

# Community Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny



## Community Resilience Project

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As part of the Recovery, Change and Transformation Programme initiated as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Community Resilience Project has been implemented to give a clear understanding of the impact of the pandemic on the Voluntary, Community and Faith sector, record the responses that have been implemented, demonstrate the outlook for the future and recommend long term plans for community engagement and partnering.

## Project Board

WBC Officers representing services across the Council  
Head of Voluntary Action South West Surrey  
Surrey County Council including Adult Social Care  
Farnham and North East Hants CCG  
Surrey Community Action  
Surrey Heartlands Integrated Care Partnership

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## Project Objective

### Create a plan to continue implementing the successful interventions in the short term

Data gathered so far to identify trends/cohorts and understand resident's needs in short, medium and long term

Evaluate and determine the development of initiatives with partners to provide services for residents impacted by COVID-19 in the recovery phase.

Develop a structure to support Waverley's voluntary organisations to provide services to residents to those still required to self-isolate and social distance following the lifting of lockdown restrictions.

Building a support structure with partners to help residents who are financially impacted due to covid-19 – this will include; supporting the establishment of hardship funds / community Stores and foodbanks



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**Carry out a review and evaluation of the successes of the community involvement in the response.**

Review the impact of COVID-19 on voluntary organisations across the borough and the long-term impact this will have on their resilience and how their services may change, in partnership with Voluntary Action South West Surrey.

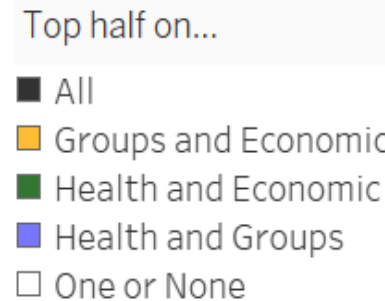
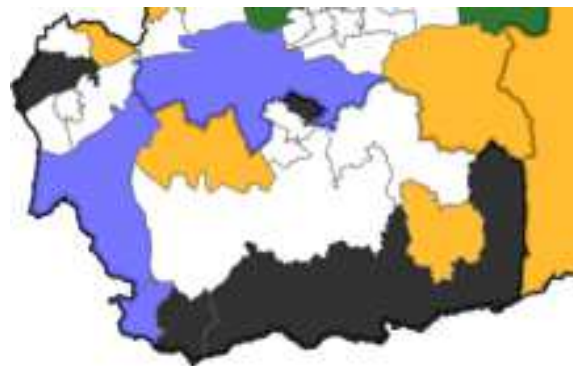
Utilise the outcomes of research on the impact of COVID-19 on voluntary organisations across the borough to feed in to the Councils discretionary grant funding decisions



# The Impact of Covid on Waverley – Post Survey's / Data Gathered

## Surrey County Council - Geographic Impact Assessment (GIA)

- Analysis of the impact of COVID-19 on local communities across health, economic and vulnerability dimensions. The analysis helps to identify which places in Surrey have been most affected by the pandemic and how.
- There are 21 Middle Layer Super Output Areas (MSOAs) that have been impacted greater than the average across all three dimensions. These are in Spelthorne (5), **Waverley (4)**, Mole Valley (3), Tandridge (3), Runnymede (2), Reigate & Banstead (2) and Elmbridge (2).



NB: Middle Layer Super Output Areas

Middle Layer Super Output Areas (MSOA) are a geographic hierarchy designed to improve the reporting of small area statistics in England and Wales. Middle Layer Super Output Areas are built from groups of contiguous Lower Layer Super Output Areas. The minimum population is 5000 and the mean is 7200.

# The Impact of Covid on Waverley GIA – Top 5 MSOAs

<u>Vulnerable Population Dimension<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>Health Impact Dimension</u>	<u>Economic Impact Dimension</u>
Farncombe (ranked 1 in Surrey)	Haslemere West (ranked 4 in Surrey)	Farnham Weybourne & Badshot Lea
Hindhead, Beacon Hill & Frensham	Hindhead, Beacon Hill & Frensham (ranked 5 in Surrey)	Farncombe
Ewhurst & Chiddingfold	Wheelerstreet, Wormley & Hambledon	Haslemere East
Elstead & Milford	Farnham Town	Farnham Upper Hal
Farnham Town	Farncombe	Ewhurst & Chiddingfold

**NB:**

- **Vulnerable Population dimension** considers where there is likely to have been disproportionate impact based on the prevalence of particular groups with pre-existing vulnerabilities, eg, people with disabilities, people with mental health conditions, older people who live alone and carers. It also considers people who have been impacted by lockdown in another way, for example people shielding and friends and families who have been bereaved from non-covid deaths
- **Health impacts dimension** looks at where there have been direct health impacts as a result of Covid-19, including where there have been deaths directly attributed to the virus and outbreaks within care homes.
- **Economic impacts dimension** looks at where there have been direct economic impacts as a result of lockdown, including where there have been increases in unemployment and where employees have been furloughed.

## Post Covid

- The vulnerable are more vulnerable and movement into vulnerability?

UK wide(Office of National Statistics ).

- During lockdown anxiety levels in older people 70+ which are generally lower - have increased. This increase is independent of whether one has a health condition or not.
- Older people (70+) feel uncomfortable about leaving home versus younger age group (16 - 69) (40% vs 26%)– tend to go out only for essentials. Less likely to go out to meet friends in public places or go to a restaurant.
- Therefore more difficult to engage in social / cultural activities etc which are key factors influencing well being.
- Finances of older people less impacted.
- Older people more likely to feel that local community would help them.

# The Impact of Covid on Waverley /Surrey

## What we will find out

Recovery progress index (RPI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a surveillance tool for monitoring how well Surrey is recovering from the pandemic</li> <li>• looks at a range of indicators across five themes; Economy, Place, Health, Society and Infrastructure</li> </ul>	18 September
Temperature Check Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey of approximately 1,600 households from across Surrey to understand their experiences of the pandemic and lockdown.</li> </ul>	28 September
Community rapid needs assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 in-depth assessments of how vulnerable communities have been affected during COVID-19 and the needs and priorities of these communities</li> <li>• Data has been collected through interviews with community members, people working in local services and from existing data on health risks and outcomes.</li> <li>• Provide nuanced insights into communities' experiences and recommendations for strategy and action.</li> </ul>	2 <sup>nd</sup> October
Place based ethnographic research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detailed ethnographic research into individual experiences of COVID-19 in communities that have been most impacted economically and socially. Interviews taking place in</li> <li>• Hindhead, Beacon Hill &amp; Frensham MSOA representative of rural community.</li> </ul>	7 <sup>th</sup> October
Waverley Town and Parish Groups Covid-19 Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• targeted to Covid-19 response groups, all town and parish councils.</li> <li>• find out what they did during the pandemic, and</li> <li>• understand what they believe their local community wanted/will want in the future</li> </ul>	October



## **Activity to date and Future Joint Initiatives**

**Dissemination of the Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential utilising Community Organisation.**

**Digital inclusion – pilot with senior living schemes, starting in Cranleigh**

**Service Level Agreements – supporting organisations who delivered services through the 12 weeks of lock down**

**Surrey Heartlands Integrated Care Partnership – Services and Activity for Carers in Waverley**

**Falls Prevention – digital programme  
Promoting and supporting initiatives to address social isolation**

**Supporting Waverley's centres for older people to re-open**