

Dear All

I have sent this Health and Neighbourhood Watch bulletin to all those living near Tadworth but not on the TWRA distribution list.

### **Tadworth Flood Action Group (TFlag) Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> Feb**

The next TFlag meeting will be taking place on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7 pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

The Agenda will be as follows:

- Introductions and welcome – **Rebecca Paul** (County Councillor)
- Overview of cause and impact of flooding in Tadworth (3 reports) and statutory duties of stakeholders – **Ben Crampin and Andrew Treasure** (SCC Flood Officers)
- Q&A on reports – **Rebecca Paul, Ben Crampin and Andrew Treasure**
- The role of an effective Flood Action Group – **Ben Crampin & Andrew Treasure**

The meeting will specifically discuss the reports from the following three areas although other residents impacted by flooding are welcome to attend.

- Shelvers Way to Downs Way.
- 1-5 Downs Way
- Tadworth Street
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### **LOCAL LITTER PICKERS WIN NATIONAL PRIZE**

The Tadworth, Kingswood, Lower Kingswood, Walton & Burgh Heath Litter Pickers is an independent group of volunteers dedicated to cleaning up litter. They recently earned national recognition at a Keep Britain Tidy event in Birmingham.

See their facebook page here <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2701052563543422/>

### **Household Support Grants**

As a result of my role with respect to Community support, I have been sent details of various forms of household assistance from Reigate & Banstead Council for those suffering from severe fuel or food poverty. Please contact me if you are interested in further details.

### **Health Bulletin**

The COVID statistics relating to Surrey are published each Friday and infections have remained substantial but showing a small decline with just under 1% of the population infected and rates slightly lower and decreasing in Reigate and Banstead over the last week. Extrapolating this data to Tadworth & Walton would indicate about 91 new infections in the last week.

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

**Please remember COVID-19 remains a risk, take a LFD before meeting people, wash your hand regularly, stay at home if feeling ill and self-isolate if you have a positive LFD or PCR test, and report your results.**

**It is still possible to catch and spread COVID-19, even if you are fully vaccinated.**

### **Safer behaviours**

To help combat COVID-19 you should continue to follow safer behaviours and actions that include:

- Get vaccinated/boosted
- Use face coverings in enclosed places
- Let fresh air in when meeting people indoors

- Wash your hands regularly
- Test regularly, especially before meeting others and report your results
- Stay at home when you feel unwell

## **VACCINE**

Everyone aged 16 and over is eligible for the COVID-19 booster vaccine from three months after the second dose. Book an appointment [online](#) or find [a walk-in site](#). Everyone aged 12 – 15 can have now their 2<sup>nd</sup> dose, at least 3 months after their 1<sup>st</sup> dose.

This link provides details of vaccination centres in Surrey – the nearest to us is Walton Pharmacy in Walton Street.

### [Vaccination Centres](#)

In addition there will be a one day walk-in vaccination centre at **Tattenham Library** on Saturday February 26th

Details regarding eligibility to use Walk-In Vaccination Centres can be found here

[a walk-in clinic](#).

### **Boosters updates for the most vulnerable**

People who are severely immunosuppressed can now book their booster (4<sup>th</sup> dose) appointment [online](#). All of these must apply:

- You're aged 16 years old or over
- You have a letter from a GP or hospital specialist inviting you to book a 3<sup>rd</sup> dose or booster (4<sup>th</sup> dose) for people with a severely weakened immune system. You'll need to bring the letter with you to your appointment.
- It's been 2 months (61 days) since your previous dose - you'll be shown appointments from 3 months (91 days) after your previous do
- If you think you're eligible for a booster (4<sup>th</sup> dose) but you do not have a suitable letter, contact your GP or hospital specialist.
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For general details relating to COVID visit here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

And for details of Flu Vaccinations visit here:

[nhs.uk/wintervaccinations](https://www.nhs.uk/wintervaccinations)

### Test Kits

You should check availability and obtain a code before trying to get one from a local pharmacy.

### [Order a lateral flow test online](#)

If you have symptoms or get a positive reading on your test kit it is no longer mandatory to take a PCR Test to confirm your infection status. If you test positive on a lateral flow device (LFD) test you should self-isolate immediately and [register your result on GOV.UK](#) so that NHS Test and Trace can trace your contacts.

