



COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW 2025

PARISH OF SHERE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The civil parish of Shere is located within the Tillingbourne ward of Guildford Borough Council. It is also located within the Shere Division of Surrey County Council and forms part of the Godalming & Ash Parliamentary Constituency.

The civil parish of Shere currently comprises of three parish wards as follows:

Parish Ward	Area covering	Current number of councillors
North Ward	Shere and Gomshall	Six
South-East Ward	Holmbury St. Mary	Three
South-West Ward	Peaslake	Four

What do parish councils do?

By way of information, a summary of the general powers and duties of parish councils is attached as **Annex 1**.

What is a Community Governance Review?

A Community Governance Review is a review by the Borough Council of the whole or part of the Borough to consider one or more of the following:

- Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes;
- The naming of a parish and the style of a new parish (i.e. whether to call it a “village”, “community” or “neighbourhood” with the council similarly named as a “village council”, “community council” or “neighbourhood council”);
- The electoral arrangements for parishes (including council size, the number of councillors to be elected to the council, and parish warding), and
- Grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes.

The Borough Council is required to ensure that community governance within the area under review will be:

- reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area; and
- is effective and convenient.

In doing so, the Community Governance Review is required to take into account:

- The impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and
- The size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish.