

TWRA Update

Tadworth Flood Action Group (TFLAG).

Unfortunately we have been having problems with surface water flooding after periods of heavy rain in particular impacting individuals who live at the bottom of hilly roads such as Epsom Lane South, Ashurst Road, Shelveys Way, Kingswood Road etc. At this time of year when the leaves are falling the flood risk can be increased if the drains at the higher ends of roads become clogged with leaves and other debris. I have been asked therefore to request that those of you living at the higher end of hilly roads attempt the following actions:

Try to prevent leaves from your own gardens from getting into the roadway.

Please keep an eye open for blocked drains and report these to Surrey CC.

If possible, collect leaves from outside your properties for disposal.

If you have drainage gutters across your drive, please make sure they are kept clear.

Tribune

Copies of the TWRA "Tadworth & Walton Tribune" magazine are in the process of being delivered to every household and retail premise in Tadworth & Walton. The deliveries are expected to be complete by the end of next week. If you have not received a copy by then please notify us by replying to this email. An electronic copy of the magazine can be viewed by accessing Newsletter on the TWRA menu tab on the TWRA web site.

<https://www.tadworthwaltonra.co.uk/>

Membership

The TWRA web site has been enhanced so that residents wishing to join TWRA for the first time can now do so by means of an online form using the Membership Tab which also explains how to pay the TWRA £5 subscription. We are pleased to report that over 100 residents, whose membership of TWRA had lapsed during the COVID period, have already taken the opportunity to reactivate it this year. Unfortunately Data Privacy legislation means that address and email details are not allowed to be retained for individuals with whom organisations have not had transactions for a reasonable length of time.

Christmas Events

Unfortunately it did not prove possible for TWRA to organise the usual Carol Singing in Jubilee Woodland this year, however, there will be a volunteer litter pick in Tadworth during late morning on Saturday December 10th with participants invited to partake of wine, soft drinks and mince pies in Jubilee Woodland afterwards. Details of timings and starting locations will be published nearer the time.

There will be switch on events for Christmas Lights in both Tadworth on Friday December 2nd (see poster attached) and Walton on Tuesday December 6th for further details and other events please see the Events Section at the end of this bulletin.

Constituency Boundary Consultations

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) has published a new revised map of constituency proposals on their website www.bcereviews.org.uk.

A public consultation has been launched which **ends on 5 December 2022**. The proposed changes do impact both our Parliamentary Constituency and local Council Wards. You can make your comments by visiting the website.

Consultation on Local Bus Routes

Surrey County Council is consulting residents on the future of the bus network in Surrey – you can participate by visiting the website below by January 6th 2023.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/policies-plans-consultations/roads-and-transport-consultations/future-bus-review>

Volunteering Opportunities

One of the key objectives for TWRA is to encourage volunteering and there is a link to a document by my signature at the end of this bulletin published by Voluntary Action in Reigate & Banstead seeking volunteers for a number of roles to assist people in need of transport, IT help and straightforward companionship.

Volunteering opportunities offered by TWRA itself include a secretary to take minutes for the TWRA Committee which meets 12 times per year and volunteers to help maintain Jubilee Woodland. We also still need volunteers prepared to assist elderly and infirm residents with shopping. Please reply to this bulletin if you are able to help with these local activities.

Donations & Recycling

Both St Peter's and the Church of the Good Shepherd offer opportunities to **donate food** (tins and dried goods) to go to either Epsom & Ewell Food Bank or St Matthew's Food Bank in Redhill. In addition both church collection points also support a Food Club which is operating out of St Marks in Tattenham. Food Clubs are membership schemes operating in various parts of Surrey and other counties that provide ongoing support rather than the emergency aid available from a Food Bank.

Residents who are struggling to make ends meet, or are referred by agencies, including schools, older people's services and food banks, can sign up to the membership scheme which is open to people living within walking distance of the club. There is an annual subscription of £1 to join a club and members pay £2 each week to attend.

Members receive £10 - £15 worth of nutritious and in-date surplus food donated from supermarkets and individuals. The food ranges from dry and tinned groceries, to fresh, seasonable fruit and vegetables, close to their "sell by" date. Please note if you want to donate "fresh food" items this should be done directly at St Marks or via the trolley in the foyer at Tattenham Community Library during opening hours. Food is distributed on Fridays from the St Mark's Food Club – please bear this in mind if donating "fresh food".

Other forms of recycling are available at the Good Shepherd including **ink cartridges** which are collected on behalf of Dyscover and **used stamps** and **plastic bottle tops** which are collected to benefit various charities including air ambulances and The Leprosy Mission.

