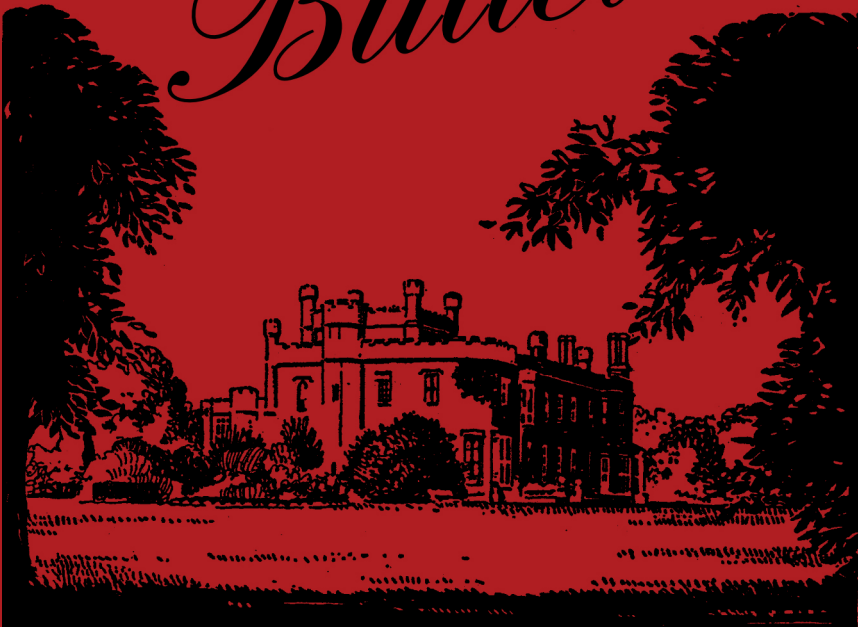


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Bulletin



SPRING 2023

J.E.A. (INCREASED CHARGES)

The increased cost of electricity recently announced by the J.E.A., has become a matter of great concern amongst consumers, and we learn that in many areas, protest meetings have been held, resulting in most cases in petitions being sent, not only to the J.E.A., but also to the Electricity Commissioners, and to Sir Archibald Southby, in order that he may take the matter up with the Ministry of Transport. Although it is doubtful whether these petitions will have the desired effect, they certainly can do no harm.

Indignation is being expressed at this enforced increase, which virtually amounts to an increase in rates.

It has been suggested, in some quarters, that there has been a "ramp" somewhere, and it seems grossly unfair that consumers should be victimized by having to pay for it.

Is the report issued by the J.E.A. abundantly clear as to why these increased charges are being made?

For the benefit of those who, perhaps, have not been informed a short *précés* may be helpful.

The J.E.A., on coming into being were forced to take over certain areas for the supply of electricity, and in order to comply with this order, they had to buy out several concerns who were then supplying consumers. The purchase prices fixed were colossal. The J.E.A. also had to expend a very large sum of money in supplying new areas and satisfying the wants of consumers, by supplying electric stoves, fires, etc., the demand for which has increased enormously recently, as a result of a "drive" to persuade consumers to use electricity for purposes other than mere lighting.

As a result, a large sum of money had to be borrowed and the J.E.A. were, we are given to understand, not permitted the long term of repayment usually enjoyed by similar Public Utility Services and, in addition, the rate of interest fixed appears, to the lay mind, to be anything but economical.

It seems that the Electricity Commissioners have done little to ease the financial difficulties and have refused every representation put to them by the J.E.A. to reduce the rate of interest and also to extend the term of the loan.

For electricity purposes, Ewell is in the radius of the J.E.A. and Epsom buys its current in bulk from them, so will, we presume, have to meet the levy in the same way as the ordinary consumer. When the appropriate committee on the Council have considered this matter, and bring its recommendation before the Council, it would not be unreasonable to assume that we shall hear that this item will mean a further increase in rates.

