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# Mayor's Message

## Councillor Neil Dallen



Being Mayor of Epsom and Ewell is a fantastic honour and experience. I am passionate about our community and if my presence could support your organisation's objectives I am happy to take part by giving short talks, presenting certificates, starting or opening an event or simply supporting whatever you are doing.

I have had invitations to all sorts of events and happenings. Some of the events in the first three months were Epsom College Founders Day, Breakfast with the Stars (racing owners, trainers and jockeys in the Duchess's Stand), The Derby, The Queen's Garden Party and drinks on the Terrace of the House of Commons.

There were some more formal events including raising the Suffragette flag, Armed Forces Day, attending Iftar (the breaking of the fast during Ramadan) and presenting The City of Sanctuary award to Mikey and Carmen at Zig Zag café.

Schools, colleges, care homes, shows at the Epsom Playhouse, presenting certificates to young people and opening art exhibitions, MGS04, supporting the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games, relaunched Surrey Wheels for All and an invitation to a 100th birthday party have all been memorable.

Alongside all the invitations, the charity committee have also been busy organising a variety of events which has continued to help the three Mayor's charities both in fund raising and raising their profile:

- **Girlguiding UK (Epsom Division)**
- **Epsom and Ewell Talking Newspaper**
- **Work Stress Solutions (WSS)**

We are continuing to organise many events and hope that you are able to join us and have some fun while helping to raise funds for my charities. For more information visit [www.mayorscharitiesepsom.org.uk](http://www.mayorscharitiesepsom.org.uk).





# Council meetings

October 2018 – February 2019

## October 2018

4	Planning Committee
8	Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators (6pm)
9	Community and Wellbeing Committee
23	Environment and Safe Communities Committee
29	Nonsuch Park Joint Management Committee (10am at Nonsuch Mansion House)

## November 2018

8	Planning Committee
13	Health Liaison Panel (7pm)
15	Licensing and Planning Policy Committee
22	Audit, Crime & Disorder and Scrutiny Committee
27	Strategy and Resources Committee

## December 2018

4	Financial Policy Panel (6.30pm)
11	Council
13	Planning Committee

## January 2019

17	Planning Committee
22	Community and Wellbeing Committee
24	Licensing and Planning Policy Committee
28	Nonsuch Park Joint Management Committee (10am at Nonsuch Mansion House)
29	Environment and Safe Communities Committee (budget meeting)
31	Strategy and Resources Committee

## February 2019

5	Financial Policy Panel (6.30pm)
7	Audit, Crime & Disorder and Scrutiny Committee
13	Planning Committee
19	Council

All meetings are held at the Town Hall, Epsom and start at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated. Meetings may be cancelled or additional meetings arranged as necessary. To view the full year's calendar of meetings, download agendas or review minutes of previous meetings visit [www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk](http://www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk)

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# Our key priorities 2016 - 2020

Our main key priorities which form part of our four year Corporate Plan are:



## Key Priority:

Keeping our borough clean and green



## Key Priority:

Supporting our community



## Key Priority:

Managing our resources



## Key Priority:

Supporting businesses and our local economy

These key priorities are backed up with measurable targets for each of the four years which are published on our website.

Relevant articles within this issue have the above key priorities mentioned so you can identify how we are working towards achieving these targets.

## Epsom & Ewell Local Committee (Surrey County Council) meeting:

Date: **Monday 10 December 2018**

Time: 2pm

Venue: Epsom Town Hall, The Parade, Epsom KT18 5BY

Please note the date and venue could be subject to change. Visit [www.surreycc.gov.uk/epsomandewell](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/epsomandewell) for more details and confirmation of the venue, please contact Nicola Morris on 020 8541 9437 or email [nicola.morris@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:nicola.morris@surreycc.gov.uk) Follow on Twitter @EpsomLC



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<p>2019</p> <p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>JAN</b></p>	<p><b>OPEN EVENING</b></p> <p>4.30-7.30PM</p>	<p>2019</p> <p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>MAY</b></p>	<p><b>OPEN EVENING</b></p> <p>4.30-7.30PM</p>



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# Delivering Services

## How we spend your council tax?

Please note, figures relate to 2017-18 and are expressed as Band D equivalents. Not all services included, some items have minus signs in front of them because these services generate income.



