

Community Asset Mapping Report Epsom and Ewell, Surrey

1. Introduction

This report has been prepared by Community Stewardship Solutions for Epsom and Ewell Borough Council (EEBC) to provide a high-level overview of the community assets in and around the surrounding areas of Epsom and Ewell. **It is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all community assets or operators, but rather to provide a summary of the existing key resources, assets and needs of local communities, giving an indication of the breadth, depth, scope and number of organisations operating within the locality.** The report also highlights relevant demographics and official statistics that will enable a more defined analysis of local communities and their potential needs.

The Borough of Epsom and Ewell, located in north Surrey just south of Greater London, is the smallest borough in the county and comprises the main settlements of Epsom, Ewell, Stoneleigh, and their surrounding neighbourhoods. The borough has no civil parishes and is divided into 14 electoral wards under the latest local boundary review. Rich in history, the area is known for its association with the discovery of *Epsom Salts* and the former *Nonsuch Palace*, built by Henry VIII in the 16th century. Today, Epsom and Ewell blend historic character with significant green spaces and cultural landmarks such as Bourne Hall, Ewell Court House, and the Epsom Playhouse. The borough is also home to several major parks and natural reserves — including Epsom Common, Horton Country Park, and Nonsuch Park — as well as the River Hogsmill, which rises at Bourne Hall and flows north through the area. Over 40% of the borough lies within the Metropolitan Green Belt, contributing to its distinctive balance of urban living, heritage, and accessible countryside.

Governance

Through the Devolution Bill, national government is conducting a Local Government Review (LGR) with Unitary Authorities being created across the country. Surrey is on the accelerated programme. Surrey County is moving towards a system of larger “super-districts” to replace the current two-tier model of county plus many small boroughs/districts. Under these reforms, Epsom & Ewell could be amalgamated or merged into a broader administrative area, which may mean its local authority autonomy is reduced but its capacity for shared services, resources



and strategic planning increased. The changes aim to streamline governance, reduce duplication, and improve efficiency, though they also raise questions about local identity, representation, and how services will be preserved or redistributed.

In light of the proposed amalgamation of the borough councils, this report will both identify key community assets within Epsom and Ewell and examine additional assets across the boroughs of Elmbridge, Mole Valley, Reigate and Banstead, and Tandridge. The objective is to promote greater cohesion and explore opportunities for potential collective transfer. These are thought to be the existing District Councils with whom Epsom and Ewell may merge and therefore consideration, particularly in understanding the local theatre scheme (which require specialist skills and management) may be helpful.

2. District and Local Borough Community Assets

This Community Asset Mapping report will examine the variety of community-oriented assets located in and around Epsom and Ewell. Community assets refer to a broad spectrum of resources that boost a neighbourhood's well-being and vibrancy. These resources may include individuals, organisations, buildings, public open spaces, and more. Such assets are vital for fostering thriving, resilient, and inclusive communities.

Asset research and reporting will be based around 4 key areas;

1. Civic Buildings
2. Theatres and Performance Venues
3. Community Hubs Spaces
4. Country Parks and open space.

Civic Buildings

Bourne Hall

Bourne Hall (Spring Street, Ewell KT17 1UF) is a multi-use civic building (Grade II listed) built 1967–70, that houses a public library (Ewell Library / Surrey County Council), a free local museum, a café, exhibition/gallery space, multiple hireable halls/meeting rooms, and is set in Bourne Hall Park with a pond and footpaths. It is widely used for regular classes, clubs, exhibitions, children's museum club, U3A talks and room hire events (weddings, conferences, exercise classes etc.) Bourne Hall has an on-site car park and is within walking distance of other Ewell Village car parks; local bus routes serve "The Spring" stop close by.



Facilities within Bourne Hall	
Bourne Hall Museum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free local museum with permanent displays (prehistoric → modern), • Changing exhibitions • Education services • Children’s Museum Club • Open Mon–Sat
Ewell Library (Surrey County Council branch)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public library services • PCs/Wi-Fi • Events (children’s & adult programmes) • The library is located within the Bourne Hall complex and is managed by Surrey CC
Flying Saucer Café (on site)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Café for visitors (listed on Bourne Hall site)
Park & pond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attractive grounds (Hogsmill stream/park), pleasant for informal recreation and events with the recent addition of some play equipment
2x large rooms to hire 5x rooms to hire (up to 50 guests)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Hall • Banqueting Suite • Hire includes A/V, catering options and event support

Community groups and activities that run from Bourne Hall	
U3A (University of the 3 rd Age)	A self-help educational movement for people no longer in full-time employment. It is the national representative umbrella body for all u3as in the UK
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilates • Zumba • Fitness classes • French Club • Yoga • Art Groups • Tea dances • Choir Groups • Children’s Museum Club
C3 United Life (all day Sunday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Christian church that is part of the C3 movement which has two main locations in Ewell (Bourne Hall) and Sutton Central

Events that run from Bourne Hall	
Dance School on Stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A showcase for local dance schools which uses the Bourne Hall stage
Festival of Ewell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performances by local dance and musical theatre groups
Summer Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large free public family-event: live music, children’s entertainment, food & craft stalls, games, DJ, artisan & market stalls

Pre-loved Clothes Market / Table & Rail Sale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community market selling second-hand clothes, accessories; free entry; supporting sustainability / upcycling ethos
Artisan Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local artisans selling crafts, homemade goods, food, etc. Also aligned with café/library/museum visits
Museum Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For children aged 8-12: monthly themed sessions (e.g. workshops, re-enactors) run by the museum

Bourne Hall Regeneration Project

Bourne Hall and its surrounding park are currently undergoing a programme of regeneration led by Epsom & Ewell Borough Council (EEBC) to enhance community use, accessibility, and sustainability. Key improvements include the installation of solar panels and upgraded glazing to reduce carbon emissions and running costs, the creation of an outdoor fitness trail linked to social prescribing, and the development of a woodland play area to attract families and younger visitors all add value to Bourne Hall as a destination. Landscape works are also opening up sightlines and restoring historic views to make the park safer and more welcoming. These changes aim to broaden participation, encourage physical activity, and strengthen Bourne Hall's role as a vibrant, inclusive community hub for Ewell Village.

