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The success of the London 2012 Olympic Road Cycle road races was complemented by the popularity of our Big Weekend celebrations, which could not have happened without the support of our volunteers and partner organisations. Proud to host an Olympic event, we are determined to ensure that this once in a lifetime opportunity leaves a lasting legacy for Mole Valley residents.

Volunteers
We recruited around 400 volunteer stewards for the 2012 Olympic Torch Relay and for The Big Weekend and have always used volunteers to assist with the delivery of events such as stewards for town centre events, friends and community wardens for parks and open spaces, sports coaches for Surrey Youth Games and festival assistants for the Arts Alive Festival.

We are committed to developing and nurturing an appetite for volunteering and community involvement among the district's residents, members, staff and partner organisations and are working with Voluntary Action Mid-Surrey (VAMS) and the Surrey County Council Legacy team to promote and advocate volunteering across Mole Valley.

If you would be interested in volunteering your time, please visit www.vamidsurrey.org, call 01372 722911 or visit one of the volunteer centres in Dorking or Leatherhead.

Tour of Britain
Since the events in the summer last year, our district has already played host to the final stage of the 2012 Tour of Britain and Surrey is set to welcome the race again in September 2013.

Prudential RideLondon
On Sunday 4 August 2013, the Prudential RideLondon festival of cycling is coming to Mole Valley.

The Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100 and Prudential RideLondon-Surrey Classic will follow a route based on the one used for the Olympic road cycling events with some additions. The Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100 will see 20,000 amateur cyclists take on a 100-mile challenge along the closed roads of London and Surrey. In the Prudential RideLondon-Surrey, 150 top international cyclists will take on a gruelling 140-mile race through the capital and Surrey before finishing on The Mall. For more information on the event, please visit www.PrudentialRideLondon.co.uk

Triathlon
The Vachery Triathlon is due to arrive in Mole Valley on Sunday 21 July 2013. The inaugural Vachery Triathlon Middle Distance race will be a rare treat for athletes of all abilities and experience. Racing safely on a traffic–free road course in the beautiful Surrey Hills, the route will include part of the 2012 Tour of Britain route and a testing climb up Leith Hill. Please visit www.vacherytriathlon.co.uk for further details.

Did you know?
Dorking played host to a new World Record during the London 2012 Olympic Road Cycle Road Race Weekend. Felix and Felix achieved an official Guinness World Record by bunny hopping on a penny farthing 410 times.
Olympic Legacy

Did you know?
More than 7,000 people watched the finish of the men’s road race on Saturday, 28 July on big screens in Dorking’s Meadowbank as part of the Big Weekend celebrations.

Did you know?
Team GB’s first medal of the London 2012 Olympic Games was won by Lizzie Armitstead on Sunday 29 July, when she crossed the line in second place in the women’s road race.

Other Sporting Legacies
London 2012 also provided the catalyst to generate and grow interest in sport and physical activity at all levels and across all communities.

Our sporting legacy will be driven forward by a range of projects designed to increase participation in sport and encourage young people to develop a sporting habit for life.

Some of the ideas already suggested include developing a sustainable junior cycling club in Dorking, developing a squash and table tennis club at Leatherhead Leisure Centre and introducing a sustainable multi-sport club and a disability football club in the Links area.

Statue
The council’s Chairman, Councillor Caroline Salmon, organised a lasting legacy for all residents and visitors to the Dorking area in the form of a remarkable statue made of 300 sponsored steel leaves. The statue can be seen on the Denbies roundabout.

Dates for your Diary
Vachery Triathlon
Sunday 21 July 2013
Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100 and Classic events
Sunday 4 August 2013

THE BEST OF YOUR TWEETS
@MsKatWheaton Fantastic weekend-great atmosphere! Really glad to have been part of it! So well organised & the community bonded! @MoleValleyDC #Dorking
@IanGJones: What an awesome #Olympic weekend in #Dorking thx @MoleValleyDC & @MoleValleyBeat for making it such a success.
@davebanko1 @MoleValleyDC thanks to all the staff for organising the #bigweekend! Great time in #Leatherhead and Red House Grounds.
@danielmudford Massive props to @MoleValleyDC for the jolly and lightly handled organisation at Box Hill today - I left with a dose of Olympic Fever.
@kidborough Well done to streetcleaning teams after cycle race round Dorking and Box Hill. Spotless! #london2012 #Olympics

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The Mole Valley HelpShop has Moved

The HelpShop has moved from the High Street in Leatherhead to inside Leatherhead library at The Mansion, Church Street, Leatherhead, KT22 8DP. The move means that residents are now able to access a range of council services under one roof.

Users of The Mansion are able to park for free for up to two hours and there is disabled parking available too. Alternatively, there is nearby pay and display parking at Church Road or Church Street car parks or there are bus stops close by.

The HelpShop service continues to be provided by the same friendly faces you used to see on the High Street and you can still make payments using the payment kiosk. Opening hours have changed to:

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*We will also be trialling Saturday afternoon opening from 2.00pm to 4.30pm for a period of 3 months from the end of February.

The Leatherhead Town Centre Manager has moved to Fairmount House. Her phone number is 01306 879287 and her email address remains as town.manager@visit leatherhead.com

To contact our Customer Services team, please call 01306 885001 or email info@molevalley.gov.uk. Alternatively you can visit our user-friendly website www.molevalley.gov.uk.

Mole Valley District Council’s Telecare Services

Help at the touch of a button

What is a Community Alarm?
A community alarm is either a personal alarm activated via a fixed unit or remotely via a pendant. Both are linked to Mole Valley District Council’s continuous 24-hour monitoring centre.

