



Local Land Charges news

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The latest information about the Local Land Charges (LLC) Programme.

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Recent migrations to live service – the 150th local authority goes live

9 local authorities successfully migrated in April, including Lichfield who became our 150th local authority to go live.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council	1 April 2026
Swindon Borough Council	10 April 2026
Ashford Borough Council	20 April 2026
Lichfield District Council	21 April 2026
Winchester City Council	23 April 2026
Surrey Heath Borough Council	24 April 2026
Chesterfield Borough Council	24 April 2026
London Borough of Croydon	24 April 2026
Denbighshire County Council	28 April 2026

Migrated local authorities are listed alphabetically on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)



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Celebrating the top performing local authorities

Local authority of the year

The Land Data 2026 Excellence Awards took place on 22–23 April.

These awards recognise top performing local authorities (LAs) and the hard-working teams behind them. We are pleased to announce that **Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council were recognised as the Best Performing Migrated Local Authority 2025/26**, for their outstanding performance over the year.

Though a relatively small LA, Merthyr have showcased incredibly high-quality work and attention to detail. Out of 288 charges 0% of were registered late and only 0.30% have had a quality issue, which is an exceptional achievement. So what sets Merthyr Tydfil apart and earned them this recognition?



Efficiency – the local land charges (LLC) team at Merthyr deal with any issues or questions that we raise promptly and efficiently. They are friendly and engaging whilst always maintaining professionalism, dealing with any task at hand seamlessly and with priority.

Advocacy – Merthyr are a great advocate for the LLC Programme, willing to discuss their experiences with newly live LAs and advise on best practices. Their Relationship Manager Maisie Leyshon said, '**Merthyr have been an absolute pleasure to work with over the last few years and I hope the relationship, and the service we offer together, long continues.**'

Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council have demonstrated exceptional standards and a clear collaborative spirit. This award is a fitting recognition of the outstanding contribution their team continues to make.



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Certificates of recognition

Following the success of last year's recognition certificates, we are delighted to once again recognise the outstanding work of LAs across the programme.

Certificates are awarded to LAs that have demonstrated outstanding register management and met the following criteria:

- a minimum of six months in live service
- a quality score of 99% or above, and/or
- all charges registered within our customer service metric of 28 days from creation.

This year, a record 35 LAs have been awarded a certificate. This is a brilliant achievement that reflects the exceptional standards so many teams are delivering across the programme.

Many of this year's recipients have also achieved gold status, which we award to LAs that demonstrate exceptional register management and maintain strong communication with HM Land Registry (HMLR). Gold status is reviewed quarterly, with the latest update published on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk). We also

continue to issue bespoke banners to each LA to reflect their current status. These banners can be published on websites and in email signatures.

To every team receiving a certificate this year – well done. We look forward to seeing the list grow even longer next year.

HM Land Registry 
Local Land Charges Live Service

Date

Certificate

for exceptional quality

Proudly presented to:

Name of local authority

This certificate acknowledges your outstanding achievement in maintaining data quality standards of 99% or above for charges registered and/or varied in the past year. [Your/your team's] commitment to quality, safeguards the integrity of the register and ensures customers receive the service they require.

Thank you for your hard work.

LLC Live Service Manager Relationship Manager

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High performing recently migrated local authority

Since going live on the national LLC Register on 17 October 2025, **Stroud District Council has quickly established itself as one of our standout performers.** Achieving gold status in almost every month since going live, the team has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to data quality and a proactive approach to maintaining the register that sets a real example for others.

What makes Stroud particularly impressive is not just their results, but how they achieve them. They are quick to engage, collaborative in their approach, and always focused on finding the right outcome for their customers.



Sam Robinson, their Relationship Manager, has seen this first-hand: **'I work very closely with the team at Stroud District Council, they are always quick to jump on a call and take a look at something together, and this has a direct impact on benefiting our customers. Their dedication to maintaining high data quality standards and finding solutions to issues quickly and proactively makes them a pleasure to work with.'**

That commitment is equally felt from within the council itself. Neil Marriott, Principal Land and Property Data Manager at Stroud District Council, reflects on what the transition has meant for them:

'Since we migrated our LLC data to HMLR's central, digital register, we have seen consistent improvement. Timeliness, accuracy, and data quality have been enhanced, and in-built monitoring enables our data to remain current. The post-migration support from HMLR has been excellent and it is reassuring to have.'