Ewell Court House

Ewell Court House is a Grade II-listed historic house owned by EEBC and operated by an external provider. Set in extensive parkland (Ewell Court Park), it has roots back to the late 1730s and was remodelled in the late 19th-century for grand entertaining. It was refurbished following a serious fire in December 2013 and reopened in late 2015 for use as a community and event venue.



Facilities within Ewell Court House	
Rooms / Spaces for Hire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple celebration / meeting rooms including: <i>Social Suite, Ante Room, Whist Room, First-Floor Meeting Room</i>. These have decorative historic features: stained-glass windows, wood panelling, polished floors, decorative ceilings Available for weddings and civil ceremonies Capacity-90 seated On site parking
Catering / Food & Bar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bar & foyer available; catering provided through <i>Bovingdons</i>, a caterer with menus designed by Michelin-trained chefs. The bar is included in hire; external approved caterers can also be used

Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ewell Court Community Library is housed in Ewell Court House. Facilities include computers, free WiFi, printing/copying, book drop
Nursery & Child-care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bambini Children’s Nursery is based in part of the building
Tea Rooms / café / Garden Nursery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bizzy Lizzy plant nursery and Tea Rooms tucked away behind the house; garden nursery; tearoom serving visitors

Community groups and activities that run from Ewell Court House	
The Ewell Court Residents’ Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses the (and the park) for social events, fundraising, quiz nights, bingo
Bambini Nursery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Childcare / nursery services during term times
Ewell Court Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rhyme time and story time twice a week Regular Children’s events Ewell Court Library reading group (bimonthly) Lego Club (Once a month)

Theatres and Performance Venues

Epsom Playhouse

Epsom Playhouse (Ashley Avenue, Epsom KT18 5AL) is the principal theatre venue in Epsom & Ewell, owned by the Borough Council and opened in 1984. It stages a wide variety of events: professional touring productions (opera, comedy, drama, dance), local amateur productions, family and children’s shows, and occasional film seasons. Recent refurbishment plans under the UK Shared Prosperity Fund aim to improve its accessibility, hospitality areas, and audience amenities.



Facilities within Epsom Playhouse	
Main Auditorium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seats up to 450 Orchestra pit or forestage extension). It is a proscenium-arch theatre with raked seating Space for up to eight wheelchairs and attendants per performance
Myers Studio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 80 audience capacity Octagonal in shape Flat-floor performance area with optional raised seating rostra for the back rows Used for community events, children’s shows, studio jazz, smaller productions
Bars / Bistro / Foyer Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ground-floor bar / bistro (called Eligo Bar & Bistro), Members’ Bar that can be hired for meetings/functions

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foyer area, box office, and reception
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Community groups that run from Epsom Playhouse	
Epsom Players	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A long-established amateur dramatic society (since 1911). They put on several plays/musicals per year, often using the main stage (Main Auditorium) of Epsom Playhouse
Epsom Symphony Orchestra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resident orchestra, performing classical music concerts (roughly five per year) in the Main Auditorium. Rehearses elsewhere but uses the Playhouse for its performance concerts
Epsom Light Opera Company	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> musical / operatic amateur company that presents shows at Playhouse
Theatre Box	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth / junior musical theatre group: classes and shows, particularly using the Myers Studio for their rehearsals / classes (various age groups)
Epsom Literary Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A community group that organises literary themes event, such as talks by authors and experts, often using Epsom Playhouse as a venue
Epsom Choral Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occasionally use Epsom Playhouse for concerts

Epsom Playhouse Refurbishment Programme

Epsom Playhouse is undergoing a significant refurbishment programme funded partly through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to modernise facilities, improve accessibility, and enhance energy efficiency. Recent works include installing 90 solar panels to reduce emissions and energy costs, refurbishing bar and foyer areas, adding murals and aesthetic improvements, and introducing a new platform lift for better accessibility. Planned upgrades include replacing ageing stage lighting and dimmers, refurbishing dressing rooms, and updating air-conditioning systems. Approximately £225,000 has been allocated for technical improvements, with additional funding from a new £1.50 per ticket facility fee expected to generate around £80,000 annually for ongoing maintenance and future enhancements.

The Horton (Horton Chapel Arts & Heritage Society Gardens / Hub)

The Horton is a not-for-profit arts, heritage and community venue, run by the Horton Chapel Arts & Heritage Society. The venue is set in a Grade II-listed former chapel (“Horton Chapel”, built 1901) that stood empty/at risk for many years before being renovated. The building is owned by Epsom and Ewell Council. It officially opened in 2022 after a major restoration & conversion project.

Facilities within The Horton	
Performance / Event Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A flexible “Performance Space” inside the chapel, with modular stage, event lighting, sound system, projector & screen etc. Capacity: theatre 130; banquet / cabaret 100; standing 250

Mezzanine Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overlooks the green space outdoors; used for meetings, workshops, smaller functions. Capacities: Boardroom 30 / Classroom 30 / Theatre 40
Atrium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A large welcome / reception / exhibition space, high ceilings, arched windows (heritage features intact), used for break-outs, exhibitions, networking, small events. Capacity: standing 250, table seating 150
Café & Bar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-site café / bar serving visitors; place to meet, relax, socialise
Heritage Exhibition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent exhibition about the history of Epsom’s psychiatric hospital “cluster” (including Horton Hospital), archives / research)
Outdoor Gardens / Grounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently opened gardens (July 2025) featuring accessible paths, wildflower meadows, event lawns, workshop area, seating, habitat zones etc. These create space for outdoor events and nature-based enjoyment

Community groups and activities that run from The Horton	
Performances, Workshops & Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children’s theatre, outdoor family shows in the gardens (interactive / immersive theatre, dance, etc.)
Arts & Craft / Exhibitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rotating exhibitions, craft fairs and makers’ markets; studio / workshop activities; “Heritage for All” grants for community heritage projects
Heritage / Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The permanent exhibition about hospital history; volunteer researchers; community heritage education and interpretation
Outdoor Events in the Gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since the gardens opened, there are programmes of outdoor performances, e.g. morning show for children, aerial theatre etc

The Restoration Project

The Horton’s transformation from a derelict Grade II-listed chapel into a thriving arts and heritage centre was made possible through more than £3million in funding raised between 2016 and 2022. This included around £1.7 million from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and £1.4 million from Section 106 developer contributions via Epsom & Ewell Borough Council, alongside grants from heritage organisations, charitable trusts, and private donors. The development of the Horton Gardens has since been supported by Your Fund Surrey, the Council’s Community Infrastructure Levy, and further contributions from local businesses and the community.

