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Mayor's message



This mayoral year has been like no other and the first three months of 2021 have already felt a lot longer.

As I look back on my Mayoral year, I prefer to dwell on the good things that came out of this extraordinary period - communities, neighbours, friends and families coming together more than they have in the past, often to support the most vulnerable in our borough.

A highlight for me as last year drew to a close, was presenting a cheque on behalf of the council to support the exceptional efforts of the Epsom & Ewell Foodbank.

Over the last year, some of us had to learn to embrace new ways of coming together. Personally, chairing council meetings from home was strange and not the same as sitting in the Council Chamber (where at least I didn't have to contend with delivery people ringing the doorbell).

As my mayoral year reaches its conclusion, I have a list of people to thank that could probably fill a good few pages of this issue of Borough Insight.

So I will just give my heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers in our community and all the council workers, who have gone above and beyond to ensure those that needed it, have received help and assistance in the last year.

Councillor Humphrey Reynolds





REOPENING OUR HIGH STREETS

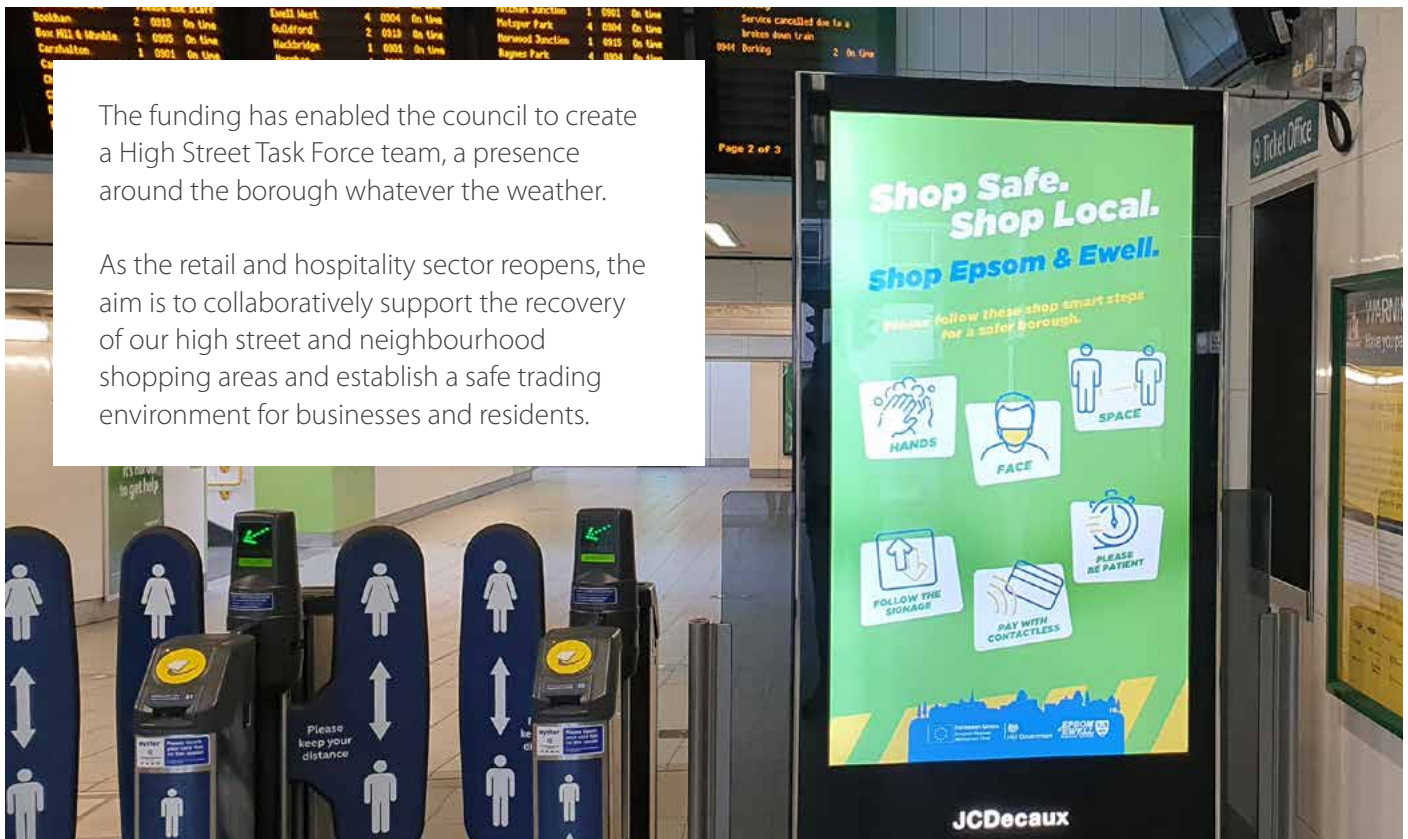
To prepare for the reopening of non-essential retail when Government guidelines allow, a Reopening High Streets Safely Fund has been allocated to help kick-start local economies, get people back to work and customers back to the shops.