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The first video case study: South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council

The joint South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council case study is now live on GOV.UK. For the first time, we have produced a short [case study video](#) alongside the [written version](#), enabling viewers to easily understand key migration lessons. Team members from the local authorities, the supplier and HM Land Registry feature in the video, reflecting on their local land charges migration.

As with all our case studies, it covers key elements of their journey, lessons learned and practical advice for those in the earlier stages of the process.

If you would like to be considered for a case study, please contact your **Delivery** or **Relationship Manager**.



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Upcoming webinar for originating authorities

On 21 July 2026, from 11:00 – 12:00, the Local Land Charges (LLC) Programme is hosting an online webinar for originating authorities (OAs) via Microsoft Teams.

As we move toward completion of the LLC Register in 2028, we want to make sure you have everything you need to play your part in making it a success.

This webinar is designed specifically for OAs – distinct from local authorities but equally integral to the register's success. We welcome attendees at all stages of their migration journey.

What we will cover:

- The latest update on the LLC Programme and end of programme planning, including where local authorities currently stand in the migration process
- Your legal responsibilities for registering local land charges and what that means in practice
- Roles and responsibilities throughout the migration journey and how we can work together effectively
- The importance of data quality: what data is needed, how to provide it, and why it matters
- How to prepare for the transition into live service and what this looks like

Why attend?

Your data and compliance with statutory obligations are central to the success of this programme. This webinar is your opportunity to ask questions and hear directly from the team.

[Register now to join us.](#)



Upcoming events

Members of the Local Land Charges Programme will be attending a series of events in the coming months and we would love to see you there.

You can view the full list of events below.

Event	Date	Location
<u>Propertymark One</u>	12 June 2026	London
<u>Housing 2026</u>	23 – 25 June 2026	Manchester
<u>Annual Mortgage Conference 2026</u>	8 July 2026	London
<u>Local Government Association Conference</u>	7 – 9 July 2026	Bournemouth



The national LLC Register cost savings

Since it launched in 2018, the LLC Register has

- saved customers over **£4.3 million** in search fees
- saved users an average of **12.7 days** to obtain an LLC search result
- migrated more than **9.1 million** charges from **155 local authorities** to the register.



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Figures accurate up to the end of April 2026

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The national LLC Register – total number of searches

Since July 2018,
we have recorded

420,639 official
searches

1,921,071 personal (free)
searches

2,341,710 total searches
of the register

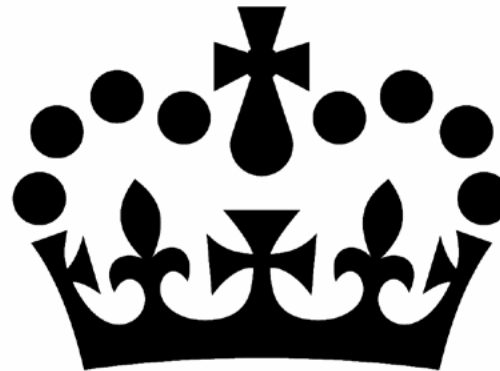
Search figures accurate up to the end of April 2026

Useful links

- We have numerous [case studies](#) with top tips from previously migrated local authorities.
- The [Local Land Charges Programme](#) page has a list of local authorities who have migrated their data to the LLC Register and further details about the programme.
- [Migrating your local land charges service](#) provides all the migration information local authorities need.
- [Practice guide 79: Local Land Charges](#) explains how to change the register, obtain searches and the compensation protocol for LAs in live service.
- To access the LLC Register, you can [search for local land charges on land and property](#). Business customers can also access it through their portal accounts or Business Gateway.

The [local land charges news](#) page will keep you updated on:

- important updates
- monthly newsletters
- case studies
- blogs
- webinars



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