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Chairman's Report – David Triggs

Welcome to this Spring 2023 edition of our Bulletin which is being published ahead of our Annual General Meeting which as announced in our Autumn 2022 Bulletin, is set for Thursday 9th March. It is also going out during the Consultation Period for the Epsom and Ewell Local Plan 2022 - 2040 which, following publication of the Draft Local Plan at the beginning of February, is due to close on 19th March 2023.

Key features of the AGM will include: a presentation by Surrey Police outlining their response to the recent surge in thefts that have been suffered in our area, consideration of our response to the Draft Local Plan and endorsement of the three RA candidates, selected at our January Committee Meeting, to stand for Nonsuch Ward at the Borough Council Elections on 4th May.

Thanks

I thank Christine Howells, Robert Leach and Shanice Goldman for volunteering to serve us in this way and confirm my belief in their commitment to promoting the wellbeing of Nonsuch residents. Together, I believe they bring an admirable range of experience, expertise, interest and enthusiasm to the challenge.

On behalf of all residents, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Chris Frost and Colin Keane, as they step back from their councillor roles, for the work, commitment and service they have rendered to the ward and the borough over many years and wish them well as new chapters open for them.

The Draft Local Plan

The Local Plan is **all** about how land in the borough might best be used to meet the needs of **all** residents. The main item likely to be of interest to Nonsuch residents is the inclusion of the playing fields land between Ewell East Station and the Banstead Road where the construction of 350 new net zero carbon homes and retail premises would start sometime after 2031. The position of the RA, its candidates and its Chair on the Draft Local Plan can be found inside this edition of the Bulletin.

Annual General Meeting of Nonsuch Residents' Association

Thursday 9th March 2023

7.30pm

at

Sutton and Epsom Rugby Football Club
Cuddington Court, Rugby Ln, Sutton SM2 7NF

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of last AGM 31 March 2022
3. Matters arising
4. Surrey Police: Tackling Crime in Nonsuch Ward
with Acting Sergeant Georgia Pankhurst
and local officer PC Chloe Webb
5. Report from Chairman David Triggs
6. Councillors' reports
7. Treasurer's report
8. Election of Officers
9. Local Plan
10. Adoption of the candidates for the Borough Council Election
11. Open Forum – An opportunity to tell us what you want and
what you like and dislike in the neighbourhood.

The Officers and Committee look forward to you joining the AGM.

Nonsuch Residents' Association
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Income and Expenditure Account

2021 £	INCOME	2022 £	2021 £	EXPENDITURE	2022 £
2,881.91	Subscriptions Received	2,438.20	2,383.00	Newsletters	2,603.00
500.00	Advertisements	350.00	294.90	Election Expenses	0.00
0.12	Bank Interest	1.97	180.00	Website	180.00
			86.00	Subscriptions Paid	86.00
	Deficit For Year	<u>78.83</u>	<u>438.13</u>	Surplus For Year	
£3,382.03	TOTAL	£2,869.00	£3,382.03	TOTAL	£2,869.00

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

2021 £	FUNDS	2022 £	2021 £	ASSETS	2022 £
3,055.88	Surplus at 1 January	3,494.01	494.01	Barclays Current Account	1,415.18
			3,000.00	Barclays Deposit Account	2,000.00
<u>438.13</u>	Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	<u>(78.83)</u>			
£3,494.01		£3,415.18	£3,494.01		£3,415.18

Signed *Innes Tarran* (Hon Treasurer)

I have compared the above Accounts and Balance Sheet with the books and vouchers of the Nonsuch Residents' Association and such Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of the finances of the Association.

Signed *Sujit Patel* (Hon Examiner)

Treasurer's Report – Innes Tarran

This year has seen a small deficit of £78. This compares to a surplus of £438 in 2021. There are two factors behind this:

- Subscription income has reduced by £443, of which about £150 relates to 2021 subscriptions being inflated by late receipt of 2020 subs as a result of covid. The underlying reduction of c£300 unfortunately continues the trend in reducing membership seen since 2018, which is something the committee are looking at ways to redress.
- The net cost of the Newsletters (after income from advertisements) has increased by £370 in 2022. £220 of this increase relates to printing costs, mainly as a result of both of this year's bulletins being longer than in 2021. Advertising income is also down by £150, although £50 of this is timing due to the delay in the Autumn bulletin. If you would like to advertise in the bulletin, please contact Terry Witham as detailed at the end of this bulletin.

