Epsom Town & Downs RESIDENT

Residents Associations RA EPSOM AND EWELL

THE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS NEWSLETTER FOR COLLEGE, EPSOM TOWN (SOUTH), WOODCOTE & LANGLEY VALE

2026: local government changes: Your new look newsletter

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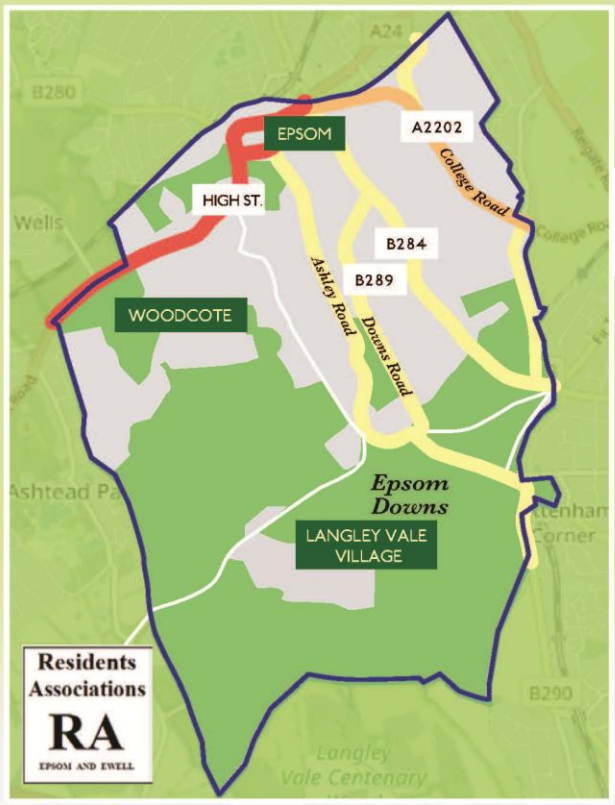

Epsom Town & Downs Division

You live in the TOWN & DOWNS DIVISION, WHICH BRINGS TOGETHER THREE AREAS:

COLLEGE, TOWN WARD (SOUTH), WOODCOTE & LANGLEY VALE

Until now, each area had its own councillors and Residents' Association.

To reflect this change, the three Residents' Associations have produced this joint newsletter, to keep residents informed about how the new East Surrey Unitary council will affect our community.

Keeping a strong local voice in Epsom Town & Downs

We are pleased to introduce your Residents' Association candidates for the Town & Downs division:

Councillor Steven McCormick
Councillor Kim Spickett

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MEET YOUR EPSOM TOWN & DOWNS RA CANDIDATES INSIDE

Why does our newsletter look different?

In May, residents will vote for the new East Surrey Unitary Council, which will replace both Epsom & Ewell Borough Council and Surrey County Council. Under the new system, residents will elect two councillors for the Town & Downs division, with no separate borough or county councillors.

To reflect this change, the three local Residents' Associations have joined together to produce this new joint newsletter, ensuring residents continue to have a strong, independent local voice.

For almost 90 years, Residents' Associations in Epsom & Ewell have put local people ahead of national party politics

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council has benefited from never being controlled by one of the national political parties. This independence is now threatened by the introduction of a large unitary Council which will stretch from the Kent border in the east to Weybridge in the west.

With a large new council covering a wide area, that independence matters more than ever

Only by continuing to elect Residents' Association candidates in May's election can we help ensure that Epsom's needs are heard in the new structure, that residents have a strong community voice and are not over-ridden by national party diktat.

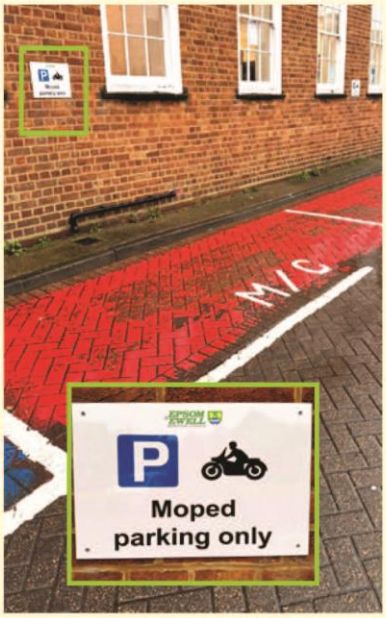
By electing Residents Association councillors in Epsom - working with Residents and Independent councillors elsewhere - we can ensure East Surrey's new unitary council starts free from party politics, grounded in integrity, local insight, and a commitment to delivering for residents.

