

Introduction

The village of Ewhurst and the nearby hamlet of Ellens Green sit just below the beautiful Surrey Hills. There are excellent amenities and many active village organisations, which foster a strong feeling of community. The total population is just over 2,600

More about the Church

Communications

Information about church activities are publicised via the weekly pew sheet, the website, and Facebook as well as notices on village boards. The pew sheet is published on the website and Facebook and e-mailed to 150 addresses. The quarterly magazine is delivered free to every house in the parish and can be read on the website. Posters for special events are displayed around the parish.

Links with other churches

We have strong links to [Ewhurst Baptist Church](#), holding joint services over the Easter period and during the summer. We also join together for special village and national occasions. The two churches hold a joint coffee morning each week, open to everyone in the village.



The Wilson Room

The church room was built in 2010 in the churchyard and has easy access from the church, the rectory and for passersby. It consists of a large communal room, a kitchen, toilets, and the Parish Office. The Wilson Room has allowed the church to broaden its ministry with less formal services and events taking place there. Refreshments are served here after Sunday services.

A weekly Baby and Toddler group in term times provide an important social function and it is used for many of our fund-raising events both for the church and for our nominated charities. See details of all the church activities in the Activities section.

The Churchyard

The churchyard is closed for burials, but ashes can be interred in front of the Memorial Wall which displays commemorative plaques. Burials are in the Parish Cemetery, just below the church. The upper churchyard is maintained by a gardener and volunteers. The lower churchyard is a “wilder” area but is cleared and tidied by volunteers.

Both the church and the churchyard have been researched by the [Ewhurst History Society](#) who have published a [comprehensive guide book](#), on sale at the church Wilson room.

The Parish of Ewhurst and Ellens Green

The village of Ewhurst is 2 miles east of Cranleigh on the B2127 and is the more populated part of the parish of Ewhurst and Ellens Green. It is close to the heart of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, with plenty of footpaths and bridleways to enjoy as well as an abundance of common land:

- The Downs Link runs along the disused Guildford to Horsham railway line and is available for walkers, cyclists and horses.
- Pitch Hill and the Hurtwood, to the north of the village, are popular with dog walkers, riders, joggers and off-road cyclists.
- By- roads in the area cater for post-Olympic competitive cyclists.
- The National Trust's Winkworth Arboretum is a few miles to the West.

Ewhurst village has a thriving village shop – Ewhurst Country Stores, which offers a wide range of provisions and facilities. The village pub, The Bulls Head, is also an important part of village life.



The village shop in The Street



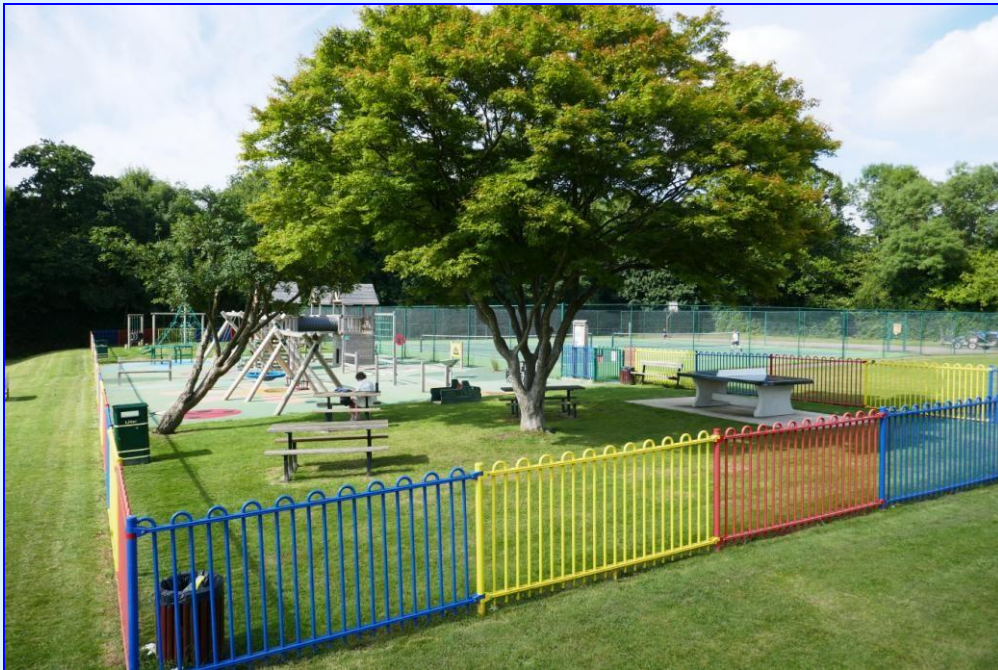
The Bulls Head



The School

Rainbows End, a pre-school, is located in the village hall.