With 2023 being an election year, it is important that residents please renew their membership or become a member if you are not one already, by putting your £3 subscription in the envelope provided and returning it to your Area Representative.

Nonsuch Ward Update

Councillor Chris Frost



New Housing Strategy

The Community & Wellbeing Committee passed a unanimous decision to adopt the Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy and Action Plan 2022-27. This is a significant achievement for Epsom & Ewell Borough Council (EEBC) and represents a first step in a structured and methodical plan to overcoming

homelessness in the borough. It is a requirement of the Housing Act 2002 that every local authority has to renew their strategy at least every 5 years. We had been relying on an interim strategy for some time. The council can now evidence the state of play and a clear route for solutions.

They also agreed a fees and charges plan to come into effect in the new financial year, and the amount of support to give to the charities that are based in the Town Hall.

Fees and charges

The Environment & Safe Communities committee agreed the fees and charges that will apply from the new financial year. Some car park charges are going up and, because charges are rounded to the nearest 50p or £1, some of the increases appear to be high. This arises because these haven't been increased for two or more years. (Last year only the Town Hall and Hope Lodge car park charges were increased).

Councillor Christine Howells



Our Beautiful Nonsuch Park

I consider myself to be very fortunate to live in Nonsuch Ward, surrounded by precious green belt land, open fields and our beautiful Nonsuch Park, whilst also being so close to the sights and culture of London.

Nonsuch Park was previously called Nonesuch Park, as it was said of the park:-

" This, which no equal has in art or fame."

And

" Nonesuch place like it in Europe. "

The significant history associated with the park adds to its importance and exceptional uniqueness.

There is evidence of a possible Iron Age settlement within the park. Also, a medieval trackway and a Roman Road passes along its boundary. The village of Cuddington, which was once located in the park, was mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086.

Nonsuch Park is accredited to have been of interest to numerous historical figures, including Samuel Pepys who often visited the park and stayed in nearby Yowell (Ewell).

Perhaps the best-known connection to the park was Henry VIII's association with the area. He commissioned Nonsuch Palace to be built as a celebration of the power and grandeur of the Tudor dynasty, and was seen to be the grandest of all his building projects.

The Palace was incomplete when he died, and it was variously sold and passed down through numerous Royals and aristocracy, until it was finally given by Charles II to his mistress who had it pulled down in around 1682, and who then apparently sold off the building materials to pay off gambling debts.

Today the site of the then Palace is marked by three small stone columns with plaques. These can be found by following the path from the corner of Castle Avenue and Castlemaine Avenue into the park and towards London Road.

Coming further up to date, we learn that the Bylaws in 1951 were very specific in what was and was not allowed within the park, at that time referred to as, "The Pleasure Ground."

Amongst other restrictions, "A person cannot bring into the grounds, cattle, sheep, goats or pigs, or any beast of burden. A person cannot bathe, wade or wash in any ornamental lake, pond or stream. A person cannot beat, shake, sweep, brush or clean any carpet, rug or mat or any fabric containing dust. Or hang out any washing to dry." The penalty for not adhering to these and many other orders was a fine not exceeding two pounds. How times change, but still within memory of many residents of Epsom and Ewell.

Nonsuch Park covers approximately 250 acres of stunning formal gardens, pretty rural walks, hidden historic roads, pathways, architecture, stunning woodland, flora, fauna, and wildlife. In our busy lives, and after visiting the park numerous times, it is easy to lose sight of its importance and beauty for our area, and how fortunate we are to have such a wonderful open space on our doorsteps.

Next time you visit, why not walk some lesser-known tracks to seek out and explore more hidden areas. Take time to relax on one of the many dedicated benches and on our special memorial bench to the victims of COVID-19 . Or have a well-earned rest and refreshments in the cafe next to the Mansion before taking the journey home.