The reopening high streets project is receiving funding from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) as part of the European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme 2014-2020. The Department for Communities and Local Government is the Managing Authority for ERDF.

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council is currently promoting a 'Shop safe, Shop local, Shop Epsom & Ewell' campaign using the grant it has received from the fund.

The funding has enabled the council to create a High Street Task Force team, a presence around the borough whatever the weather.

As the retail and hospitality sector reopens, the aim is to collaboratively support the recovery of our high street and neighbourhood shopping areas and establish a safe trading environment for businesses and residents.



Many of the borough's businesses and smaller independent enterprises have faced much uncertainty over the last year, but have successfully adapted to meet safety regulations to operate in a COVID secure way.

By ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for all, the aim is to encourage residents to follow the evolving national guidelines, to stay local and support local businesses within Epsom and Ewell.



High streets are critical to the economic recovery of our towns and cities and this funding comes direct from the European Regional Development Fund, available to councils to support businesses to re-open safely. The funding has to be spent this financial year and is being used to support a range of practical safety measures plus new signs and advertising.

Established by the European Union, ERDF funds help local areas stimulate their economic development by investing in projects which will support innovation, businesses, create jobs and local community regenerations.

HELP US PROTECT YOU AND OTHERS

In order to welcome everyone back to the shops safely, we all have a role to play.

It is vital that you:

- Wash and sanitise your hands regularly
- Give each other space and socially distance
- Wear a face covering wherever social distancing is not possible
- Stay home if you feel unwell

Other key ways you can keep yourself and everyone else safe is through:

- Being prepared to queue
- Going cashless if you can
- Only picking up things you are going to buy
- Being courteous to others

You can also support local businesses without leaving your home by shopping online, with many shops also offering click and collect services.





Getting Active in the great outdoors

Why walking and cycling are good for you - and the environment.

It has never been more important to look after our health and wellbeing. Getting outside in the fresh air and natural daylight is beneficial for our minds as well as our bodies. Especially after the challenging year we've all had!

Epsom and Ewell is home to many beautiful parks and open green spaces. There are plenty of areas of outstanding natural beauty right on your doorstep. So why not explore new places that are close to home as part of your daily exercise, by walking or cycling in your local area?

Walking and cycling are good for your health, great for the environment, and easy to fit into your daily routine - making them an excellent way to boost your mood, and be more active.

You could incorporate walking or cycling into your existing exercise regime - or enjoy as part of a healthy break-time activity, especially if you're working at home. Why not walk to one of your local shopping parades instead of taking the car to get some fresh air and exercise? Or enjoy as part of your downtime as something to look forward to at the weekend.

What are the health benefits?

