

# Your council

# Your services

- Investing in green spaces
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- Enhanced community grants



**Elmbridge**  
Borough Council

**2026-2027**

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# Elmbridge - your local borough council

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At Elmbridge Borough Council, we provide services such as bin collections, car parks, housing and planning. We also manage green spaces, recreation grounds and commons. In 2026/27, the Elmbridge portion of the total council tax is expected to be 10.4%. Throughout this booklet you will read examples of how we are supporting our residents and businesses. You can find information on all our services on our website, [elmbridge.gov.uk](https://www.elmbridge.gov.uk).

We've provided some information below that you may find useful.

## Report an issue

You can report a missed bin, dirty street, antisocial behaviour and more at the click of a button. [elmbridge.gov.uk/report](https://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/report)



## Bin collection days

Find your property's collection days for rubbish, recycling, food waste and garden waste. [elmbridge.gov.uk/bins](https://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/bins)



## Find your councillor

Use our website to search for your local councillor and their contact details. [elmbridge.gov.uk/cllrs](https://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/cllrs)



## Set up an online account

Pay your council tax and more with our secure online account. [myaccount.elmbridge.gov.uk](https://myaccount.elmbridge.gov.uk)



## Receive planning alerts

Keep up-to-date with planning applications in your area. [elmbridge.gov.uk/alerts](https://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/alerts)



Services such as education, adult and children's social care, roads and trading standards are provided by Surrey County Council: [surreycc.gov.uk](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk)

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# Putting our community at the heart of Elmbridge's future

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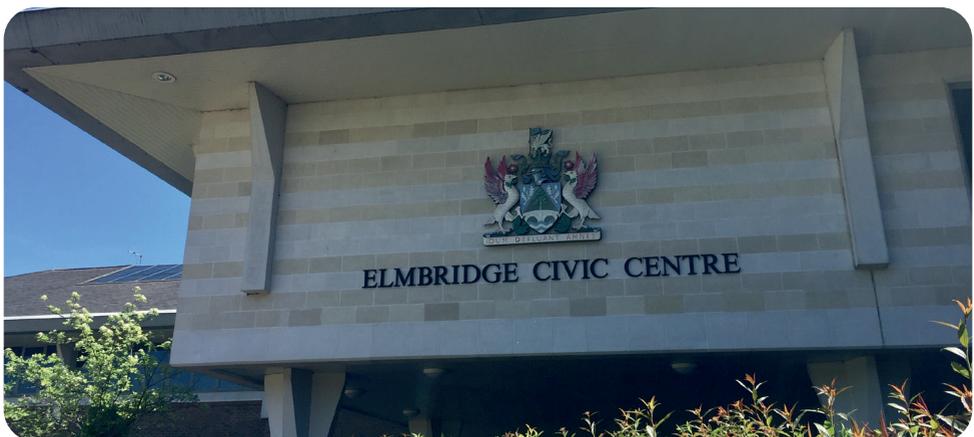
Elmbridge has always been shaped by the people who live here. Our commitment to financial responsibility is rooted in a simple belief: every decision should make life better for our residents. We value our parks, our green spaces and the unique character of our towns and villages - places where community spirit and civic pride run deep.

As we move forward with local government reorganisation in Surrey, our focus remains firmly on supporting local people, strengthening neighbourhoods and ensuring Elmbridge continues to thrive.

Whether we're upgrading play areas, caring for green spaces, supporting local businesses, investing in climate action or delivering services like waste collection, planning and housing, our priority is the same: doing right by our community. Thoughtful, prudent financial management means we can keep investing where it matters most. And by reinvesting the benefits of careful budgeting back into Elmbridge, we help ensure our borough remains a place where people feel connected and supported.