If required you can book a PCR test here:

[free PCR test](#)

### COVID Guidelines with respect to venues

You can see Government Guidelines for those operating venues and attractions where large numbers of people may gather

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/carrying-out-mandatory-covid-19-status-checks-at-your-venue-or-event>

It is no longer a legal requirement in England for event organisers to check COVID status for those attending, however, some may choose to continue to do so.

## Foreign travel

### [Changes in the travel guidelines](#)

Travel changes came in ahead of February half term.

- From 11 February, all testing requirements have been removed for eligible fully vaccinated persons under 18s arriving in England, with only a [Passenger Locator Form](#) (PLF) now required
- Arrivals who are not fully vaccinated need proof of a negative pre-departure test, do a PCR test on or before day 2 after they arrive in England, and complete a passenger locator form
- Remember to check the requirements on COVID-19 vaccination and testing for the [countries you're travelling to](#).
- If you're traveling abroad this half term, use the digital NHS COVID-19 Pass, this will provide a record of COVID-19 vaccinations received and show evidence of recovery for 180 days following a positive PCR or LFD test. This service is available for those aged 12 and over [GOV.UK](#)

## COVID-19 ANTIVIRALS

New antiviral treatments are available for people most at risk from COVID-19.

- Anyone aged over 50, or over 18 with certain underlying health conditions, can sign up to join the [PANORAMIC study](#) if they have received a positive PCR or LFD are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms that began in the last five days.
- If you're eligible, you can self-enrol straight after getting a positive PCR or lateral flow test result at [www.panoramictrial.org](#)
- Eligible patients who receive a positive PCR test result will be contacted by a clinician to discuss treatment suitability.

## Mental Health

It has been children mental health week. There are many ways we can support children & young people to manage their mental health. If you or a young person you know is struggling, visit [Every Mind Matters](#) for tips and resources.

## Neighbourhood Watch Report

### Police Burglary Report for the North of the Borough 3rd -10<sup>th</sup> Feb

**03/02/2022 21:56. Chipstead Lane, Tadworth.** Residential Garage Burglary. Method of Entry- Not confirmed at this time. Stolen: Not confirmed at this time.

**Between 31/01/2022 09:00 to 04/02/2022 22:20 Highfield, Banstead.** Residential Burglary. Method of Entry- Forced entry by breaking a window at the rear of the property. Stolen: Not confirmed at this time but including Cash and Jewellery.

**Between 29/01/2022 04:30 to 05/02/2022 16:00. Rickman Hill Road, Coulsdon.** Residential Burglary. Method of Entry- Forced entry by breaking a window in the rear door of the property. Stolen: Not confirmed at this time.

**05/02/2022 02:00. Tattenham Grove, Epsom.** Attempted Residential Burglary. Method of Entry- Forced entry into the garage and then the attempted forced entry through the house door. Stolen: Nothing taken.

**09/02/2022 between 07:20 to 16:57 Chetwode Drive, Epsom.** Residential Burglary. Method of Entry- Forced entry through the rear patio door Stolen: Gold Jewellery.

## CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFTS IN REIGATE & BANSTEAD – FREE MARKER KITS AVAILABLE

In a recent 2 month period Reigate & Banstead had the highest number of thefts in Surrey of Catalytic Converters from cars with 50 incidents reported. Catalytic Converters are an important component of some vehicles' exhaust system and contain rare metals that thieves can sell for several £100 pounds but can cost car owners over £1,000 to replace. It takes less than 2 minutes on some models for thieves to jack up the vehicle and cut out the valuable component. On

some later car models manufacturers have moved this component into the engine compartment so it can be older models that are more vulnerable.

The cars most likely to be affected are ALL hybrid Toyota/Honda/Lexus models and some older non-hybrid cars:-

**Toyota Prius, Toyota Auris, Lexus RX, Toyota Yaris, Honda Jazz (2002 – 2010 models), Honda CRV.**

Surrey Neighbourhood Watch has obtained a stock of 100 Catalytic Converter Marker Kits twenty of which have been allocated to me for use by Reigate & Banstead Neighbourhood Watch Members who currently own one of these models of vulnerable vehicle.