Walking and cycling on a regular basis can:

- Reduce your risk of type 2 diabetes, depression and cardiovascular disease
- Improve your mental agility during the day and your quality of sleep at night

- Improve your metabolism - this means not only regulating your weight, but how well you age!

Why walking and cycling is good for the environment?

Road traffic is the single biggest contributor to poor air quality - it makes up almost 80% of roadside nitrogen dioxide concentrations. Walking and cycling massively reduces your carbon footprint. This means that walking and cycling is an eco-friendly way of travelling around the borough and helps the planet meet global climate change goals.

- **Did you know?** A reduction of just 10 miles per week (16km) using an average car, will save the planet between 2.7-2.9kg of CO2 emissions. That's as much as 4 bath-tubs!

Challenge: You could even try setting yourself a number of days each week to walk or cycle as part of 'Active Travel'. This means making some (or all) of your journey using a physical activity to get you to your destination, such as walking to the bus stop or cycling to the station.

For maps, information, tips and resources to help you get active through walking and cycling, please visit www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/getting-active.

Remember to stay local and follow the latest government guidelines.

Grab your pencil

Voters are due to go to the polls on 6 May across the UK for a series of local council, parish, police commissioner and mayoral polls which were due to happen in 2020 but were postponed for a year.



Residents of Epsom and Ewell will be voting for their local councillors for Surrey County Council and a separate poll for the Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner.

The elections in May will be like no other. Set during the worst global pandemic in nearly 100 years, plans have already been put in place to help everyone stay safe while they are casting their vote.

Understandably, we have received many enquiries about alternatives to voting at the local polling station.

Postal votes

There are different ways to vote, the most convenient way is to register for a postal vote. Whilst we do publicise this option, you may not be aware that postal voting is available to anyone who requests it and no reason has to be given.

In a recent statement the Electoral Commission said: "absent voting gives voters' choice, so is likely to play an important role in delivering elections during the pandemic. We encourage those voters that are thinking about voting by post, to apply now. This will make sure the application is processed early, and the postal vote can be sent to them more quickly once the candidates for the elections are confirmed".

If you would like to apply for a postal vote please email electoralservices@epsom-ewell.gov.uk, call us on 01372 732000 for a form or download a form from our website.

Proxy votes

If you are not able to cast your vote in person, you can ask someone you trust to cast your vote for you. This is called a proxy vote. The person casting your vote is referred to as your proxy.

Those wishing to appoint a proxy vote should apply to the council as early as possible.

Emergency proxy votes are available in certain circumstances, such as illness close to polling day. The government is amending legislation to further support proxy voting for people who are affected by the pandemic close to polling day. More information will be published on our website when details are known.

Polling stations will be as safe as possible

We are reviewing arrangements for the elections very carefully to ensure that voters are as safe as possible and are able to cast their votes.

If you are going to vote at a polling station, to keep yourself and others safe, please:

- wear a face covering inside the polling station
- sanitise your hands using the hand sanitiser provided
- maintain social distancing at all times
- bring your own pen or pencil to mark your ballot paper

If you are self-isolating, you should not go out to vote. You can obtain an emergency proxy.





News bytes

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COVID-19 support

During this current time there is help and support available should you be struggling in any way.

Help and support in Surrey - Community Helpline number: 0300 200 1008

The Community Helpline is there to direct you to services that can help during the coronavirus pandemic. It's there for two things:

- To help direct residents who need support – if friends or family are unable to help – with such things as picking up shopping, prescription collections or having someone who can be a telephone friend, and to other services that can help.
- To provide advice on where to register your offer of help to support your community.

Availability: Monday to Friday: 9am to 5pm SMS: 0786 0053 465 for Deaf and hearing-impaired residents only (Monday to Friday: 9am to 5pm).

Financially struggling

Help is there if you are struggling financially there are a number of ways you can get financial help depending on your situation. More information can be found on the Surrey County Council website www.surreycc.gov.uk/coronavirus or visit the Surrey Crisis Fund webpage www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/surrey-crisis-fund for information on emergency grants.