Community Hub Spaces

Longmead Community and Wellbeing Centre

The Community & Wellbeing Centre (also called the Longmead Centre) is a local council-run support hub primarily for residents aged 55+, plus vulnerable adults. It provides a mix of social, recreational, health, and support services. It operates Monday to Friday (9am-4pm for general centre, some services until 5pm. It also includes the *Dementia Hub (Wellbeing Daycare+)* which offers specialist respite care for people living with memory loss or dementia.

Facilities within The Longmead Centre	
Main Hall / Activity Halls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several rooms for hire evenings/weekends: Main Hall 120 capacity (full or half), Park Lounge-50, Small Lounge-25, Dining Room- 50, Counselling Room
Dining / Restaurant / Café	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A self-service restaurant open 11:30am–1pm Mon–Fri with freshly made meals, snacks, and café service. Also special occasion lunches with entertainment
Hairdresser / Salon, Foot Clinic, Bathing Clinic, Laundry and other additional services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Privately paid for services offered from the Centre’s facilities
Wellbeing Daycare / Dementia Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respite care service with full or half-day sessions, social & therapeutic activities, support for memory loss. Also access to assisted bathing, laundry services etc
Transport from Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessible door-to-door transport for those who can’t easily use public transport
Car Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For use by users of the Centre
Multi-Use Games Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Located behind the car park at the Centre, the MUGA is open for community use

Community groups and activities that run from The Longmead Centre	
Regular classes & social activities for older adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tai Chi, Line Dancing, “Stay Young” exercise classes (mixed ability, seated / standing)
Indoor games	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whist drives, Indoor Bowls, Chess, Bingo, quizzes, arts & crafts, singing groups
Computer / digital learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginner to intermediate computer classes, help with devices
Health & wellbeing support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foot care clinic, hairdresser, assisted bathing, laundry, shopping service, Dementia Hub for memory loss support, Meals at Homes, Transport from Home, Community Alarm
Dining & social café environment	

The Wells Community Centre - Spa Drive

The Wells Community Centre is owned by the Council but operated by an independent, volunteer-run charity; Epsom Wells Community Association (EWCA). It is not directly council-funded; its income comes from room hire, donations, events, etc. It was closed for a period (around 2016) but in 2022 the Council approved that EWCA take over running and activities at the Centre under a lease, with a two-year rent-free period initially. The vision is to revive it as a “multi-generational community centre” offering rooms for hire, a café, business hub / hot-desking (or equivalent), and classes and activities for a variety of ages.

Facilities within The Wells Community Centre	
Main Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The biggest space in the building. Approx dimensions 10.5m x 17m. Windows on three sides. Can be divided with built-in screens. £30/hr typical hire cost
Spalding Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi-functional mid-size hall (10.5m x 8m) with a hard floor, serving hatch / small kitchenette with fridge, and access to the children’s playpark outside. Good for dance, exercise, or “messy” activities
Lounge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medium room (10m x 10m), with chairs and tables, kitchenette (sink, fridge, etc.). Connected to Main Hall via doors if needed. Hire £30/hr
Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smaller, more intimate carpeted room (approx 8m x 7.5m), suitable for therapy sessions, small group meetings, discussion groups, or classes. Exterior access & wifi, etc. Hire £20/hr
Hairdresser / Salon Suite	
Kitchen / Refreshments Facilities	
Children’s Play Park	

Community groups and activities that run from The Wells Community Centre	
Daisychain Pre-School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operates during term-time: providing preschool childcare in the centre
Dance / Fitness / Exercise Classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Epsom Bellydance, martial arts classes, movement and wellness classes
Am-dram / Theatre Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Epsom Players
Games / Social Clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Games Club Coffee Mornings
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community BBQs Christmas Fairs/Market Barn Dances

Rainbow Leisure Centre

Rainbow Leisure Centre is the main public leisure / fitness / swimming facility for Epsom & Ewell, owned by the Borough Council. It provides a broad range of sport, health & wellbeing offering for all ages: swimming, gym, classes, soft play, spa etc. As of 1 October 2025, the operator changed from GLL (“Better”) to Places Leisure (part of PfP Group) under a new 10-year contract (with an option to extend for five more years).

Places Leisure is investing £34.5m in the centre over the lifetime of the project, in partnership with the Council including;

- Gym Refurbishment
- Refreshed Fitness Studios

- Brand New Health Suite

Facilities within Rainbow Leisure Centre	
Swimming Pools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two pools: a 25-m, 6-lane swimming pool plus a smaller teaching / learner pool. Access aided by a PoolPod lift for accessible entry
Studios / Group Fitness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated studios for classes, mirrored walls, music system equipment, also cycling classes
Gym / Fitness Suite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large gym with 100+ stations (cardio, resistance, weights). Multiple studios for fitness classes. Air-conditioned
Sports Hall / Multi-Court (Indoor)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports hall that accommodates multiple sports, e.g. badminton courts, basketball, 5-a-side
Soft Play / Play Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor soft play for under 10's: slides, multi-level play frame, ball pits, baby/toddler area etc. Additionally, a children's play park facility/site
Spa / Health Suite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spa pools, sauna, steam room, health & relaxation treatments (currently closed for refurbishment)
Cafe	

