July 2025

People in social housing will soon need to ask for permission before getting a dog as Woking Borough Council looks to adopt a formal pet policy. The new nine-page list ... [Read More](#)

Community Health

Be positive about B negative blood donations



16 July 2025

Residents across Surrey and the wider South East are being asked to step forward and donate B negative blood, as the NHS warns that stocks of this rare blood group ... [Read More](#)

Health News

Surrey's NHS backlogs high

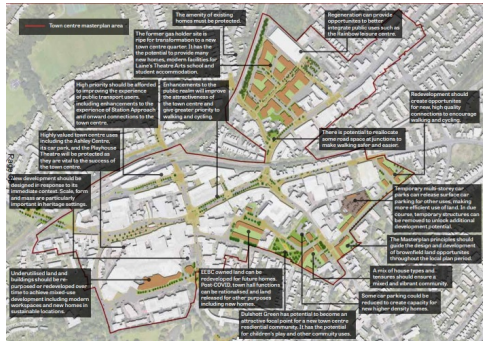


16 July 2025

Around 10 per cent of Surrey's population is currently stuck in the NHS backlog, facing long waits for crucial operations and cancer treatments, according to local health leaders. Despite efforts ... [Read More](#)

Council Planning

Award-Winning Epsom Town Masterplan Shines Spotlight on Council's Planning Priorities



12 July 2025

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council's Epsom Town Centre Masterplan has been named "Best Plan" at the Royal Town Planning Institute's (RTPI) South East Awards for Planning Excellence 2024. The win ... [Read More](#)

Arts Education

Creative Futures: Year 10 Taster Days at Epsom's UCA



12 July 2025

The University for the Creative Arts (UCA), in collaboration with the Higher Education Outreach Network (HEON), is offering six exciting and inspiring Taster Days for current Year 10 students. These ... [Read More](#)

Community Council Sports

Epsom and Ewell will judge change at their leisure



9 July 2025

When Epsom & Ewell Borough Council announced that Better will hand over management of the Rainbow Leisure Centre to Places Leisure in October 2025, many locals who have experienced booking glitches, understaffed gyms, and ... [Read More](#)

Community Environment Health

A New Place for Reflection and Remembrance Opens in Epsom's Long Grove Park



9 July 2025

A new natural sanctuary has been unveiled in Long Grove Park, offering a space for remembrance and quiet reflection. The 'In Memory Woodland', created by Age Concern Epsom & Ewell, ... [Read More](#)

Council Environment Planning

New planning laws threaten Surrey countryside?



9 July 2025

Fears of “irreversible damage” to Surrey’s countryside have prompted calls to change a new planning bill currently going through parliament. Surrey County Council members have unanimously agreed to call for ... [Read More](#)

Council Housing Planning

Ashted development objectors hit a cul-de-sac



9 July 2025

“Surrey’s biggest cul-de-sac” will be built after hundreds of new homes were approved next to the M25. Developers Wates was granted planning permission to build up to 270 homes to ... [Read More](#)

Arts Culture Education

Ewell’s Nescot student’s work selected for Origins Creatives 2025



9 July 2025

Art & Design student from Nescot College, Imaani Zafar, has been selected to exhibit her work at Origins Creatives, taking place at the Mall Galleries in July. Imaani’s submission, titled, ... [Read More](#)

Horse racing Sports

Epsom’s six races; five handicaps and a fillies’ maiden



9 July 2025

Epsom Racecourse presents its latest meeting on Thursday evening, which consists of six races; five handicaps and a fillies’ maiden. Read on for a full preview of the Epsom card, ... [Read More](#)

10th July 2025

8 October 2025

Community Council News

Public Meeting to Debate Epsom and Ewell's government future



8 July 2025

A public debate later this month will ask whether Epsom and Ewell Borough Council could soon be abolished — and whether such a decision might happen without any vote or ... [Read More](#)

Arts Culture



Epsom choir range in all musical directions

8 July 2025

On Saturday 28th June, the Epsom Chamber Choir presented an eclectic programme of music inspired by Shakespeare's songs and sonnets. Ranging from small-scale madrigals to the beautiful melodies of Bernstein's ... [Read More](#)

Environment News

Fly-tipping in Epsom and Ewell part of national problem



8 July 2025

Organised criminal gangs are increasingly using fake waste removal companies to dump lorry-loads of rubbish across the UK — and Surrey is not immune. According to the Department for Environment, ... [Read More](#)

Community Council Education

SENDing Pupils to Epsom's Mainstream Schools?



