



Surrey Covid-19 Community Impact Assessment

Mole Valley Impacts



Mole Valley

Our data on Mole Valley is sourced from the Local Recovery Index (LRI), our Temperature Check survey of 169 households in Mole Valley, our Geographical Impact Assessment and ethnographic research in Ashtead.

Looking at the period from April to June 2020, the Local Recovery Index (LRI) shows that Mole Valley has been the 5th most impacted district and borough in Surrey. Nevertheless, when looking at more local level, some areas such as Box Hill & Brockham have been disproportionately impacted. On themes such as smoking levels and provision of services Mole Valley residents have seen better outcomes than the Surrey average.

Health

Mole Valley ranks 9th for health out of the 11 District and Boroughs in the health dimension of the LRI, notably with the highest rate of excess deaths between April-June 2020, and 9th highest Covid death rate at 1 death per 1,000 compared to 0.9 deaths per 1,000 for Surrey on average.

The Geographical Impact Assessment found certain areas of Mole Valley were disproportionately impacted. Box Hill & Brockham MSOA ranks in the top 5 of MSOAs for vulnerable groups in Surrey. This was driven by a high number of pensioners living alone (16.5% of households, compared to an average of 12.6% of households in Surrey) and high proportion of over 80s (9%, compared to an average of 6%).

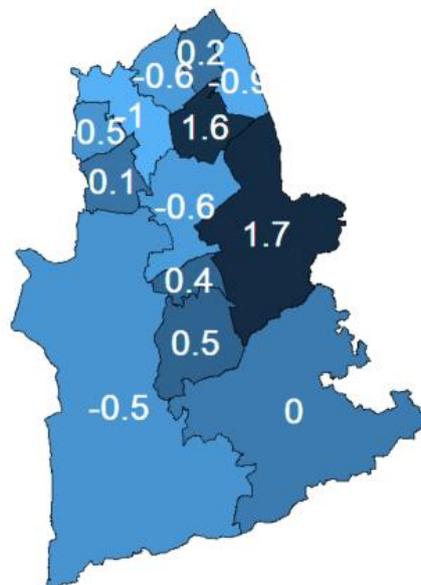


Figure 1 Shows the distribution of Covid Health Impact across MSOAs in Mole Valley (cases, deaths and care home outbreaks). A higher score indicates greater impact

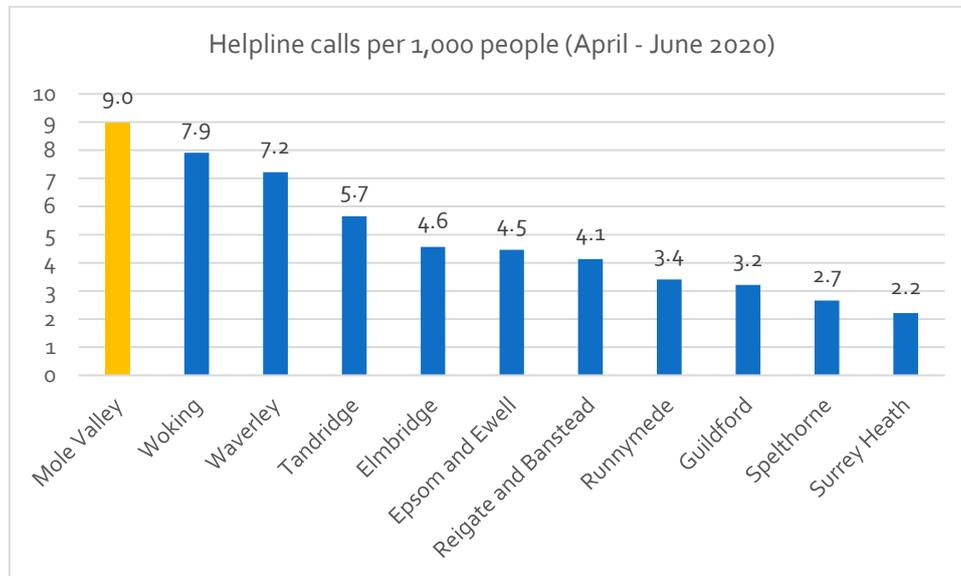
However, the Temperature Check survey also identified that 27% of smokers in Mole Valley reported smoking less tobacco than normal, compared to just 16% Surrey wide.

Economy

For the economic dimension of the LRI Mole Valley ranked 5th in the period from April to June 2020. However, Mole Valley ranks worst when looking at movement levels in grocery and pharmacy sites which fell by 31.63%.

Society

Mole Valley ranks 4th best for the society dimension in the period from April to June 2020, although it had the highest rate of calls made to the Surrey County Council community support helpline per 1,000 residents (9 calls per 1,000 people).



Mole Valley residents were 10% less concerned about children returning to school which corresponds with them also being 10% less likely to report only negative impacts on schooling due to the coronavirus crisis.

However, the ethnographic research also identified that the pandemic has exacerbated feelings of 'otherness' for some residents in Ashted as social circles contracted. One resident stated it 'was lockdown mixed with Black Lives Matter that made me realise that I don't fit in here.'

Services and Communication

Mole Valley respondents to the Temperature Check survey were 11% more aware of the Surrey County Council community helpline than the Surrey average. They were also more likely to report receiving the support they needed across the board, from food supplies, medicines, childcare, personal health and social care. They were 10% more likely to report people helping neighbours during this time.