

Census letters now arriving



A reminder households across the Borough are now being asked to take part in Census 2021.

The once-in-a-decade survey gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales.

It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter in the coming days with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

The data which will inform not only councils but central government, charities and businesses, when making decisions to put services and funding in the places where they are most needed in the borough. This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, schools and new transport routes.

Census day will be on Sunday March 21 but households are encouraged to complete the form as soon as it arrives.

It will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity.

For the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, assisting our Armed Forces Covenant work, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

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

For more information, visit [census.gov.uk](https://www.census.gov.uk).