



Councillor Bridget Kendrick
Leader of Mole Valley District Council

I am immensely proud to see Mole Valley named the most successful council in England for preventing homelessness, for the first quarter of 2025, and 5th best in the second quarter of that year. We also signed a poverty pledge to strengthen support for vulnerable residents.

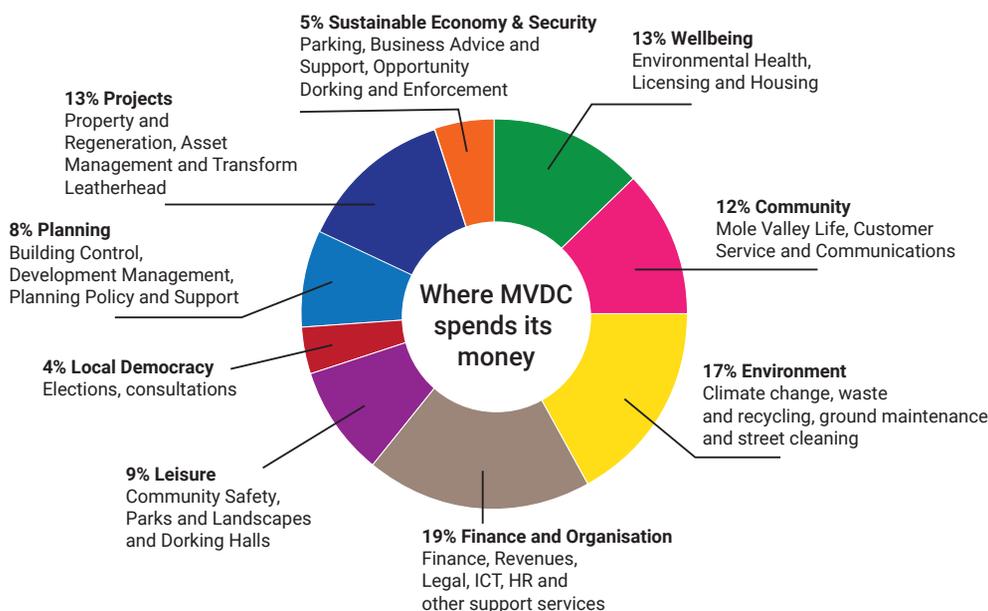
1500 sessions were attended during our free summer holiday activities programme, playground refurbishment plans are taking shape and regeneration work continues with the Swan Centre, Bull Hill and Dorking's Foundry site. The next phase of works at Dorking Halls is set for this spring and Pippbrook House continues to grow as a cultural hub.

We will continue to deliver on the plans and objectives set out in the 2026 - 27 Annual Plan - our final one as your local council - ahead of the East Surrey Authority taking over in April 2027.

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Where does your Council Tax go? *

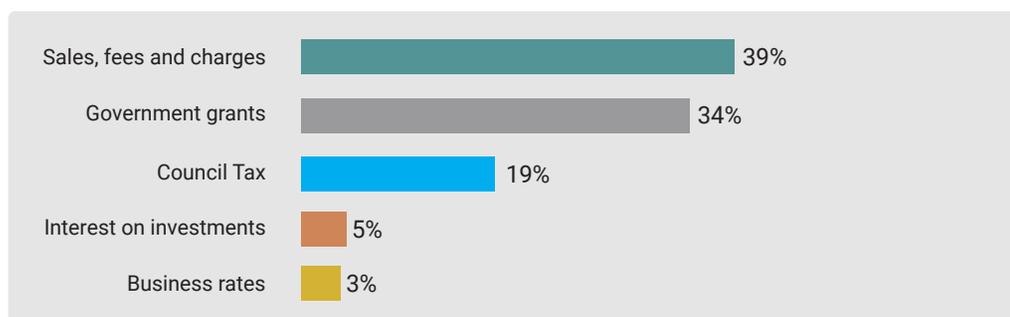
* Representation of average percentages



Our key investment projects until March 2027 include...

- Waste and recycling vehicles (in use from 2027)
- Dorking Halls refurbishment
- Improving parks and playgrounds
- Foundry/Church Street development
- Regeneration projects
- MV Employment and Skills Hub
- Community grants
- Disabled facilities grants
- Summer holiday activities for children

Where does MVDC's money come from?



Annual Plan Projects

Employment and Skills Hub

Based at the Swan Centre in Leatherhead, the hub provides advice, guidance and coaching to those who are unemployed, facing redundancy or struggling to sustain paid work. Working with local employers, training providers and other organisations, the Hub's support helps to tackle barriers to work and connect residents of all ages to training and education opportunities, opening access to new skills and sustainable employment.

molevalley.gov.uk/mvhub

Community Funding

We invest money collected from developers through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to support community-led projects and essential infrastructure like transport, education, and healthcare. If you have a project idea that could benefit your local community, now is the time to get involved. Community groups, parish councils and local organisations are invited to apply for funding to help deliver improvements that matter most to residents.