I have always considered it of great importance to value and preserve all our Green Belt, parks and open spaces for everyone to enjoy now, and to benefit generations to come.

Councillor Colin Keane



EEBC Council Tax 2023/2024

At the Full Council Budget meeting on 14 February Councillors agreed a 2.99% increase to the borough council portion of Council Tax – this is 12.3p per week for the average band D property or £6.39 per year. This means that council tax for this borough remains below the average for Surrey.

The funding for the budget comes from several sources including from the council's commercial activities, charges and fees for certain services, business rates, government grants and council tax, which Epsom & Ewell Borough Council collects on behalf of Surrey County Council and Surrey Police.

Of the overall council tax paid by residents, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council receives only 10%, Surrey Police get 14% and 76% funds Surrey County Council activities. Surrey County Council has agreed a council tax rise, including the adult social care precept, of 2.99%. The Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner has set an increase of 5.07%.

The rise of under 3% for Epsom & Ewell Borough Council allows the council to continue providing essential services, while keeping the cost to residents well below the rate of inflation.

The services provided include: waste and recycling, looking after the borough's green spaces, reducing homelessness, payment of benefits, planning and development, managing car parks, environmental enforcement, and running the Community and Wellbeing Centre, leisure centre and culture venues Bourne Hall and Epsom Playhouse.

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County Councillor John Beckett

ULEZ – Update

As I write these notes, the Mayor of London is going ahead with his ULEZ plans and, crucially, refusing to engage with Surrey County Council (SCC) over SCC's proposals for mitigation for our residents and businesses. Those proposals include:

- The car scrappage scheme extended to Surrey residents
- Extension of the Zone 6 Oyster Card scheme
- Corridors to NHS facilities that are on the border and consideration to residents that extensively use health facilities within London
- Additional and/or extended active travel and public transport services to provide suitable alternatives for Surrey residents and not used to offset shortfall in existing TfL funding
- Taxi exemption extended out to include local Surrey taxi services
- Key worker exemption for those who regularly travel over the border, e.g., nurses, carers and teachers. Consideration for schools on the border that have pupils coming from both London and Surrey.

As a result of the Mayor's unwillingness to engage in talks, SCC has advised Transport for London (TfL) that, until and unless they do, TfL will not be permitted carry out any works on Surrey's highways, including the erection of advanced ULEZ signing.

I will continue to work with both SCC and EEBC to see the ULEZ plans made fairer and less financially disadvantageous to Surrey residents.

Changes to Parking Enforcement and Grass Verge Maintenance

A reminder that, from April, SCC will be responsible for both on-street parking enforcement and verge cutting.

SCC has agreed a 7-year contract worth £96.5 million, with private company Marston Holdings Ltd, for parking and traffic enforcement. SCC states that *"this will mean that Surrey County Council can more directly and consistently manage on street parking enforcement across the county, helping to tackle inconsiderate parking and make parking*

restrictions more effective.” However, that £96.5 million contract has to be paid for somehow. We hope, therefore, we won’t see parking meters introduced where currently there are 1 hour or 2 hour waiting limits, or additional yellow lines, designed to push drivers into paid for parking spaces.

SCC is also taking back the cutting of verges. The six to eight seasonal cuts by the borough council, recognising seasonal weather conditions, will reduce to the standard county-wide cut of four. Weed spraying and general green maintenance of our streets will also be reduced

Further delays to SCC’s high costing IT Project

SCC has suffered another delay to the implementation of its protracted and accident prone £30 million HR and Finance project.

An overspend of £3 million agreed by SCC twelve months ago looks like rising by another £8 million. Originally planned to go live in December 2021, there is currently no firm date for project completion.

Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)

Schools are required by law to produce Education, Health and Care Plans for children that have additional needs within 20 weeks of the need being identified. SCC is responsible for managing the process but figures produced in December show that the waiting time of 20 weeks has been exceeded for 284 children, which is nearly one-third of the children requiring this vital support in their schools.

