



## Your Councillor Community Fund now open for applications

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Surrey residents can once again apply for cash grants to improve their local area through the Your Councillor Community Fund.

Surrey County Council is committed to making a difference in communities across the county. The Your Councillor Community Fund has benefitted communities in towns and villages from North to South and East to West.

Last year, the Fund supported over 371 community projects via Surrey County Councillors, totalling £403,344.

The Your Councillor Community Fund is designed to flexibly support a variety of costs, from purchasing sports equipment for local clubs to creating websites. It provides financial assistance to community groups and projects that enhance the quality of life for residents across Surrey on their doorsteps.

Each year, Surrey County Council's 81 councillors allocate £5,000 of funding within their local communities. With their deep understanding of the needs and priorities of their towns and villages, they can ensure that the funding is targeted to areas where it is most needed and where it can make the biggest impact. It can be used across a variety of projects that help promote the social, economic, and environmental wellbeing of their communities.

Examples of projects funded last year include:

**£2,000** towards equipment for the 2024 Ottershaw Village Fete, including hiring a generator, printing programmes and purchasing walkie talkies to be used at the event.

**£240** towards replacing old wooden bollards that were no longer fit for purpose at Churt Recreation Ground, making it more visually appealing and welcoming for the community.

**£1,000** to provide Horsell Community Gardening Project with new planters, bulbs and perennials, helping to bring together residents of all ages to cultivate and maintain green spaces in the local area.

**£3,000** to the Weybridge Society towards equipment for the 2024 Weybridge Festival.

**Surrey County Council Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Customer and Communities Denise Turner-Stewart said:** *"The Your Councillor Community Fund has been incredibly successful in supporting a wide range of community projects on residents' doorsteps. We are thrilled to see the positive impact it has had across Surrey and I am delighted it is open again for another year.*

*This fund has played a crucial role in enabling councillors to address local needs and serve our residents effectively. By backing initiatives driven by the passion and dedication of our residents, we aim to build vibrant, inclusive communities where everyone can thrive and No One is Left Behind."*

The Your Councillor Community Fund is open now and closes at the end of January 2026. A new grant management system is now in place, making the application process even easier for residents.

To apply for money from this year's Your Councillor Community Fund you should contact your **local county councillor**.

More information can be found here **Your Councillor Community Fund - Surrey County Council (surreycc.gov.uk)**.