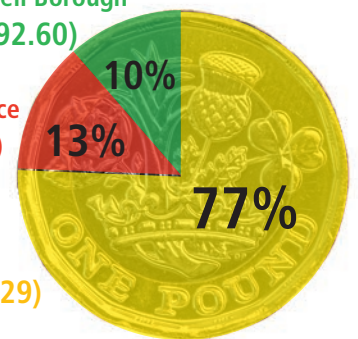
### 2018-19 Council Tax in numbers

Not all council tax collected pays for borough council services; it also supports Surrey County Council and Surrey Police too

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council (£192.60)

Surrey Police (£236.57)

Surrey County Council (£1,411.29)



### How your Council Tax is calculated:

	Total £'000	Per Band D equivalent property
Total cost of Council services (2017/18)	£7,630	£236.04
<b>Income</b>		
Transitional Grant	£83	£2.57
Retained Business Rates	£1,527	£47.24
Prior Year surplus on Council Tax & deficit on business rates	- £10	- £0.31
Council Tax	£6,045	£187.02
Other Items	- £15	-£0.48

**£1,840.46** Council Tax in this area is for a Band D property



**Key Priority:**

Managing our resources



# Negative RSG An update

In the last issue of **Borough Insight** we reported that we had written to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government seeking a withdrawal of the Government's proposal to require this council to pay money to the Government in 2019/2020 under a scheme called negative RSG (Revenue Support Grant).

Under this proposal, we would have to pay £625,000 to the Government, money which would be distributed to other councils across the country to pay for their services, rather than be used within this borough. Within Epsom and Ewell, £625K is the equivalent of a 10% rise in council tax.

We have now received a reply from the Housing Minister Rishi Sunak MP. In his response the minister said "I would like to begin by thanking you for your excellent work in achieving savings whilst maintaining and improving services. It is my ambition to be the champion for local authorities, including Epsom & Ewell Borough Council, which are the lifeblood of communities up and down the country". The minister acknowledged the 'strength of feeling on this issue' and stated that the Government would consult

on proposals for a resolution of negative RSG.

The consultation is now taking place and the option preferred by the Government proposes using a share of business rates to remove negative RSG for all affected councils in 2019/2020 at a total cost of £153 million.

Councillor Eber Kington, Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee said: "Of course I support that option – which is essentially the Government picking up the bill for its own poor policy decision. However the Government is also looking further ahead to the reform of local government funding from 2020/2021 to make it, in their words, 'fairer and affordable'. That does concern me. There are other grants as well as business rates which local authorities currently receive and we have to make



Councillor Eber Kington, Strategy and Resources Committee Chairman

sure that ending negative RSG for one year does not lead to the Government finding other ways to cut funding to local authorities like Epsom & Ewell in order to move it to other councils which the Government decides should benefit from even higher funding.

"We are unlikely to know the outcome of the consultation until late autumn, so we have to continue to plan our 2019/2020 budget on the basis of needing to find an additional £625k in savings and increases in fees and charges. However, we will be pressing the government for a prompt response to the consultation so that we can continue to provide the services that our residents expect."



**Key Priority:**

Supporting our community



# A day in the life of... our Wellbeing Daycare+ team

Our professional adult day care service, Wellbeing Daycare+, specialises in supporting people with memory loss, confusion and early onset dementia. As well as a dynamic social and cognitive therapy programme, the service provides much needed respite for carers themselves, who feel safe in the knowledge that their loved ones are being looked after in a welcoming, home-from-home environment.



**9am** Yvie arrives at the centre. She checks her phone and emails for any messages in case there has been any changes with clients.

**9.15am** Yvie then prepares the lounge for armchair based exercises with Stella. Today it's basketball and quoits.

**9.30am** Visitors start to arrive by our Transport from Home+ service. Others are dropped off by their families. Yvie greets everybody as they arrive and helps them to the small lounge for refreshments.

**10am** Stella arrives to get things ready for the armchair-based exercises. She starts with a throwing and catching exercise. Each person has to throw the ball to someone else in the group. This is great for building upper body strength and improving coordination. The group then

moves onto quoits. This is where players try to throw a rubber ring onto a pole in the middle of the room. Again, this all about coordination and building self-confidence. Everyone does very well.

**11am** Time for a tea break and a biscuit! Yvie sets up the activities room for Japanese Memory Therapy. This session is all about quizzes, puzzles and Sudoku. Today the group are asked to think of as many items of food they can that begin with the letter 'G'. Grape, grapefruit and gammon are all very good answers. A healthy debate starts as to whether 'Genoa cake' can be included. The group decide that it is – after all, you do eat cake, don't you!?

**12.30am** It's lunchtime. Some of the clients go home as they are only attending the morning session. Two of the morning group stay and have their packed-lunch.