SCC Council Tax 2023/2024

Some 76% of your council tax payment is passed on to SCC to pay for the services that the County Council provides, including Adult Social Care, Children’s Services, Education, Libraries and Highways.

In February SCC approved a 2.99 % increase in council tax. An average (Band D) council taxpayer will be paying £1675.08 pa for SCC services.

In total SCC will be spending just over £1bn a year on delivering those services.

Epsom and Ewell: Draft Local Plan

Introduction

According to the UK government, there will be an enormous increase in population and demand for new and affordable housing in Epsom and Ewell over the next twenty years. This increase, at nearly four times the national average, is unnecessarily inflated and based on out-of-date population projections and mistaken assumptions on how housing markets work. The government requires the borough council to produce a **Local Plan** that shows how and where this additional housing will be built and how it will ensure that a significant portion of it is affordable. As matters stand, despite the government Minister's suggestion that housing targets are 'advisory' rather than 'compulsory', the government has not changed the regulations or law so, if the council fails to offer a plan that the government's Planning Inspectorate deems to conform and to be viable, it risks losing control over any change in land use or development in the borough.

In seeking to produce a Local Plan that respects the government's directives, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council is consulting residents of the borough through the publication of a **Draft Local Plan** (known as Regulation 18). The six-week Consultation period has now started and residents, Residents' Associations and other interested parties are asked to submit their comments and change suggestions by 19 March 2023. These will be reviewed and considered during the following months after which a **Proposed Submission Local Plan** will be issued for an additional six-week period of public consultation (known as Regulation 19). After a further period of months taking into account comments received from this consultation the council will prepare and **Submit the Local Plan to Government for Examination** - this is expected to be around mid-2024. **Public Examination of the Local Plan by a Planning Inspector** will follow during which the Inspector may seek further information from the council. This is expected to be completed by early 2025 and the council is expected to **Adopt the New Local Plan** in mid-2025. It will then replace the existing Local Plan and be used to assess planning applications.

The Draft Local Plan - Nonsuch RA's position

We oppose building on Green Belt Land

The Nonsuch Residents' Association and our prospective candidates for the May council election oppose plans to build on Green Belt land. We also challenge the very large number of new dwellings that has been used and propose the Local Plan process be paused after the current consultation period to enable a more accurate target number to be identified i.e., one that takes into account only the *real* housing need and the regulatory changes the government is due to announce shortly along with its "levelling up" proposals.

The plan identifies nine "Strategic Allocations" (SA) including SA8 described as "land adjoining Ewell East Station". However, the land is actually a substantial part of "Priest Hill" and its playing fields and immediately adjacent to a conservation area which accommodates many rare animals and plants.

Astonishingly 350 new dwellings are proposed for this environmentally and socially precious site in buildings up to six stories high and we regard this as completely unacceptable and unnecessary. Unacceptable, because it is on green belt land and unnecessary, because the target of 300 new dwellings per year does not reflect a real need but simply what has been offered by landowners/developers following the appeal for sites process. The real need could be as low as 135 per year but is almost certainly less than 240 per year. If 'levelling up' means anything it could be still lower.

We propose that following the current consultation, the Local Plan should be paused in order to get the right number for planning purposes. This number will take into account regulatory changes the government say will be announced shortly along with their "levelling up" proposals.

IT WOULD NOT INCLUDE BUILDING ON ANY GREEN BELT LAND.

The Draft Local Plan – Your RA Chair writes

The Local Plan is **all** about how land in the borough might best be used to meet the needs of **all** residents. Affordable housing and preserving the quality of our lives and the environment are identified as pressing needs. In addressing this, the council is obliged to take into account: (i) the competing uses of land for housing, employment, business, leisure and environmental protection etc.; (ii) the prevailing ideas, opinions and beliefs that people have about the holding of land; (iii) inherited land laws devised by past governments comprised exclusively of land owners and (iv) a range of socio-economic policies and laws being devised by the present government.

It seems to me, as matters stand, their task is impossible!