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Playgrounds & Open Spaces

We're investing £3.9 million from our Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy of which £3.4m will be used to upgrade parks and recreation grounds across Ashted, Bookham, Dorking, and Leatherhead. This major programme begins this year and supports the housing growth set out in Mole Valley's Local Plan.

Plans include a new destination playground in Leatherhead, creating a standout space for families and children to enjoy.

molevalley.gov.uk/parks

Dorking Halls

We've invested over £4 million in 2024 to repair and improve Dorking Halls. The second phase of the works is planned for later this year, including major upgrades to mechanical and electrical systems, stage engineering equipment and the installation of solar panels to support the venue's long-term sustainability goals and reduce carbon emissions. Dorking Halls will close from late April and re-open in time for the panto season.

dorkinghalls.co.uk

Transform Leatherhead

Towards the end of 2025 a planning application for the regeneration of the Swan Centre and Bull Hill was submitted to the Local Planning Authority by The Leret Partnership (the joint venture between MVDC and Kier Property Developments); a statutory consultation period followed in December/January. A decision on the planning application will be made later this year by the MVDC Development Management Committee.

transformleatherhead.com

Sports Opportunities

Our Summer Holiday Activities programme for 0-16s will return in 2026. Last year saw 16 different activities on offer, from sports to arts and crafts, with 1500 individual session attendances completed.

Additionally, our Sports Club Access Scheme is helping to reduce the financial barriers between young people and the chance to try a new sport with the help of a grant to use at a variety of sports clubs across the district.

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Mole Valley Life – Supporting Independence and Communities



Mole Valley Life is dedicated to helping residents live independently, safely and with dignity. From Technology Enabled Care Services that provide reassurance and assistance, to affordable community transport and the welcoming Fairfield Centre, they offer tailored solutions for older and vulnerable residents across Mole Valley and surrounding areas.

Working closely with health, social care and voluntary partners, Mole Valley Life ensures access to vital services, social activities and support networks.

Visit molevalleylife.co.uk or call **01372 204500** to find out more.



Pippbrook House

The Grade II* listed gothic mansion in Dorking enters an exciting new phase as a vibrant hub for cultural and community events, following 15 months of specialist roof repairs.

An evolving programme of cultural and performance events is currently being run by the Dorking Halls team. It will continue during the Halls closure from April to December.

With flexible room options, the venue is available to hire for meetings, exhibitions, live shows and filming. The Ballroom boasts audio visual equipment and lighting plus a vaulted, star-studded ceiling!

dorkinghalls.co.uk/pippbrookhouse

A Greener Mole Valley

Following our climate change and biodiversity strategies, we are working together to build a greener, more sustainable future for Mole Valley.

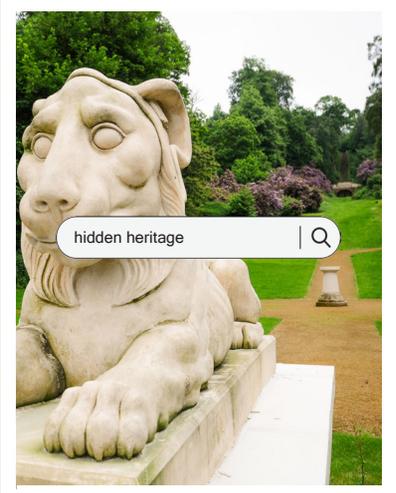
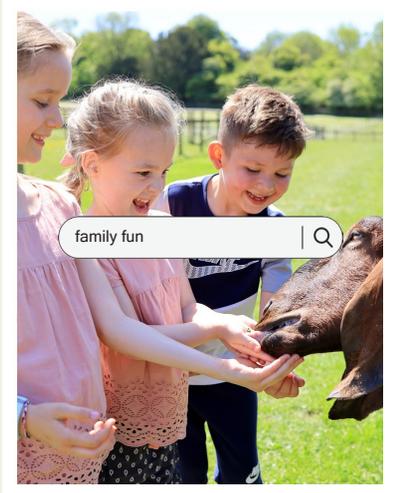
With 56.4% of all waste being recycled, composted or reused, Mole Valley is once again beating both the national average (42.3%) and Surrey average (54.5%) for recycling. Across Surrey, less than 0.2% of the total waste went to landfill, placing the county 6th out of 29 areas in England. Keep up the good work!

Activities to increase biodiversity are also well underway, including the digging of new ponds, introduction of wildlife-friendly and drought-tolerant planting, and minimising the use of herbicides.

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