



**Shere Parish Council** objects to the recommendation to remove the grant to operate the public conveniences in Shere.

Reducing the number of toilets in Guildford causes a reduction in public availability and means a longer walk to the nearest facility for members of the public. In Shere, if the Parish Council is forced to close the toilets it would represent a 100% reduction in toilet facilities in an isolated village, which is actively promoted as a tourist spot for people visiting the beautiful County of Surrey.

Even with the small grant of £4,680, the Parish Council bears net annual running cost to our precept and community of at least 6% of precept, and this does not account for any major refurbishment costs which are much needed and substantial, in the region of £60,000. The toilets are provided and used by visitors.

During the first lockdown of the pandemic the toilets were closed which led to members of the public defecating in the doorways of resident's houses.

Please support the village of Shere and help provide for the tourists. Please remember that Shere is part of the wider Borough.

Thank you