You can read more on the 2026/27 Elmbridge Borough Council budget at: [elmbridge.gov.uk](https://www.elmbridge.gov.uk)

You can read more on the upcoming changes to local government at: [surreylgrhub.gov.uk](https://www.surreylgrhub.gov.uk)



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# Investing in play in Elmbridge

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**We know from speaking with local families that water play is a much loved part of summer. That's why we're continuing to invest in fun, sustainable play spaces for children of all ages. The new splashpad at Churchfields Recreation Ground is proving very popular and work is underway to bring similar facilities to Molesey and Cobham. These modern designs carefully manage water and energy use, supporting our borough's environmental goals.**

In 2025/26, we invested £2.5 million in new play equipment and splashpads, with more upgrades planned throughout this year. These improvements include new zip lines, refreshed play units, upgraded surfacing and additional fitness equipment at parks across the borough. Through this work, we're creating inclusive and accessible play spaces for our community.

More enhancements are on the way, and we'll continue to keep residents updated as these projects progress.



# Helping local businesses to thrive

**We continue to champion local businesses, invest in high streets, and back our independents.**

Esher and Weybridge supported new Business Improvement District (BID) proposals, unlocking £1.5m of investment over five years. The Love Walton BID secured a second term, and One Cobham continues to deliver for its businesses.

To help local businesses, we introduced 30 minutes free parking across the borough.

Independent retailers benefited from grants for shop fronts and signage, our Love Elmbridge Business Awards, free parking for Small Business Saturday, and funding for in-bloom groups to brighten high streets.

Our Youth Hub supported over 140 young people with specialist advice to help them take the first steps in their career through training or employment.

Together, we're strengthening high streets, supporting independents, and building a thriving local economy.



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# Community grants and funding programme

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**Our enhanced Community Grants and Funding Programme is designed to strengthen voluntary, community, and faith organisations across the borough.** This initiative reflects our commitment to building a resilient and thriving Elmbridge.

The new process offers a streamlined, rolling application system, ensuring funding is responsive to emerging needs. Available grants include Arts Development, Sports Development, Community Wellbeing, Community Lottery, Cost of Living Support, and Partnership Funds, each aimed at fostering collaboration and delivering long-term impact.

This funding programme offers a more flexible and inclusive approach, enabling local organisations to make a real difference in their community.

Funding priorities include projects tackling mental health, loneliness, financial hardship, homelessness, and support for young people, minority ethnic communities, and unpaid carers.

For details and to apply, visit: [elmbridge.gov.uk/community-support](https://elmbridge.gov.uk/community-support)



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# Elmbridge climate panel delivers key recommendations

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**Elmbridge's Climate Change Citizens' Panel has completed its work, submitting a series of community-driven recommendations to the council's Panel Advisory Group.**

The 22-member panel, representing the borough's diverse population, met over five workshops during summer and autumn, dedicating 30 hours to exploring local environmental challenges.

Focusing on transport, housing, planning, and green spaces, the panel combined expert input with residents' perspectives to propose practical steps aimed at reducing emissions, improving air quality, and creating a healthier environment.

Some recommendations will progress through the new Local Plan, while major transport and infrastructure actions rely on Surrey County Council or national government. The council will deliver £20,000 of agreed actions, brief MPs, work with Surrey County Council, support University of Surrey research on the Citizens' Panel, and present its work at the Surrey Climate Commission event.



For more information, please visit [elmbridge.gov.uk/sustainability](https://elmbridge.gov.uk/sustainability)



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## Get more Elmbridge news

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Sign up to our newsletter at **[elmbridge.gov.uk/newsletter](https://elmbridge.gov.uk/newsletter)** or use the QR codes below:

Join our **WhatsApp** broadcasting channel using the QR code:



Visit our website at:

**[elmbridge.gov.uk](https://elmbridge.gov.uk)**

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## Subscribe to our annual garden waste collection service

Renew or join for collections from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027. Fortnightly pickups of grass cuttings, prunings, leaves and more. Bins provided on loan.

Visit **[elmbridge.gov.uk](https://elmbridge.gov.uk)** or scan the QR code to sign up by 31 March 2026.

