

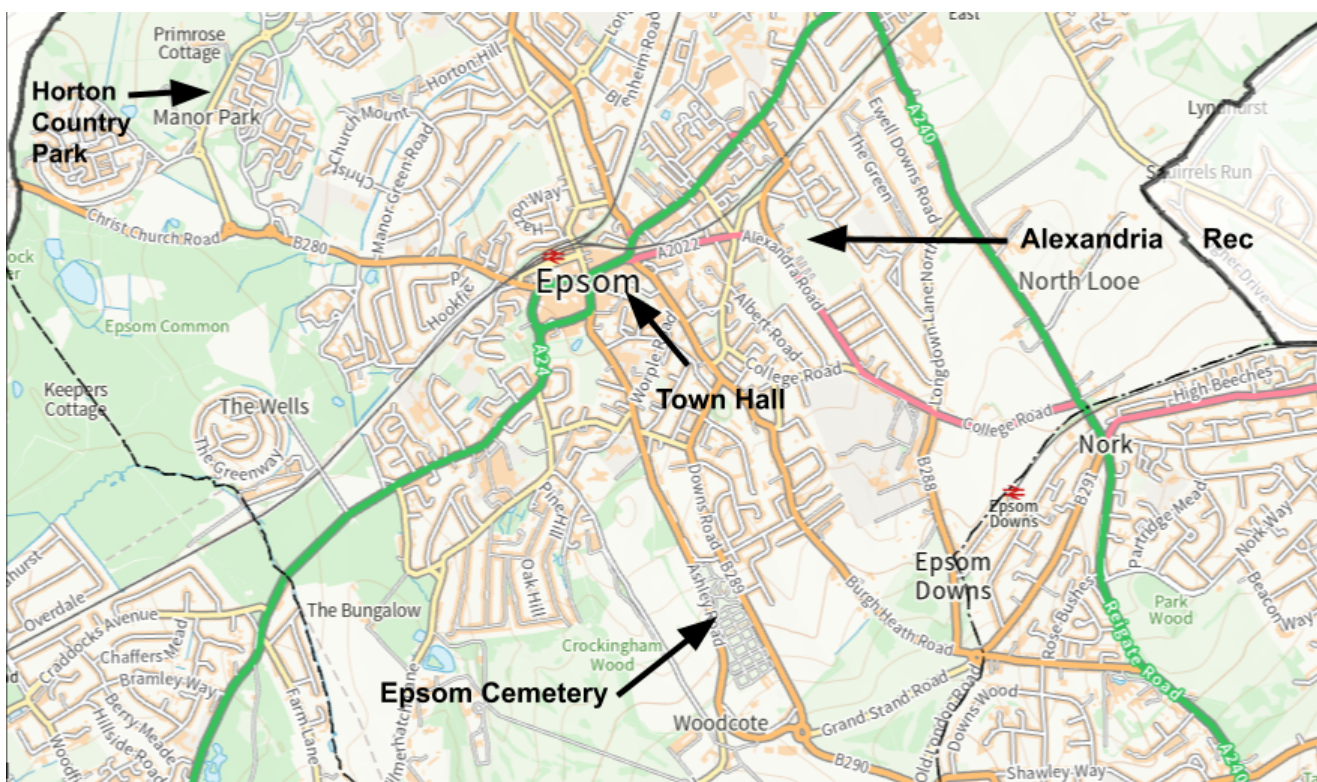
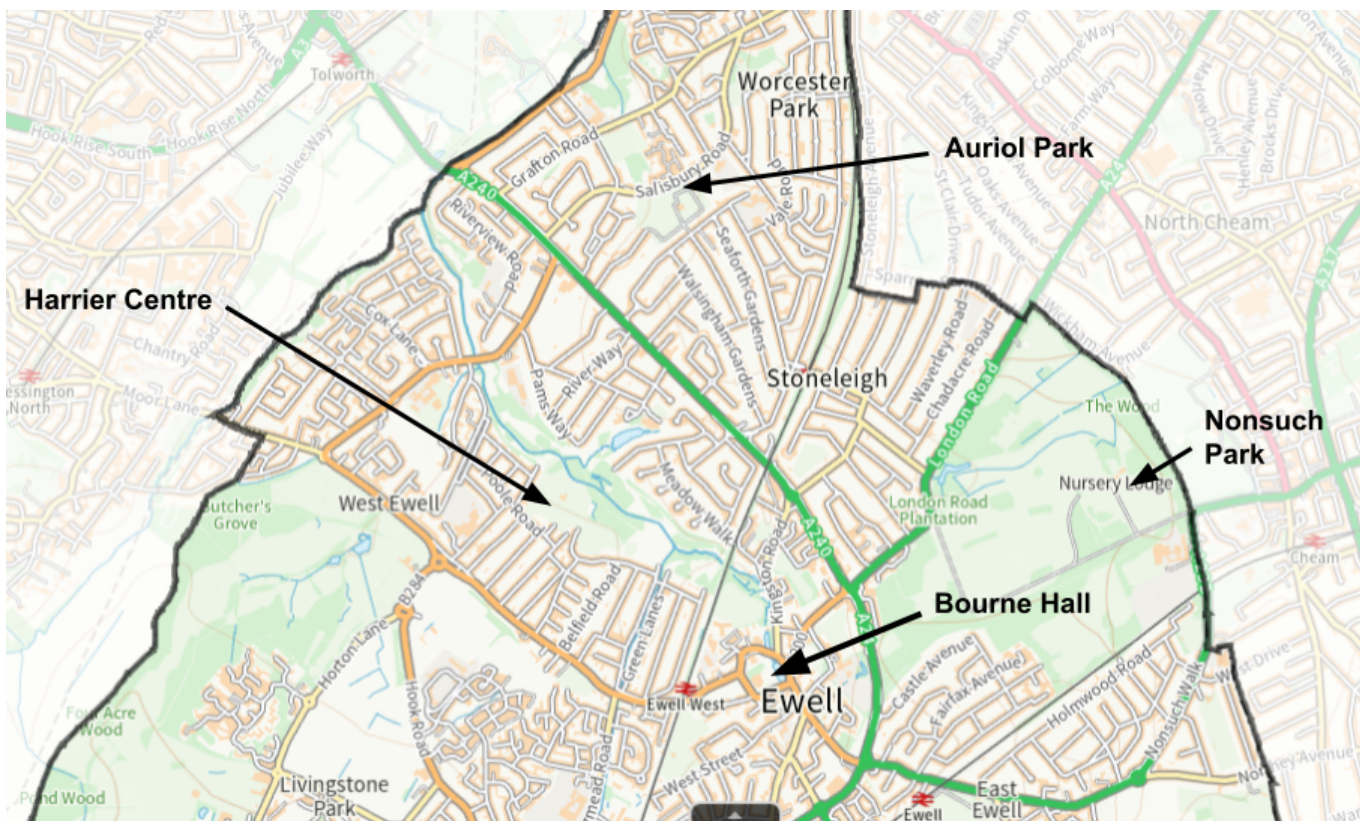
The Cost of Spending a Penny