Community groups and activities that run from Rainbow Leisure Centre
Swimming lessons & programmes
Soft Play / Youth / Children's Activities/Holiday Clubs
Senior / Older Adult Activity: The "Club Rainbow 55+" offer: classes such as water workout, Pilates, dance aerobics, strength and balance. Also social and wellbeing space
Fitness & classes for general adults
Special & inclusive programmes: Activities for those with disabilities, partnerships or special needs groups in SEN, inclusive play, etc. Also subsidised access programmes for families on low incomes or those facing barriers

Country Parks and Open Spaces

Epsom Common

Epsom Common is a 177-hectare Local Nature Reserve located to the southwest of Epsom town centre, bordered by Christ Church Road and the A24, and adjoining Ashted Common. It is the largest local nature reserve in Surrey, featuring ancient woodland, grassland, ponds, and heath. The Common is owned and managed by EEBC in partnership with the Epsom Common Association and Natural England, who together maintain its habitats for wildlife conservation and public recreation.

Facilities, Access and Features	Community / Clubs / Volunteer Activity
Multiple habitats: woodland, grassland, scrub, heathland, ponds	Epsom Common Association: local volunteer group that works with the council on management, conservation
Several ponds including Great Pond, Barons' Pond, Stew Pond and smaller ones	Guided walks, seasonal events via Countryside / Parks teams

Paths: lots of footpaths, cycle paths, a 3-mile surfaced horse/ride & walk loop around the edge	
Epsom Common Allotments site	200 Plots

Horton Country Park

Horton Country Park is a 152-hectare Local Nature Reserve situated to the west of Epsom, between Horton Lane and Chessington Road. The park is made up of woodland, meadows, ponds, and hedgerows, providing a haven for wildlife and a peaceful setting for walking, cycling, and horse riding. It also includes attractions such as Hobbledown Adventure Farm and Park, Horton Golf Club, and Horton Park Equestrian Centre. Horton Country Park is owned and managed by Epsom & Ewell Borough Council, with support from local volunteers and the Epsom & Ewell Countryside Team, who help with conservation and public engagement activities.

Facilities, Access and Features	Community / Clubs / Volunteer Activity
Mixed uses: public paths, grassland, woodland, ponds	
Hobbledown Children's Farm: adventure/fairytale playgrounds, farm/zoo animals (meerkats, emus)	Volunteering via the Countryside Team: guided walks, task programmes
Golf (18-hole), equestrian centre, restaurant/dining facilities	Golf Club, Polo Club pony trekking
Barbecue sites (4 of them) available	Friends of Horton Country Park

Nonsuch Park

Nonsuch Park is a 120-hectare historic parkland located between Ewell and Cheam, on the northeastern edge of the Borough of Epsom & Ewell. The park features open grassland, tree-lined avenues, formal gardens, and the impressive Nonsuch Mansion, which dates back to the 18th century. It provides excellent facilities for walking, running, cycling, and picnicking, with a café (the Nonsuch Pantry) and public toilets on site. Nonsuch Park is jointly managed by Epsom & Ewell Borough Council and the London Borough of Sutton, who work together to maintain its heritage, landscape, and recreational facilities.



Facilities, Access and Features	Community / Clubs / Volunteer Activity
Open grassland/parkland plus formal gardens around Nonsuch Mansion.	Local usage for events, parties
Paths: mix of surfaced & unsurfaced. Good for walks, cycling	'Friends of Nonsuch', 'Nonsuch Watch'
Mansion House rooms that can be hired (weddings/private parties); café/refresher facilities	The Nonsuch Park Volunteers (also called the Nonsuch Voles) are a small group of enthusiastic volunteers who help to maintain and enhance the beautiful formal

	gardens and woodlands within Nonsuch Park.
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Hogsmill Local Nature Reserve

Facilities, Access and Features	Community / Clubs / Volunteer Activity
Wild open space; network of grass & surfaced paths. Birdlife, nature observation	Volunteer opportunities via Countryside Team
It is more on the “natural” side, with less formal recreation infrastructure	
Some small playgrounds etc in nearby parts but not specifically on the Reserve	

Epsom & Walton Downs

Epsom and Walton Downs cover around 177 hectares of open chalk grassland to the south of Epsom and are owned by Epsom Downs Racecourse and managed by the Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators under the Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Act 1984, which ensures public access while supporting their use for horse training and conservation.

Facilities, Access and Features	Community / Clubs / Volunteer Activity
Mainly chalk downland, open space. Used for horse training (gallops) especially mornings; supports biodiversity	Walking / running groups use the Downs
Public access rights, walking paths; scenic views	Conservators meeting structure includes community interest

Smaller Recreational Spaces

Name	Type of Facility
Poole Road Recreation Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletics track; tennis courts; basketball courts; football pitches; large playground; pavilion / hall Epsom & Ewell Harriers Athletics Club
Alexandra Recreation Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auriol Recreation Ground, Gibraltar Recreation Ground, etc: sports pitches (football, cricket), tennis/netball courts; playgrounds; pavilions
Hook Road Arena	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large flexible open space for events

Faith Organisations in Epsom and Ewell

The following list provides representative examples of groups and organisations; it should not be considered comprehensive.