Borough Awards

You can view details of local residents who received Borough Mayoral Awards for voluntary activities here:

https://www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/news/article/382/mayor_honours_local_volunteers_for_their_dedication_to_the_borough?IYA-mail=bb9319b4-ddb8-4045-b0e6-a2590689a924

These included Gill Bockmeulen and Patricia Brookwick from the TWRA Committee and Mo Atkins and Mike Fox for Community Support and other activities

Health alert – there is not much significant change to this section

The COVID statistics relating to Surrey are now published monthly. You can see them in full here:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/health-and-welfare/coronavirus/local-outbreak-plan/figures-and-statistics/full-report>

The latest report dated 1st Nov actually included national data up to Mid-October showing 3.1% of people with COVID. This figure is somewhat at variance with other published data and the previous month – a safer assumption would appear to be about 2.4% of households. Thus would equate to about 240 people in Tadworth & Walton.

Epsom & St Helier Hospital reported 44 new admissions with COVID in the middle of October which was the same as in September. These are admissions of people who are testing positive for COVID but are not necessarily being admitted because of the effects of COVID.

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

Long COVID

It is estimated that over 2% of the British Population is suffering from various symptoms of Long COVID. These include breathlessness, fatigue, loss of taste, brain fog, muscle pain and many more. Epsom and St Helier are one of the leading hospitals in Surrey treating these conditions but sufferers need to be referred by their GP.

Autumn Booster COVID Jab Campaign

- The primary aim of the [COVID-19 autumn booster programme](#) is to increase immunity in those at higher risk of severe COVID over the winter months.
- People who are at higher risk, **including those over 50**, frontline health and care staff and those with weakened immune systems, **are now** eligible to book a COVID booster vaccine through the [National Booking Service](#).
- The [Pfizer bivalent vaccine](#) will be used as part of the autumn COVID booster programme. This follows the latest advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination & Immunisation (JCVI).
- The nearest vaccination centre for us is Walton Pharmacy.

REMEMBER:

The COVID-19 vaccine is an evergreen offer. If you haven't already taken it up, you can still do so. Book a vaccine appointment [online](#) or find the nearest [walk in](#) vaccination site.

- 1st and 2nd doses if you're aged 5 years old and over
- additional primary doses for people with a severely weakened immune system aged 5 years old and over
- 1st booster for people aged 16 years old and over, plus at-risk children aged 12 to 15 years old
- a seasonal booster (autumn booster) for some people, including those aged 75 years or over, those who are at higher risk or who are pregnant, and frontline health and social care workers

Influenza Vaccine

Doctors' surgeries have started to offer the 'Flu Jab to eligible patients it is strongly recommended that these offers are taken up.

Road Closure & Disruption Reports

Please note that the One.Network web site which used to allow residents of Surrey to view planned future roadworks will be only allowing that data to be accessible to commercial licence holders although it can still be used to see roadworks over next two weeks.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/roadworks#planned>

Road works will continue on Epsom Lane North the road leading from Tadworth to Tattenham Corner and some works are expected on the A217 Southbound from Burgh Heath lights.

Police & Crime Reports

Police Catalytic Converter Theft and Burglary reports

1 Catalytic Converter Theft report on 27/10/2022, Croydon Road, Banstead. Honda Jazz

29/10/2022 Between 08:20 to 14:20. Lyme Regis Road, Banstead. Residential Burglary. Method of Entry- Forced entry through the back door of the property.

Stolen: Cash, 2 Mulberry bags, Gucci Bag, Jacquemus bag, Kurt Keiger bag and a Lacoste bag.

02/11/2022 Between 16:30 to 18:00 Highwold, Chipstead. Residential Burglary. Method of Entry- Forced entry through the rear patio doors.

Stolen: 2 Rolex watches and Jewellery.

02/11/2022 10:30 to 19:45 Nursery The Glade, Tadworth. Residential Burglary. Method of Entry- Forced entry through a first floor window.

Stolen: Gold, Silverware, Cufflinks, Watch and Cash.

Burglary Prevention Advice

Preventing theft from your doorstep

Here are some things you could do to reduce the risk of doorstep theft:

Track your parcel to ensure you or someone else is at home for the delivery

Install a video doorbell; this can be connected to your mobile so you are notified immediately of any delivery, and is easier to install than a full CCTV system

Install a security light

Arrange for your parcel to be delivered to a trusted neighbour, or other family members who will be at home; if you live in a flat, is there a concierge who could accept the parcel for you?

