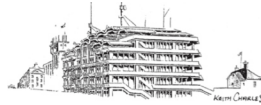


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Candidates Sought for the new East Surrey Unitary Council

Become a Residents' Association Candidate in the 2026 Unitary Elections

In May 2026, Surrey's councils will merge into a single **unitary authority**, replacing the current two-tier system. This is the most significant change to local government in our county in decades — and it comes with real risks for local communities like **Epsom & Ewell**.

We're not interested in party lines or political careers — we're here to **represent the views of local people**, not Westminster.

For over 90 years, the **Residents' Associations of Epsom & Ewell** have stood proudly outside party politics, putting local people ahead of national agendas. Now, we are calling on a new generation of community champions to join us — and stand as candidates in the upcoming **East Surrey unitary council elections** for the Town and Downs Division, an extensive and diverse area embracing College, Woodcote and part of Town Wards, as shown on the map.

Epsom Town & Downs Division



Why Residents' Association Representation Matters

This new council will have control over all services previously undertaken by Surrey and the Borough such as Planning and Development, Transport and Highways, Housing, Education, Social Care, Waste Collection together with the environment, parks and playgrounds.

Could You Be a Candidate?

We're looking for people who care deeply about our community who are committed to local priorities including delivery of housing and other key infrastructure. At the same time keen to safeguard our most valued green spaces, enhance local services, and promote civic identity.

You could be a full or part time worker, a retiree, a community volunteer or anyone of any age with fresh ideas — what matters is your connection to the community and your desire to serve.



What's Involved?

As a unitary Councillor, you will have broader responsibilities than Borough Councillors today. You'll help influence local services and make decisions that affect the quality of life for thousands of residents.

You won't be alone — the Residents' Association network offers **support, mentoring, and shared knowledge**, while still preserving your independence on local issues.

Get Involved

If you're interested in standing as a **Residents' Association candidate**, or simply want to find out more, we'd love to hear from you.

Phone Nigel Collin: 07771712050
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John Mumford: 07989086516

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This is a pivotal moment. Help us protect Epsom & Ewell's independence — and ensure that local decisions remain in local hands.