Local news: TOWN WARD (SOUTH)

Epsom Town Residents' Association (ETRA) Christmas Party

On Saturday 20th December the ETRA committee, supported by the Town Ward Councillors, held a fantastic Christmas party for 60 children.

We advertised the event through The Pantry, Foodbank, the Refugee Network and directly to those in temporary accommodation and were delighted with the response. The children were treated to an afternoon of fun and games, with a disco and an amazing spread including pizza. Volunteers from Epsom & Ewell Phab prepared the drinks and snacks and ensured that there was plenty of entertainment. The highlight was a visit from Father Christmas, who took time to chat with the children and made sure they went home with lovely presents for the whole family.



PHOTOS: GO EPSOM

EPSOM: Keeping Pavements Clear

Action is being taken to tackle the growing issue of delivery mopeds parking on our pavements.

Two new dedicated moped parking bays have now been created to provide a safe, practical alternative that keeps pavements clear for pedestrians, wheelchair users and those with buggies. The scheme is being supported by leaflets shared with riders, delivery platforms and local restaurants,

encouraging proper use of the new bays and positive engagement with businesses to change behaviour. This is about improving accessibility, safety and the overall experience of using the High Street, while supporting local businesses and delivery services. **Residents are encouraged to report ongoing issues so further action can be taken where needed.**

Epsom & Ewell

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in Epsom & the Downs

You may have seen anti-social behaviour while in Epsom or on the Downs and wondered what to do about it.

If you witness ASB you should report it to the police immediately via 101 or via E&E Beat (Surrey Police)
Facebook page: facebook.com/EpsomEwellPolice

Local news: COLLEGE WARD

Supporting Local Youth Football and Community Safety

It was great to support the U15 Phoenixes of Alexandra United FC at Alexandra Recreation Ground as they played Raynes Park Vale Youth in College Ward.

The team was formed to provide a positive and supportive environment for young players, particularly those who had previously experienced challenges at higher-level academies or clubs. Steve continue to support the Phoenixes at matches, including providing photography to celebrate their achievements.

Alongside this, Steve is progressing work to install a public defibrillator at the café in the Alexandra Recreation Ground Pavilion, improving safety for players, spectators and park users alike.

Local news: WOODCOTE & LANGLEY VALE

Woodcote Residents' Society has been working closely with Langley Vale residents in recent months to object to a speculative 110 dwelling planning application up on the Downs.

A number of resident public meetings took place over the summer/autumn and a funding appeal raised money to commission expert evidence to challenge the acceptability of this scheme.

We certainly need more new, affordable housing in the Borough but not at the expense of our lovely Epsom Downs which is a designated Area of Great Landscape Value and not in an area which will be entirely car dependent and result in significant ecological damage.

Woodcote Residents' Society will be presenting the objector's case when the application is presented to the Council's planning committee for determination. Langley Vale residents will vouch for the importance of having Residents Association committee members and councillors who listen to and understand their concerns, represent them and fight for their area's needs.

Steven McCormick

I am a Surrey County Councillor and Epsom & Ewell Borough Councillor, and working full time to represent local residents. I first stood as a councillor because I wanted to make a practical difference to the place I live, focusing on everyday issues that directly affect people's quality of life and ensuring local voices are properly heard.

I have served as a Surrey County Councillor for five years and as a Borough Councillor since 2019. My council work includes highways, planning, audit & scrutiny, with a particular focus on road safety, parking, public safety, and the protection of our local environment. As Chair of the Epsom Downs Conservators, I am proud to help safeguard the Downs, balancing its unique heritage with the needs of residents, visitors, and local users.

The Park and Stride scheme at The Vale Primary School in Langley Vale, Epsom, is reducing traffic congestion on local roads. The initiative encourages families to park a short distance away and walk, improving safety around the school.

I believe effective local government is about being visible, accessible, and willing to work collaboratively. I regularly engage with residents, community groups, local businesses, and partner agencies to resolve issues and drive improvements, from tackling anti-social behaviour to improving safety around schools.

Outside my council work, I support many local organisations and events as a photographer, helping community groups celebrate and promote the activities that make Epsom such a special place to live.

Residents are always welcome to get in touch with me by email - or via my councillor contact details on the council website - with ideas, concerns, or local issues: steven.mccormick@surreycc.gov.uk

Kim Spickett

I am a local councillor with a long-standing connection to Epsom Town and Downs. My teenage years were spent riding at Horton and on Epsom & Walton Downs. Later, I attended University for the Creative Arts in Epsom. I have lived in the borough with my family for 13 years and am proud to call this community home.

