# About...

#### Mole Valley District Council

We're friendly, like to socialise, and insist on biscuits with our tea, but take our work seriously, and put in the hours when necessary.

Our work is shaped by a strategic **Corporate Plan**, which sets out our priorities.

#### Pippbrook Office

Our modern, bright and colourful offices are set in parkland, and we have fantastic views of the Surrey Hills. **Dorking Sports Centre** and **Dorking Halls** are across the road, so we tend to be quite an active bunch!

You can be in the centre of the historic market town of Dorking within minutes. All staff park for free, and the nearest railway stations (Dorking has three!) are a short walk away. You can be on the M25 within 15 minutes.

### Mole Valley

Mole Valley lies at the heart of Surrey, midway between London and the Sussex coast. It takes its name from the River Mole, which runs the length of the district. Mole Valley covers a hundred square miles, and has a population of about 86,000 people.

Around 72% of the district's population lives in the towns of Dorking and Leatherhead, and the villages of Bookham, Fetcham and Ashtead.

Over 90% of the district is countryside, and much of it sits within the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The North Downs run across the middle of the district and include Box Hill, a popular visitor spot. To the south lies Leith Hill, the highest point in Surrey. Dare you climb Leith Hill tower?



## **Dorking: an historic market town nestling in the Surrey Hills**

Set against the North Downs, Dorking lies at the centre of the district. It has an array of independent shops and places to eat.

Visitors come to walk the Deepdene Trail, explore the town's famous antique shops, underground caves, museum, nearby vineyard and award-winning giant cockerel sculpture!



#### **Leatherhead: gateway to the Surrey Hills**

Leatherhead is in the north of the district. It has easy access to Junction 9 of the M25 and good rail services to London. The town is home to many national and international companies and provides a range of services and facilities to the community.

To the east and west of Leatherhead are the villages of Ashtead, Fetcham and Bookham. Each has a strong sense of community, good local facilities and popular green spaces.

