



Our community plan for Surbiton 2021-2022



Our community plan was created using ideas from Surbiton residents and will evolve as our priorities as a neighbourhood change. The plan helps to inform the local council committee and decisions about the award of grant funding.

We want to hear from anyone who lives, works or studies in Surbiton. We'll bring our plan to neighbourhood events and have them at local community hubs.

What's our vision?

To make Surbiton an even better place to live by working closely with communities on local projects that improve our health and wellbeing.

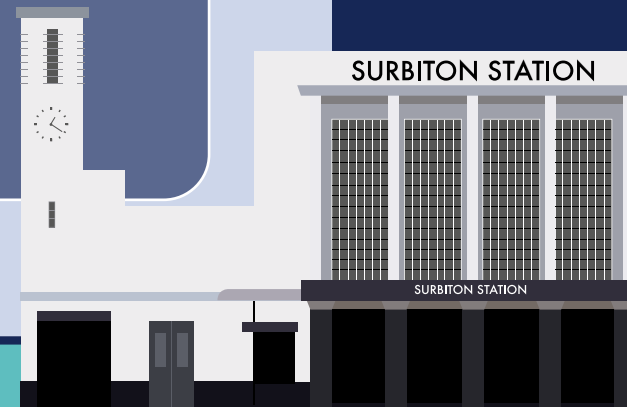
We want to hear from you if you have a project that helps us achieve our aims of:

- developing, promoting and enhancing Surbiton's parks, streets and open spaces
- implementing innovative local projects which benefit and attract residents and businesses into the area
- encouraging the setting up and maintenance of community hubs and forums, 'Friends of' groups and resident associations

What's in the plan this year?

The plan is focused on supporting projects which will make the most of our neighbourhood, including:

- enhancing Alexandra and Victoria Recreation Grounds, as well as Claremont Gardens and encouraging further conservation of the Hogsmill
- encouraging more community projects which promote art and culture
- working with communities to reinvigorate our high streets, bringing more visitors and businesses to the area



How can I share my ideas?

We want to hear from anyone who lives, works or studies in the neighbourhood. If you have an idea you'd like to share, email your friendly local team: neighbourhood_management@kingston.gov.uk





Community grants in action



Schools Postcard Competition

Kingston Tour Guides, working with the Kingston Heritage Service, have been awarded £168 to support their first postcard competition. Local primary school pupils were asked to design a postcard inspired by Kingston's rich heritage. The winning entries, one for each year group, will be available at Kingston Museum.



Surbiton's hedgehog champions



The Zoological Society of London (ZSL) has been awarded £3,000 to work with residents to monitor hedgehog activity and help stop their decline as part of their 'London Hogwatch'. Willing residents are setting up cameras in their gardens to record the movements of the hedgehogs. The footage will help ZSL with their conservation efforts, as well as being part of the council's new Biodiversity Action Plan.

Walking amongst the bees and butterflies in Six Acre Meadow

A £13,000 grant was approved by Surbiton Neighbourhood Committee to put in place a new and improved walkway, made from recycled plastic, from the meadow into the woodland at Six Acre Meadow near Knollmead. The funding came from a Community Infrastructure Levy, which local authorities charge developers in order to raise funds to help improve local infrastructure, facilities and services.



How do I get involved?

You are eligible to bid for funding as a not-for-profit, voluntary or community organisation, or a faith group.

If you'd like to talk to someone about grants, email grants@kingston.gov.uk

For more information and to apply for a community grant, visit www.kingston.gov.uk/communitygrants