Name and location	Community Groups and activities within the facility
Christ Church, Epsom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has a newly refurbished hall with a capacity of 100 people, suitable for various events like children's parties, wedding receptions, and community meetings Christmas concert for Age Concern Youth Group

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wellness Wednesdays-social meeting and exercise Common Ladies Book Club Baby and toddler group for 0-3 year-olds Christ Church United FC is a community football club which was set up by Christ Church in 1992 as community outreach. Kids church and Sunday School Alpha Courses
All Saints Church, West Ewell:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers a larger hall attached to the church and a smaller, separate hall Prayer Meetings Games Nights Café and social gatherings regular stay and playgroup Kids Church Youth Café Games nights Quiz nights Disco's
Ewell Hall (formerly St Mary's Church Hall):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Located in London Road, opposite the church, with a capacity of 100 seated in rows or 60 seated at tables. It also has a fully fitted kitchen and a large projection screen
St. Clement's Church Hall, Ewell:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can accommodate up to 150 guests, with 150 chairs and 25 tables provided. The hall also features a stage, good lighting, and a large parking area
St Martin of Tours (Church House):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers four rooms for hire, including a large main hall that can seat 80 people
Epsom & Ewell Islamic Society (EEIS – Epsom Mosque)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Madrasah / Maktab (Islamic schooling / religious education) for boys and girls Youth services / youth project: supporting young people in recreation, education, welfare
Sri Raja Rajeswary Amman Temple, Stoneleigh (Hindu Temple)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Function rooms / social / festival gatherings: weddings, cultural festivals (e.g. temple festivals) are held They host community visits (for example Age Concern visits for cultural performances)

Community Voluntary Sector (CVS) and Charity Groups across Epsom and Ewell

Central Surrey Voluntary Action (CSVA)	Supports voluntary and community groups in Epsom & Ewell: helps with volunteer recruitment, governance advice, funding, training, DBS processes etc. Useful as a backbone organisation for capacity building	Home - Central Surrey Voluntary Action
Good Company (Surrey)	Originally Epsom & Ewell Foodbank, now wider remit: foodbank, refugee support, pantries, one-to-one advice, support & advocacy, working to alleviate poverty in the borough	Good Company – Supporting Our Community

Citizens Advice Epsom & Ewell (CAEE)	Provides free, independent, confidential advice (benefits, housing, debt, family issues etc.), helps thousands of people per year	Citizens Advice Epsom & Ewell – Home
Mary Frances Trust	A well-established mental health / emotional wellbeing charity in the borough. Offers “wrap around” support, working with people in recovery, supporting mental wellbeing etc	Community-Connections-Evaluation-Report-April-2016.pdf Mary Frances Trust mental wellbeing charity in Surrey
Age Concern Epsom & Ewell	Supports older people in the borough; social groups, befriending, activities, reducing isolation etc	Home - Age Concern Epsom and Ewell
The Sunnybank Trust	Works with adults (and young people) with learning disabilities in Epsom & surrounding area, helping them lead fuller lives; inclusion, opportunities, support. Work in new build housing too	Home Sunnybank Trust
Epsom & Ewell Phab Club	Provides inclusive activities for people who have learning or physical disabilities: social & recreational activities.	Home - Epsom & Ewell Phab
Home-Start	Support for families with at least one child under 5, especially those facing challenges (isolation, illness, hardship etc.)	Home-Start Epsom, Ewell and Banstead There for parents when they need us most... Because childhood can't wait.
Conquest Art	Arts and creative groups for people living with disability / long-term illness; helps engagement and wellbeing through art	Home - Conquest Art Enriching the lives
Family Centres (Barnardo's)	There are at least two Barnardo's Family Centres in the borough (Pound Lane, West Ewell). They offer early-years family support and support up to age 18 (up to 25 with SEND), via courses, one-to-one, group sessions	Family centre locations - Surrey County Council
Epsom & Ewell Inter Faith Forum / Surrey Faith Links	The Inter Faith Forum organises inter-faith dialogue events, panel discussions, meeting different faith groups, communal activities (e.g. Iftar during Ramadhan, festival observances, visits between places of worship) to build understanding Surrey Faith Links works to connect faith institutions with public services,	Surrey Minority Ethnic Forum Surrey Minority Ethnic Forum

	community initiatives, and to promote inclusion	
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3. Surrounding Borough Key Community Assets

Reigate & Banstead

Civic Building	Reigate Priory / Museum & Park (Reigate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade I listed historic house Museum 65 acres of parkland; used for exhibitions, events and community activities Reigate Priory Museum
Theatre and performance venue	Harlequin Theatre & Cinema (Redhill)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council operated theatre/cinema 494-seat auditorium plus multiple meeting/function rooms available for hire — Used for community and commercial events. Home - Harlequin
Community Hub Spaces	Banstead Community Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council-owned centre offering classes, lunch clubs, and volunteering opportunities
	Woodhatch Community Centre (Reigate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently refurbished; multipurpose hall and café for all ages, managed by Reigate & Banstead BC
	Horley Young People’s Centre / YMCA East Surrey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth, family, and wellbeing activities; partnership between <i>YMCA East Surrey</i> and the borough
	Salfords Community Hall & Merstham Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newer multi-agency spaces offering foodbank, library kiosk, community café, and children’s services
Country Parks and Open Spaces	Reigate Priory Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flagship borough-owned park with formal gardens, playground, café, and community events. Managed by <i>Reigate & Banstead Borough Council</i>
	Banstead Woods & Chipstead Downs LNR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managed by <i>SCC Countryside Estate</i> and <i>Banstead Commons Conservators</i>
	Earlswood Common & Redhill Common	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both borough-managed open spaces with active “Friends” groups and nature walks
	Memorial Park, Redhill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central civic park recently redeveloped; used for festivals and remembrance events

Mole Valley

Civic Building	Fetcham Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade II listed building with a rich history and beautiful grounds, including six acres of gardens and landscaped grounds for relaxation and inspiration The venue is equipped for business with professional services, catering, and audiovisual aids
	Dorking Halls (Dorking)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art-Deco civic theatre + cinema with flexible halls for concerts, community meetings, conferences and exhibitions (multi-use cultural & community hub).
Theatre and performance venue	Leatherhead Theatre (Thorndike / Leatherhead)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade-II listed theatre with auditorium, Studio and meeting rooms used by local societies and for community hires.
	Fairfield Centre (Leatherhead)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mole Valley District Council-run wellbeing and social centre for older residents; activities, lunches, and social groups
Community Hub Spaces	Dorking Christian Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent faith-based hub offering childcare, youth sessions, foodbank support, and community hire rooms
	North Holmwood Village Hall & Dorking Halls Function Rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequently used for clubs, parish meetings, and fitness/community events
	Leatherhead Community Hub (in partnership with Transform Housing & Support)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers advice services, training, and family support projects
	Box Hill (National Trust managed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nationally famous chalk downland overlooking Dorking; strong volunteer engagement through <i>Friends of Box Hill</i>
Country Parks and Open Spaces	Norbury Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Owned by <i>Surrey County Council</i> (SCC); includes woodlands, river walks, and tenant farms. Managed for recreation and conservation
	Denbies Hillside (National Trust) and Leith Hill (NT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major open-access countryside within Mole Valley
	Dorking Meadowbank Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District council park in central Dorking with café, lake, and community events