The village hall, in the care of the Parish Council, is well kept and used by a wide range of organisations for many different activities. The Recreation Ground is well maintained with football and rugby pitches plus hard standing tennis courts. There is a Sports Pavilion for visiting teams and social events. The Rec also has a magnificent children's play area which is a magnet for mums and carers with young children.



The village is very community minded with a range of societies, sports clubs, and organisations. Every two years they join together for the Ewhurst Carnival providing stalls and activities. In the heart of the village is [Sayers Croft Rural Centre](#), owned by Westminster Council. The Centre offers days for village children to take part in the outdoor activities which they have on site. It is a common sight to see the groups of visiting children studying around the village.

Owned by Ewhurst Parish Council, Ellens Green Community Hall is used by another pre-school group and The Ellens Green Badminton Club.

Property in the Parish is largely privately owned. There is some provision for social housing, for the elderly, the disabled and those with links to the village. Nearby is The Glebe Centre, a community hall for the use of residents and for weekly coffee mornings.

Although some are employed locally, a significant number of people commute to London from here. There is pressure on the local authority to implement substantial housing development locally. This does impact on the local infrastructure. A number of new housing developments have recently been built in Ewhurst. The main employers within the Parish are [The Duke of Kent School](#), [Sayers Croft Rural Centre](#) and The Old Rectory Nursing Home. There are a few other smaller businesses along the main street of the village and at the Brookside Rural Retail Park in Ellens Green.

The large village of Cranleigh is nearby, with supermarkets, high street and independent shops, a main post office, Health Centre, dentists, the Library and Leisure Centre. There are also a number of places to eat out and a popular weekly market.

The City of Guildford, with its cathedral and university, lies 10.6 miles to the North East of the village. Here there are many large West End stores, The Royal Surrey County Hospital and the Yvonne Arnaud theatre which regularly hosts pre-London runs. There is the GLive Centre which hosts a variety of events and music styles.

The market town of Dorking is 9.5 miles to the east and Horsham 9.8 miles to the south.

Public Transport

Ewhurst is not particularly well served by public transport. There is an hourly bus to Cranleigh and Guildford with occasional buses to Dorking and Horsham. Cranleigh offers a wider bus service. The nearest train stations are:

□ Gomshall	5.6miles	1hr 20mins journey time to London Waterloo
□ Shalford	9.4 miles	1 hr journey time to London Waterloo
□ Dorking	9.5 miles	1 hr journey time to London Waterloo or Victoria
□ Guildford	10.6 miles	40 mins journey time to London Waterloo 1 hr 10 mins journey time to London Victoria

Village Organisations

The wide range of well-supported activities in Ewhurst help to give the village its strong community feel. Details of all the organisations can be found on the Parish Council Website and in the Parish Information Booklet. This is delivered to households when they arrive in the village. Specific activities offered by our church can be found in the [Activities Section](#) of the church website.

Several organisations have both junior and senior sections:

Bowling Club
The Bulls Head Pub
Bridge Club
Cricket Club
Ewcare
Ewhurst Carnival
Football Club
Friends of St Peter & St Paul
Glebe Coffee Mornings
History Society
Horticultural Society
Leap Conservation Group
Monday Club
Ewhurst Players
Rifle Club
Stoolball Club
Surrey Hills Choirs
Village Club
Village Society
WeCare
Wildlife Club at Sayers Croft
Youth Club

Church-Village Activities

In addition to our services and inter-church events, our active members organise and run a number of major fundraising events each year. These are open to all and raise money for our nominated charities or for our own church funds. Our charities benefit from these events which include Lent Lunches, Winter Warmer Lunches and Harvest Lunch..

Funds for the church are raised at the Autumn Rectory Fete. The Friends of St Peter & St Paul run a Quiz Night, and the biennial Ewhurst Family Fun Day, held at the Sayers Croft Rural Centre. FSPSP have also done Race Nights, and a themed dinner evening with entertainment. These special events are always well supported.

The Parish Schools and Wider Educational Links

As mentioned previously, the village has an excellent pre-school and Infant School. Once children reach the age of seven, they have the choice of two junior schools and a secondary school in Cranleigh and from there, can continue at the Sixth Form College in Godalming. Also in the parish is the Duke of Kent Independent School, which admits boys and girls from pre-school age to GCSE level. The church has links to each of these schools in the parish, giving both assemblies and special services as needed. Children can also maintain their links with the church after leaving the village schools by joining the bell ringers. Confirmation classes are offered whenever needed.

All our local schools hold events which are open to the whole village such as fetes, quizzes, musical events, and various sales. There is always plenty going on.