8 July 2025

The national conversation around how best to educate children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) has intensified, following proposals by Labour's Stephen Kinnock to increase the number of SEND ... [Read More](#)

Local History

Epsom's infamous murders



8 July 2025

Epsom has witnessed several notable murder cases throughout the 20th century. These incidents, though tragic, have become part of the town's history. Epsom is best known for its racing heritage, Georgian ... [Read More](#)

Business News

King's Award for Epsom based business



7 July 2025

Penta Consulting, an Epsom-based provider of global technology talent and managed solutions, has been awarded the King's Award for Enterprise in International Trade 2025, one of the most distinguished honours ... [Read More](#)

Community Environment Volunteers

Volunteers Tackle Plastic Waste in Epsom Town Centre



7 July 2025

Plastic waste is a global menace that often ends up closer to home than we think. According to recent studies, the average person could be consuming up to five grams ... [Read More](#)

Community Education

Epsom and Ewell Town-Twinning Association presents Cyril Frazer Awards for 2025



3 July 2025

The Epsom and Ewell Town-Twinning Association recently presented its annual Cyril Frazer Awards to this year's winners: Sarah Carpenter of Southfield Primary School, and the joint runners-up, Siobhan Cornell and ... [Read More](#)

Council Council constitution Letters

Parishing Epsom and Ewell is unholy?

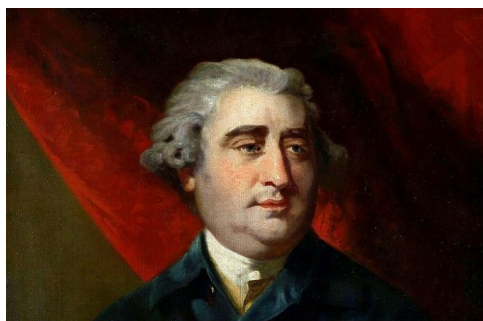


2 July 2025

I enjoyed your write-up of the latest meeting of Epsom and Ewell Borough Council, where you asked “Will the doomed Epsom and Ewell Borough Council rise from the ashes in ... [Read More](#)

Arts Council Local History

Anti-slavery Parliamentarian portrait purchase



2 July 2025

Runnymede Borough Council has agreed to release thousands of pounds to help buy a “significantly important” oil painting for its museum. The painting is an oil on canva

3rd July 2025

8 October 2025

Football Sports

Why Does No One Care About Epsom & Ewell Football Club?



1 July 2025

By most measures, Epsom & Ewell Football Club should be one of the borough’s proudest institutions. Founded in 1918, steeped in history, and once a beacon of non-league ambition, it’s ... [Read More](#)

Health News

Epsom Hospital workers to strike for equality?



1 July 2025

More than 200 essential hospital cleaners and porters could strike over NHS equality at a Surrey Hospital Trust. Approximately 258 NHS facilities workers at St Helier and Epsom Hospital Trust ... [Read More](#)

Education Environment News

Are paper bottles the solution asks Surrey Uni



1 July 2025

There are few excuses left for polluting our environment with plastics – and the UK can lead the charge towards a more circular future, say researchers from the University of ... [Read More](#)

Arts Culture

The Royal Marines Band Collingwood at Epsom Playhouse



28 June 2025

Organised by Cllr Dr Graham Jones MBE (Lieutenant Colonel (retired) (RA Cuddington) the renowned Royal Marines Band Collingwood made a triumphant performance at the Epsom Playhouse on Friday night, delivering ... [Read More](#)

News

Will the doomed Epsom and Ewell Borough Council rise from the ashes in other forms?



27 June 2025

Epsom, 26 June 2025 — Epsom & Ewell Borough Council has taken a significant step towards reshaping local governance in response to the wider reorganisation of local government in Surrey, ... [Read More](#)

Community Education News

Epsom and Ewell parents taking on the child smartphone challenge



27 June 2025

Local parents are joining a national movement to delay children's exposure to smartphones, with a sold-out event next week highlighting local concerns. Epsom & Ewell's Smartphone Free Childhood (SFC) group ... [Read More](#)

Arts Business News

Netflix to mainstream in Surrey



27 June 2025

A Surrey film studio used by Netflix, the streaming giant behind hit shows such as Stranger Things, Bridgerton and Adolescence, will be made permanent after full planning permission was granted. ... Read More

Housing News Planning

110-Home Scheme at Langley Vale Sparks Green Belt Fears



27 June 2025

A neighbour has spoken out against early proposals by developer Fairfax to build up to 110 new homes on farmland at Langley Bottom Farm in Langley Vale, describing the plans ... Read More

Arts Community Culture

Epsom Picturehouse blossoms with Pride



27 June 2025

Picturehouse Epsom is proud to announce a powerful new partnership with Blossom LGBT to launch OUT — a year-round celebration of LGBTQ+ cinema. Together, we're amplifying queer voices on screen ... Read More

News Policing

Student overdose leads to policy change



27 June 2025

A university student from Surrey could have been saved from an overdose if police had left a voicemail for her parents, an inquest jury has found. Despite needing to find ... Read More