Tandridge

Theatre and performance venue	Oxted Community Hall / Barn Theatre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large hall + meeting room • Historic Barn Theatre (performance space & rehearsal rooms) — both used for classes, community events and performances
Community Hub Spaces	Caterham Community Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large, purpose-built hall offering classes, groups, and events
	Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charity-run hub offering fitness, youth clubs, U3A meetings, and social support
	Godstone Parish Hall & Village Halls network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Used widely for clubs, local associations, and outreach
	Tandridge Voluntary Service Council (TVSC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operates smaller hubs and volunteer support centres in Caterham and Oxted
Country Parks and Open Spaces	Staffhurst Wood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient woodland near Limpsfield; owned by <i>Surrey County Council</i> and managed by the <i>Surrey Wildlife Trust (SWT)</i>
	Limpsfield Common (National Trust)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woodland and heath with volunteer rangers
	Titsey Place & Estate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Privately owned but open to the public with volunteer garden teams
	Godstone Green, Lingfield Common, and Blanchman's Farm Local Nature Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local community-managed green spaces with active volunteer boards

Elmbridge

Community Hub Spaces	Elmbridge Community Hub (Walton)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central hub connecting services and volunteering opportunities
	Molesey Centre for the Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recently refurbished; community hire rooms and regular social activities
	Cobham Centre for the Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosts lunch clubs, dementia support, and intergenerational events
	Vital Village Community Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previously known as the Thames Ditton Community Centre and is recently refurbished • Run by Vital Village CIC • Community garden, community fridge • Wide range of programmes and activities including food depot, recycling centre, workshops, local artisans, eco initiatives, stuff depot, community groups and more • Community cafe
	The Bridge (run by Walton Charities)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focusing on those struggling with the cost of living • Community shop • Specialist support and advice service including Citizens Advice, Elmbridge Family Centre, etc

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For working families with children U18
Country Parks and Open Spaces	Esher Commons, Oxshott Heath & Woods, and Fairmile Common	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All part of <i>Surrey County Council's Countryside Estate</i> but managed locally by <i>Elmbridge Borough Council</i> with active "Friends" groups
	Hersham Riverside Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council-owned riverside park and LNR by the River Mole
	Brooklands Community Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large open space near Brooklands Museum, co-managed by <i>Elmbridge BC</i> and partners; used for community events
	Painshill Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Privately run heritage landscape garden (charitable trust) but strong community and volunteer engagement

4. Demographics of Epsom and Ewell Local Authority

This mapping report presents an analysis of the designated area of Epsom and Ewell to evaluate the demographics of the region. The report employs a custom profile and data set selected from the Office for National Statistics website to assess the overall demographic characteristics.

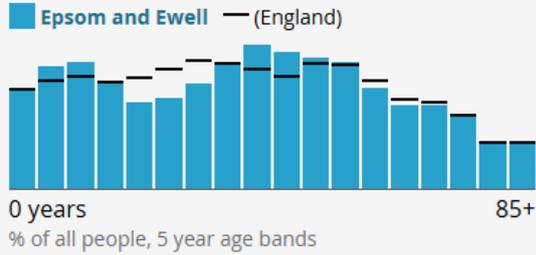


AGE PROFILES

Population of the area selected: **81,400**

Age profile

2022



(National figure)

Below Average Ages for the area

- Age 20-24: 4.7% (6%)
- Age 25-29: 4.9% (6.5%)
- Age 30-34: 5.7% (7%)

Above Average Ages for the area

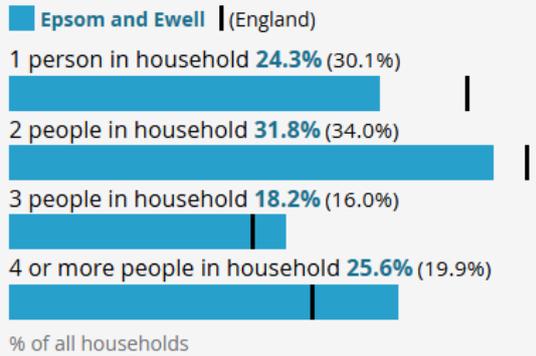
- Age 5-9: 6.6% (5.9%)
- Age 10-14: 6.9% (6.1%)
- Age 40-44: 7.8% (6.5%)
- Age 45-49: 7.4% (6.1%)