The kits are made by Selectamark. Each kit contains a unique code and tools to mark it permanently on the metal surface of the catalytic converter. These codes are linked to a police database. Since this initiative was launched in Kent, there has been a 100% reduction in catalytic converter theft from vehicles that have been marked.

Each kit contains:

2 x heat resistant TESA security labels that are specially lasered with a unique code to allow a metal etching compound to be applied to the surface

Free lifetime registration on our Police and Insurance approved LPS1224 database, Secure Asset Register

2 x warning window stickers to make thieves aware that the catalytic converter has been permanently marked (these stickers act as a deterrent to having the CATCON stolen in the first instance)

Online registration via the Secure Asset Register web or mobile app

**I will provide my 20 x kits on a first come, first served basis until they are all gone.**

Please reply to this bulletin giving your full name, contact details and your car details. I will get back to you asap with an update.

Once you have the Kit, you will be required to:-

Sign up on the online database to link your catalytic converter

Request your normal garage to carry out the marking process whilst already undertaking an MOT or Service on your car at a cost to be agreed by yourselves.

Please be aware that some of the CATCON thieves appear to have recently switched from targeting vehicles in public car parks to stealing from vehicles parked on driveways. These are dangerous professional criminals and, if you see a theft in progress, you should alert the police using 999 rather than attempt to tackle them yourself.

### **SCAM Reports**

The following link is to a Trading Standards newsletter with details of new scams including fake communications from Santander Bank and gadgets that can reduce your fuel bill.

<https://scc.newsweaver.co.uk/tradingstandards/7vmln028v56>

### **Have you been a victim of fraud?**

If you or someone you know is vulnerable and has been a victim of fraud please report online.

Report fraud or attempted fraud on the Action Fraud website or call 0300 123 2040.

### **General Advice regarding potential scams**

When considering online purchases or responding to requests for your personal data:

**Stop:** Take a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information, it could keep you safe.

**Challenge:** Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse, or ignore any requests for personal information. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

**Protect:** Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to [Action Fraud](#).

### Upcoming Events

**In view of the infections from Omicron you would be wise to check with organisers as to whether some regular events will still be happening e.g. The Good Shepherd Parish Lunch had to be cancelled for February due to a COVID outbreak amongst the cooks and organisers.**

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

This year's local **World Day of Prayer Service**, will be held at the **CHURCH OF THE WISDOM OF GOD**, on **FRIDAY, 4th MARCH, at 2.00 pm**, followed by **TEA in the church hall**, across the road.

Local charity **Tadworth & Walton Overseas Aid Trust** is offering an **Online Auction** with services generously donated by local suppliers of **Health, Fitness and Wellbeing Services**. The Auction will run **until March 6th** – visit the charity's web site [www.TWOAT.org](http://www.TWOAT.org) for further details and a link to the bidding site.

**Kids Half Term Activities Feb 14th – 18th including some at Tadworth Leisure Centre** Reigate Borough Council are pleased to announce bookings are now open for our February half term activities. We have something to suit every child's interest from lego and multi-sports to bike skills, trampolining, den building and musical theatre.

Please visit [www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/schoolhols](http://www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/schoolhols) to view the timetable and book. We are now using a new booking system called Playwaze which means you can book and pay for all our activities in one transaction. If you are in receipt of benefits or have a looked after child you may be eligible for a 50% discount, please email [leisure.services@reigate-banstead.gov.uk](mailto:leisure.services@reigate-banstead.gov.uk) to check your eligibility.

Kingswood Amateur Dramatics and Dance Society KADDS are staging **"A Midsummer Night's Dream for Kidz"** with an all child cast in **Kingswood Village Hall, Waterhouse Lane Feb 17th – 19th** for further details visit here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/KADDS/a-midsummer-night-s-dream/e-xeyxkg>

**Jumble Sale – Good Shepherd Hall Saturday 5th March from 11am to 1pm.** Please provide any saleable donations to the Hall on March 4th from 7pm – 9pm or call 07376 926816 for collections.

**Good Shepherd Parish Lunch Sunday March 6th** – note you must pre-book on the list in the Church.

**Village Kitchen Christchurch Hall Walton, Saturday 12th March** 12 noon to 1.30pm light lunches.

**Model Railway Exhibition Good Shepherd Hall 19th March** from 10am to 5pm.

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

Keep well

Mike Fox

For Neighbourhood Watch & Community Support

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