What are Telecare Sensors?
Telecare Sensors are a specialised range of equipment linked into the community alarm designed to enhance and maintain the safety and independence of the user. Highly trained operators at the monitoring centre are alerted when sensors are activated and provide appropriate help, if necessary. Telecare devices include: smoke, fall, flood and heat detectors, pill dispensers, bed sensors and more.

Free Telecare!
We are working in partnership with Surrey County Council and the other 10 borough and district councils in Surrey to offer eligible residents free Telecare. This outstanding opportunity is available to those who already have a community alarm, as well as those who don’t.

Further information is available by calling 0800 1956035 or 01372 204500.

Did you know?
Mole Valley District Council’s alarm monitoring centre in Leatherhead monitors community alarms and Telecare sensors for seven of the 11 districts and boroughs in Surrey.

Mole Valley’s Interim Chief Executive

Mole Valley District Council and Surrey County Council have agreed to extend a ground-breaking staff sharing scheme which will see Yvonne Rees, Strategic Director for Customers and Communities at the County Council, continue in her role as Interim Chief Executive at Mole Valley until March 2014. This arrangement will save taxpayers around £100,000 a year.

Yvonne had been appointed as interim Chief Executive on a short-term basis as of September 2012 following the departure of Darren Mepham, and shared her duties of Chief Executive here three days a week and Strategic Director at Surrey County Council for the remaining two.

This extended arrangement reflects the continued joint working between ourselves and County on a number of issues such as car parking, management training and community safety initiatives with a view to improve the quality of services to our residents.

Guaranteed Anonymity

If you don’t want anyone to know who you are, not even the police, and you need a trusted avenue to pass on sensitive information about crime, you can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 or go online www.crimestoppers-uk.org and complete the sensitive information form.

Your anonymity is guaranteed. Even Crimestoppers won’t know who you are. Calls are not traced or recorded, there is no 1471 function or caller ID and email addresses are neither noted nor seen. Crimestoppers do not note any personal details such as gender, accent or age which could identify the caller, even if mistakenly given.

All information is checked to ensure anonymity before being sent to Surrey Police.
Get involved in the largest sports event for young people in Surrey. The P&G Surrey Youth Games take place in June and feature badminton, basketball, boccia, boxing, cricket, rugby and football for girls, hockey, judo, lacrosse, netball, squash, table tennis and tennis.

If your child is aged between seven and 15 and would like to take part, please call 01372 377674 or email sport@molevalley.gov.uk. Young people below county standard in their chosen sport are welcome to attend free training starting in April.

Register your interest early to avoid missing out on this exciting opportunity.

Age and criteria restrictions apply to each sport.

For more information call 01372 377674 or visit www.fusion-lifestyle.com.
Exciting Changes at Dorking Halls

There have been many exciting changes recently at Mole Valley’s leading entertainment venue.

Second Cinema Screen Opened
Towards the end of last year, Dorking Halls launched a second cinema screen with state-of-the-art digital projection, comfortable seating and superb surround sound. Two screens mean that The Halls can now offer film fans even more choice. Plus, during the summer holidays it will open a third screen which will show the latest children’s films. The addition of a second screen helped the new James Bond film, Skyfall, become the most popular film Dorking Halls has ever shown.

A Hub for Businesses
Dorking Halls is much more than just a cinema and theatre. It hosts many other events, including business meetings and conferences. Last year, The Halls launched the Dorking Halls Business Breakfast Club, which provides the opportunity for local businesses to network and share knowledge. The club meets over breakfast every other Wednesday and is quickly expanding.

Competition Winner
Thank you to everyone who entered our 2012 spring edition’s competition to win a pair of tickets to see three legends of British jazz and their respective bands in one great concert, ‘The Three B’s’ on 11 May 2012.

The question was: simply name the three artists headlining the show which, of course, was Chris Barber, Acker Bilk and Kenny Ball. The winner was Mrs P Marshall, who was drawn from the many correct answers submitted.

Live Entertainment Made Even Better
All 800 seats in the Grand Hall were recently replaced with comfortable new ones, improving the theatre-going experience. In fact, last season was one of Dorking Halls’ most successful ever, with full houses for Al Murray, Greg Davies, Julian Clary, Alan Davies and Rhod Gilbert. The Christmas pantomime, Peter Pan, also broke all previous box office records.

Customers can now also choose where to sit when booking online. This new feature has proved very popular, and the number of tickets sold online has more than doubled!

Soft Play Drop-Ins
We’ve got great news for young residents, Dorking Halls runs soft play drop-ins for under 5s every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning during term time. Children can exert energy in an exciting and safe environment, while parents can meet and enjoy a piece of cake and cup of freshly-brewed Starbucks coffee.

To find out more about activities and events at Dorking Halls, contact the Box Office on 01306 881717 or visit www.dorkinghalls.co.uk.
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Highlights at Dorking Halls

**MARCH**

**Wednesday 20 March**
Blofeld and Baxter: Memories of Test Match Special

**APRIL**

**Saturday 6 April**
Suggs: My Life Story in Words and Music

**Friday 17 May**
An Evening with Stars from Strictly Come Dancing

**Thursday 23 May**
The Glenn Miller Orchestra

**JUNE**

**Sunday 2 June**
Chris and Pui Roadshow

**Friday 7 June**
Dirty/DC

**Wednesday 26 – Saturday 29 June**
Horrible Histories

**COMING SOON**

**Friday 11 October**
Ready Steady Cook Live

**Wednesday 16 October**
Milton Jones: On the Road

**Friday 18 October**
Reginald D Hunter: In the Midst of Crackers

**Friday 22 November**
Ardal O’Hanlon

**Saturday 30 November**
Hal Cruttenden: Touch Luvvie

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**Community Arts Projects**

**Volunteers Needed for King George V Friends Group**

The King George V Friends Group is looking for more volunteers. This friendly group run a variety of activities aimed at making the woodland areas and playing fields in Goodwyns, Chart Downs, Rough Rew, Holmwood Park and North Holmwood Village places that communities want to use and protect. This means there is a range of volunteering opportunities available.