One reason for this is because under current laws, individuals, families, trusts and companies etc. can hold a plot of land free of a duty to (a) keep it in good condition, (b) compensate the community for agreeing to grant and protect their exclusive use of it or (c) relinquish it, if necessary, in the interests of the common/public good. It is important to note here that these duties relate to the land plot itself as distinct from any compensations that might be due to property owners or the community on account any buildings or structures on the plot.

Another but intimately linked reason why the planning challenge has become impossible to master, is that we have come to regard our homes not just as places in which to live and bring up a family but as an investment. While, due to wear and fashion, most of our buildings have lost value over the past decades, the value of the land they stand on, with its permitted housing use, has increased spectacularly. For many of us, this annual increase has exceeded our real earnings, reduced as they have been, by taxes on our businesses, employment and transactions. Meanwhile the speculative nature of housebuilding is fuelled by the same land value element, the big profits are not made by the 'builders' but by the property companies that employ them and their financial backers. This combination is also why housing, in our area, has become unaffordable for a generation of working households that were raised here.

For me, much as I support the opposition to building on the green belt and a pause to the preparation of the Local Plan until the government's guidelines have been clarified, this is not enough. I believe we should also use this crisis to start a move that will enable our local government to more effectively serve the needs and aspirations of local people by pointing out the extent to which this is currently prevented by central government and its tax policies. If a council led by residents' associations, free from the dogmas and ideas that drive the main political parties of left, right and centre can't do this, I don't know who can.

Collecting the rental value of land plots as public revenue, on the basis of their permitted use and in place of taxes on low earning households and marginal businesses would, I believe, go a long way in enabling our Local Plan to be led locally.

David Triggs – Nonsuch RA Chair

The Draft Local Plan – How to comment

The Draft Local Plan is only the starting point. Residents, businesses and local stakeholders can comment across all the topics covered by the Local Plan. The public consultation is critical in this and it is our opportunity to urge changes. You can give your views at this website.

https://epsom-ewell.inconsult.uk/draftlocalplan2022_2040/consultationHome

Online you can add comments to individual sections of the document or respond by filling in a questionnaire. Please remember that the **deadline** for your contribution is **Sunday 19 March 2023**.

You can find hard copies of the Draft Local Plan at the Town Hall and in Epsom and Ewell's libraries during opening hours. Bourne Hall library is open Tuesday to Saturday, 9.30am until 5.00pm.

Nonsuch Residents' Association will be submitting its comments on the Local Plan after the forthcoming AGM. Members are encouraged to attend for discussion of this important matter which will impact on the future of the borough and the Nonsuch area for decades to come.

Crime in the Nonsuch Area

Surrey Police have confirmed an increase in acquisitive crime across several parts of the borough, which is replicated across many neighbouring areas. The Nonsuch area has seen several reports of theft related offences, including burglaries, attempted burglaries, vehicle theft and theft from cars.

Inspector Jon Vale, Epsom Borough Commander for Surrey Police, has stated that burglary and vehicle crime remain a priority and that Surrey Police will attend and investigate all house related burglaries, maximizing opportunities to identify and arrest offenders. This includes the attendance of forensic officers to examine the scene and enquiries made with neighbours looking for witnesses and CCTV.

A significant amount of work is underway to identify those responsible for more recent offences. Surrey Police are also working together with the Met Police on the border to tackle these offenders.

Surrey Police encourages all residents to continue to report suspicious activity, including any vehicles that are seen. Some offenders visit areas in advance to identify houses or locations to target. They may also conduct occupancy tests to establish whether the owner is at home. The majority of crimes where items have been stolen from unattended cars are committed by opportunist criminals. They will often attempt to enter numerous cars in the hope of finding one unlocked. Surrey Police will be issuing crime prevention advice around this in the near future.

There are targeted police patrols of areas where recent offences have taken place, specifically within the Nonsuch area. This includes the use of unmarked police cars, which won't often be easily identifiable as such. As the majority of recent offences have taken place overnight, this will be the time that officers will be directed to be in the area where possible. There have been several positive results recently including arrests following offences in the Nonsuch area.

