



# The census is coming

Sunday **21 March**

it's about us  
census 2021

Households across Surrey will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021 on 21 March..

The census gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales and has been carried out every 10 years since 1801, except 1941.

This will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets with additional help and paper questionnaires for those who need them.

“A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed,” Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said.

Paul Fenton, the Community Engagement Manager for East Surrey, who lives locally, added: “Services like doctors’ surgeries, schools and new transport routes are really important and with so much happening around us at the moment it’s vital that we get an accurate picture of all the residents so that the right resources can be put in place for them”.

First results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

Local organisations which work with those in the community who may need additional help can contact Paul on [paul.fenton22@field.census.gov.uk](mailto:paul.fenton22@field.census.gov.uk) or visit [census.gov.uk](http://census.gov.uk).

There are now temporary employment positions available. People make the census. Be part of the team. [www.censusjobs.co.uk](http://www.censusjobs.co.uk)