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Following the demise of the public toilets on the B290 up on Epsom Downs, The Epsom and Ewell Times reports on the current Council provision of conveniences for the public:

- Nonsuch Park - open during park opening hours which are usually 6am to ½ hour before sunset.
- Horton Country Park - open during park opening hours as above
- Alexandria Recreational Ground Pavilion - operated by the café during café opening hours
- Auriol Recreation Ground, Stoneleigh - operated by the café during café opening hours
- Epsom Cemetery - open during cemetery opening hours
- Bourne Hall, Ewell - open during centre hours
- Epsom Town Hall - open during operating hours
- Harrier Centre, Poole Road, West Ewell - open during operating hours



In answer to The Epsom and Ewell Times, The Epsom and Ewell Borough Council provided the following information on the costs of spending a penny of those public toilets that are NOT part of a building used for other purposes (e.g., The Town Hall and Bourne Hall etc). To be clear - they are free to use! It won't cost you a penny except through your Council tax.

Annual Expenditure 2021 to 2022 up to end of March 2022.

Nonsuch public toilets - Cleaning: £14,716.56

We cannot break down the costs for Mechanical & Electrical (M&E) as it comes within the expenditure for the whole of the Mansion House.

Cemetery - Cleaning £6161.04 and M&E £993.68

Horton Country Park - Cleaning £5555.40 and M&E £741.36

The utility costs are also not broken down for just the toilets and therefore we cannot provide separate costs.

Contrary to myth a person not patronising a pub does not have a right to use its toilet. London promotes a "Community Toilet Scheme" that encourages businesses to allow non-customers to use their toilets. London's Railways stations take part. In the Borough of Epsom and Ewell the Ashley Centre would be hard pressed to prevent a member of the public having no intention to spend a penny in its shops from spending a penny in its toilets.

Should Epsom and Ewell have a Community Toilet Scheme? Write to us.