**1.30pm** Alison, the art therapist, arrives with some more clients. Today they are painting some fresh strawberries. Alison asks the group to start by sketching the shapes that they see and supports everyone with their drawing.

**2pm** Yvie writes a short report how

## Wellbeing Daycare+ is just one of the higher-needs services available at the Community & Wellbeing Centre.

We are a friendly, local support hub for the over 55s and offer a number of activities and services for better health and wellbeing. We have a range of facilities all under one roof, including our entertainment hall, hairdressers, foot clinic and communal dining area which provides freshly prepared snacks and hot meals at very reasonable prices.

So whether you just want to socialise and make some new friends, learn a new class or need a bit of extra support, we can help you.

Email: [wellbeingcentre@epsom-ewell.gov.uk](mailto:wellbeingcentre@epsom-ewell.gov.uk).



**Key Priority:**

Supporting our community





*"The Community and Wellbeing support has provided my sister with appropriate stimulation and social involvement through the activities offered by the Daycare+ Centre. A well organised programme of activities scheduled for an entire morning or afternoon which is helpful to the client and the carer. Supported by a good transport arrangement...very satisfied from the onset with this friendly and caring service, this is a valuable service that hopefully will continue to be offered."* May, Epsom



*"The service has provided a safe, informed and caring environment for my wife and reassurance for me as her carer. The charge/fee for this service is reasonable for me for the time and reliability given. The manager and assistants are very friendly and understanding of the members' medical conditions and show good patience with their requirements. My wife has found the activities encouraging and reassuring".* Peter, Epsom

*"Evie, Linda, Kerry and the rest of the team are fantastic. Mum really looks forward to her time at the Centre. At 86 she is enjoying new experiences and learning new skills. She particularly loves the art sessions which are fun and creative, painting a cherry tree using paint and a straw was a huge success!"* Penny, Epsom

each client has participated in the group so that she can share some feedback with the carers.

**2.45pm** After a tea break, the group finish off their painting. Today they are using watercolours. The group soon get painting and enjoy the outcomes of their work.

**3.30pm** Time to stop painting. To everyone's delight, Alison shares out the strawberries for each client to take home.

**3.45pm** Yvie offers more drinks to the group and they listen to some music. The group chat about the class and talk about what they all enjoyed most from the sessions.

**4.30pm** Transport arrives to take the clients home. Yvie ensures that they are all safely on board and wishes them a nice weekend.

**5pm** Yvie tidies up and hangs the paintings on the display boards. She then checks her emails one last time before leaving for the day.



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# Proud of our past, preparing for our future

If you had to sum up Epsom and Ewell in one word, what would it be? If you could decide what sort of place the borough should be in 20, 30, even 40 years' time, what would you change?

These are just some of the questions we'll be asking as part of Future40, an ambitious new project to create a long-term vision for Epsom and Ewell.

With help from our partners, supporters and volunteers, we'll be engaging with as many people as possible who care about the future success of Epsom and Ewell.

We will be listening and talking to local residents, business owners and visitors so that we can deliver a clear, long-term vision for the borough.

## But do we need a vision?

The answer is 'yes, we do!' Without a roadmap, it's impossible to know where you're going. All successful towns and villages recognise the need to adapt around changing circumstances. As a result, it is important to plan ahead to make sure that Epsom and Ewell is a thriving community for people to live, work and visit in years to come.

Thinking about the future is no mean feat! Who could have predicted that the once rural settlements of Epsom and Ewell would be home to the thriving communities we have today?

Over the next few months, we will be carrying out one of the largest and most important consultations in the borough's history. We want people of all ages and backgrounds to come together as part of this exciting project – so whether Epsom and Ewell is where you live, work, study or somewhere you just visit from time to time, it's important to have your say.

## Upcoming events

For a full list of events and activities please visit the website [www.future40.org](http://www.future40.org)

## So, how can you get involved?

Our online survey closes on 20 December – head to [www.Future40.org](http://www.Future40.org) to take part. It only takes 10 minutes. Don't forget to follow us @EpsomEwellBC on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram using the hashtag #Future40.

We will also be holding a wide range of activities and workshops throughout the borough. Be sure to check out our events calendar on our website to find out when and where!

You can also email us directly at [future40@epsom-ewell.gov.uk](mailto:future40@epsom-ewell.gov.uk). Whichever way you prefer, we look forward to hearing from you.



