

# Which areas are included?



# Your voice matters...

have your say

# A new parish or town council for your area?



**This review covers the following six unparished areas of Tunbridge Wells:**

- Culverden
- Sherwood
- Pantiles
- St James'
- Park
- St John's

Some parts of Tunbridge Wells don't have a parish or town council. We're reviewing whether that should change - and we want your views.

**Our survey closes  
Sunday 3 August 2025**

It only takes a few minutes to complete and it's important we receive as many responses as possible to help shape our proposals.



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**To take part, scan the QR code:**



Or go online at:  
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Paper copies of the survey are available at:

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**We're consulting residents to find out if you would like an elected parish or town council created for your area.**

This leaflet provides more details and information on how to have your say.

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## Why are we asking for your views?

**We want to know if you support creating a new parish or town council to represent your area and run some local services.**

Your opinion is important and will help shape our proposals.

Parish and town councils can provide, maintain, and support...

- Allotments, parks, and open spaces
- Bus shelters and community transport schemes
- Community centres and leisure facilities
- Crime reduction and community safety measures
- Festivals, celebrations, and tourism activities
- Litter bins, street lighting, and street cleaning

**Whether you live, work, or have an interest in one of the areas, your opinion matters.**

## What are the benefits of a parish or town council?

**Having a parish or town council can significantly benefit a community.**

Parish and town councils can...

- Give residents a stronger voice in decisions
- Focus on local priorities such as environmental conservation or youth programmes
- Access funding not available to larger councils
- Promote local businesses and support local events
- Improve quality of life through community initiatives such as creating green spaces and supporting local sports teams
- Be more accountable and responsive to residents

To find out more, take a look at our FAQs by scanning the QR code, or go online at:



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## What would change if you had a parish or town council?

- Some services currently delivered by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council would be transferred to the new council
- Councillors would be elected by local residents
- The number of councillors is not yet known, but will be proposed later this year
- First elections would take place in **May 2027**, then every four years

## Council Tax

**You would see a change in the amount of Council Tax you pay...**

- Currently, residents in the unparished areas pay 'special expenses' to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council for the cost of services provided
- A new charge called a 'precept' would be added, set by the new council
- The precept amount would depend on what services the new council delivers and what income it generates