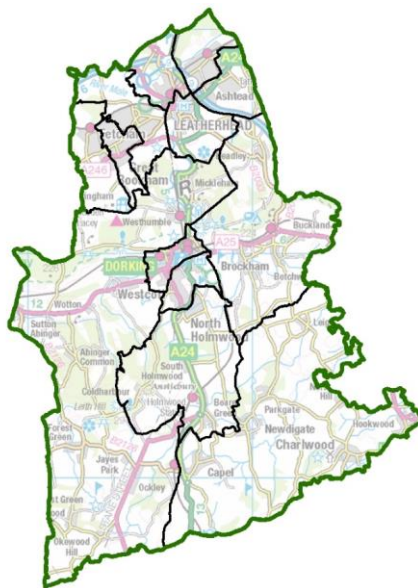


## News Release from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England

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### New political map for Mole Valley District Council

Mole Valley is set to have new boundaries for its council wards.



New wards for Mole Valley District Council

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High resolution map available at [https://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/lgbce/Reviews/South%20East/Surrey/Mole%20Valley/Final/Mole\\_Valley\\_F\\_SO.pdf](https://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/lgbce/Reviews/South%20East/Surrey/Mole%20Valley/Final/Mole_Valley_F_SO.pdf)

The Local Government Boundary Commission is the independent body that draws these boundaries. It has reviewed Mole Valley to make sure councillors will represent about the same number of electors, and that ward arrangements will help the council work effectively.

The Commission has published final recommendations for changes Mole Valley District Council. It says residents should be represented by 39 councillors. [This two fewer than the current arrangements.]

There will be 13 three-councillor wards. This is eight fewer wards than there are now. The boundaries of all wards have been changed in the Commission's final recommendations; none will stay the same.

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Publishing the recommendations Professor Colin Mellors, Chair of the Commission, said:

“We are very grateful to people in Mole Valley. We looked at all the views they gave us. They helped us improve our earlier proposals.

“We believe the new arrangements will guarantee electoral fairness while maintaining local ties.”

169 comments from local residents and organisations helped to decide the new wards. Changes in response to what local people said include:

- Amending the boundaries of wards covering Fetcham and Bookham in response to local evidence of community identity
- Amending several ward names to provide more comprehensive descriptions of the communities in our proposed wards.

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The Commission has made further changes to its earlier proposals. Details can be found on its website at:

Parliament now needs to agree the changes. The new arrangements will then apply for the 2023 council elections.

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### Notes to editors:

For further information contact the Commission’s press office on 0330 500 1525 / 1250 or email [press@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:press@lgbce.org.uk)

An interactive map is available at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/30046>

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is an independent body accountable to Parliament. It recommends fair electoral and boundary arrangements for local authorities in England. In doing so, it aims to:

- Make sure that, within an authority, each councillor represents a similar number of electors
- Create boundaries that are appropriate, and reflect community ties and identities
- Deliver reviews informed by local needs, views and circumstances