**Underpass Art Project**

Community arts organisation, Art in Transit, is running workshops in this area to design artwork for the Goodwyns Road and King George V Playing Fields underpass. The local community has chosen the themes ‘wildlife’ and ‘a day in the park’ for the designs. See the transformation this spring.

**Arts Alive Festival 2013**

Calling all local artists and arts organisations! Submit your events for Arts Alive 2013, from 1 - 31 October! We’re particularly keen to attract new faces and groups running events for children and young people.

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To get involved in these projects, contact Kath McCutcheon on 01306 885001 or email arts@molevalley.gov.uk.
Did you know?
Did you know that there are just over 46 million electors in the UK?

If you would like to know more about the elections in general or you simply want to ensure that we have your correct details on the register of electors, please call one of the Democratic Services Team on 01306 879198 or email electoral.registration@molevalley.gov.uk.

Spotlight on Council Finance

In building the budget for 2013/14, we have taken account of some important changes in the funding provided from central government towards the costs of Mole Valley District Council.

Our funding is drawn from three main sources – council tax, fees and charges and central government grant. In the past, the amount from central government has been announced in the autumn, based on the Government’s assessment of need in the district, and paid to the council in instalments during the year. The amount depended on the Government formula and, once that had been assessed, it was fixed for the year.

A growing proportion of central government funding is now directly related to actual building development and economic activity in Mole Valley. £600,000 of next year’s funding will be drawn from the Government’s New Homes Bonus, which is a payment from government for each new home in the district. It matches, for six years, the council tax on that property. A further £1m of government grant will come to the council through a retained proportion of collected business rates. The amount that can be retained depends on the amount collected, subject to certain limits, so there is a direct financial link between the council’s funding and the business activity within the district. If the total collected is higher than the initial Government assessment, then we keep a proportion of the surplus. On the other hand, we will have to bear a proportion of any shortfall.

Changes to the Electoral Register

Did you know that we can sell the Full Register to Credit Reference Agencies for credit checking purposes. We can also sell the edited register to anyone who wishes to buy it, for example marketing agencies.

If you do not want your details to appear on the Edited Register, you can choose to have your details excluded by ticking the relevant "opt out" box on our electoral registration form.

If you wish to "opt out" of the edited register on a permanent basis, you must submit a written request for the attention of the Electoral Registration Officer at the Council Offices or via email to electoral.registration@molevalley.gov.uk.

This also includes previously registered electors who have indicated in the past that they wish to opt out of the edited register.

Surrey’s First Police and Crime Commissioner Elected

Kevin Hurley was elected by the public as Surrey’s first Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) on 15 November 2012.

The role of the PCC is to make sure that the views of the County’s residents are listened to and reflected in the service the Police provides.

You can contact the PCC’s office by calling 01483 630200, emailing SurreyPCC@surrey.police.uk, by post at the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey, PO Box 412, Guildford GU3 1BR or on Twitter: @SurreyPCC

Alternatively please visit the PCC’s website www.surrey-pcc.gov.uk for further information and for details of Surrey Police’s element of your council tax.

County Council Elections in 2013

On Thursday 2 May 2013, County Council Elections will be taking place across Surrey. There are six county divisions in Mole Valley and one County Councillor will be elected for each of the Divisions of:

- Ashtead
- Bookham and Fetcham West
- Dorking Hills
- Dorking and the Holmwoods
- Dorking Rural
- Leatherhead and Fetcham East

To ensure that you can vote in the 2013 Elections, it is vital that you are on the electoral roll. Your details also need to be on the register if you are applying for credit – for example for a mortgage or a mobile phone.

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**Council Tax Requirements 2013/14**

The following four pages contain a useful ‘pull-out-and-keep’ guide to Council Tax in Mole Valley for the financial year 2013/14. The leaflet explains how your Council Tax bill is calculated and sets out how we intend to spend our budget on local services over the next twelve months. If you would like more information about your Council Tax bill, please contact the Revenues Team on 01306 879293 or email: council.tax@molevalley.gov.uk or visit our website at: www.molevalley.gov.uk

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** The Council Tax Base is calculated, based on the number of properties in the District plus a number of adjustments. It is used to arrive at the Council Tax level for Band D properties, as shown in the Band D Council Tax column.

*** Each year, the Council sets a level of tax for Band D and all other charges are calculated by applying the appropriate multiplier to it (see Explanatory Note 2.2 on page iii).

**Council Tax Charges 2013/14**

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**An example:** A household living in a Band D property in Headley will pay Council Tax of £1,567.99 in 2013/14. Of this, £1,172.50 will be passed to Surrey County Council to pay for its services (roads, education, social services etc), £207.55 to Surrey Police (to maintain law and order), and £33.41 to Headley Parish Council.

Mole Valley District Council will keep just £154.53 of the total Council Tax charged.
# Council Tax Information 2013/14

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## Revenue Expenditure

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## Council Services and Gross Expenditure and Income

The table above shows the gross expenditure and income of providing the Council’s services. It shows how we calculate the balance of net expenditure that needs to be funded from the Council Tax for the coming year, once all other sources of income are taken into account.

**Why revenue expenditure has increased**

The table on the left lists the major changes that will affect the Council’s budget for the coming year. The Total Projected Spend figure, shown at the bottom of the table, can also be seen in the ‘Council Services’ table above.

