

## **Tadworth Flood Action Group (TFlag) Meeting**

The TFlag meeting which took place on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb discussed the report which was made concerning the flooding in Shelveys Way, Ashurst Road, Downs Way and Kingswood Road. Some of the issues and remedies, such as the impact of surface water run off as a result of creating additional hard standing, are common to other areas, so by my signature below at the end of this bulletin I include a link to a redacted copy of the report (it does not list the actual houses that were flooded). Lowering kerbs can create the possibility of water running into your own property. Planning permission is required for creating hard standing areas which exceed 5 square meters. Permeable material should be considered where possible.

The map on the front page of the report shows the areas that are forecast to be subject to flooding and the route the flood water would take by events that might occur once in 30 years (darker coloured) once in 100 years and once in a thousand years (lighter coloured). Note the extent to which these predictions could be impacted by climate change is not clear.

## **Health Bulletin**

The COVID statistics relating to Surrey had been published each Friday up until 25<sup>th</sup> February when this message was posted on that web site:

*“Weekly publication of a Surrey COVID-19 Intelligence Summary was paused on 3 March 2022 due to national changes announced on 21 February 2022, the reporting of positive cases is changing. We will be looking at the most meaningful way to provide you with updates on the COVID rates over the coming weeks.”*

The data up to 25<sup>th</sup> February was showing significant falls in the number of reported cases with the most recent week showing just over 500 cases per 100,000 population in Reigate and Banstead. This would equate to around 50 cases in Tadworth & Walton. Other more recent data showed a 30% decline in the case rate in our area.

This is the web site where you can see all the historic weekly Surrey reports.

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

**The legal requirement to self-isolate if testing positive for COVID has been rescinded. However, please note the pandemic is not over, so it's important we continue to take simple and effective actions that will protect our families and communities, particularly those at the greatest risk of severe illness.**

- When someone with COVID-19 breathes, speaks, coughs or sneezes, they release small particles (droplets and aerosols) that contain the virus that causes COVID-19.
- These particles can come into contact with the eyes, nose or mouth or can be breathed in by another person. The particles can also land on surfaces and be passed from person to person via touch.
- The risk of catching or passing on COVID-19 can be higher in certain places and when doing certain activities such as singing or vigorous exercise. In general, the risk of catching or passing on COVID-19 is highest when you are physically close to someone who is infected.
- But it is possible to be infected even by someone you do not have close contact with, especially if you are in a crowded, enclosed or poorly ventilated space. This is because the infectious particles can stay suspended in the air for some time.

### **Updated guidance for people with COVID-19 and their contacts**

If you have COVID-19 you can infect other people from 2 days before your symptoms start, and for up to 10 days after. You can pass on the infection to others, even if you have mild symptoms or no symptoms at all. While the legal requirement to self-isolate is no longer in place, if you have COVID-19 you should still follow guidance to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. You should:

- Not attend work/school. If you are unable to work from home, you should talk to your employer about options available to you.
- Ask friends, family, neighbours or volunteers to get food and other essentials for you
- Not invite social visitors into your home, including friends and family

- Postpone all non-essential services and repairs that require a home visit
- Cancel routine medical and dental appointments. If you are concerned about your health or you have been asked to attend an appointment in person during this time, discuss this with your medical contact and let them know about your symptoms or your test result
- If you can, let people who you have been in close contact with know about your positive test result so that they can follow this guidance

**HOWEVER:**

Many people will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days. You may choose to take a [LFD](#) test from 5 days after your [symptoms started](#) (or the day your test was taken if you did not have symptoms) followed by another LFD test the next day. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, the risk that you are still infectious is much lower and you can safely return to your normal routine.

**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](#)

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. Remember **the availability of free test kits is planned to cease after 1<sup>st</sup> April**.

[Order a lateral flow test online](#)

If required you can book a PCR test here:

[free PCR test](#)

**Neighbourhood Watch Report**

**Police Burglary Report for the North of the Borough**

**There were no burglaries reported in our immediate area between 17<sup>th</sup> Feb and 4<sup>th</sup> March, however there were 5 x Catalytic Converters stolen from cars in the borough during the last week of this period.**

### **Catalytic Converter Thefts**

These have been in Hitchings Way & Brokes Crescent, Reigate. Clarence Way & Parkhurst Road, Horley and Sandersfield Road, Banstead. The cars have been BMW, Honda Jazz, VW Beetle, Toyota Auris, and a Toyota Prius.

In the period 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> February there were 12 x Catalytic Converters stolen in our borough:

In North RB, Cunningham Road (x2), Osier Way, Rookery Way (x2) and Cedars.

In Central RB, Church Rad, Staplehurst Road, Albert Road (Merstham) and Brokes Road.

In South RB, Heston Walk and Heston Road

The vehicles have been either Toyota Prius, Toyota Auris, BMW, Honda CR-V, Honda Civic, Honda Jazz, Suzuki and Mitsubishi Shogun.

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 - A message from Trading Standards**

## **Donate safely for Ukraine**

Scammers use a hook and prey on our vulnerability and generosity in times of crisis. They've recently used the pandemic and the increased energy costs to defraud people and we expect they are now using the invasion of Ukraine to make some money.

If you are looking to help people in Ukraine, please donate wisely – do your research first so you give without getting scammed and ensure your money goes to the right place.

The Government supported Disaster Emergency Committee group of 15 Charities supporting Ukraine can be found here:

[https://www.dec.org.uk/?gclid=CjwKCAiAjoerBhAJEiwAYY3nDDg0kFVmR88VJRHZZmU8oE-K-Qz4ccBrl50x\\_ZGkFsvqfr\\_s6WDeJhoC-uQQAvD\\_BwE](https://www.dec.org.uk/?gclid=CjwKCAiAjoerBhAJEiwAYY3nDDg0kFVmR88VJRHZZmU8oE-K-Qz4ccBrl50x_ZGkFsvqfr_s6WDeJhoC-uQQAvD_BwE)

### **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**

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** including Osteopathy, Yoga, Acupuncture, Eye Tests and

other services. The Auction will run **until the evening of March 6<sup>th</sup>** –visit the charity’s web site [www.TWOAT.org](http://www.TWOAT.org) for further details and a link to the bidding site.

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

**Jumble sale – Church of the Good Shepherd Hall on Station Approach 11am – 1pm**

**“6 x Soup Saturdays” will be available from 12noon to 1.30pm in Christchurch Hall each Saturday from Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> until Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>.** Note these soup lunches will replace the normal Village Kitchen events on the second Saturday of each month during this period. Monies raised by these lunches will be donated to “Walton Open Group” Charities

**Jumble Sale – Good Shepherd Hall Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March from 11am to 1pm.**

**Family GameShow Night** in the Good Shepherd Hall organised by the Church Social Committee from **6.30pm on Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets at £5 per adult £3 per child from 01737 362610

**Walton Open Group** will be resuming its normal meetings **7.30pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Good Shepherd Parish Lunch Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>** – note you must pre-book on the list in the Church (March 6<sup>th</sup> now fully booked).

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

**Open Garden** in aid of TWOAT at 41 Shelveys Way **2pm – 5pm on Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>.**

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

Keep well

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