For government guidance please see www.gov.uk/coronavirus

EU Settlement scheme

With three months to go before the EU Settlement Scheme's application deadline of 30 June 2021, European citizens are being urged to apply now to secure their rights in UK law.

The deal agreed between the EU and the UK for their relationship post 'Brexit' came into effect on 31 December 2020.

If you are an EU national who started living in the UK before 2021, you can apply for a Pre-Settled, and eventually a Settled Status.

The Pre-Settled Scheme, or Limited Leave to Remain, grants you the right to work, live and access healthcare. However, it does not give access to welfare benefits by itself, as you will still need to show a "right to reside." The Settled Scheme, or Indefinite Leave to Remain, grants you the right to work, live, access healthcare and welfare. It is evidence that you have a "right to reside" in the UK.

The EU Settlement Scheme uses cutting edge technology, including the EU Exit: ID Document Check app which allows people to apply from the comfort of their own home in as little as 15 minutes.

The Home Office also has a dedicated team of more than 1,500 people working on the EU Settlement Scheme, with support available seven days a week by telephone and by email.

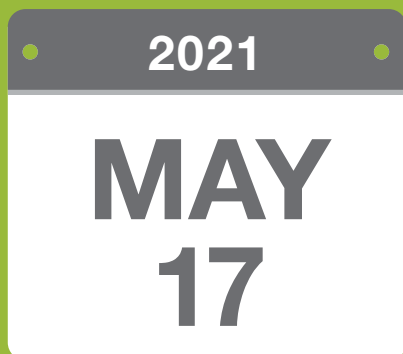




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Dogs and ponds shouldn't mix

As dog walkers are well aware, keeping the family pooch out of any kind of water can be a challenge.



Many dogs love to play in water and people love seeing their dogs have fun (although the highly pungent result at times can be a bit of a downside).

Our countryside team have been asking dog walkers to keep their pets out of the ponds and streams on our land as the repeated disturbance caused by dogs can lead to dramatic changes in the water quality and the structure of vegetation both in and out of the water. Ultimately this can result in the loss of wildlife. The team have been especially asking not to let dogs climb in and out of rivers and ponds repeatedly, especially where the banks are steep and soil erosion is likely.

Now a study published towards the end of last year in the journal Science of the Total Environment, has highlighted that flea treatments added to the back of dogs' necks contain pesticides that can kill freshwater invertebrates. The study looked at 4,000 samples gathered by the Environment Agency in waterways across England and found 99% contained such pesticides.

The flea treatments are very soluble, washing off when your dog has a swim and potentially harming animals such as dragonfly and damselfly larvae, pond skaters, water boatmen and water snails. Important creatures in themselves, freshwater invertebrates are also a key food for fish, amphibians, birds and mammals.

There is another worrying development. In recent years there has been an increase in the UK of dogs being very unwell and even dying having entered ponds and lakes with some types of blue green algae. Blue green algae is not actually algae it is a cluster of bacteria - known as cyanobacteria - that's so small, it can't be seen by the naked eye unless it groups together. While not all blue green algae are poisonous, it is impossible to tell the difference visually. Dogs are especially likely to swallow them

when drinking pond water or licking their fur after they have swum. Blue green algae can cause dogs to suffer a number of illnesses including fatal liver failure in severe cases.

Please keep your dogs out of the water whenever possible and when walking your dog, especially in hot weather, take a water bottle so your pet can drink clean water and not be tempted to dive in!

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Every mind matters

Our mental health affects how we think, how we feel and how we act. It can also affect how we handle stress and how we make choices.

The pandemic has already impacted on our lives and will continue to do so. Some people are feeling worried or anxious about their own health, finances and of those close to them, while others are feeling isolated and lonely.

It's important to remember that it's okay to feel the way you do.

No matter what your state of mind, there's information and a wide range of support and services available to help you and those you care about. Details of the support described below can be obtained from the Healthy Surrey website – address below.