**24-hour Payment Facilities**

Payments can be made 24 hours a day – online by visiting [www.molevalley.gov.uk](http://www.molevalley.gov.uk) and then find Related Pages on the homepage and select Online Payments, or telephone 01189 143851. Further information is available from the Revenues Section – telephone 01306 879293.
The following two pages contain statutory information that should answer any questions you may have about Council Tax generally and, in particular, how the annual bill for your household has been calculated. Further details are also available from the Council Tax section of our website at www.molevalley.gov.uk

The full Council Tax bill assumes that there are two or more adults living in the dwelling. There are a number of ways by which the bill can be reduced and these are discounts (property and personal), disablement relief and means tested support, for those on low incomes or state benefit. This leaflet attempts to give a brief explanation of the key elements of the tax including the means by which reductions can be obtained.

If after reading these notes you feel one or more of the reductions may apply, please obtain an application form by writing to the Council Tax Section, Mole Valley District Council, Pippbrook, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1SJ, or by telephoning the Council Tax Section on 01306 879293.

Who is liable to pay the tax?

1.1 Liability to pay Council Tax normally falls to one or more adults who are solely or mainly resident in a property. Where there is more than one person resident, look at the following list and working from the top down, stop when you reach a category that applies to someone in your home; he or she is the liable person:

- Resident freeholder (so for owner-occupier)
- Resident statutory/secure tenant
- Resident

1.2 Husbands and wives, unmarried couples or civil partners living together are both responsible for paying the bill. People who are joint owners or joint tenants are also jointly liable, whether or not they are actually shown on the bill.

1.3 Where there is no resident in the property then the owner is liable. The owner is also liable, instead of the residents, for certain prescribed classes of dwellings as follows:

- Class A residential care homes, nursing homes and some hostels;
- Class B properties lived in by religious communities (such as monasteries and convents);
- Class C properties occupied by more than one household where the residents share certain facilities such as a kitchen or bathroom;
- Class D properties which are not the owner’s main home, but which is the main home of someone whom the owner employs in domestic service;
- Class E properties lived in by ministers of religion;
- Class F properties provided to an asylum seeker under Section 95 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

Valuation for Council Tax

2.1 Domestic properties are placed into one of eight valuation bands by the Valuation Office Agency. The local office is situated at 1st Floor, Warwick House, 67 Station Road, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 1DL. Telephone 03000 501501.

2.2 Each band attracts a different level of Council Tax. The Council each year sets a charge for Band D and all other levels of tax for Band D and all other

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2.3 Valuations are based on the market value of a property at the 1st April 1991. The fact that properties may be worth more or less today does not in itself mean they have been wrongly banded.

2.4 A valuation list is available for public inspection at the Council Offices, and the relevant band value is shown on your Council Tax bill.

2.5 There are some cases where individual dwellings may be revalued and rebanded. If, for example, a house is extended after the 1st April 1993 it will be revalued when it is next sold. If your home decreases in value because part of it is demolished, for example, it may be revalued straight away.

Discounts

3.1 The full Council Tax bill assumes there are two adults living in a dwelling. If only one adult lives in a dwelling (as his/her main home) the Council Tax bill is reduced by 25%.

3.2 From the 1 April 2013 if a dwelling is no-one's main home and it remains furnished, there is no reduction in the bill. This also applies to properties which have a restriction on the number of days that they can be continuously occupied in any twelve-month period.

3.3 From the 1 April 2013 a dwelling that is no-one’s main home and is substantially unfurnished will receive 100% discount for 28 days. After 28 days have expired the full Council Tax charge will become due. If a property remains unfurnished for a continuous period of 2 years an additional 50% of the full Council Tax will be added to the bill making the charge equivalent to 150% of the full Council Tax. A property will be counted as someone’s sole or main residence for a period of at least 42 days to qualify for a further period of discount.

3.4 The following list describes people who are disregarded, for the purposes of discount, and a reduction may apply as long as there is no more than one person left after the appropriate person(s) have been disregarded:

(a) People in Detention – who are detained, imprisoned or held in a prison, hospital or similar place, by an order of the court, (except for people in prison for non-payment of Council Tax or a fine).

(b) People who are severely mentally impaired – a person will be regarded as severely mentally impaired if he/she suffers from a severe impairment of intelligence and social functioning that appears to be permanent, for example those suffering from Alzheimer’s disease and other similar illnesses.

(c) People in respect of whom child benefit is payable – people over the age of 18 in respect of whom child benefit remains payable.

(d) Apprentices – will not be counted provided they are:

- employed for the purpose of learning a trade, business, office, employment, or vocation;
- undertaking training leading to a qualification recognised by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority; and
- paid a maximum of £195 per week and expect to earn substantially more when they qualify.

(e) Students: Foreign Language Assistants – who are registered with the British Council and are appointed by a school or other educational establishment.

(f) Students – attending a university, polytechnic or college course lasting for at least one academic year, and required to undertake the course for at least 24 weeks per year and undertake periods of study of, on average, at least 21 hours per week in term time.

(g) Student Nurses – will not be counted if they are undertaking a course leading to registration on any of Parts 1 to 6, 8, 10, or 11 of the Nursing Register. Only student nurses studying for their first inclusion on the register will not be counted, nurses already on the register but taking further courses will be counted.

(h) Youth Training Trainees – people under the age of 25 who are undertaking training in line with an individual training plan under the Youth Training Scheme.

(i) People staying in certain Hostels or night shelters – this applies only to those who have their only or main home in dwellings such as short stay hostels or night shelters, providing communal accommodation for people who have no fixed abode and no settled way of life.

(j) Resident Hospital Patients – whose only or main home is in hospital.

(k) People living in Residential Care Homes, Nursing Homes or Hostels – whose only or main home is in a residential care
6.2 Appeals against the inclusion or exclusion of a property in the Valuation List or the actual band applied to a property should be made in writing to the Valuation Office, 1st Floor, Warwick House, 67 Station Road, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 1DL.

