



SHERE

PARISH COUNCIL

Part Pedestrianisation, The Square, Shere - the Surrey County Council (SCC) consultation closed 28 August 2025. SCC have received 209

submissions via the online survey, along with a few handwritten responses which were analysed by SCC and have been submitted to the SCC Highway Policy and Compliance Manager for review. The council is yet to receive the official response, but we have been told by Surrey County Council Councillor B Hughes that the responses appeared to support the trial staying. The official announcement will be on our website when it is received.



Parish Council's budget, funding for 2026/27 – The precept (money collected on behalf of the Council through the council tax) of £229,901 for 2026/2027 was agreed during the full council meeting on the 6th of November 2025. This represented (on a Band D property) an approximate weekly increase of 14p.

Peaslake Farmyard - English Rural Housing is currently in discussions with a potential contractor about a proposed development of ten affordable homes at Peaslake Farmyard. The scheme would comprise four one-bedroom, four two-bedroom, and two three-bedroom dwellings. While there is no formal agreement between the Parish Council and English Rural at this stage, the Council will keep residents informed as discussions progress.

Shere Surgery wing extension - The Council has agreed a £10,000 grant towards the wing extension at Shere Surgery. The new wing will provide four additional consulting rooms. Please support the fundraising for this vital improvement.

Just a little reminder - Shere Parish Council has agreed to allow **free parking in Shere car park** to support resident's social and family Christmas gatherings and to provide support to the businesses.



The charging will be suspended from 9am Saturday 13 December 2025 and will commence again 9am Friday 2 January 2026 at 9am.

There will be signs up in the car park to reflect this.

The council had also agreed to run a six-month trial offering free parking from 9am to 12 noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, starting Tuesday 6 January 2026 which was intended to help us understand if parking charges are discouraging residents from using the facilities in Shere. The businesses however have asked the council to review this decision and consider a new proposal, which will take place at the January meeting.

Other Updates from recent meetings:

- Burchets Hollow, Peaslake has been resurfaced by Surrey County Council.
- A traffic safety site meeting in Holmbury St Mary has taken place with SCC Highways, SCC Councillor B Hughes, Parish Councillors, and members of the local speed watch team, to discuss the traffic problems in the village. More details on the proposals will be available soon. In the meantime, Councillor R Findlay carried out a Traffic Safety Consultation and produced a report based on the responses – you can find this [on our website](#).
- Council is having site meetings and obtaining quotes for the Pond Lane Car Park surface in Peaslake.
- Inconsiderate and dangerous parking is taking place on the bend opposite the William Bray in Shere. Council has asked Surrey County Council for a traffic safety site visit and to consider double yellow lines on the bend. SCC Councillor B Hughes has also requested more parking enforcement for the village.
- Tanyard Hall in Gomshall is currently hired by the community for comfortable, relaxed small gatherings and hosts the twice-weekly Drop-In Centre (in the downstairs hall), which offers a valued meeting space for residents and helps tackle loneliness, particularly among older people. At present, access to the upstairs hall is restricted by a narrow, steep staircase that is unsuitable for anyone with mobility difficulties.

The Council is therefore exploring the possibility building a lift extension as a capital investment. This would provide proper access for all, make the upstairs hall more appealing for hire and support the continued growth of the Drop-In. It is, however, a significant project with considerable costs, and the Council is gathering detailed information before any final decision is made. You can view the plans [on our website](#).

If you are interested in this project or would like to be involved, please email clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk.

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

- Shere Recreation Ground – London Lane
- Holmbury St Mary Village Hall – Felday Glade
- Peaslake – Pond Lane Car Park
- Gomshall Scout Group HQ – Goose Green

Christmas - the Parish Council Office will be closed over Christmas from Friday 19th December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026.

Finally, Happy Christmas from the Councillors and staff of Shere Parish Council!

Next Full Council meeting – Full Council Meeting 7.30pm Tuesday 13th January 2026 at Tanyard Hall 30 Station Road Gomshall GU5 9LF

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.

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