

TWRA Update

Climate Change Event

The TWRA will be holding a meeting for members on 1st March, titled "Climate Change and what we can do about it locally".

The meeting will start at 7.30pm, and will be in the Church Hall of St Johns, The Avenue, Tadworth opposite the station. Light refreshments will be offered.

The evening will start with a few minutes about the science and the cause of what is now understood to be global warming, which is causing climate change. It will then describe the impacts we are seeing locally, and ways we may have to adapt to live with it, and which could impact on us all.

The Sustainability Officer from Reigate and Banstead Council will talk about the challenges of: -

Ensuring sustainable energy provision in the coming years,

Responding to fuel poverty,

Addressing climate change issues,

Responding to national, regional and local level policies and targets on carbon dioxide emissions reduction.

Finally we will have a representative from Energy Action Redhill & Reigate, who are a subgroup of Climate Action Redhill & Reigate (CARR). They are focused on influencing the carbon footprint of our local community buildings, where possible to survey, advise and support energy improvements, and offer to visit the homes of local residents and give tailor-made advice about ways they could improve their energy efficiency and potentially save on bills.

The evening will end with the opportunity to ask questions from the speakers, and to have a general conversation.

For further information, please contact our Chairman Jeff Temple on chair@twra.org.uk

Please note the TWRA AGM will take place on May 17th also in St John's Hall.

For other news from TWRA please visit <http://www.tadworthwaltonra.co.uk/>

Election Notice

Please be aware that photo ID will be required to vote in the May Council Elections e.g. Passport, driving licence, bus pass. For further information go here:

https://www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/news/article/395/you_need_photo_id_to_vote_at_elections_in_may

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

The data on COVID published by Surrey is now only updated monthly (next due Feb 10th) so for a more up to date view I have also given you a link to the National Statistics. The Surrey data reported 5.2% testing positive in the SE of England up until the end of December and there were 29 new admissions with COVID at Epsom & St Helier Hospital during the last week of December.

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

<https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>

THE FOLLOWING HEALTH SECTIONS ARE UNCHANGED FROM THE LAST BULLETIN.

COVID-19 and flu spread more quickly in winter and can cause serious illness.

If you're over 50 or in an at-risk group, you're eligible for a free flu vaccine and a COVID-19 booster.

To prevent spreading the infection, it's important to:

- wash your hands thoroughly
- cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough
- Stay at home and avoid close contact with others if feeling unwell

For COVID-19 book [online](#) or find the nearest [walk-in](#) vaccination clinic and cross it off your 'to do list' in preparation for Christmas. For flu vaccine find your nearest pharmacy [here](#).

Cold weather can have serious consequences for health, and older people and those with heart or lung conditions can be particularly at risk. Remember that other people, such as older neighbours, friends, and family members, may need a bit of extra help this winter. Visit [GOV.UK](#)

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>

Station Approach may be subject to parking restrictions by the Good Shepherd Hall as work has finally started to replace the telephone mast alongside the hall. It is expected that the new mast might be installed on March 4th and if that is the case Station Approach may be closed temporarily alongside the Hall.

Neighbourhood Watch

The national newsletter for Neighbourhood Watch can be read here:

[READ THE NEWSLETTER HERE](#)

It includes articles on the perils of Romance Fraud for individuals and Ransomware for businesses and suggests that communities should consider organising a Coronation Big Lunch.

Messages from the Police & Crime Commissioner

Police budgets

Frontline policing across Surrey will be protected over the coming year after a proposed council tax rise was agreed earlier today, the county's Police and Crime Commissioner said.

Lisa Townsend's suggested increase of just over five per cent for the policing element of council tax will go ahead after a vote from Surrey's Police and Crime Panel during a meeting this morning.

The overall budget plans for Surrey Police were outlined to the Panel today. These include the level of council tax raised for policing, known as the precept, which funds the Force together with a grant from central government.

The policing element of an average Band D council tax bill will now be set at £310.57 – an increase of £15 a year, or £1.25 a week. It equates to around a 5.07 per cent increase on all council tax bands.

For every pound of the precept level set, Surrey Police is funded by an extra half a million pounds.

New Surrey Chief Constable

Tim De Meyer has been confirmed as the new Chief Constable of Surrey Police this week after his vision for forging an exciting future for policing in Surrey shone through at a confirmation meeting held by the Police and Crime Panel earlier this week.