6.3 Appeals against non-valuation matters, such as a person being wrongly designated as a liable person, or the amount of the bill being incorrect, must initially be made in writing to the Council Tax Office, at the address shown on the front of this leaflet.

6.4 Where an agreement cannot be reached in either of the above situations the matter may progress to a Valuation Tribunal for arbitration.

7 Council Tax Support – (see under Benefits on the Mole Valley website) can provide help with some or all of your Council Tax. Whether you get help depends on the amount of Council Tax you have to pay, your personal circumstances and your income and savings. Generally speaking the more income and savings you have the less likely you are to qualify for help. To claim you will need a claim form, available from the Benefits Section at Mole Valley District Council. The form should be completed and returned as soon as possible as benefit usually starts from the Monday after the college Benefits Section receives the form.

8 Council tax is normally payable over 10 months 1 April to 1 January. On request bills issued before the 15 April may be paid in 12 instalments. If a bill is issued after 15 April and additional instalments are requested then instalments equal to the number of whole months left in the financial year will be granted.

9 Ways to pay your bill are displayed on the back of the bill and are also available on the website at www.molevalley.gov.uk under Council Tax.

Direct Debit facilities are available and offer a choice of three dates, 5th, 15th or 25th of the month. If you wish to take advantage of this facility you can telephone the Revenue Section on 01306 879293 and supply bank details or if you prefer you can request a paper direct debit instruction to complete.

Internet Payments: This facility is available for payment by debit card and can be accessed from the Council’s website www.molevalley.gov.uk. On the right hand side of the home page you should select the quick link “Pay it” from the do it online section, and follow the instructions.

Debit Card payments can also be made via a dedicated telephone line (ATP), available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In order to make payment via the ATP service please ring 0300 123 1064, calls will be charged at the local rate. You will need your card details and your Council Tax account number to make payment by this method.

10 How to get in touch – if you have any questions or require further information please telephone the Council and ask for the Revenues Section on 01306 879293 or write to the Revenues Section at: Mole Valley District Council, Pippbrook, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1SJ or call into the Council Offices at Pippbrook, Dorking, Surrey, open from 8.30am–5.00pm or visit the HelpShop, Leatherhead Library, The Mansion Church Street, Leatherhead, Tuesday to Saturday. For HelpShop opening times, please call 01306 885001, visit the council’s website or email council.tax@molevalley.gov.uk

For details about the Environment Agency’s levy for its flood defence functions see: www.molevalley.gov.uk/catchingfloods
The Red House
Care Home • Ashtead • Surrey

• 24 Hour Nursing Care
• Day Care
• Long Term and Respite Stay
• Full Programme of Activities
• Care Quality Commission - Excellent Report

for further details contact
01372 274552

43 Skinners Lane • Ashtead • Surrey • KT21 2NN
email: redhouse@redhouseashtead.co.uk
web: www.redhouseashtead.co.uk

Dorking Nursery School
Sure Start Children’s Centre
West Street
Dorking
Surrey RH4 1BY
Tel: 01306 882397
Text: 07787 518117
www.dorkingnurserychildrenscentre.org.uk

Dorking Rural Sure Start Children’s Centre
Goodwyns Road
Dorking
Surrey RH4 2LR
01306 740095
Text: 07787 448260

Our Sure Start Children’s Centres are friendly and welcoming places where families can access a wide range of services. We offer information, support and advice for families as well as a variety of activities and courses for you and your children. Please pop in, visit our website or contact the numbers below for more detailed information.
Go Mobile! Do it Online!

We are always looking for ways to improve access to our services and are continuing to develop the services we offer online.

This year we will also be developing a mobile-friendly site that can be accessed from smart phones. We do already offer a mobile site, albeit with limited resources, which allows you to make key transactions. To access this, please visit www.molevalley.gov.uk/mobile. Later this year we will be adding the facility to allow you to report graffiti and fly tipping using a map and more mobile-friendly forms to support the Report a Missed Bin form, which is already available.

Even if you do not have a smart phone, our website provides you access to a number of online services including being able to pay your council tax, applying for an allotment and viewing and paying a parking fine.

Visitors can also subscribe to council news and other information using the RSS feeds provided.

Our website www.molevalley.gov.uk also offers you the opportunity to engage with us via Twitter (@molevalleydc), Facebook (www.facebook.com/molevalleydistrictcouncil), Flickr (www.flickr.com/molevalleydc) and YouTube.

For more information, please call 01306 885001.

Members’ Allowances 2011/12

Each year Councillors can claim a basic allowance of up to £4,098 to cover essential costs incurred while carrying out their duties. This includes costs of calls, postage, stationery etc.

Some Councillors such as the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council, the Group Leaders, the Committee Chairmen and Portfolio Holders may also receive a Special Responsibility Allowance to reflect their additional duties.

SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCES CAN BE CLAIMED AS FOLLOWS:

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For more information, please call 01306 885001.
Changes to Your Benefits Are you Ready for Welfare Reform?

The Welfare Reform Act 2012 brings significant change for residents in Mole Valley who receive benefits or have a low income.

Universal Credit

Universal Credit is the new single benefit for people of working age and will replace Housing Benefit, Income Support, Income Related Job Seekers Allowance, Income Based Employment and Support Allowance and Tax Credits. Most claims will be made online and one household payment will be made monthly in arrears into the claimant's bank account. New claims from October 2013 will be a claim for Universal Credit, with existing claims being moved to Universal Credit over a 3-year period from October 2014. Households that are couples made up of a pensioner and someone of working age will be treated as a working age household instead of a pensioner household.