### Key Priority:

Supporting businesses and our local economy



### Key Priority:

Keeping our borough clean and green



### Key Priority:

Supporting our community



### Key Priority:

Managing our resources

# Future 40



## Have your say on the future of Epsom and Ewell...

We want people from all ages and backgrounds to come together and share what matters to them. By giving your feedback and answering some key questions, you'll help us create a clear roadmap for the future. You can also answer this survey online at [www.future40.org](http://www.future40.org)



### Q1. Which of the following best describes you? (Please tick all that apply)

- I live in Epsom and Ewell    I work in Epsom and Ewell    I study in Epsom and Ewell  
 I shop in Epsom and Ewell    I visit Epsom and Ewell for other reasons

If other, please specify below.

### Q2. Which words would you choose to describe the borough as it is NOW? (Please select your top five)

- Attractive    Boring    Built-up    Clean    Creative    Cultural    Dirty    Divided    Dull  
 Exciting    Family friendly    Full of opportunity    Fun    Green    Happy    Healthy    Historic  
 In need of investment    Lacking in identity    Modern    Noisy    Old and outdated    Poor  
 Prosperous    Reputable    Safe    Thriving    Trendy    Unattractive    Unfashionable    Unhealthy  
 Uninspiring    Unique    Unsafe    Vibrant    Welcoming    Well-connected    Young    Other

If other, please specify below.

If possible, please explain your reasons why you picked these words.

### Q3. Which words would you like to use to describe the borough in the FUTURE? (Please select your top five)

- Attractive    Creative    Clean    Cultural    Exciting    Family friendly    Full of opportunity  
 Fun    Green    Happy    Healthy    Historic    Modern    Prosperous    Reputable    Safe  
 Thriving    Trendy    Unique    Vibrant    Welcoming    Well connected    Young    Other

If other, please specify below.

If possible, please explain your reasons why you picked these words.



## Q4. Thinking about the borough as a whole, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
There is a good range of shops and restaurants					
There is plenty of high-quality green space					
Epsom and Ewell is attractive					
Improvements could be made to my local area					
There is good public transport					
Epsom and Ewell is a wealthy borough					
Epsom and Ewell is a multicultural borough					
Epsom and Ewell is family friendly					
There is a strong community feel					
I feel safe in the borough					
Epsom and Ewell is a friendly place					
There are lots of young people					
There are lots of job opportunities					
There is a good night life					
There are lots of things to do					
There are good business opportunities					
The borough is pedestrian friendly					
I would consider Epsom and Ewell to be a 'Market Town'					
I am proud to live here					
I feel connected to my local community					
Epsom and Ewell is great for education and learning					
Epsom and Ewell is a University town					

If possible, please explain your reasons why you agreed or disagreed.

## Q5. What do you like best about Epsom and Ewell?

## Q6. What would you like to see improved in Epsom and Ewell?

## Q7. Below are some of the biggest challenges and opportunities for Epsom and Ewell over the next 20, 30, even 40 years. Which three are the most important to you?

- Population growth    Increasing older population    Attracting employers and jobs
- Access to healthcare, social care and wellbeing services
- More people living with long-term health conditions in the community
- Improving education and skills    Managing greater use of parks and open spaces
- Improved public transport (e.g. Crossrail 2)    Maintaining a strong retail base
- Protecting clean air, wildlife and biodiversity    Building more affordable and better quality homes
- Responding to new technologies    Keeping the borough safe

If you can think of anything else, please tell us.

## Q8. We've put together a list of possible newspaper headlines about Epsom and Ewell from the future. Which ones would you most like to see come true? (Please select your favourite three).

- Epsom and Ewell leads economic growth in the region
- Epsom and Ewell ranked as one of top 10 UK shopping experiences
- High speed trains connect Epsom and Ewell to major UK cities
- Epsom and Ewell's life expectancy highest in the UK
- Epsom and Ewell named as best university town
- Epsom and Ewell achieves record level of volunteering
- Epsom and Ewell named top location for technology start-up companies
- International businesses flock to Epsom and Ewell after multi-million pound facelift
- Epsom and Ewell named country's greenest borough
- Epsom and Ewell voted safest place to live
- Epsom and Ewell named as healthiest borough in the UK

If you can think of another positive newspaper headline, please tell us.

## Q9. Now you've been able to think about the future of Epsom and Ewell, how optimistic are you about its future?

- Very optimistic    Fairly optimistic
- Neither optimistic or pessimistic    Fairly pessimistic
- Very pessimistic    Unsure

**Q10. Would you like to become more involved in helping us create a vision for Epsom and Ewell? This may include volunteering at engagement events or attending focus groups.**

Yes – please leave your details in Q11.  No – please continue to Q12.

