

Have your say on buses - Surrey County Council has launched a nine-week consultation on the future for bus services in Surrey. The consultation is seeking residents' views on three areas:

- **Investing in cleaner, greener buses** - to help reduce the 41% of carbon emissions generated by transport
- **Introducing more on-demand services** - shared, door-to-door bus services in rural areas that are available when needed, using a booking service
- **Changing some bus services** - reducing a very small amount of bus services. This is because people are using buses less and they are also more expensive to run. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, 27 million passenger trips were made each year on Surrey buses. Trips have since reduced to 18 million.

An online survey and more information is available at www.surreycc.gov.uk/futurebusreview. Paper copies of the survey will also be available at Surrey Libraries, at Surrey County Council offices in Reigate, Leatherhead and Woking, on buses and on request by calling Surrey County Council on 03456 009 009.

The consultation deadline is 6 January 2023.



Warm Hubs - There's a network of Warm Hubs set up across Surrey to provide support to residents in these challenging times. The Warm Hubs are spaces across the county, where people can drop-in, get warm, have a hot drink and be in the company of other people. Very simply a place to get warm. There will also be people on hand to give free energy advice. Helping people to make their homes more energy efficient.

There are currently nearly 70 of these warm spaces that have been opened up in a variety of community spaces including community and church halls, libraries, leisure centres and even museums across the county.

For more information on where these Warm Hubs are visit surreycc.gov.uk/warmhubs

Surrey County Council Health Welfare and Support – for information on the help available through Surrey County Council please see their website <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/health-and-welfare/support>.

If you know someone who may be struggling or not able to use the Surrey County Council website, please reach out and help. So many people are embarrassed or reluctant to talk about their problems but so many people are going to be in difficulty during this cost-of-living crisis and you may be able to help, with a kind word or point in the right direction. Look out for your neighbours like you did so wonderfully during covid.

Parish Council's budget, funding for 2023/24 – The precept of £178,822 for 2023/2024 was fixed during the full council meeting on the 8th of November. This represents an increase of 16p a week (total yearly cost increasing from £81.36 to £89.79, depending on final tax base) for a Band D property. It was agreed that this rise was necessary to be able to continue the services provided around the villages.

Road Speed Limits – Surrey County Council are reviewing the speed limits on our rural roads. The parish council is compiling a list of roads where a 20mph limit would be beneficial and if you feel strongly that a particular road needs to be 20mph, please get in touch with your parish councillor to talk about it. Their contact details **are on page ?**. Surrey County Council will review the suggestions and if progressed, their process should include a public consultation.

Christmas - the Parish Council Office will be closed over Christmas from Thursday 22nd December 2022 to Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Christmas Tree Collection points – after Christmas, you can leave your Christmas tree at the usual collection points of:

Holmbury St Mary Village Hall, Felday Glade, Holmbury St Mary
Shere Recreation Ground car park
Pond Lane car park, Peaslake

See what your Parish Council does. View the minutes from every council meeting since January 2012 by going to:

<https://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk/council-meetings/>

Parish Council elections are May 2023 – If you want to support your community, get involved and make a difference become a parish councillor. For more information go to <https://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk/become-a-parish-councillor/> or contact clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk

Finally, the Chairman, Councillors and all the parish staff send their very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Next Council meeting – Tuesday 10th January 2023 at Peaslake Village Hall, Walking Bottom, Peaslake GU5 9RR.

All meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity at every council meeting for members of the public to address the councillors.

Dates for the meetings can be found on our website - <https://www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk/meeting-date-diary/>

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