The Benefit Cap

The cap will be rolled out from April 2013 to October 2013, and will be a cap on the total amount of all benefits a working age household can receive. Benefit levels will be capped at the level of the average working family income after tax, which is expected to be £500 a week for families and £350 a week for single people. Households that include a war widow, or claim Disability Living Allowance or Working Tax Credit will be exempt.

Housing Benefit

A number of changes have already been made to Housing Benefit. A further change will take place in April 2013 when restrictions will apply to most housing association tenants who live in houses larger than they need. Their Housing Benefit will be reduced by 14% if the tenant is under-occupying by one bedroom and by 25% if they are under occupying by two or more bedrooms. This will only affect people of working age. The change is often referred to as the 'bedroom tax'.

Council Tax Support

From April 2013, the national Council Tax Benefit scheme is being abolished and all local councils have to replace it with their own system. In the autumn we consulted on a proposed new system. We had a positive response from residents to our consultation last year on proposed changes to the scheme. However an additional government grant has helped the council to resist changes for next year. We will use the consultation results to inform any future changes.

This means that residents currently entitled to Council Tax Benefit will continue to receive that same entitlement through 2013/14.

Housing Problems or Questions about these Benefit changes?

Please contact the Housing Options or the Benefits Teams on 01306 885001 or visit our offices at Pippbrook in Dorking. Alternatively, please email housing@molevalley.gov.uk or benefits@molevalley.gov.uk.

Battle Against Benefit Fraud

Would you allow someone to take money from your wallet or purse? You do so every day if you don’t report instances of benefit fraud; those people who lie to claim benefits cost local taxpayers thousands of pounds a year.

We investigate allegations made and, in cases where there is enough evidence, our policy is to prosecute or impose other legal sanctions.

There are a number of ways in which you can report benefit fraud:

- Call the Fraud Hotline on 01306 879284
- Visit www.molevalley.gov.uk and report it under the Do it Online section
- Visit the Council’s offices in Pippbrook or write a letter for the attention of the Benefits team: Pippbrook, Dorking, RH4 1SJ.

Please be assured that all referrals are treated in the strictest confidence and your identity will remain confidential.
Ashtead

Ashtead Residents Association is looking for volunteers to help run its successful ‘Spring Clean’ on Saturday 23 March from 10am to 12noon, clearing litter from several locations around the village. For more information about the spring clean, please visit www.ashteadresidents.org.uk.

Renovation works to Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall have been completed and the building now includes a memorial garden in memory of Councillor David Howell, a new safe outdoor play area for the Busy Bees playgroup and a remodeled side entrance.

Bookham

This year sees the 80th anniversary of the Bookham Bulletin, which tells the story of the Bookham Community Association. More than 300 editions have been produced in that time. The publication continued throughout World War II and has developed into a full colour magazine from its humble beginnings in 1933.

Box Hill

Many of Box Hill’s residents celebrated Christmas in style when on Sunday 16 December they joined Santa’s Singalong with a parade from the shops to the Village Hall where everyone sang carols, enjoyed mulled wine and had refreshments for free. Despite the celebrations being forced indoors due to poor weather, it didn’t dampen the spirits of those in attendance and singing could be heard throughout the village.

Fetcham

Fetcham’s shopping centre was once again brightened by the presence of the big village Christmas tree which had been erected and decorated by the Residents Association. Sadly a traffic accident in late December destroyed one of the attractive brick arches at the junction of Cobham Road and Cannon Grove, but Highways have agreed it will be rebuilt.

Leatherhead

The Leatherhead Residents’ Association (LRA) is run by a committee, represents the town’s residents and works with local traders and the Chamber of Commerce to promote the well being of Leatherhead. Monthly committee meetings are open to members of the public and applications for Membership are welcomed and should be addressed to The Leatherhead Institute, High Street, Leatherhead.

Ockley

In 2012, Ockley Parish Council established a Steering Group consisting of residents and local business owners who want to have their say on how the village will develop in the future. The results of a 6 week survey inviting views on proposals submitted to the Council by the Steering Group will be available by visiting www.molevalley.gov.uk/ldf.

Pixham

Last year was an exciting time for the Pixham community which, in addition to the village’s regular events, included Olympic and Jubilee celebrations. The biggest success of the year however was the launch of the community centre, The Old Pixham School, which is a hub for local residents and available for hire all year round. Please email help@pixhamresidents.org for further information.

Westcott

A greener, healthier and safer way for pedestrians and cyclists travelling between Westcott and Dorking opened in November 2012 and is proving highly popular as an alternative to the A25. The route from Westcott starts at the north end of St John’s Road, crosses open fields to the north of the A25 before joining an improved Milton Court Lane and a shared footway as far as Vincent Lane, Dorking.
Improving Community Buildings

Villages across the district have been busy improving their community buildings with grants from Mole Valley District Council.

The South Bookham SPACE building has recently been transformed thanks to the hard work of South Bookham Youth and Community Association. Young people are now enjoying a better-equipped building and exciting new games area.

Leigh Village Hall has vastly improved facilities and grounds, with new fencing and paths, a new doorway and an extended outside covered area having been installed. The Leigh Lollipops, a preschool nursery which uses the hall every day, can now directly access a safe, enclosed outdoor play and learning space which allows the children to enjoy a range of activities in the fresh air, whatever the weather.

The group has also cleared the dense scrub around the windows, allowing more natural light into the hall and revealing views of the surrounding farmland. The children enjoy spotting the cows that come to visit!

Refurbishment of Brockham Pavilion Completed

The refurbished pavilion at the Big Field in Brockham was officially opened by Bill Beaumont, England’s legendary Grand Slam winning captain and current Chairman of the Rugby Football Union, on 31 October 2012.

