

TWRA Update

Local Impact of AIG WOMAN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP (Long article)

The AIG Women's Open Golf Championship will be played at the Walton Heath Golf Club from Wednesday 9th till Sunday 13th August. This event will undoubtedly lead to some local disruption. It is the intent of this overview produced by TWRA to let our residents know of the impacts on our communities, together with some explanations of the reasons behind the restrictions, using information gathered from the championship organisers, the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews. The TWRA can take no responsibility for this information.

This is an event run and owned by the R&A, not the Walton Heath Golf Club, so any issues or complaints should be addressed to the R&A.

We in the TWRA have been witness to the efforts made by the R&A to involve and consult with authorities, councils and local residents in the organisation of this event. They posted a letter to all local residents in March, then hosted a drop in engagement evening at the golf club on May 4th where residents were given the opportunity to view and ask questions of event plans. They are setting up a hotline to contact in the event there are any issues with traffic, for instance. Details of this hotline will be made available in a second resident letter due to be posted out in the couple weeks before the event. We'll also be posting details on our TWRA website.

Disruption will take form in a number of ways, since this is a large international event – in fact one of women's golf prestigious five major championships – and with that comes a high degree of planning. With the size of the event, they have to consider the safety and security of the site, visitors, contractors involved in building the event and public in and around the site.

The venue is a secure site for the duration of the event week when they have a responsibility to know who and how many people are onsite at any one time – this is both from an operational/security/health & safety point of view, but also to ensure they meet the obligations of their license conditions. As a ticketed event, the rights of way unfortunately cannot remain open as it would be impossible to maintain safety and security of both those already onsite, but also those using the rights of way.

The R&A have been working closely with Surrey County Council over the last few months to look at the footpaths and bridleways across the Heath which require closing for the week. Activities and walks on and around the golf course can continue virtually as normal till the period Sunday 6th– Sunday 13th August. Access to Banstead Commons is not being cut off with access permitted along bridleway 86 (see a link to a map at the foot of this bulletin). There is a very minor diversion in place on Footpath 96 which cuts across the end of the driving range, but this is a change of 100 yards or so and does not deviate from the field the footpath is already situated on.

In terms of traffic, they have purposefully located all public parking away from the golf club at an offsite park and ride facility to reduce traffic congestion. AA signage will keep the public away from the Dorking Road as far as possible as they are asking spectators to access this park and ride facility (at Dorking Rugby Club). There has been extensive collaboration with Surrey Highways on designing and applying for local area restrictions such as no parking zones in and around the golf club which will further help reduce disruption, whilst there will a detailed traffic management plan for the event as a whole. The only parking in and around the golf club will be limited to certain groups with event accreditation. Surrey Police are fully engaged, have been part of a multi-agency planning meetings and have been contracted to assist with patrolling the area and deal with any public disorder.

As part of the license application, they had to supply a detailed sound management plan which addressed the noise impact from the live music, so Reigate and Banstead Borough Council have been fully consulted and briefed on the noise levels and plans. The live music on the main stage is only taking place on Saturday 12 August – the 'festival' nature of the event refers to the spectator village where there is festival theme which extends beyond the music and to the food and activities available for fans and their families.

The R&A have looked at the impact on wildlife and say they have taken great care to ensure minimal impact. They have worked extremely closely with the course manager who advised on wildlife and adder populations, and steps required to protect the heather. They also have a dedicated ecologist who provides expert insight into the natural habitats they're likely to come across. He has been present to observe areas of the site where certain works are being carried and as a result was able to identify nesting sites which they were able to avoid and protect.

Outside the golf tournament there will be a festival fan village with street food, shops and bars. There will be interactive golf experiences including VR and e-sports, big screens to watch golf and other leading women's sport including the FIFA Women's World Cup, and fun golf activities to introduce fans to the sport. A festival village stage will feature panel discussions with leading names from sport, business and entertainment. Of particular interest to the youngsters amongst us, is the performance by Ellie Goulding who will be performing on Saturday 12 August.

The TWRA will endeavour to publish additional details or changes to the above information on our web site. You can jump directly to the "News" page here <https://twra.org.uk/news/>

Road Closure & Disruption Reports

In addition to the details of road restrictions above you can find details of planned roadworks over the next two weeks on the One.Network web site.

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

At some stages in the next few months Downs Way will be subject to closures for major resurfacing work.

Pothole Reporting

We are all aware of the large number of potholes in our roads – please note that where you see any particularly dangerous pothole because of their depth these should be urgently reported to Surrey CC on 0300 200 1003. Less dangerous potholes can be reported online

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/report-a-highway-problem/road-or-cycle-lane-issues>

Please note if you see a pothole with a red sign "T" or "TR" on the road by it this means that it has been given a temporary repair and will eventually receive a more permanent repair.