HOUSEHOLDS

Number of Households in the area selected: **31,300**

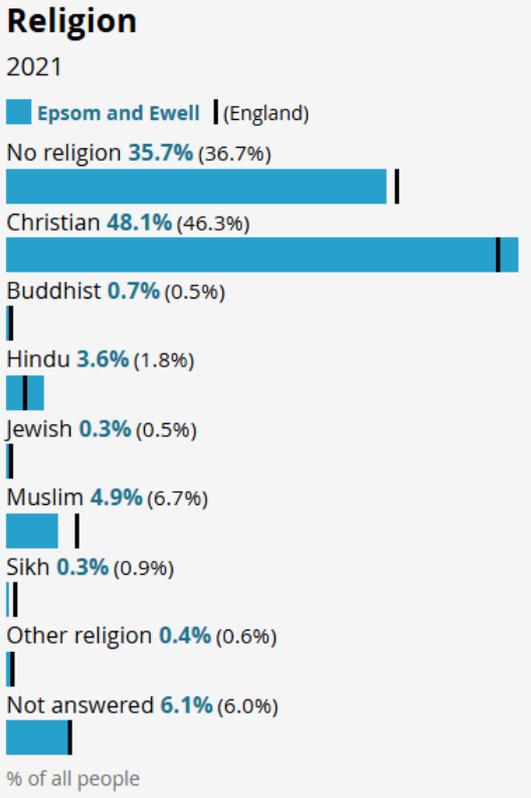
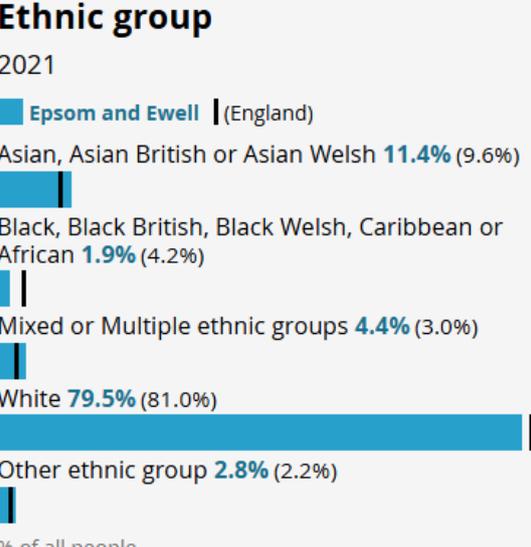
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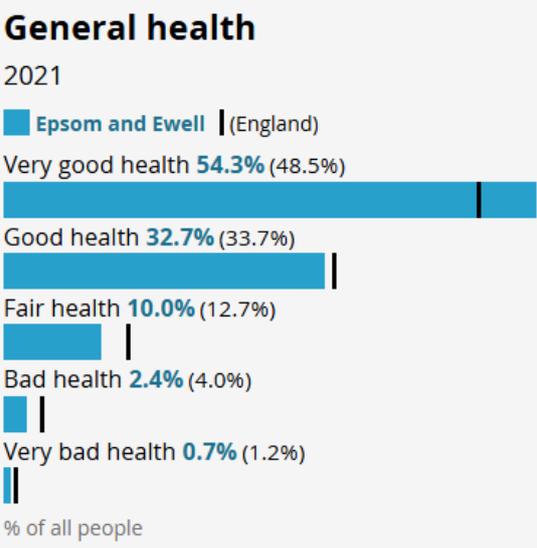
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Data reveals that households comprising one or two individuals are notably below the average in this area, while households with three or more members exceed the average. This suggests a higher prevalence of larger family households within the region.

<h3>Household deprivation</h3> <p>2021</p> <p>Epsom and Ewell (England)</p> <p>Household is not deprived in any dimension 57.6% (48.4%)</p> <p>Household is deprived in one dimension 30.6% (33.5%)</p> <p>Household is deprived in two dimensions 9.8% (14.2%)</p> <p>Household is deprived in three dimensions 1.9% (3.7%)</p> <p>Household is deprived in four dimensions 0.2% (0.2%)</p> <p>% of all households</p>	<p>Statistics indicate that there is generally a significantly low level of deprivation in the selected area, with only 18.1% of households reporting deprivation in two or more dimensions.</p>
<h3>Accommodation type</h3> <p>2021</p> <p>Epsom and Ewell (England)</p> <p>Whole house or bungalow 74.6% (77.4%)</p> <p>Flat, maisonette or apartment 25.4% (22.2%)</p> <p>A caravan or other mobile or temporary structure 0.1% (0.4%)</p> <p>% of all households</p>	<p>The majority of residents in the selected area reside in either a whole house or bungalow, with a proportion of 74.6%, which is just below the average of 77.4%.</p>
<h3>Tenure of household</h3> <p>2021</p> <p>Epsom and Ewell (England)</p> <p>Owns outright 36.3% (32.5%)</p> <p>Owns with a mortgage or loan or shared ownership 38.8% (29.8%)</p> <p>Social rented 8.8% (17.1%)</p> <p>Private rented or lives rent free 16.1% (20.6%)</p> <p>% of all households</p>	<p>According to data, only 8.8% of individuals in the selected area reside in social housing. This figure is below the national average of 17.1%, indicating that the area is relatively affluent.</p> <p>Homeownership with a mortgage or shared ownership in the area is 9% higher than the national average.</p>

ETHNIC GROUPS AND RELIGION	
<p>Religion</p> <p>2021</p> <p>Epsom and Ewell (England)</p> <p>No religion 35.7% (36.7%)</p> <p>Christian 48.1% (46.3%)</p> <p>Buddhist 0.7% (0.5%)</p> <p>Hindu 3.6% (1.8%)</p> <p>Jewish 0.3% (0.5%)</p> <p>Muslim 4.9% (6.7%)</p> <p>Sikh 0.3% (0.9%)</p> <p>Other religion 0.4% (0.6%)</p> <p>Not answered 6.1% (6.0%)</p> <p>% of all people</p> 	<p>35.7% of residents in the selected area stated they had no religion which was just below average in comparison to England. 48.1% of residents identified as Christian, and the proportion of residents practicing Hinduism in the area is above the national average.</p>
<p>Ethnic group</p> <p>2021</p> <p>Epsom and Ewell (England)</p> <p>Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh 11.4% (9.6%)</p> <p>Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African 1.9% (4.2%)</p> <p>Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups 4.4% (3.0%)</p> <p>White 79.5% (81.0%)</p> <p>Other ethnic group 2.8% (2.2%)</p> <p>% of all people</p> 	<p>The selected area has a white ethnicity rate of 79.5%, on par with the national average of 81.0%.</p> <p>The area has an Asian population of 11.4%, which is higher than the national average, while the proportion of residents identifying as Black is below the national average at 1.9% (4.2%).</p>

HEALTH AND WELLBEING	
<p>General health</p> <p>2021</p> <p>Epsom and Ewell (England)</p> <p>Very good health 54.3% (48.5%)</p> <p>Good health 32.7% (33.7%)</p> <p>Fair health 10.0% (12.7%)</p> <p>Bad health 2.4% (4.0%)</p> <p>Very bad health 0.7% (1.2%)</p> <p>% of all people</p> 	<p>Statistics show that the residents in the selected area have above average “Very good health”.</p>

