



Surrey Heath Constituency Profile

Summary/Key Features/Facts

Surrey Heath	
Non-metropolitan district , borough	
 Coat of arms	
Motto(s): <i>Festina diliger</i> (Latin : Make haste carefully)	
 Surrey Heath shown within Surrey	
Sovereign state	United Kingdom
Constituent country	England
Region	South East England
Non-metropolitan county	Surrey
Status	Non-metropolitan district
Admin HQ	Camberley

Incorporated	1 April 1974
Government	
Type	Non-metropolitan district council
Body	Surrey Heath Borough Council
Leadership	Cllr Alan McClafferty (Conservative)
MPs	Michael Gove (Conservative)
Area	
Total	36.7 sq mi (95.1km ²)
Rank	220th (of 309)
Population (mid-2019 est.)	
Total	89,305
Rank	273rd (of 309)
Density	2,400/sq mi (940km ²)
Ethnicity	95.4% White 2.1% S.Asian 1.0% Black 1.4% Chinese or Other 1.4% Mixed Race
Time zone	UTC0 (GMT)
Summer (DST)	UTC+1 (BST)
ONS code	43UUJ (ONS) E07000214 (GSS)
OS grid reference	 SU8752760851
Website	www.surreyheath.gov.uk

Key Towns/Villages/ Communications

Surrey Heath constituency is made up of Camberley (the main town), Frimley, and the hamlets/villages of Frimley Green, Mytchett and Deepcut to the west, Ash, Ash Vale and Tongham to the south, and Bagshot, Lightwater, Windlesham, Chobham, West End and Bisley to the east. It is served by two SW Train services to Waterloo, Guildford and the south coast, as well as a Thameslink Trains service from Reading to Gatwick. There are also local bus services as well as a motorway bus service from Camberley to Victoria Coach Station. The A30 and M3 serve the north of the constituency and the A3/A31 is to the south. The two routes are connected by the Blackwater Valley Road (A325) to the west and the A322 to the east as well as a network of country roads.

Parliamentary Constituency

The seat was created in 1997 from the most part of [North West Surrey](#), a seat that was abolished, and smaller parts of [Woking](#) and [Guildford](#), seats that remain.

On its creation, [Nick Hawkins](#) was elected to parliament as Surrey Heath's MP, after [Michael Grylls](#), who had in 1992 achieved a majority of 28,392, retired.^[1] One of Hawkins' opponents for selection was future [Speaker John Bercow](#), selected for [Buckingham](#) the same day.^[2]

The [Conservative](#) constituency association, then the richest in the country, deselected Hawkins for the next election, following accusations of racism, in the hope of obtaining an MP of cabinet calibre.^{[5][6]}

The MP since 2005, [Michael Gove](#), saw his longest spell as a Secretary of State in the education brief and is the current [Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities](#).

See Appendix 1 for details of recent election results.

Local Government

The Local Government Borough was formed on 1 April 1974 under the [Local Government Act 1972](#), as a merger of [Frimley and Camberley Urban District](#), and Bagshot Rural District. The [Borough](#) acquired its name because it includes extensive areas of [heath](#) and woodland including [Chobham Common](#) and [Lightwater](#) Country Park.

Surrey Heath Borough Council, with councillors' affiliations as follows:^[4]

Political Party	Seats
Conservative	17
Liberal Democrat	8
Independent	6
Green	2
Labour	1

For detailed election results in 2019, see [Surrey Heath Borough Council elections](#).

The Council is now in NOC pending the outcome of a by-election in Bisley & West End on 14th April 2022.

There are four Parish Councils within Surrey Heath (, Bisley, West End, Windlesham and Chobham).



Surrey Heath Liberal Democrats

The local party has some 160 members plus some 40 additional supporters. It is managed by an Executive and there are no branch parties.

The party has been very active in recent years and has made considerable progress in a constituency which was said to be the most right-wing in the UK in 2014.

Appendix 1



Surrey Heath Parliamentary Elections in the 2010s

2019 general election : Surrey Heath ^[15]				
Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±%
 Conservative	Michael Gove	34,358	58.6	−5.6
 Liberal Democrats	Alasdair Pinkerton	16,009	27.3	+16.5



Labour	Brahma Mohanty	5,407	9.2	−11.9
Green	Sharon Galliford	2,252	3.8	−0.1
UKIP	David Roe	628	1.1	<i>New</i>
Majority		18,349	31.3	−11.8
Turnout		58,654	72.1	+0.5
Conservative hold		Swing	−11.0	



[2017 general election](#): Surrey Heath^[16]

Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±%
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	Conservative	Michael Gove	37,118	64.2	+4.3
	Labour	Laween Atroshi	12,175	21.1	+9.9
	Liberal Democrats	Ann-Marie Barker	6,271	10.8	+1.7
	Green	Sharon Galliford	2,258	3.9	−0.5
Majority			24,943	43.1	−2.5
Turnout			57,822	71.6	+3.1
	Conservative hold		Swing	−2.8	

2015 general election: Surrey Heath ^[17]				
Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±%

	<u>Conservative</u>	<u>Michael Gove</u>	32,582	59.9	+2.3
	<u>UKIP</u>	Paul Chapman ^[18]	7,778	14.3	+8.0

	<u>Labour</u>	Laween Atroshi	6,100	11.2	+1.0
	<u>Liberal Democrats</u>	Ann-Marie Barker	4,937	9.1	−16.8
	<u>Green</u>	Kimberley Lawson ^[19]	2,400	4.4	<i>New</i>
	<u>Christian</u>	Juliana Brimicombe	361	0.7	<i>New</i>
	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Bob and Roberta Smith</u> ^[20]	273	0.5	<i>New</i>
Majority			24,804	45.6	+13.8
<u>Turnout</u>			54,431	68.5	−1.5

Conservative hold	Swing		
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2010 general election: Surrey Heath ^[21]				
Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±%
Conservative	Michael Gove	31,326	57.6	+6.1
Liberal Democrats	Alan Hilliar	14,037	25.8	−3.0
Labour	Matt Willey	5,552	10.2	−6.5
UKIP	Mark Stroud	3,432	6.3	+3.3
Majority		17,289	31.8	+9.1
Turnout		54,347	70.0	+7.1

Conservative hold	Swing	+4.5	
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Elections in the 2000s[\[edit\]](#)

2005 general election : Surrey Heath ^[22]				
Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±%

Conservative	Michael Gove	24,642	51.5	+1.8
Liberal Democrats	Rosalyn Harper	13,797	28.8	+3.1
Labour	Chris Lowe	7,989	16.7	−4.7
UKIP	Steve Smith	1,430	3.0	−0.3
Majority		10,845	22.7	−1.3

	Turnout	47,858	62.9	+3.4
Conservative hold	Swing		−0.7	

2001 general election : Surrey Heath ^[23]				
Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±%
Conservative	Nick Hawkins	22,401	49.7	−1.9
Liberal Democrats	Mark Lelliott	11,582	25.7	+3.9
Labour	James Norman	9,640	21.4	+0.4
UKIP	Nigel Hunt	1,479	3.3	+2.1
Majority		10,819	24.0	−5.8

<div>Turnout</div>		45,102	59.5	-14.6
<div>Conservative hold</div>				