**Q11. Your details**

Name

Email

Address

Postcode

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**Q12. Are you male/female?**

Male  Female  Prefer not to say

**How old are you?**

Under 16  16-24  25-34  35-44  45-54  55-64  65-74  75-84  85-94  95+

**Ethnic group**

British white  Irish white  White (other)  Caribbean  African  Asian  Indian  Bangladeshi  Pakistani  Chinese  Gypsy/Irish Traveller  Prefer not to say  Other

If other, please specify.

The Equality Act 2010 states that “a person has a disability for the purposes of the act if he/she has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.”

Do you believe you have a disability according to the Equality Act?  Yes  No

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**Thank you.**

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# Stand for what you believe in



If you care about the area that you live or work in and the issues facing local people, you could be a councillor.

Next May, local elections will be held for borough councillors who will hold office until 2023.

Councillors are elected to represent their local community, so they must either live or work in the area.

A councillor's role and responsibilities include:

- Representing the ward for which they are elected
- Decision-making
- Developing and reviewing council policy
- Regulatory, quasi-judicial and statutory duties such as determining planning and licensing applications
- Community leadership and engagement.

How much time a councillor spends on their duties is up to them. However, being an effective councillor requires both

commitment and hard work. Councillors have to balance the needs and interests of residents, the political party they represent (if any) and the Council. All these interests will make legitimate demands on a councillor's time on top of the demands and needs of their personal and professional lives.

Before considering becoming a councillor, you may want to discuss this with your family, friends and employer to make sure they understand what you are taking on. By law, your employer will be required to give you a certain amount of time off for council duties (if necessary), for example, to attend an important day-time meeting, but you will have to spend some of your spare time on council business.

Councillors may choose to hold regular drop-in surgeries. Surgeries are a chance for residents to meet you and discuss their problems or concerns. You may also need to spend time visiting constituents in their homes. On top of this, you will be dealing with letters, emails and phone calls from constituents. When dealing with casework or council business you may need to meet with council staff. These meetings, and any visits to council offices, may need to take place

during the working day.

If you decide you want to put yourself forward as a candidate, the Local Government Association's 'Be a Councillor' website is a great source of information as is their booklet "stand for what you believe in". See <https://beacouncillor.co.uk/>

Ultimately, unless running for office independently, it is up to the local political organisation or group to decide whether to select you as a candidate.

Local contacts known to this Council are:

**Residents Associations:**  
[eegra.org.uk](http://eegra.org.uk)

**Conservative Party:**  
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You might like to get involved with a local organisation as soon as possible. This will help you find out more about what the role entails, whom you will be working with and the commitment involved in running for office.

If you're thinking of being a councillor see the dedicated page on our website – [www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk](http://www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk)



# Easy access when you want it

**Our new self-service facility allows residents and businesses to access their council tax, housing benefit, council tax support and business rates account information online, including viewing historic correspondence.**

We know that our residents have busy lives and may want to check the status of their account or make certain changes outside of our standard business hours. This new service enables you to do this on the go, when you want to via your PC, laptop, mobile or tablet.

## Residents

If you are a resident within the borough, you can now go paperless for council tax and housing benefit and council tax support by signing up for e-billing and e-notifications. Once signed up you will receive an email telling you when new correspondence is available.

You can also set up a direct debit for council tax and apply for or remove

single person discounts online.

If you are in receipt of housing benefit, you can also view who is registered as part of your household plus some of the information we have used to calculate your benefit claim, including rent details. This will make checking to ensure your claim is up to date much easier. You can also view your payment history and check whether you have any outstanding overpayments.

This new facility will also benefit those who prefer a larger print as they can zoom in on their correspondence and those with assistive computer technology can use PDF compatible screen readers to read the documents.

## Local landlords and businesses

The benefits of this new functionality also reach beyond residents to local landlords and businesses.

Landlords who receive direct

payment of housing benefit for their tenants will also be able to sign up for e-notifications, view and download their payments schedules, check on the status of their residents' claims and view outstanding invoices.

Local businesses can set up direct debits online too, get e-bills and view historic correspondence.

## Registering online is easy

There are links to online self-service on the Council tax, benefits and business rates areas of our website [www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk](http://www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk) just type 'online self service' in the search bar.

You will just need the account number of the account you are registering to access, a valid email address and you will be asked some security questions regarding your account. If we do not hold enough information about you or you cannot answer the questions, you will be given the option to request a PIN. The PIN number will be then sent via post to the address associated with the account.

If you have any issues setting up or accessing your account, you can contact the Revenues and Benefits Technical Team [rbtechteam@epsom-ewell.gov.uk](mailto:rbtechteam@epsom-ewell.gov.uk)



### Key Priority:

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### Key Priority:

Supporting businesses and our local economy



# Development aids local projects

**Councillors have chosen to allocate nearly £250,000 of Community Infrastructure Levy receipts on a selection of local projects.**

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) allows us to raise funds from developers undertaking new building projects within the borough and is used to support new physical and social infrastructure and also to improve existing facilities. Under legislation, 80% of total CIL collected has to be allocated towards borough wide infrastructure (eg towards roads and schools).

In addition, at least 15% of levy receipts must be spent on priorities that have to be agreed with the local community. This 15% is often referred to as the 'neighbourhood portion' of the levy. In Epsom and Ewell, borough councillors were able to bid for these funds from the neighbourhood portion of the levy for projects within their wards, with successful bids selected by a committee of councillors.

## The successful projects are:

- Green Lanes stream clearance
- Woodcote Green bus shelter
- Court Rec canopy for children's play area
- Horton Country Park path restoration
- East Street trees
- Station Approach street improvements
- West Street footpath additional street lighting
- Auriol Park Table Tennis tables



Horton Country Park paths have been allocated funds



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## SHOP FRONT IMPROVEMENT GRANT



The issues facing the retail trade across the UK have been well reported. While we are fortunate that the borough has a lower than average amount of empty shops, the area is not immune to the pressures facing our retailers.

One of the ways we have decided to help is by setting up a borough investment fund specifically for shop front improvements. The scheme aims to encourage the creation of attractive frontages to enhance the high streets, support economic growth and improve the overall character to the

borough's street-scene.

Businesses may apply for up to 75% of the eligible costs of their project, to a maximum of £10,000. All applications are assessed on an individual basis and therefore awards will vary. Terms and conditions of grant eligibility are available on our website and planning consent may be required.



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# Blissful ignorance may cost you

In many circumstances ignorance is bliss. However if you pay someone to remove your rubbish and they subsequently fly-tip it, you could face a fine or worse - and claiming you did not know they were going to dispose of the waste inappropriately is not a defence.

The scourge of fly-tipping is getting worse and the costs to clear it are escalating. Within Epsom and Ewell the cost of removing fly-tipped waste is estimated to be over £1 million this year alone.

Fly-tippers often do not have a business or a local connection with an area, so they do not care how they leave an area once they have left.

If they are caught, fly-tippers can face fines of up to £50,000 and imprisonment of up to twelve months. They are also at risk of having their vehicle crushed. In January this year, a Mitcham fly-tipper was fined £1,980 after dumping waste on Epsom Common.

Although a rogue trader may fly-tip the waste, it could still be whoever employs them that is fined and named and shamed.

Our Environmental Health inspectors regularly investigate

fly-tipped waste. Not the most glamorous of jobs, standing knee deep in a mass of rotting gunk or worse, ensuring that there is nothing hazardous to the community and seeing if we can work out where the rubbish originated.

In one of the worst recent local fly tips, which was on private land, and will cost the landowner potentially hundreds of thousands of pounds to clear, the team found items with business and residential addresses within the contents (pictured below) indicating that the waste originated from locations in south London.

We are currently working with the Environment Agency. Those at the addresses will be contacted and, where appropriate, will face legal action for failing to dispose of their rubbish appropriately.

To avoid prosecution, residents and businesses must ensure they use a registered waste carrier and ask them how and where they intend

to dispose of waste, get a receipt and avoid traders who knock on doors or advertise on websites like Facebook and Gumtree.

All businesses and traders who transport waste are legally required to have a waste carrier's licence. You can check if a waste carrier is registered by looking on the Environment Agency's website or by calling 03708 506 506.

If you have concerns that a trader isn't disposing of waste correctly there are two things you can do:

- Call the Environment Agency hotline on 0800 80 70 60.
- Report your concerns anonymously to Crimestoppers online.

To find out more about fly-tipping and to report a fly-tip in Epsom and Ewell visit our website.



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**Key Priority:**

Managing our resources



# Winter is coming...

There are a number of things you can do now to prepare for the worst the winter weather can throw at us and why not check that your elderly relatives and neighbours are equally prepared?

## Get your flu jab

If you are healthy you will usually shake flu off within a week but for young children, older people and those with chronic health conditions, it can be very serious. The annual flu vaccination is offered free to people who are most at risk.

## Check your heating

Consider getting your boiler serviced before the coldest weather arrives. Cold weather can be a risk to your health, particularly if you are over 65 or have health conditions. The cold thickens blood and increases blood pressure, and breathing in cold air can increase the risk of chest infections. Your home should ideally be at least 18°C.

