

Information about allotments

There are 11 allotment sites within the borough, 3 of which are self-managed (i.e. run by their own associations with our support). On every allotment site there are water facilities. Water is switched on at the start and off at the end of the season (normally late March and October respectively). Toilets are available at the following sites: West Ewell, Alexandra Road and Kingston Road. Allotments are currently rented at a nominal charge per square metre and invoices are sent annually in mid-March.

Insurance

Individual plot holders may have public liability included in their household policy to cover their own risk whilst working on their plot or indeed any claim against the plot holder for negligence etc. Individual plot holders should check this out and not make any assumptions about how risks are covered and protected.

 Shield Total Insurance approved by The National Society of Allotment Leisure Gardeners Ltd (NSALG)

Animals

You can keep bees, chickens (expect cockerels) and rabbits if you wish. Please refer though to the respective DEFRA, RSPCA and the British Beekeeping Association for further guidance regarding animal welfare.

- The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA)
- Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)

Bee keeping

Although we are supportive of keeping bees on allotment land, please make sure that you ask your immediate allotment plot neighbours if they don't mind you keeping bees. We may however be able to relocate you somewhere else on-site if need be.

If you are an aspiring apiarist (keeper of bees) the Council requires that you:

- Attended a practical beekeeping course
- Have Public Liability Insurance in place
- Are a current member of a beekeeping association

Pesticide Guidance

- Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)
- Health and Safety Executive (HSE)

Composters

<u>www.getcomposting.com</u> is an excellent online resource for reduced price composters and water-butts. Tel 0800 316 4454 (8am - 8pm Monday to Saturday and 9am - 6pm on Sundays) Email: <u>customer.care@getcomposting.com</u>

Manure

Epsom Riding for the Disabled Association (Epsom RDA) are very happy for allotment owners to take away manure for a small donation. Please remember to bring a spade and bags so to take your manure away!

Address: Epsom RDA, St Ebbas Farm, Hook Road, Epsom KT19 8QW Opening times: 7 days a week - 9am to 1pm (Saturdays open till 4pm)

Tel: 01372 743690

Web: www.epsomrda.org.uk

Useful links

- Allotment Regeneration Initiative
- Allotments: A Plot Holders' Guide
- Recycle for Surrey

Societies and associations

- Epsom Garden Society
- Ewell Horticultural Association
- National Vegetable Society
- National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Ltd.
- British Beekeeping Association
- Surrey Beekeeping Association
- Epsom Beekeeping Association
- Natural Beekeeping Trust

If you have any issues on-site which need addressing, please contact Customer Services on 01372 732000 or by emailing them at contactus@epsom-ewell.gov.uk.

Location	Entrance gate
Alexandra Road Epsom KT17 4EP	Entrances at Wyeths Road and Bridle Road. Allotment appointments are always met from the Bridle Road entrances.
Barn Elms Worcester Park KT4 7DP	Located within Auriol Park, Salisbury Road. Additional entrances to park from Thorndon Gardens and Chestnut Avenue
Eleanor Avenue Epsom KT19 9HD	Located 100 yards within Eleanor Avenue entrance. Additional entrance from Middleton Road.
Elmstead Ewell KT19 0DZ	Entrance via footpath at the end of Ewell Court Avenue, Ewell
Epsom Common Epsom KT19 8NE	Entrance off Christ Church Road opposite Stamford Green Road
Hessle Grove (self-managed) Ewell KT17 1JS	Entrance at the end of Hessle Grove, off Epsom Road, Ewell
Kingston Road (self-managed) Ewell KT17 2ER	Located at 'Beggars Hill', Ewell opposite Shortcroft Road
Lane End Epsom KT18 7SB	Located off Wheelers Lane, Epsom adjacent to railway line
Park Avenue West (self-managed) Stoneleigh KT17 2NU	Entrance from Park Avenue West opposite Ewell Park Way in Stoneleigh
West Ewell Ewell KT19 9TA	Entrances at the end of Plough Road (off Chessington Road), West Ewell or Northcroft Road/Bellfield Road junction. Allotment appointments are met at the Plough Road gate.
West Park Epsom KT19 8NX (Privately managed)	Located on West Park Road off Horton Lane, Epsom. Please contact Chamonix Estates Limited on 020 7100 6025 or email Katie Stainsby on KStainsby@chamonixgroup.com.