In addition, Surrey Police has a Designing Out Crime Officer who is able to attend locations and offer specific advice regarding crime prevention. This is normally offered to victims of burglary, but if there is anyone who is specifically concerned, an appointment to conduct a review can be made.

Furthermore, Surrey Police have recently acquired a number of SelectaDNA kits, which are used for forensic property marking. Many houses in the Nonsuch area have already been offered these property marking kits. This can be a method to reduce the attractiveness of an area, or specific property, to a criminal. Signage has been installed in the local area to highlight its use.

Surrey Police have been working closely with the chair of the Surrey Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) to establish a scheme for the Nonsuch area. This is a work in progress, but residents should be updated in the near future about this scheme and how to get involved.

Inspector Vale believes it would be beneficial for the local policing team to meet with residents in Nonsuch Ward to discuss these concerns and what Surrey Police can do with communities to reduce these offences. For this purpose, Nonsuch Residents' Association has included a specific agenda item at the forthcoming AGM and residents are encouraged to come along and engage with our local police team.

Council Tax Summary for 2023/24

EEBC, SCC and the Police & Crime Commissioner for Surrey have set their budgets for 2023/24. Below is a summary of the annual increase in Council Tax for each organisation and the typical Band D charge.

Council Tax Levied by	Increase	Band D charge 23/24
Surrey County Council	2.99%	£1,675.08
Police & Crime Commissioner	5.07%	£ 310.57
Epsom and Ewell Borough Council	2.99%	£ 220.10

Introducing your new Borough Council Candidates

Robert Leach

I hope that I shall be one of your three councillors for the next four years, and look forward to working with fellow councillors and the Association in serving the needs of residents.

From 1999 to 2011, I was a Residents' Association councillor for nearby Auriol ward. For the whole of that 12-year period, I served on the planning committee, including four years as chairman. During that time I managed to move the council from routinely missing targets to routinely hitting them. We also engaged an enforcement officer to make sure that planning permissions were being followed. Planning is likely to be a problematic area in coming years.

I also served on the main Strategy and Resources Committee, was a chairman for licensing appeals and was chairman of the RA Group of Councillors for 14 months. But the most important part of my council work was dealing with individual residents' problems, answering calls and emails and meeting them.

After 12 years, I believed it was the right time to stand down. Also, my work changed, involving me travelling round the country giving lectures on tax. My situation has changed again, and I now feel able and willing to serve residents again.

In addition to concerns about planning matters, I also have some concerns about the management of the council and how central government treats local authorities as its branch offices rather than as independent democratic bodies.

I am a chartered accountant and a musician. As a semi-retired accountant, my work now involves writing books and recording online lectures for an international company. As a musician, I play the church organ (including six years at Howell Hill). I also play piano in a 17-piece dance band and am a presenter on Radio Jackie.

Shanice Goldman

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as one of the two new candidates from within our ward, standing in the upcoming local councillor elections.

It is my hope that I will be successfully elected to honourably serve, echo the voice and represent the needs of our local community for the next four years.

Whilst I do not have any existing experience as a councillor, I do possess a number of transferable skills which I believe will be of benefit to the residents I hope to be representing.

My background is in law, specialising in human rights. However, I also run a business in the local area, providing workspace for beauty professionals and small beauty businesses alike.

My decision to stand is practical, in that I have been well-positioned to hear a variety of views from a varied demographic, due to my circumstances. Since opening my business in Epsom, I have formed relationships with many of the other local business owners, as well as many local residents who visit for our services. I also have children in both primary and secondary schools locally, so feel I have a good network and rapport with many from within the borough-wide community.

I don't believe anybody who is familiar with me would dispute that I am approachable, caring, hardworking and strong-willed. Thus, if I am presented with this opportunity, I offer assurance that I will be both



diligent and selfless in my approach to carrying out such a crucial role.

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Housing Market Update

The poor performance of the UK housing market in the chaotic final months of last year is not a useful barometer for 2023. Activity has been surprisingly resilient in the first five weeks of this year as buyers and sellers reactivate plans and come to terms with the fact that fixed rate mortgages are now in line with their long run average.