## Check your insulation

Good insulation on your water pipes means reduced risk of frozen pipes which can burst, causing flooding, damage and leaving your home without water. If the worst should happen, do you know where your stopcock is? It's something you should know so you can turn off the water to your home quickly should there be a problem.



## Winter check your car

Check your tyres; not only is it dangerous to drive in winter conditions with low levels of tyre tread, it's also illegal. The muck thrown up by road salting and gritting can result in poor visibility so it's advisable to use a winter windscreen wash which will also help avoid the risk of a frozen windscreen. Get a winter car kit ready in case you get stuck in your car; it should include an ice scraper, de-icer, jump leads, shovel, blanket, protein bar and a torch.

## Getting to work

It's worth considering your various commuting alternatives. In the event of severe weather roads may be more affected than the trains (or it might be the other way around). Can you work from home if travel is not advised? Discuss your options with your employer so if the weather is really bad, you're already prepared.

## Wind proof your garden and home

In windy weather surprising things can become dangerous. Think about what may be impacted by strong winds – guttering, pipes, roof tiles and garden items – and how you can mitigate any problems. Pack away garden furniture and children's outdoor toys, as these can fly around causing damage.

## Are you at risk of flooding?

You can check your property flood risk and download the Environment Agency's 'Prepare Act Survive' flood guide at <https://floodsdestroy.campaign.gov.uk>

## Get some tins in!

If you have a few cans of soup and/or some store cupboard staples you can still serve up a meal - even if you can't get out to the shops.



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# Dear diary

## Epsom Mental Health and Wellbeing Festival

Saturday 6 –  
Sunday 14 October

[www.epsommentalhealthweek.org.uk](http://www.epsommentalhealthweek.org.uk)

## Epsom fireworks display and funfair

Saturday 3 November;  
7.45pm - 10pm

Visit [www.epsomfireworks.com](http://www.epsomfireworks.com)

## Bourne Hall Museum

### Kids Club

#### Life in the trenches

Saturday 13 October; 1pm - 2.30pm

Learn about trench warfare on the Western Front and how tough daily life was for the troops.

#### Terrific Tanks

Saturday 30 November; 11am - 12.30pm and 1pm - 2.30pm

Learn about the tank and as part of our special WW1 session try make your own moving tank! Advance booking essential due to limited spaces. Cost £8 per child.

#### Struggling Suffragettes

Saturday 8 December;  
1pm - 2.30pm

Discover how the determination and bravery of the Suffragettes changed the way our country is today and learn how Epsom was thrust into the national headlines by the death of Emily Davison at the Derby in June 1913.

#### Vicious Vikings

Saturday 12 January; 1pm - 2.30pm

Ewell will be visited by a Viking warrior resting between raids and he will demonstrate the fact behind the fiction.

**Cost: £5 per child (unless where stated) includes one accompanying adult and must be booked in advance.**

### Guided history walks

#### Halloween walk on the dark side!

Tuesday 30 & 31 October and  
Thursday 1 November; 7.30pm - 9pm

Discover the dark side of Ewell's history with a guided tour around its historic heart. Visit graveyards and crime scenes if you dare. Hear tales of local folk who won't stay dead, ghostly coach crashes and exploding gunpowder mills.

**Meet in the foyer of Bourne Hall. Cost £5 per person. Advance booking essential as spaces are limited.**



To book contact David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF. Tel 020 8394 1734, email [dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk](mailto:dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk) website: [www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk](http://www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk)



**Explore Epsom and Ewell with our countryside team on guided walks to discover your borough's local nature reserves**

#### Bow Saws & Broomsticks!

Sunday 7 October; 2pm - 5pm

Join in for an early autumn stroll and discover the vital work of our volunteers in Horton Country Park.

**History of the Horton Light Railway**  
Sunday 18 November; 1pm - 4pm

A chance to discover the history of the railway line that used to run through Horton Country Park in those far off days of steam.

**Meet at the Information Centre adjacent to the public car park.** All guided walks cost £5 per adult, £2.50 per child (16 years or under). For more information or to book a place visit [www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk](http://www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk)



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# Beacon of hope

**The borough will take part as a national chain of beacons is lit on the evening of November 11 to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One.**

On 3 August 1914, Britain's Foreign Minister, Sir Edward Grey, was looking out of his Westminster office window. It was dusk, and as gas lights were being lit along the Mall, he remarked to a colleague "the lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime". Europe was about to be plunged into the darkness of the First World War, and it would be four long years before Britain and Europe would again experience the light of peace.