Mowing of Verges

Note responsibility for grass cutting has been passed from R&B to Surrey CC. Where residents have taken it into their own hands to cut grass verges they are asked to ensure that grass clippings are not left in the gutter as these can block drains and increase the risk of flooding.

The next week scheduled for Surrey CC Grass Cutting in Tadworth is 4th August and for Walton-on-the-hill 11th August

Parking

TWRA and Neighbourhood Watch have received further complaints about vehicles parking on the pavement opposite the Cross Road shops. This causes an obstruction and forces pedestrians into the road at a potentially dangerous location. Please be aware dangerously obstructing the pavement is a **CRIMINAL** rather than a traffic offence which the Police can and will prosecute. Loading and unloading provisions do not apply in this case. In view of the danger this can cause, vehicles obstructing this section of pavement may be photographed and the evidence sent to the Police for action to be taken.

Police & Neighbourhood Watch Reports

Message from the Police & Crime Commissioner

A two-digit number can help save victims of crime, Surrey's Police and Crime Commissioner has said.

Lisa Townsend has urged those who are unable to speak while calling 999 to use the Silent Solution to inform police of a genuine emergency.

The protocol allows people calling the emergency services to soundlessly press 55, alerting call handlers that they're in trouble without speech.

Police may not be dispatched if a caller who has dialled 999 remains silent, although Surrey Police will always phone back when there is no communication.

Lisa said: "It's crucial for us to raise awareness of the 55 service.

"When 55 is dialled, the call handler will know someone may be in real danger, and will do their utmost to understand the situation

Lisa said those who are suffering domestic abuse may be among those who would benefit from being aware of the Silent Solution.

Domestic abuse can include, but is not limited to, coercive control, physical violence, emotional, sexual or financial abuse, and harassment and stalking.

Links to Two Local Police Newsletters:

Reigate & Banstead Police Newsletter: [Reigate Beat Newsletter June 2023 - Read-Only.pdf](#)

Police Rural Crime Newsletter: [Rural Crime Newsletter June 2023.pdf](#)

Police & Crime Reports Burglaries

29/06/2023 Between 02:00 to 02:30 Winkworth Road, Banstead. Attempted Residential Burglary. Method of Entry- an attempted forced entry through the front door. The occupant of the property disturbed the suspects and they left the property. It is believed that there were 3 suspects on 2 motorbikes.

Stolen: Nothing taken. (PR 45230072057)

29/06/2023 Between 10:55 to 11:05 Shelveys Way, Tadworth. Attempted Residential Burglary. Method of Entry- Two suspects attempted to gain entry through the back door of the property. They then entered a builder's outbuilding when they were disturbed and left.

Stolen: Nothing taken. (PR 45230072379)

Note you can see photos associated with the Shelveys Way intruder report on this NhW facebook page in posts by Mandy O'Brien https://www.facebook.com/groups/1061668877367729/?locale=en_GB

24/06/2023 01:30 Shawley Crescent, Epsom. Attempted Residential Garage Burglary. Method of Entry- Suspects have attempted a forced entry through the garage door. It is understood that they were disturbed and left the premises.

Stolen: Nothing taken. (PR 45230069792)

Between 24/06/2023 07:30 to 25/06/2023 20:30 Shawley Crescent, Epsom. Attempted Residential Garage Burglary. Method of Entry- This is linked to the report above. Suspects have attempted a forced entry, for the second time, through the garage door.

Stolen: Nothing taken. (PR 45230071790)

28/06/2023 Beechfield, Banstead . Residential Burglary. Method of Entry- Access has been gained through a first floor bedroom window located at the rear of the property.

Stolen: Two Watches, Foreign Currency and Jewellery. (PR 45230071498)

Vehicle Thefts

There were 5 local reports for the weeks 15h June to 3rd July including 4 Keyless Car Thefts and one attempted Keyless Car Theft.

Banstead, Nork Way. 30/06/2023 01:30 - Keyless Car Theft – Mercedes- (PR 45230072608)

Tadworth, Trittons. 03/07/2023 02:07 - Keyless Car Theft - BMW – (PR 45230073658)

Kingswood . Warren Drive. Between 26/06/2023 to 27/06/2023 - Keyless Car Theft – BMW (PR 45230071030)

Tadworth. Waterhouse Lane. 18/06/2023 04:45 - Attempted Keyless Car Theft – Bentley (PR 45230067168)

Tadworth, Buckland Road Between 20/06/2023 – 21/06/2023 - Keyless Car theft - Mercedes (PR 45230068679)

Please remember the Police provide lots of advice on our website for keeping your car safe:

<https://www.surrey.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/preventing-car-vehicle-theft/>

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Contacting the Police

The Police Reference Number (PR) with each of the reports is shown in brackets. If you have any information on any of the reports, including CCTV, please contact us quoting the Police Reference Number (PR).

