

Dear All

I have sent this Community Support Alert to all those on either the NhW or TWRA distribution list.

Please note **Lisa Townsend, the Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner**, is visiting Tadworth & Walton on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April** and will be talking about her plans and answering residents' questions in **Christchurch Hall, Walton Street, Walton between 6 and 7.30pm** all are welcome. See a link to a poster for this event by my signature at the end of this document.

### **Health alert**

The weekly COVID statistics relating to Surrey were published last Tuesday– you can see them in full here:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/emergency-planning-and-community-safety/coronavirus/local-outbreak-plan/figures-and-statistics/full-report>

They include an estimate from the Office of National Statistics that over 7% of the English population had had COVID in the week up to 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Applying this to Tadworth & Walton would suggest that over 700 individuals in our 2 villages would have had the disease

Epsom & St Helier Hospital reported 146 new COVID admissions in the 7 days up to 3<sup>rd</sup> April compared with 82 in the 7 days up to March 13<sup>th</sup> which I included in my previous bulletin. **It was this 70% increase over 3 weeks in hospital admissions which caused us to decide to postpone the event we had planned for April 26<sup>th</sup> to celebrate those who had volunteered to assist the community during the COVID Emergency.** We are now hoping to organise that event in late September.

### **Test Kits**

Please remember that Lateral Flow Test Kits are no longer freely available unless you belong to particular vulnerable groups or are employed with the Health Service or similar designated professions.

Note you can now purchase Lateral Flow Test Kits from reputable suppliers such as Boots for about £2 each.

### **Vaccines**

Spring Booster vaccinations against COVID are now available to those aged 75 and over or to those with a compromised immune system.

Remember if you have tested positive for COVID you need to wait for a period of time before having the vaccine. People aged 18 and over, and eligible children aged 12 to 15, need to wait 4 weeks. Most young people aged 16 and 17 need to wait 12 weeks.

### **Neighbourhood Watch Alert**

I have had reports from Walton relating to vandalism with glass being broken of the telephone box which houses the defibrillator. Please report suspicious activity by the Telephone Box to the Police using the 101 telephone line or online or via the Police facebook page.

A Tadworth resident has reported receiving several attempted scam telephone calls that purport to be advising the recipient that they are entitled to a refund. It is always sensible to call back any organisation that you do not think is genuine using another telephone using a number that you know to be genuine.

I continue to receive scam emails that tell me that my email supplier requires me to sign into a website with my email password as their system is being upgraded. Your email is often used by banks and the like as a method of verifying that they are dealing with you so you should never reveal your password despite the fact that the person claims to be your supplier.

### **Police Reports of nearby burglaries in the 7 days up to April 14th**

**08/04/2022 between 11:20 to 11:30. Great Tattenhams, Epsom.** Residential Burglary. Method of Entry- Forced entry through the glass patio door, at the rear of the property. Stolen: Not confirmed at this time

**Between 08/04/2022 10:00 to 11/04/2022 13:00. Harbourfield Road, Banstead.** Residential Outbuilding Burglary. Method of Entry- Access has been gained into the garden shed. Stolen: Two Bicycles.

**Between 11/04/2022 18:00 to 12/04/2022 10:00. Beckenshaw Gardens, Banstead.** Residential Outbuilding Burglary. Method of Entry- Forced entry into the garden shed. Stolen: Lawn Mower.

**One Catalytic Converter reported stolen from a BMW in Merstham**

**Police Reports of nearby burglaries in the 7 days up to April 7th**

**Between 30/03/2022 16:48 to 31/03/2022 08:50. The Chase, Tadworth.** Residential Garage Burglary. Method of Entry- Entry through the garage door. Stolen: Two Bicycles

5 x Catalytic Converters stolen in the North of the borough – there have been thefts from Mellow Close, Old Oak Avenue, Dents Grove, Warren Road and Burgh Mount.

### **SCAM Reports**

**More than £50 million was lost last year to scams where victims are tricked into handing over control of their computer or smartphone to criminals.**

New data from Action Fraud, [the national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/), reveals that **20,144** people fell victim to scams where they were persuaded to grant criminals remote access to their device. Victims reported losing a total of **£57,790,384** – an average loss of **£2,868** per victim.

### **Roadworks, Road Closures & Delays**

**19<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> May Chequers Lane Waltom**

**2<sup>nd</sup> May – 12<sup>th</sup> July Vicinity of Shelveys Way**

**4<sup>th</sup> May A217 in vicinity of Holly Lodge**

### **Upcoming Events**

Please note the address for the Open Garden in aid of TWOAT in Shelveys Way on April 24<sup>th</sup> should have been 41 in my previous bulletin.

**The Local Litter Picking Group** which is active over a wide area centred on Tadworth & Walton is having an Easter Event on **Bank Holiday Easter Monday** in the Preston area for details visit their facebook site. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2701052563543422/>

**The Coffee Shop every Saturday from 10.30am – 12noon in the Good Shepherd Church**

**Walton Open Group** will be resuming its normal meetings **7.30pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Open Garden** in aid of TWOAT at 41 Shelveys Way from **2pm on Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup> Teas available**

**Good Shepherd Parish Lunch Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>** – note you must pre-book on the list in the Church

**Open Garden** in aid of TWOAT at Meon House, Meon Close from **2pm on Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup> Teas available**

**Walton Forum AGM May 10<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in Breech Lane Community Centre.**

**Tadworth Art Group Summer Exhibition** will take place in the **Peter Aubertin Hall, Elmore Road, Chipstead** from the evening of Sunday of May 13<sup>th</sup> until 5pm 15<sup>th</sup> for details see here <https://www.tadworthartgroup.com/events>

**The Village Kitchen** light lunch events will resume on the second Saturday of each month with effect from May 14th

**Walton May Pageant & Fayre Saturday May 21st**

**Tadworth & Walton Residents' Association AGM from 7pm on May 24th at Chinthurst School including talks from The Children's Trust and Banstead Commons Conservators**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm – The Friends of St Peter's are staging a Barbershop Musical Evening. For further information or to book your place, please contact Philip Truett on 01737 813832.**

**Jubilee Events – various Jubilee Street Parties and other events will be taking place during the period June 3<sup>rd</sup> – June 6<sup>th</sup>**

**For details of the many Group Activities and Events organised by Banstead u3a visit here <https://u3asites.org.uk/banstead/home>**

Please let me know if you have an event taking place in the next 2 months.

Keep well

Mike Fox

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