Use an off-site locker service for frequent deliveries, or for expensive items; these parcel boxes are more likely to be in busy, safer locations - such as supermarkets - rather than secluded areas which could be targeted by thieves

*Remember, if a parcel is left outside your property for a period of time, it might indicate to an opportunist burglar that you are out.

Please remember we provide lots of advice on our website for keeping you, and your property safe : <https://www.surrey.police.uk/burglary/>

How to contact us

As always, the local Neighbourhood Team are keen to receive information on all crime spotted or believed to have occurred as this can assist with ongoing enquiries, as well as helping to pool information to build a wider understanding.

If you believe you have any information relating to relevant information or concerns you can:

Call 101

On line reporting <https://www.surrey.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

If you have social media, why not give us a follow. You can also message us if you want to report something to us

Our Facebook is Reigate and Banstead Beat (Surrey Police) and our twitter is ReigateBeat

You can also give information totally anonymously by contacting the Independent Charity

Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111; or via their anonymous online form <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

In an Emergency please contact 999.

As ever if you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Kind regards,

Reigate & Banstead Safer Neighbourhood Team

Suspect you or someone you know has been victim to a scam?

Report it to Action fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.

However, where the victim is vulnerable or elderly, please contact Sussex or Surrey Police directly on 101.

If it is an emergency, always call 999.

For the Trading Standards Newsletter covering Scams etc visit here

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

Upcoming Events

TODAY MARILYN'S SALE - TODAY! The Farthings, 8, Tower Road 2.00 pm - 7.00 pm

ALL WELCOME for a cuppa and the chance to purchase delicious homemade cakes, chutneys and pickled onions, Royal Marsden Christmas Cards In aid of The Grange and Royal Marsden

Tattenham Library now features Storytime for younger children from 2pm to 2.30pm on Fridays

Unril January 7th Tadworth & Walton Tree Wardens have helped to create an Exhibition and Workshops "The Remarkable World of Trees " at Epsom Library.

Saturday Nov 12th Coffee Shop, from 10.30am–12noon in the Good Shepherd Church and each Saturday thereafter.

Saturday Nov 12th The Village Kitchen light lunch events in Christchurch Hall. These will continue until December after which they are expected to relocate to the Riddell Hall..

Tadworth Art Group's Winter Exhibition at St John's Hall, Tadworth, KT20 5AB. Over 200 original art works, by local artists, for sale. From Friday Nov 18th to Sunday Nov 20th. Visit website for timings https://www.tadworthartgroup.com/?utm_campaign=ad165982-d98e-4463-8b51-82f6e97eb305&utm_source=so&utm_medium=mail&cid=45518828-af73-4fa7-aece-8609af82b5ce

Nov 18th from 7pm The Friends of St Peter's **Wine Tasting Event at The Riddell Hall** contact Philip Truett on 01737 813832 or philip@truett.co.uk

Nov 19th Live Music Night Tadfest at Tadworth Primary School. Tickets £30 including food enquiries to hello@tadfest.org

Nov 19th Tutti Festi A choral and Instrumental Extravaganza Kingswood Village Hall at 7.30pm Tickets £10 0333 666 3366 www.ticketsource.co.uk/kadds featuring local choirs and performers

Nov 25th Cuzzon Cinema presents "Elvis" at the Riddell Hall 1.30, 4.30, 7.35 adm £7

Dec 2nd **Light up Tadworth** (Christmas Lights and Carols) expected to start from about 4pm at Station Approach moving on to the High Street with lights switched on there as well.

Dec 6th **Light up Walton** (Christmas Lights & Carols) 5pm by Mere Pond moving to St Peter's Churchyard by 5.30pm for mulled wine etc. more carols and more lights

Saturday 10th December The Gage Players present a rehearsed reading of **"A Christmas Carol"** by Charles Dickens. Bring your own supper or buy snacks and drinks from 7pm. Reading starts at 8pm. Seats are £10 per head at tables – bookings 01737 812703.

Sunday Dec 11th at 3pm Final Carol Service at Christchurch followed by Mince Pies in Church Hall. This is expected to be the final service in Christchurch as it is closing as a place of worship. Please reply to this email if you would like to attend so I can advise the organisers planning the mince pies etc.

Note **Tadworth Parish Christmas Lunch** will be on 11th December rather than the 4th. You will need to book a place on the list in the church.

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

For Community Support & Neighbourhood Watch

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