How to contact the Police

If you found yourself in an emergency situation, we're fairly confident you would call 999.

But what about if you needed police assistance but it wasn't an emergency?

Many people are familiar with 101, the non-emergency police phone line staffed by the same people who also answer 999 emergency calls. Unfortunately, this line is often overstretched due to high demand, and it can take some time for our call handlers to answer.

It's often quicker and easier to report non-emergency issues to us online. Our digital contact handlers have the same training and will respond to your issue in the same way as they would by phone.

You can direct message us via our social media channels, message our call handlers using the live chat button on our website: <https://www.surrey.police.uk/>

You can also use our online reporting system. There are forms specific to the following topics:

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

Rape and sexual assault: <https://www.surrey.police.uk/ro/report/rsa/alpha-v1/v1/rape-sexual-assault-other-sexual-offences/>

Missing person: <https://www.surrey.police.uk/ro/report/mp/v2/report-missing-person/>

Civil dispute: <https://www.surrey.police.uk/ro/report/cd/civil-dispute/>

Lost or stolen vehicles: <https://www.surrey.police.uk/ro/report/mp/v2/report-missing-person/>

Domestic abuse: <https://www.surrey.police.uk/ro/report/domestic-abuse/a1/report-domestic-abuse/>

Road traffic incident: <https://www.surrey.police.uk/ro/report/rti/rti-beta-2.1/report-a-road-traffic-incident/>

Antisocial behaviour: <https://www.surrey.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/>

Fraud, bribery, or corruption: <https://www.surrey.police.uk/ro/report/fo/v2/report-fraud-bribery-corruption/>

Lost or found property: <https://www.surrey.police.uk/ro/report/lp/lost-or-found-property/>

These issues won't all be suitable for police to deal with, but the forms can help direct you to the right agency or authority to manage it.

As always, if you or someone else is in immediate danger or a crime is being committed right now, please call 999.

SCAM Reports

I was sorry to receive a report from a local resident that they had been a victim of a WhatsApp scam. The resident received a message from a person using a mobile phone number that they did not recognise which explained that it was actually the person's son whose normal phone had broken so he was using a new one and asking to be linked to their usual WhatsApp group. The resident did this and then received a further message via WhatsApp saying that the son could not make a payment that was due because the bank required authentication via the "broken" mobile phone so could the parent pay this bill for them which unfortunately they did. Suspicions were aroused when another payment was requested. At this stage the parent phoned their son's landline only to discover that it had been a scam.

Do be very wary when messaged via an unknown phone and double check by whatever means are available that the person is really who they claim to be.

The Trading Standards Scam Newsletter for June can be read here:

<https://news.comms.surreycc.info/pa2/send/2j-7c8c5>

Forthcoming Events

Saturday July 15th The Good Shepherd Coffee Shop operates every Saturday from 10.30am to 12 noon (normally in the Church)

Summer Fun for Kids at Tattenham Library 26th July, 2nd, 8th, 15th (Drama), 16th, 22nd and 23rd August from 2 – 3.30pm. Various Craft workshops with Drama on Aug 15th. Sessions are limited to 20 children. Cost is £1 per child per session including refreshments. Children must be accompanied by an adult. See link to poster at the end of this bulletin - the poster has details of how to book places online.

Sunday July 30th Open Garden at 41 Shelveys Way from 2 – 5.3-pm adm £5 as part of the National Garden scheme with Teas provided in aid of TWOAT

Sunday August 6th Parish Lunch Good Shepherd Hall - note you must pre-book on the list in the Church.

Saturday August 12th Walton Village Kitchen provides light lunches in Riddell Hall and thereafter every 2nd Saturday in each month.

Sunday, August 27th, 2.00 - 5.00 pm. The Walton Open Group will be hosting TEAS ON THE GREEN, in BROCKHAM. Enjoy afternoon tea with family and friends in a beautiful setting with proceeds to The Salvation Army.

Saturday 9th Sept KWTH "Late Summer Flower Show" Good Shepherd Hall, Station Approach entry £1 from 2pm, tea, cakes and plants on sale.

Saturday 30th September Tutti Festi Exhibition of Creative Arts (from 6pm) and Concert (from 7pm), Church of the Good Shepherd. Admission £10 (see link to poster by my signature below)

Stall bookings are being taken for the Tadworth Craft Fair to be held on October 14th from 10am to 3pm contact tadworthcraftfair@yahoo.co.uk

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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