Self-help tools

Free tools to help you manage your mood and improve your wellbeing include,

- **Every Mind Matters:** a free online NHS approved tool to discover simple steps to look after your mental health and wellbeing and create your own action plan
- **Wheel of Wellbeing:** six simple steps you can incorporate into your day to improve your mood and reduce stress.
- **First Steps booklet:** the First Steps advice and support guide is for anyone aged 18 years or above who is looking to take the first steps to improve emotional wellbeing for themselves, their friends or family members. There's a chapter with some information for young people.

Local services

Free services you can access and refer yourself for support with your emotional and mental wellbeing.

- **Virtual Wellbeing Hub** – access a range of sessions and online activities virtually from the comfort of your own home, including virtual coffee mornings and tailored exercise classes.
- **Talking Therapies** – a choice of free NHS services offering the opportunity to talk to a qualified mental health specialist about problems you may be experiencing which includes stress, low mood, anxiety, panic attacks and depression.

Crisis

Someone who may be experiencing suicidal feelings, self-harming behaviour, extreme anxiety or panic attacks, can get support from:

- **Surrey mental health crisis helpline** – Call 0800 915 4644 (24 hours, 7 days a week)
People with speech or hearing difficulties can access the service by Textphone: 18001 0800 915 4644 or SMS/text: 07717 989024
- **Safe Havens** – Provide face to face and virtual out of hours help and support to people and their carers who are experiencing a mental health crisis or emotional distress. Visit: <https://www.sabp.nhs.uk/>
- **The Samaritans** offer a safe place for you to talk about anything that's troubling you, no matter how big or small the issue is, any time you like, in your own way – about whatever's getting to you, 24 hours a day seven days a week. Call them free on any phone, on 116 123. www.samaritans.org



Community wetlands

The Hogsmill is one of only 200 chalk streams in the entire world. These special rivers are renowned for their crystal clear waters and extremely high quality water.



In a healthy condition, these rivers support a wonderful array of wildlife, which can only thrive in these rare, pollution-free streams.

Unfortunately, the Hogsmill cannot reach its spectacular potential as it suffers from the pollution that affects many urban rivers. Oil, dirt and a cocktail of substances wash off surrounding roads into the river each time it rains. Sewage enters the Hogsmill from a worrying array of sources, negatively affecting the river's wildlife. The Green Lanes Stream, a tributary of the Hogsmill, is a particular hotspot for these kinds of pollution.

Developed between the Hogsmill Catchment Partnership, the Environment Agency, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council and led by the South East Rivers Trust, the Chamber Mead project aims to tackle these issues.

The Green Lanes Stream will be diverted across Chamber Mead meadow through a series of wetland basins containing thousands of native wetland plants. These constructed wetlands will use the natural purification processes of vegetation, soils and microbes to remove polluting substances; breathing life back into the Hogsmill by cleaning contaminated water before it enters the river.

Work is planned to take place over an eight week period in the summer of 2021. If you have any questions about the project, please email the South East Rivers Trust on info@southeastriverstrust.org





Supporting local business

During this current time there is help and support available should you be struggling in any way.

Supporting local businesses

The past year has been incredibly tough on local businesses. The pandemic has dramatically changed the way we shop, trade and do business - not to mention the impact of new rules and regulations for businesses now that the UK has left the EU.

Through it all, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council has supported the local economy by keeping businesses up to date, administering the latest government grant schemes and encouraging residents to shop local and importantly stay safe.

So far, we've administered almost £14M in government grants. And if that wasn't enough, our teams also picked up the phone and called over 400 businesses to make sure they were familiar with the latest guidance and to help them trade safely if they could.

The future may be uncertain, but help and advice is available including business loans, cash grants, financial support for employers and tax grants for the self-employed. For local business support including top tips, key resources and available grants, please visit the businesses section of our website.

