

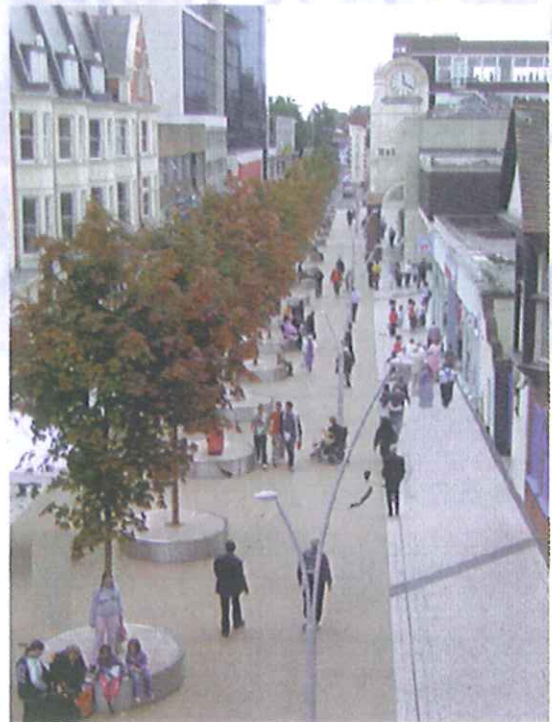
Borough of Reigate and Banstead Today

Welcome to Reigate and Banstead in the 21st century.

The towns and villages within the Borough are all very different in character and nature, including an historic market town, railway towns and dormitory villages.

In the centre of the Borough are the bustling towns of Reigate and Redhill and the village of Merstham. The town of Horley and the parish of Salfords and Sidlow lie in the south. The north of the Borough is made up of a number of villages including Banstead, Walton-on-the-Hill, Woodmansterne, Chipstead, Kingswood and Nork.

The following section gives a brief flavour of the Borough's four main centres.



Redhill High Street

Reigate

This historic market town nestles at the foot of the North Downs, which provide a magnificent backdrop.

The town, much of which is designated as a Conservation Area, is home to a range of specialist shops including antiques; craft; clothing and furniture. In addition it has also developed a reputation as a gourmet centre with many restaurants, pubs and cafés to suit all tastes.

A visit to the area reveals town walks with attractive buildings, picturesque churches and scenic views from the visitor centre at the top of Reigate Hill.

Priory Park which is undergoing a restoration project provides some 200 acres of open space and woodland. By contrast the Castle Grounds tucked behind the shops in the High Street provide a quiet retreat.



Redhill High Street



Reigate High Street

Redhill

Reigate's next-door neighbour Redhill, whilst being one of the smallest major commercial centres in Surrey is also one of the most desirable locations. It is home to the international headquarters of many major companies.

The town boasts The Belfry, a modern indoor shopping centre with major retailers such as Marks and Spencer. The Harlequin Theatre and Cinema – one of the most visited in Surrey – and Donyngs sports centre.

With a pedestrianised precinct and its thriving twice-weekly market, good pubs and a variety of local shops, Redhill has truly made its mark not only in the Borough but also in the County.

The town recently underwent a revitalisation project funded by the Borough Council to create a new town square and tree lined boulevard, giving the town a more continental feel.

Banstead

Close to London but protected by extensive Green Belt, Banstead has managed to retain its rustic village charm.

It has more than 100 shops spread along its long High Street. Convenient on-street parking and a major supermarket add to the constant flow of visitors to the town.

Banstead is also set in one of the most picturesque corners of the Borough; surrounded by accessible open countryside and a number of small attractive villages.



Nork Park



Banstead High Street



Horley High Street



Horley Riverside Gate

Horley

This traditional market town, which blends the old with the new, offers good convenience shopping to a large residential area, specialist shops, boutiques, pubs and restaurants.

The proximity of the airport also means that there are a number of reasonably priced guesthouses in the area with bigger hotels on the fringes of the town.

Horley is undergoing a regeneration programme to boost the local economy. The area is also set to grow by 2,600 homes and new community facilities are planned for the area over the next seven years.