Announced as the preferred candidate for Chief Constable after a thorough selection process led by the Commissioner in January, Tim brings a wealth of expertise from his current role as Assistant Chief Constable with Thames Valley Police.

He will replace outgoing Chief Constable Gavin Stephens QPM who is set to depart the Force to take up a new national role in April.

Police & Crime Reports

Police Vehicle Thefts and Burglary reports

Between 28/01/2023 18:00 to 29/01/2023 14:00 Lambert Road, Banstead. Residential Outbuilding Burglary. Method of Entry- Forced entry through the door of the outbuilding.

Stolen: Nothing taken. (PR 45230010961)

01/02/2023 Between 01:05 to 05:00 Marbles Way, Tadworth. Residential Burglary Resulting in the Theft of a Vehicle. Method of Entry- Not confirmed at this time.

Stolen: Car (Mercedes) IPAD, Child Car Seat, Amazon Tablet. (PR 45230012015)

Burglars Beware Campaign



We are introducing a 'BURGLARS BEWARE' campaign in the North of the Borough, covering Banstead, Nork, Chipstead, Kingswood and Tadworth. The A4 Stickers, as shown, are designed to go on 'Wheelie' bins

The wheelie bin stickers were introduced in another Surrey Borough and contributed to a 66% reduction in burglaries in the area.

Sergeant Raf Alvarez, Reigate & Banstead Safer Neighbourhood Team (North), and the team will be handing the stickers out to residents through 'Meet the Beat' meetings. We will inform you when these meetings will be taking place. We hopefully will be running this Campaign in the rest of the Borough in the near future.

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 through 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.

Best wishes,

Reigate & Banstead Safer Neighbourhood Team

SCAM Reports

Police Impersonation

A local resident has informed that she was contacted on the phone by a man claiming to be a Police Officer working out of Hammersmith Police Station who was investigating bank card fraud. She became suspicious when he started asking detailed questions about her own card. Scammers are known to pretend to be from London Police Stations and can deploy technology to make it appear that they are phoning from a genuine police number. Be very cautious and telephone the Police from a different telephone if you want to confirm an officer's credentials.

Trading Standards Bulletin

This is a link to the latest Trading Standards bulletin on scams:

<https://scc.newsweaver.co.uk/tradingstandards/1m676v1wi5e>

The reports include warnings about buying low cost electric blankets that could electrocute you.

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.

Upcoming Events

The Good Shepherd Coffee Shop operates every Saturday from 10.30am to 12 noon.

The Village Kitchen in Walton has relocated from Christchurch (now closed) and will take place in **The Riddell Hall on Saturday February 11th for light lunches.**

From February 26th for 6 weeks there will be "Soup Lunches during Lent" every Saturday morning in the Riddell Hall, Thus there will be no Village Kitchen during March and April – it will resume on May 13th.

An opportunity to meet your local Councillors will take place on Feb 18th from 10am until 12 noon in the Good Shepherd Hall.

Jumble Sale on Feb 25th 11am to 1pm Adm £1 in the Good Shepherd Hall. Drop off items from 8.30 that morning or between 7.00pm and 8.30 pm on the 24th no electricals.

Feb 28th is the last date for entry slips for children wishing to participate as the May Queen or one of her attendants at the May Pageant to be handed in at Walton News. The slips are available via schools or Walton News. Further information via contact@waltonmaypageant.co.uk or by phone to M Purkiss at 812670.

Feb 28th Walton Village Forum Meeting Breech Lane Community Centre 8pm

March 1st 7.30pm "TWRA Climate Change Event" see earlier article.

March 3rd World Day of Prayer St Mary's Headley 2pm

Saturday March 4th selecting May Queen and Attendants at Breech Lane Community Centre 12.30pm (doors open at 12 noon)

Saturday 4th March doors open 7.15pm TWOAT Quiz at St John's Hall, tickets £12.50 to include light refreshments contact Mike Fox 01737 350452 bring own bottle.

Sunday 5th March Good Shepherd Parish Lunch – note you must pre-book on the list in the Church.

Saturday 11th March Good Shepherd Hall Family Games Evening £5 adult £3 children.

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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