Business support from gov.uk

There is more detailed business support at www.gov.uk/coronavirus/business-support, where you will also find the Government's support checker to see exactly what support might be available to you.

Grow your business

Even though they had to miss a year, organisers of the Grow Your Business Show are making plans to return to Epsom Downs Racecourse on Wednesday 12 May. Epsom & Ewell Borough Council is proud to support the event which will host 70+ local businesses, expert speakers and exhibitors in a covid-safe environment. For more information please visit www.growyourbusinessshow.co.uk.

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Combating recycling confusion

We all know how important recycling is. It helps minimise waste and transforms old products and packaging into new items.



Residents of Epsom and Ewell are recycling at a rate well ahead of the national average.

Recycling can do wonders for the environment – providing you're doing it correctly.

The problem is that whilst most of us want to recycle as much as possible, it can be confusing to know what items are recyclable and what aren't.

We all probably know that pet food pouches, coffee shop cups, toothpaste tubes and crisp packets are impossible to recycle in the general recycling as each item is made up of multiple materials. The Recycling Association dubbed the current Pringles tube as the number one recycling villain in the UK - with a metal base, plastic cap, metal tear-off lid and foil-lined cardboard sleeve.

Some manufacturers will clearly state that their item is recyclable, and it might well be, but there are no organisations accepting that item for recycling.

Following world-wide changes, some plastics, which we used to collect in our recycling, have become too costly to recycle (once recycling is collected by councils, it is passed to companies for whom recycling is a commercial business).

Don't worry, it might be confusing but we can make it simple for you. All you need to know about Simply Weekly Recycling is at www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/recycling



Confused about what can and can't be recycled? For quick and easy answers, download the Surrey Recycles app and search by item and postcode – www.surreyep.org.uk



Get involved

discover your countryside

In Epsom and Ewell we are very lucky to have three local nature reserves - Epsom Common, Horton Country Park and The Hogsmill, managed by our Countryside Team.

The abundance of wildlife in our local nature reserves is carefully managed under the guidance of management plans and a great deal of the work that happens on these sites is done by volunteers.

Here are some of the ways you can make a difference as a countryside volunteer:

Our local nature reserves are rich in biodiversity. So whether you're interested in birds, insects, spiders, plants, fungi, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, we'd love to hear from you - there's plenty to keep you busy!

We always need help running our annual surveys on: Great Crested Newts; Dormice; butterflies; reptiles and bats.

We are also very keen to have records to add to our database from visitors who have an interest in any type of wildlife: birds, grasses, wildflowers, mosses and liverworts, dragon and damselflies, beetles, invertebrates generally small mammals, aquatic invertebrates and non-native species. There's a set format and maps are available too.

We occasionally have more specialised surveys for instance on our veteran trees and their associated invertebrates.

Practical conservation tasks: Scrub management, Hedgerow management, Coppicing, Hedge laying, Grassland management, Ride side management, Grazing area maintenance, Non-native species removal, Orchard management and Cattle checking.

Or perhaps you could be our eyes and ears...whilst you are out walking in our parks and open spaces, if you notice anything broken, fallen, or unusual,

please let us know. For instance, site furniture might need repair, a tree might have fallen across a path, minor paths may be getting overgrown or help us with our fixed point photography.

“Nature conservation volunteering is extremely rewarding, working alongside like-minded individuals who are keen in helping maintain and conserve our open spaces and nature reserves. Being out in the fresh air come rain or shine with such a friendly group of people and knowing you are contributing to preserving the countryside and its habitat is the best tonic you can have.”

“When I retired I felt a little guilty that I wasn't working anymore, so I tried volunteering. The reward was working with a great bunch of people who I might never have met otherwise, getting lots of fresh air, and feeling a bit more useful to boot. Roll on the end of lockdown!”