Currently, I serve on Health Liaison, the H.R. Panel, Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators, and on the Communities and Wellbeing committee. My role as Borough Heritage Champion, raising the profile of our local historical assets, has also involved helping to promote and publicise military music concerts at Epsom Playhouse. These events support armed forces charities at national and local level, as well as our local voluntary services in Epsom and Ewell.

Working with the Metropolitan Gardens Association and Surrey County Council to return Elm to the borough: Kim plants one of our first disease resistant trees.

My family business is based locally, producing educational healthcare materials for professionals, patients and carers. This has shaped my commitment to wellbeing and to making information accessible and inclusive - especially for older residents. Fighting for carers and those they care for is important to me. A councillor's work starts with listening; I meet residents face to face, take concerns seriously, and focus on practical solutions that improve everyday life in Epsom and Ewell.

Ten years ago I trained with our local rivers' trust to undertake surveys on our chalk streams. I enjoy spending time outdoors with our excellent borough and county countryside teams and volunteers. During 2025, I worked with these groups and with Surrey Councillors to create a new local nature reserve in the north of the borough.

I stand for independent, residents-first decision-making that supports families, protects our countryside, and keeps local voices at the heart of Epsom Town and Downs. I can be contacted at kspickett@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

Fixing the Basics: Roads, Pavements & Potholes

Residents regularly tell us the same thing: potholes, broken pavements and poor repairs are not good enough. These are not minor inconveniences – they damage vehicles, restrict mobility and make everyday journeys frustrating.

We continue to push for roads and pavements in Epsom Town & Downs to be repaired properly, not repeatedly patched and left to fail again. That means holding contractors to account, challenging poor workmanship, and pressing for long-term solutions that save money over time.

This isn't about excuses or blame-shifting. It's about delivery. Residents deserve safe, reliable roads and pavements. Steve and Kim will keep pressing until standards improve.

Protecting Epsom Downs & Our Green Spaces

Epsom Downs and our surrounding green spaces are at the heart of our community. They are not just open land – they are working landscapes, historic spaces and places people use every day.

Kim and Steve continue to focus on protecting the Downs from inappropriate development, while supporting sensible improvements that enhance safety, access and maintenance. That includes better surfaces, clearer crossings and investment that works for residents, walkers and the racing community alike.

Decisions about our green spaces must be made locally, with a clear understanding of how they are used and valued. We will always prioritise long-term stewardship over short-term gain.

Strong Local Voices – Independent and Resident-Focused

Local issues need local voices. Our approach is simple: represent residents first, not party interests.

Being independent means we can challenge decisions when they don't work for Epsom, work constructively with others when they do, and stay focused on practical outcomes rather than political point-scoring.

Whether it's roads, planning, community safety or protecting the Downs, Kim and Steve's priority is listening to residents and following issues through until they are resolved.

You deserve councillors who are visible, accessible and accountable – and that is exactly how we intend to continue working for Epsom Town & Downs.

Epsom Town & Downs Division

WHY INDEPENDENT, LOCAL CANDIDATES MATTER

- **Residents first, always:** We are local residents representing our community - not directed by national party politics or party whips
- **Local people who understand local issues:** Because we live here, we see problems early and act quickly on the issues that matter most to residents.
- **A proven local track record:** We have a strong history of standing up for Epsom & Ewell and delivering real improvements for our community.
- **Strong community connections:** We work closely with local community groups, charities, businesses and residents' organisations to get things done.
- **Passionate about our area:** We care deeply about Epsom, its neighbourhoods, and protecting what makes our area special.
- **Working together across East Surrey:** Organised, collaborative & working with other Residents' Associations and Independent councillors to protect local services and manage change effectively.

YOUR LOCAL MEETINGS

Epsom Town Resident Association

ETRA AGM is on 20th May 8pm Epsom Club, Church Street.
All members are invited.

ETRA have a 'Meet your Town ward Councillors' at Epsom Picturehouse on Wednesday 4th March & 1st April at 8pm

Woodcote & Langley Vale (WERS) AGM

Tuesday 10th March 2026 7.30pm
The Queen's Stand, Epsom Downs Racecourse
THE FULL AGENDA: https://woodcoteepsomresidentssociety.org

College Ward AGM

Wednesday 18th March 2026 7.30pm
The Queen's Stand, Epsom Downs Racecourse
THE FULL AGENDA: https://collegeward.org/agm-agenda-2026

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