The complete rebuild of the pavilion’s interior cost £1 million with contributions from a number of local and national parties including the Football Foundation, the National Trust, the Rugby Football Foundation, The Rugby Football Union, the Surrey Hills Leader Local Action Group and the Wates Foundation. Mole Valley District Council made a grant contribution of £250,000 towards the costs and provided additional financial support too. The project also saw considerable financial support from Brockham Badgers Football Club and many of the members of Dorking Rugby Football Club.

In addition, Brockham Badgers gained a licence on three of the pitches and, as a result, has secured the future of football on the site. The facility now supports both Rugby Football and Association Football at the Big Field, as well as catering for a range of other sporting, leisure and social uses for the local community. It includes a ground floor club social area and bar, an upstairs Wates Community Club Room, six changing rooms conforming to the latest RFU and FA requirements, a gym and a medical room.

For more information, please call 01306 885001.

Sitting within a spur of the River Mole and obscured from public view, Betchworth castle is a largely unknown but unique and special place. It is Surrey’s only remaining fortified manor house. Dating back to the 11th century, the castle has a fascinating history culminating in its remodelling at the end of the eighteenth century by one of the county’s most important architects, Sir John Soane. Of his work, only the stable block in Castle Gardens remains.

The castle was dismantled in the 1840s by Henry Hope of Deepdene House to create a romantic ruin within his estate and has been in decline ever since. The castle was recently purchased from Mole Valley District Council (MVDC) by architectural historian Martin Higgins who, with assistance of grants from MVDC and English Heritage, has secured nearly £300,000 of funding to stabilise the standing remains, allowing future generations to enjoy this important piece of Surrey’s architectural history.

MVDC made a Heritage Lottery bid to reconnect the remnants of the Deepdene estate. If successful, access to the castle and other parts of the Deepdene would be greatly improved. Progress on the Deepdene project can be followed on our Facebook page http://www.facebook.com/TheDeepdeneTrail.
Events Coming to Leatherhead Town Centre in 2013

St George’s Day
The town will be celebrating St George’s Day on Saturday 20 April and will no doubt bear witness to plenty of flags being proudly hoisted up for all to see. There will be lots of entertainment on show between 11am and 3pm with live music and dancing from the popular Ewell St Mary Morris Dancers, walkabout acts, games and competitions.

Annual Duck Race
On Sunday 30 June the ducks will once again be taking to the water ahead of their annual race. Come along and join in the fun from 2pm by the town bridge at the bottom of Bridge Street. You can either buy your little yellow ducks in advance or on the day itself. There will also be refreshments down by the river and nearby, in Mill Lane, children can enjoy a ride on a miniature steam train.

Halloween
Prepare to be scared (well, only slightly) by ghosts, ghouls, goblins and goo on Thursday 31 October. Come along to the annual Halloween event in Leatherhead for some spooky, fun, entertainment and games between 3pm and 6pm. There will be a fancy dress competition in the Swan Shopping Centre and lots of roving acts.

Christmas
The festive season kicks off in Leatherhead on Saturday 7 December with the Christmas Festival. There will be plenty of traditional Christmas acts, entertainers and music, with performances from local dance groups and choirs.

For more information, please call 01306 885001. All events are subject to change.

Help Offered by Mid-Surrey Mediation

Do you have a problem with your neighbours and find communicating with them difficult?

If so, then mediation could be the way forward. Having requested help, trained volunteer mediators will visit you at home and will, in the strictest confidence and with complete impartiality, listen to the issues you’ve been experiencing. They will then do likewise with the relevant neighbours too.

After both parties have been listened to, the mediators will offer to arrange for everyone to meet at a convenient and neutral location. This activity enables everyone to air their grievances and ensures that all views are heard. This is a tried and tested mediation process and provides the best opportunity of finding a resolution which all parties find suitable, without the expense or stress of litigation. Surrey Mediation Society services are free of charge, though donations are welcomed.

To request mediation services or enquire about becoming a member of the volunteer mediator team, please call 07513524241 or email midsurrey.mediation@gmail.com.

Domestic Abuse: Help is Available

Domestic abuse can affect anyone, regardless of gender, sexuality, race, social status or wealth.

It commonly occurs behind closed doors, leaving people feeling powerless to stop the emotional and physical pain.

For help and support, call East Surrey Domestic Abuse Outreach Service on 01737 771350. In an emergency dial 999.

Visit the Housing Advice section of the Council’s website to see the range of help available, including schemes regarding living arrangements, legal advice, local support and advice organisations and national agencies and helplines.
Do I need Planning Permission for my Extension?

You may have heard that the Government is considering whether or not to allow larger extensions to be built without needing planning permission. The outcome of the Government’s considerations should be published later this year.

Whatever the decision, our Building Control team would like to advise anyone thinking of extending their property that these changes will apply only to planning permission. The need to apply for Building Regulations Approval remains unchanged.

Building Regulations ensure that your building is structurally sound, weather-tight, thermally efficient and safe. If you have ‘building’ plans, the Building Control team would be very pleased to advise on Building Regulations requirements.

For more information, please visit the Building Control pages on our website www.molevalley.gov.uk or call us on 01306 879264.

Planning Information Officers are also available to advise you on the need for planning permission. Please call 01306 885001.

New Affordable Homes Coming to Newdigate

Mole Valley Housing Association will complete the construction of 12 new affordable homes in the rural village of Newdigate this spring.

This development was made possible due to support from the land owner, the local Parish Council and funding from the Homes and Communities Agency and Mole Valley District Council (MVDC) of £580,000.

Eight of the homes will be available for rent and four for shared ownership and will be offered to those people in housing need who are on the Council’s waiting list and have a local connection to Newdigate Parish Council. The development is on the green belt and was given planning permission as an exception by MVDC because it will provide affordable housing to meet the needs of local people.