The end of the war and the many millions who were killed or came home dreadfully wounded will be nationally observed by a chain of beacons that will be lit at 7pm

on 11 November – a century after the guns fell silent.

The event will also commemorate the huge multitude of men and women on the home front who, often in dangerous and exhausting conditions, underpinned the war effort – keeping the wheels of industry turning, bringing the harvests home and ensuring the nation did not starve.

The beacon will symbolise the light of hope that emerged from the darkness of war, and we hope that you can join us in this important national commemoration.  
**6pm on Sunday 11 November at Bourne Hall Park.**



**Bourne Hall Garden of Remembrance  
Monday 5 November, 11am**

The Mayor joins local school children as they open the Garden of Remembrance. Public welcome.

**Epsom's last fallen  
Wednesday 7 November, 11am**

A small commemoration in Epsom Market Place to mark the death of 32 year-old Trooper Frederick Watkins who was killed in action on 7 November 1918 at Avenses Le-Sec becoming the last of the 455 borough residents who were killed during WW1. Public welcome.

**Wreath laying  
Saturday 10 November**

The Mayor will visit all the borough's public war memorials to ensure each has a wreath for Remembrance Sunday. He will also assist some of the Royal British Legion volunteers selling poppies in the borough.

**Borough's Remembrance Day civic service  
Saturday 11 November**

The Mayor and councillors join the local armed forces and dignitaries at St Mary's, Ewell for the traditional Remembrance Sunday service. The Deputy Mayor joins the congregation at St Martin of Tours, Epsom.



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# Christmas is coming...

## Jack and the Beanstalk

Friday 14 December - Sunday 6 January  
Epsom Playhouse.

The pantomimes at the Epsom Playhouse just get better and better. This year it's a 'giant' of a show; packed full of slapstick, corny jokes, stunning dancers, beautiful singing and real panto mayhem!

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This 'traditional modern' Jack and the Beanstalk promises something for everyone, a real family treat!

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## Santa's Christmas Party!

Throughout December,  
Epsom Playhouse.

It looks as though somebody wants to stop Santa's Christmas party - and that someone is Jack Frost! A 45 minute, interactive family show, particularly suitable for 2-7 year olds.



**Christmas Gift Market**  
Tuesday 6 to Saturday 10  
November, Bourne Hall, Ewell  
Looking for something a bit different? The Christmas gift market returns to Bourne Hall.

**Epsom Christmas lights switch on**  
Thursday 22 November,  
Epsom Market Place  
Join us for fun, laughter, music and Christmas treats as we get the Christmas season off to a great start!


**Ewell Yule**  
Friday 7 December, 5pm – 8.30pm  
The ever popular Ewell Yule late night shopping event returns and this year. All the usual attractions will be there, including Father Christmas.

**Epsom cemetery service**  
Friday 14 December, 11am  
The ecumenical service to remember loved ones who have passed away.

**Free Christmas Sunday parking**  
Sundays 9, 16 and 23 December  
Parking is free in the Council shopper's car parks in central Epsom.



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Epsom, KT18 5AL  
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[www.epsomplayhouse.co.uk](http://www.epsomplayhouse.co.uk)







## Emotional support and practical help at home



One in two of us will be affected by cancer, and volunteers are needed now to support people and their families at home. Emotional support and time to listen can make a real difference. If you are a car driver with four hours weekly to spare, please call Ingrid today and join our next taster session and free training course.

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[www.brigitte-trust.org/volunteering](http://www.brigitte-trust.org/volunteering)



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Find exercise really boring and healthy eating just too difficult?

Think gyms are the places of nightmares, with scarily fit people staring at you?

**Enough already!**

Hi, I'm Anne-Marie, personal trainer, cyclist, dog lover, wife and pilot.

I have a private, fully equipped gym so we can train in peace. Why not come over to have a look round, a cuppa and a chat.

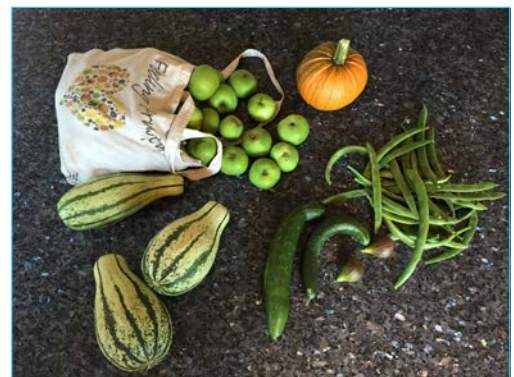


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