EDUCATION AND SKILLS	
<p>Highest level of qualification</p> <p>2021</p> <p>Epsom and Ewell (England)</p> <p>No qualifications 12.8% (18.1%)</p> <p>Level 1, 2 or 3 qualifications 36.2% (39.9%)</p> <p>Apprenticeship 4.1% (5.3%)</p> <p>Level 4 qualifications and above 44.3% (33.9%)</p> <p>Other qualifications 2.6% (2.8%)</p> <p>% of people aged 16 years and over</p> 	<p>44.3% of residents in the selected area who are 16 years and over have achieved Level 4 qualifications and above, this being 10.4% more than the national average.</p>

Occupation

2021

Epsom and Ewell | (England)

1. Managers, directors and senior officials

17.6% (12.9%)



2. Professional occupations **26.7%** (20.3%)



3. Associate professional and technical occupations **14.9%** (13.3%)



4. Administrative and secretarial occupations

10.3% (9.3%)



5. Skilled trades occupations **8.1%** (10.2%)



6. Caring, leisure and other service occupations

8.3% (9.3%)



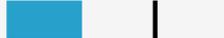
7. Sales and customer service occupations

5.1% (7.5%)



8. Process, plant and machine operatives

3.5% (6.9%)



9. Elementary occupations **5.5%** (10.5%)



% of people aged 16 years and over in employment

Statistics show that 69.5% of the residents in the selected area are significantly above average in high level professional occupations.

Epsom & Ewell Borough Councillors (by Ward)

Auriol Ward

John Beckett (Residents' Association)
Darren Talbot (Residents' Association)

College Ward

Julian Freeman (Liberal Democrat)
James Lawrence (Liberal Democrat)
Julie Morris (Independent)

Court Ward

Chris Ames (Labour)

Kate Chinn (Labour)

Rob Geleit (Labour)

Cuddington Ward

Graham Jones MBE (Residents' Association)
Phil Neale (Residents' Association)
Clive Woodbridge (Residents' Association)

Ewell Village Ward

Christine Cleveland (Residents')

Association)

Clive Woodbridge (Residents' Association)

Ewell Court Ward

Peter O'Donovan (Residents' Association)

Chris Watson (Residents' Association)

Horton Ward

Bernie Muir (Conservative)

Kieran Persand (Conservative)

Nonsuch Ward

Shanice Goldman (Residents' Association)

Christine Howells (Residents' Association)

Robert Leach (Residents' Association)

Ruxley Ward

Alex Coley (Independent)

Jan Mason (Residents' Association)

Stamford Ward

Steve Bridger (Residents' Association)

Alison Kelly (Liberal Democrat)

Stoneleigh Ward

Hannah Dalton (Residents' Association)

Tony Froud (Residents' Association)

Town Ward (Epsom)

Arthur Abdulin (Residents' Association)

Neil Dallen MBE (Residents' Association)

Rachel King (Residents' Association)

West Ewell Ward

Lucie McIntyre (Residents' Association)

Humphrey Reynolds (Residents' Association)

Woodcote & Langley Vale Ward

Liz Frost (Residents' Association)

Bernice Froud (Residents' Association)

Steven McCormick (Residents' Association)

High Level Analysis

In the context of the work that the Council is conducting as part of the CGR workstream, this high-level community asset mapping provides an indication of the varied number of community facilities (buildings and green spaces), community groups and organisations on offer to the residents of Epsom and Ewell and in the context of potential community asset transfers to a new community council/third party, an indication of similar facilities in neighbouring boroughs.

The population analysis is helpful in building understanding and shaping thinking around the priority groups for the provision of services and facilities both now and in the future.

It is clear that Epsom and Ewell Borough have a strong provision of community facilities offering services to local people and with some, such as the Playhouse, likely to be drawing audiences from a wider geographical area.

CSS and Clare Chester Consulting agreed collectively that given the nature of the three facilities under consideration for community asset transfer (Longmead Community and Wellbeing Centre, Epsom Playhouse and Bourne Hall) that analysis of similar facilities in the Borough's which have been indicated to be those which could potentially be merged with Epsom and Ewell through the LGR process, would be helpful.

Of particular interest is the Epsom Playhouse, which is a heritage venue providing cultural and arts programmes to residents but also a wider audience. By the nature of its provision and therefore specialist skills to operate it, there is merit in considering whether an alignment with other theatres in the wider geographical region would be of greater long-term benefit to safeguard this asset.

The Asset Mapping exercise demonstrates that there are a number of other theatres operating in the area but beyond the current Epsom and Ewell Borough boundary.

Recommendations

The three Status reports produced by Clare Chester Consulting and CSS and this Asset Mapping Report, bring to light a number of further areas of work which could be helpful in facilitating and aiding the best long term stewardship solution for the three assets in question.

Below are a few high-level recommendations for the council to consider further to inform the next stages of work, that being the development of a 'Creative Ideas' report and the high-level business plans for each asset;

- Establish whether local community/charitable organisations have the capacity, skills and willingness to take on additional assets either directly under lease from the new unitary authority or under lease from the new community council. What resource would they need to enable them to scale up?
- Further research into the wider geographical theatre scene (new Unitary area once known);
 - Who runs the other theatres?
 - How successful are they?
 - What are the merits in creating a new community trust to manage ALL the theatres collectively?
 - Establish where existing theatre charities in the area could potentially take on Epsom Playhouse
- Secure specialist advice from those in the cultural and arts industry re the future of Epsom Playhouse eg Theatres Trust, AEA Consulting, Indigo, etc
- Would there be merit in creating a charitable trust to take on the country parks or consider third party organisations such as The Land Trust to safeguard them in perpetuity?
- Arrange a series of meetings with colleagues and peers in other local authorities (once the new unitary boundary is known) to discuss their intentions for their community assets and establish whether there is a position of unity in progressing further work together
- Could there be a position of consolidation across all current boroughs which could aid the financial security and legacy of Bourne Hall and Epsom Playhouse?