► Volunteering groups

In addition to volunteering opportunities with the borough's countryside team there are also other countryside management volunteering groups who work locally to Epsom and Ewell including the Lower Mole Countryside Partnership, the EcoVols (volunteer arm of the Epsom Common Association) and Ashted Common volunteers. The Friends of Horton Country Park are also currently looking for active members.

For information search countryside volunteering on our website.

“We are so fortunate to have such wonderful countryside on our doorstep in Epsom and Ewell and being part of the Countryside Team means that you contribute to the preservation and development of the biodiversity of our outdoor spaces. It's also hard work but great fun!”



Search for Keep Epsom & Ewell Tidy on Facebook for updates on community clean-ups and litter picking in the borough.

Pledge to be part of the pick!

We are grateful to all those community minded residents who regularly support our efforts to help keep our borough clean and green. A huge thank you to everyone who has signed our volunteer litter picking pledge and for all your efforts. It is greatly appreciated!

If you are interested in getting involved either as an individual or with members of your own household, then please complete and sign our volunteer pledge and download our handy volunteer Covid-19 guidance at

www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/volunteerlitterpicks

Subject to availability, we will supply you with a returnable litter picking kit which includes gloves, high visibility waistcoats and a litter picking device.

You can also get involved with the Friends of Parks groups – Alexandra, Auriol, Court Recreation Ground, Ewell Court, Gibraltar, Rosebery and Shadbolt. Tasks include litter picking to gardening and you can work individually or in small socially distanced groups when guidelines permit.

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Census day

With 21 March literally around the corner, Census 2021 is in full swing in Epsom and Ewell.



The letters, with your unique access codes, have all gone out and responses are already coming in.

"A successful census will help give the best picture of the needs of everyone living in England and Wales," Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said.

"It helps us understand what our society needs now and what it will likely need in the future. We've had a fantastic response so far, with so many of you completing the questionnaire on your laptops, phones and computers.

"It takes just 10 minutes per person to take part and if you can't get online, there are paper forms available for those who need them. Now is the time to make your mark on history."

Operating in line with the Government's latest COVID-19 guidance, field officers will be deployed across the country to contact those who have not responded. They will offer help and advice to those who need it. They will also remind people that their census response is required by law.



A successful census will help give the best picture of the needs of everyone living in England and Wales.

This census is the most inclusive yet. Everyone can identify as they wish using search as you type online and write-in options on paper if they need it.

The questionnaire includes questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Census facts

At the time of the last census...

- 75,102 people lived in Epsom and Ewell, including 4,627 students
- The top occupation was sales and retail assistant (1,459 of you)
- 957 of you were nurses
- There were 119 arts officers, producers and directors
- 2,841 of you walked to work
- The top language, other than English or Welsh, was Portuguese, spoken by 597 of you
- There were 264 different ethnicities
- There were 36 households with eight or more people.



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Several years ago we created e-Borough Insight, a monthly e-newsletter allowing us to provide more up to date information with increased regularity from ourselves, our partners and from local community groups. We also include news and events in the digital edition from around the borough we just don't have the space to include

in the physical magazine. A growing number of residents now subscribe to the digital newsletter.

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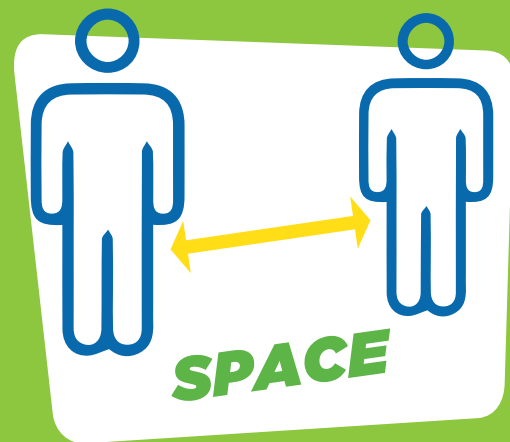
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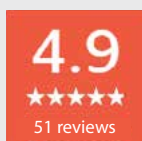


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