To join the Housing register, call 01306 885001 or visit www.molevalley-homechoice.org.uk and to register for shared ownership visit www.catalysthomebuy.co.uk

Dorking Christian Centre

Services such as hairdressing, chiropody, foot care and aromatherapy were successfully transferred from the Mayflower Day Centre to the Dorking Christian Centre almost two years ago and are proving extremely popular with visitors to this day.

The centre offers tasty hot meals five days a week and coffee mornings every Saturday too. Transport to and from the Centre is available to our older residents in the form of the Council’s Dial a Ride service. For more information about Dial a Ride, please visit www.molevalley.gov.uk or call 01372 383333.

Upon being asked for their views about the move to the Christian Centre taken in 2012, responses from visitors were overwhelmingly positive, particularly regarding how friendly and welcoming staff and volunteers were. There was also special praise for the café, the services on offer and the range of afternoon activities available.

For more information please go to www.dorkingchristiancentre.org.uk. If you wish to visit, the centre is open Monday to Friday, from 9am to 2pm on Church Road, Dorking, RH4 1DW.

Nappy Trial

We are currently carrying out a 6 month collection trial for Absorbent Hygiene Products, such as nappies and incontinence pads in the Bookham and Fetcham area. If the trial is a success, it could lead to a district-wide role out in future.

To find out more, please visit www.molevalley.gov.uk/nappytrial
Anti-social Environmental Crimes

We are responsible for investigating and, where appropriate, taking enforcement action against anyone found committing environmental crime such as fly-tipping, abandoned vehicles, graffiti and littering.

The penalties vary depending on the offence and can range from a Fixed Penalty Notice of £75 being issued for littering, to a custodial sentence for fly-tipping.

In the months from April to November 2012, clearing up fly-tipping in Mole Valley cost Council Tax payers more than £10,000, not including staff time. It is unsightly and can pose serious hazards to road users and the environment.

A large number of fly-tips originate from small scale domestic building or renovation work, such as a new kitchen or bathroom. If you have work of this type carried out, please ensure that you use a reputable waste carrier that has been registered with the Environment Agency to take the waste away and that they provide you with a waste transfer note.

For more information or to report an environmental crime, please visit www.molevalley.gov.uk or call 01306 885001.

Bag it, Tie it and Bin it

It is an offence for owners to allow their dog to foul on public land and if caught not picking up and disposing of the waste, could be given a £1,000 fine. Dog waste also poses a genuine danger to public health, particularly to our youngest and oldest residents.

Dog owners are entirely responsible for clearing up after their animal and should always have plastic bags, nappy sacks or other ‘poop scoop’ solutions with them. There are three simple steps to disposing of dog waste: Bag it, Tie it and Bin it.

• Bag it: The waste should be picked up after placing a hand into a bag and turning it inside out
• Tie it: The bag should be turned back inside itself by pulling the handles and knotting the top
• Bin it: Place the used bag in any public waste bin or dog waste bins provided across the district

To report an incident of dog fouling, please visit www.molevalley.gov.uk, Tweet @molevalleydc or call 01306 885001 and ask for Environmental Health. For more information about dog fouling and the areas that owners are obligated to pick up their dog’s waste from, please visit the Council’s website.

Lost, Found and Stray Dogs

If your dog goes missing or you find a stray, please report it by calling 01306 885001 during normal office hours or 01372 376533 outside normal office hours, at the weekend or on bank holidays. Alternatively you can email env.health@molevalley.gov.uk or visit www.molevalley.gov.uk and report it online by completing the ‘Lost and Stray Dogs’ form.

We offer a list on our website of strays that are in need of being re-homed. All dogs are vaccinated, neutered and treated for fleas and worms before leaving the kennel.
ELECTRIC HEATING AND SUSTAINABLE HOT WATER

Heating is a major purchase in our life. Not just the cost of buying a system but the cost of the energy to run it and, just as importantly, the costs to maintain it.

Get rid of your heating maintenance costs all together. A Sunflow guarantee of 10 years will do it and with no servicing costs every year. A Sunflow heater is well made, hand finished and has a life expectancy of 40 to 50 years.

Sunflow electric heaters allow total control of heating costs. Every room can be time and temperature controlled with a range of controls from simple manual thermostats and timers, to room by room remote control.

- **NO INSTALLATION COSTS** Our low input heaters can be plugged into a standard 13 amp socket.
- **NO MAINTENANCE** No boiler, pump or valves to service annually
- **SLIMLINE DESIGN** Only 8 cm deep
- **REPLACEMENT SERVICE** A real alternative to gas or oil central heating. Our fully qualified staff take the worry out of changing over

As well as replacing old heating systems with our amazing refractory clay heaters we are also upgrading hot water with the incredible ‘Sunflow Thermodynamic System’. Customers looking for substantial energy savings can have a hot water system that can be run for as little as 11 pence per day.

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0800 158 8270

Questions?
Call Suzanne on
0800 158 8272
Boilers and Heating System Upgrades

Action Surrey can access grants towards replacement heating systems and boiler repairs. Low interest loans and Green Deal Finance is also available to pay for heating systems. Replacing your heating system can save you up to £250 a year on your gas bill.

Insulation

You could get cavity wall, loft or solid wall insulation installed for FREE or at a heavily discounted rate. Insulation can save you up to £350 a year on your energy bills every year.

If you are in receipt of certain benefits or live in a solid wall building you could be eligible for funding towards home energy improvements such as loft and wall insulation, new heating systems or glazing.

Contact Action Surrey today

0800 783 2503

www.actionsurrey.org

Action Surrey, your local energy advice centre, works in partnership with Mole Valley District Council to provide homeowners with impartial energy advice – helping you make your home cheaper to heat and light, more comfortable to live in and how you can finance improvements at little or no upfront cost.