News

Two unitaries will save money says Surrey leader



27 June 2025

Splitting Surrey into two could fill the ever-widening gap for council funding, County Council leader Tim Oliver claims. In a cabinet meeting yesterday (June 26), the Surrey leader and councillor ... [Read More](#)

Council Environment

Epsom & Ewell Biodiversity Action Plan's five-year review ratified



27 June 2025

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council's Environment Committee has formally endorsed the progress made on its Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) 2020-2030, following a scheduled five-year review presented at its meeting on ... [Read More](#)

Council Finances

Epsom and Ewell Council Tax Arrears Top £1.8 Million



27 June 2025

Council tax arrears in Epsom and Ewell have reached £1.8 million, according to new figures from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. The amount contributes to a record ... [Read More](#)

Business Education

Ewell students cruise to new careers



27 June 2025

Cruise industry giants have teamed up with three colleges to highlight the sector as an exciting, rewarding career pathway for school leavers. This included 12 Travel and Tourism students at ... [Read More](#)

26th June 2025

8 October 2025

Arts Culture

Epsom Choral Society ends term on a high note



24 June 2025

21st June, St Andrews, Northey Avenue: Fresh from their triumph at this year's Leith Hill Music Festival, Epsom Choral Society presented an end-of-term programme consisting of three wonderful contemporary items ... [Read More](#)

Business

Epsom banking on more women business owners



24 June 2025

Epsom Metro Bank's Local Director, Sammie Zejnuli champions the need for more women business owners Women-owned businesses are a significant and growing force in the economy, with women entrepreneurs leading ... [Read More](#)

Community Volunteers

Great Get Together Got its Act together.

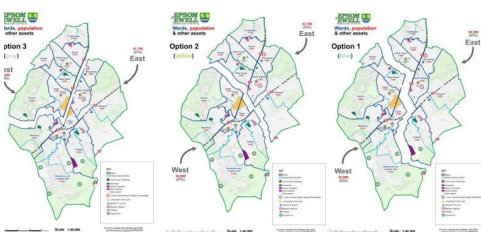


24 June 2025

Sunday, St Joseph's Church in Epsom was buzzing with laughter, music, and the spirit of community as residents gathered for The Great Get Together — a free, vibrant family event ... [Read More](#)

Council Council constitution News

Epsom and Ewell Considers New Community Councils as Local Government Shake-Up Looms



23 June 2025

Epsom and Ewell Borough Council (EEBC) will meet Thursday, 26 June for an extraordinary session to decide whether to launch a formal Community Governance Review (CGR)—a move that could lead ... [Read More](#)

Health News Westminster

Assisted Dying Bill Passes in Commons — Epsom MP Explains

Absence



22 June 2025

In a historic moment for UK parliamentary debate, the Assisted Dying Bill passed its third reading in the House of Commons on Friday 20 June 2025, following a narrow but ... [Read More](#)

Crime News Policing

Surrey Police officer inspires change to racism law in private places



21 June 2025

Surrey Police officer Sergeant Candice Gill is celebrating this week after successfully campaigning for an amendment to the law that will have a far-reaching impact. While it is a criminal ... [Read More](#)

Council Transport

Bus station app for visually impaired a first in Surrey



20 June 2025

Surrey County Council is now the first UK local authority to provide a new app to help guide blind and partially sighted passengers around bus stations across the county. The ... [Read More](#)

Council Education Transport

Victory for parent power after axed bus route is replaced



20 June 2025

Campaigning parents whose children were told to bring torches and walk across unlit heathland by Surrey County Council have won a long-fought victory after it was announced that axed school ... [Read More](#)

Community Health Westminster

MP Slams ‘Patchwork Repairs’ as local Hospitals Face £150m Backlog



20 June 2025

Liberal Democrat MP for Epsom & Ewell, Helen Maguire, has criticised the government’s response to the mounting repair crisis at Epsom and St Helier hospitals, warning that the very future ... [Read More](#)

Community Crime Culture

Mental Health and Justice in Special Epsom Film Screening



19 June 2025

A powerful evening of film and conversation is coming to Epsom Picturehouse on Monday 23 June, as local mental health charity Mary Frances Trust teams up with national organisation Women ... [Read More](#)

Arts Culture

Menuhin Hall’s Summer Festival Returns for Three Weeks of Music and Community



19 June 2025

The Menuhin Hall, one of Surrey’s premier venues for classical music, will once again host its annual Summer Festival from Friday 13 June to Friday 4 July 2025. Set within ... [Read More](#)

Council Local History

Surrey house of distinction gets £200K to repair



19 June 2025

One of the great Surrey buildings will have another £200,000 of repair work after its owners said they were “morally obligated” to maintain the special 19th century site. Pippbrook House ... [Read More](#)