Some discretionary demand has disappeared and most buyers who need to move have accepted the fact that a 13 year period of ultra-low rates is over. As budgets adjust to higher rates, we think prices will adjust down by 5% this year as offers come in below the asking price. Unemployment remains low and inflation appears to have peaked, so I would not rule out the housing market being on the upside as it was during the pandemic.

If you would like a valuation of your home or to discuss current market conditions, call Mark Anthony Estate Agents your local independent agent. 020 8393 7275.

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As a resident of the Nonsuch Estate, I would like to offer discounted fees to home owners who are considering moving.



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Borough Election 2023 – Voter ID

Electors will now be required to show photo ID at polling stations before they are given a ballot paper. This new requirement will apply for the first time at the local elections on **Thursday 4 May 2023**.

What ID can you use?

You can use any of the following:

- passport
- photo driving licence
- blue badge
- Older Person's Bus Pass, Disabled Person's Bus Pass, Oyster 60+ Card, Freedom Pass
- identity card with PASS hologram (Proof of Age Standards Scheme)
- biometric immigration document
- defence identity card
- national identity cards issued by an EEA state

There are other types of photo ID you can use and for more information, call their helpline on 0800 328 0280 or visit the website <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id>

Please note: Only original documents are accepted; scanned images or copies will not be accepted however you can still use expired photo ID, as long as it still looks like you. The name on your ID should be the same name as you are registered to vote.

If you don't have an accepted form of photo ID you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate. You can contact Electoral Services on 01372 732152 or apply online at: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate>
The deadline to apply is 5pm on Tuesday 25 April 2023.

Postal voters will not be affected, they require no ID, and will be issued with their postal ballot papers as usual. For proxy voting, your proxy will need to provide their own photo ID at the polling station.

What can you do as a resident ?

- * Ensure you renew your membership of the Residents' Association, or become a member if you are not one already. The annual subscription is only £3 for each household for the year. Please return your subscription to your Area Representative.
- * Please attend the Annual General Meeting in March each year. This is the opportunity for you to hear what is going on in your area, what is planned and what needs to be considered. It is also the opportunity for you to contribute your thoughts, both formally and informally, to the Committee and to the Councillors.
- * At any time, please give us your input. You can contact your Area Representative, or any member of the Committee, or any of the Councillors, on any subject which you think involves us. If you do not tell us things, there is a fair chance we will not know about your particular concern.
- * If you contact council officers or the police about something which is of interest or concern to other residents, please let us know so that we can collate input and keep people informed.
- * Please continue to give us your support on any matter affecting the residents and the community. The strength of a community rests in the hands of its residents.
- * If you are able to help by becoming an Area Representative or by joining the Committee, please let any of the officers or Area Representatives know. The effort involved is not huge but the benefit to yourself and to the other residents can be significant.

This Association functions through the efforts of willing volunteers and we are always keen to hear of those who are prepared to help.

Thank you for your support. Thank you for caring.



HOW DO YOU RATE AS A NEIGHBOUR?

The following checklist can be used to determine how you rate as a neighbour.

1. BONFIRES

- a) only light in evenings
- b) only light when wind is blowing away from my house
- c) only light if no washing or neighbours in garden
- d) light any time

Answer a, b, c or d

2. CARS

- a) always park in the road
- b) car only parked in road during day, put in garage/drive at night.
- c) don't have a car
- d) always park off the road

Answer a, b, c or d

3. HEDGES, SHRUBS, TREES ON BOUNDARIES

- a) only have grass or concrete
- b) garden is like a jungle trying to expand
- c) chop back regularly
- d) must do something soon

Answer a, b, c or d

4. RADIO, TV, RECORD/TAPE PLAYERS

- a) if the house doesn't shake it's not loud enough
- b) super-sensitive hearing
- c) if I want it loud I shut myself in or use headphones
- d) I think the neighbours enjoy it.

Answer a, b, c or d

5. DOGS NOISE

- a) barks at anything
- b) don't have a dog
- d) only barks with good reason.

Answer a, b or c