Community Health

Epsom Therapy Garden in the Running for BBC Green Award



19 June 2025

A tranquil corner of Epsom that has quietly blossomed into a hub of therapy and conservation has earned recognition in the BBC Radio Surrey Make a Difference Awards. St Ebba's ... [Read More](#)

Business Council Council constitution

Gatwick Diamond authority denied



18 June 2025

Merging Reigate and Banstead Borough Council with its neighbour Crawley has been ruled out – in a decision that has left drivers behind the move “disappointed” with the Government. This ... [Read More](#)

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Council Council constitution News

Debate Opens on the Future Shape of Surrey's Local Government

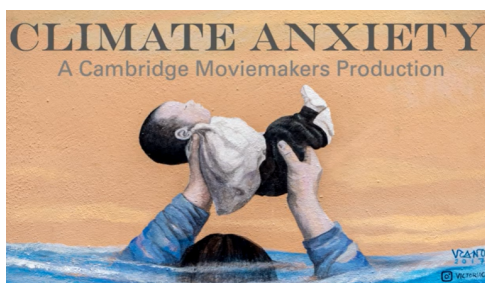


17 June 2025

Residents across Surrey are being asked to help shape the future of local government in what is being described as the most significant shake-up in over half a century. A ... [Read More](#)

Arts Community Environment

Green Thinking Takes the Spotlight at Epsom Picturehouse



17 June 2025

Cinema-goers in Epsom are being invited to watch, reflect, and act, as a national eco-film initiative gains local traction. A

new strand of community-focused cinema, “Green Screen,” has arrived at ... [Read More](#)

Community Volunteers

Epsom and Ewell Youngsters Join Thousands for Day of Outdoor Adventure



17 June 2025

Over 2,000 Beaver Scouts and Rainbows take part in Surrey’s Bazzaz event Young adventurers from Cuddington, Epsom, Stoneleigh, and Ewell were among more than 2,000 Beaver Scouts, Rainbows, and volunteers ... [Read More](#)

Arts Culture

Queen of Dictionary Corner Brings Word Magic to Epsom



17 June 2025

Epsom Playhouse set to host a celebration of the English language on 15 October Britain’s best-loved lexicographer, Susie Dent, is heading to Epsom Playhouse this autumn with her brand-new live ... [Read More](#)

Arts Community Culture

Epsom Square’s Music Festival in the round



17 June 2025

Saturday 14th June. In a town better known for its racecourse than rock and roll, Epsom discovered a new spirit last weekend with the first-ever Epsom Square Music Festival – ... [Read More](#)

Arts Culture

Epsom Choral Society to stage world premiere



15 June 2025

A world premiere blending sharp wit, choral storytelling, and jazz rhythms will take centre stage at Epsom Choral Society’s summer concert this month. On Saturday 21st June at 7.30pm, the ... [Read More](#)

Community Volunteers

Epsom Joins National ‘Great Get Together’ Inspired by Jo Cox’s Legacy of Unity



15 June 2025

A celebration of community spirit and shared humanity is coming to Epsom on Saturday as part of a nationwide initiative inspired by the late MP Jo Cox. Hosted by local ... [Read More](#)

Community Volunteers

Epsom Red Cross Volunteer honoured by King



15 June 2025

A British Red Cross volunteer from Epsom who has spent 40 years with the organisation has been awarded a British Empire Medal (BEM) in the King’s Birthday Honours. Jon Richards, ... [Read More](#)

Community Council Education

Epsom Library celebrates refurbishment this week



15 June 2025

To celebrate its extensive refurbishment, Surrey Libraries is holding a Taster Week at Epsom Library from Monday 16 to Saturday 21 June. The newly transformed Library Hub in the heart ... [Read More](#)

Arts Culture

Epsom born band give birth to first single



15 June 2025

From the parks of Alexandra Rec to the playlists of rock fans across the country, a new local band with deep Epsom roots is making waves with their debut single. ... [Read More](#)

Council Finances Westminster

Surrey leaders review spending review



15 June 2025

Government Spending Review Falls Short for Surrey Councils and Epsom Hospital, Say Local Leaders The UK Government's latest Spending Review has drawn a mixed reaction from Surrey leaders, with concerns ... [Read More](#)

Education News Transport

The Surrey school run or walk?



15 June 2025

Parents want their children to walk to school, but what holds them back? Children are the power brokers that can shift parents' habits on the school run - and could ... [Read More](#)

Crime News

Surrey jail addresses prison population crisis



15 June 2025

Sixty six temporary prisoner cells, built at HMP Coldingley during the Covid-19 pandemic, will be made permanent in an effort to "ease" the crisis facing the service. Nationally, the prison ... [Read More](#)