

TWRA Update

AGM report

The TWRA Committee was re-elected at the AGM held on May 17th with the exception of Jeff Harris who had previously announced his retirement from the committee where, among other things, he held a watching brief on transport issues. At a subsequent committee meeting Geoff Hewitt agreed to take responsibility for that area. Rachel Turner had stood down after many years serving as our Local Councillor, for which she was warmly thanked by those present at the AGM, and was elected by the meeting to join the TWRA Committee.

The AGM included a presentation of the main features of the new TWRA web site www.TWRA.org.uk which had gone live with effect from May 1st. In addition to providing details of TWRA activities it now includes a local events section also pages have been offered to other local groups to provide a one stop shop for residents seeking local information.

Examples of recent items included in the "News" section of the TWRA web site are:

- Councillor Zelanie Cooper monthly update
- R&B Parking review
- Flooding update
- Councillor Rebecca Paul monthly update

You can jump directly to the "News" page here <https://twra.org.uk/news/>

HEALTH UPDATE

This section will be discontinued in future bulletins unless the current lower threat level changes.

Spring COVID Booster Vaccinations

People aged 75 years and older, residents in care homes for older people, and those aged 5 years and over with a weakened immune system will be offered a booster of coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine this spring.

You will be invited for your booster, your GP may offer you the vaccine or you can book using [the NHS app](#) for [Apple](#) or [Android](#). You can also find your [nearest walk-in vaccination site](#) from the NHS website.

For fuller details visit here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-spring-booster-resources/a-guide-to-the-covid-19-spring-booster-2023>

Road Closure & Disruption Reports

Please be aware that it is possible on June 3rd that protesters may attempt to disrupt the Epsom Derby or traffic travelling to it. Extra Police are being assigned to this event.

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>

Breech Lane will be subject to closures from 30th May to 2nd June.

Chequers Lane subject to roadworks.

Sandlands Road subject to traffic control systems.

Chapel Road subject to controls 29th May to 1 June

Shelvers Way – drainage investigation 5th – 15th June

Cross Road subject to controls 10th June

Kingswood Road subject to controls 5th – 7th June

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.

Police & Neighbourhood Watch Reports

Anti-social Parking in Cross Road - WARNING

There have been complaints about vehicles obstructing the pavement when parking on the opposite side of the road to the Cross Road shops. This side of the road is marked with a single yellow line which means that brief stops are allowed for loading and unloading – vehicles overstaying are subject to enforcement action by Surrey CC. However, if vehicles park with wheels on the pavement obstructing it so that, for example, a parent with a pushchair cannot pass and has to venture into the road to progress then that is an offence which the Police can and will prosecute. 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.

New facility to Upload Video footage of suspicious activity to the police

Surrey Police are introducing a new website portal which enables members of the public to upload home CCTV, smart doorbell, or dash cam footage to us, which shows someone acting suspiciously.

We are asking you to be the eyes and ears of our community by submitting this footage as they could be connected to thefts and burglaries in the area.

The portal is for circumstances where no crime has been reported, but the suspicious behaviour could potentially be related to a burglary, theft of a vehicle, or catalytic converter, for example. We have a different unique link we provide to victims and witnesses when a burglary has occurred.

Examples of suspicious behaviour could be someone lurking around on your driveway, looking in your car and trying the handles, or conducting occupancy checks prior to a burglary.

We understand that sometimes this type of footage might get uploaded to community groups on social media, but sending the footage to us will help us to identify offenders operating in the area and will potentially link individuals to offences which have occurred.

Although realistically we may not be able to identify every person in a piece of footage, especially if they have a face covering, every clip feeds into our understanding of the bigger burglary picture in your area. In the long-term we hope that this initiative will help us reduce the number of burglary offences and provide reassurance to residents.

How to share your footage with us:

To share your footage, you will need to select which borough the footage was captured in from a list on our website link below. Once you have selected the relevant borough you will be redirected to a 'NICE Investigate page'. There are some boxes you are required to complete, including your name, what you think the footage shows, the location of the incident, and at the bottom you can then upload your files. The website works from a desktop or mobile.

To find out more about the portal and submit your footage visit this link: <https://surrey.police.uk/suspiciousactivityportal>

You can also pass information via the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

If you believe you have been a victim of crime, please report it to us using the online reporting tool via the Surrey Police website. In an emergency always call 999.

Crime prevention tips:

For more advice on how to protect your home from crime: <https://www.surrey.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/>

For more advice on how to keep vehicles safe: <https://www.surrey.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/>

Police & Crime Reports

Burglaries

Between 19/05/2023 20:45 to 20/05/2023 09:30 Tattenham Grove, Epsom Downs. Residential Burglary resulting in Car Theft. Method of Entry- Entry gained through the lounge window, located at the front of the property.

Stolen: Car keys taken and then used to steal a Mercedes Car parked on the drive. (PR 45230055242)

Stolen: Nothing Taken. (PR 45230049526)

Between 02/05/2023 08:00 to 06/05/2023 18:00 Croydon Lane, Banstead. Residential Burglary. Method of Entry- Entry has been gained through the rear of the property.

Stolen: Two Car Keys. (PR 45230049652)

07/05/2023 between 10:00 to 13:30 The Glade, Kingswood. Residential Garage Burglary. Method of Entry- Entry has been gained through the garage door.

Stolen: Bicycle and Electric Scooter. (PR 45230049894)

Between 05/05/2023 17:30 to 09/05/2023 09:30. The Chase, Kingswood. Residential Burglary. Method of Entry- Forced entry through a rear hallway window.

Stolen: 3 Watches, Gold Coin, Jewellery and Identification Documents. (PR 45230050765)

05/05/2023 08:20 Fir Tree Road, Epsom Downs. Residential Garage Burglary. Method of Entry- Entry has been gained into the Garage.

Stolen: Mini Digger. (PR 45230049223)

04/05/2023 15:00. The Tracery, Banstead. Residential Burglary. Method of Entry- Not confirmed at this time.

27/04/2023 11:25 Mill Lane, Tadworth. Residential Burglary. Method of Entry- Forced entry through the rear patio doors.

Stolen: Not confirmed at this time. (PR 45230045879)

Vehicle Thefts

There are 3 reports for the last week with 2 Keyless Car Thefts.

Banstead, Palmersfield Road 13/05/2023 - Keyless Car Theft - Mercedes (PR 45230052245)

Banstead, Sandersfield Road 13/05/2023 – Keyless Car Theft - BMW (PR 45230052247)

Epsom Downs, Chapel Way. Between 15/05/2023 to 16/05/2023 – Vehicle Theft –Jeep (45230053287)

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 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-cri>

-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.

Reigate & Banstead Safer Neighbourhood Team

SCAM Reports

I have had residents contacting me about emails which claim that their mailbox is full or is expiring or needs to be updated for some other reason. These emails typically request the recipient to access a link to input their email and password to put the problem right. These are most likely to be attempts by scammers to hijack your email password and you should NOT click on any links provided. If you want to check the state of your email account use your normal method for logging into it. Your email account is often used by banks and other organisations to check that it is really you that is trying to change your password. You should protect your email details and NEVER respond to unsolicited requests to give your password. If you think your email has been compromised then use your normal method of access to your account to change your password. If you find this is blocked then urgently contact your email provider and tell them your account has been hacked. They will require proof that you are who you say you are but should be able to restore control of your account to you.

Cyber Alarm

Note Surrey Police are offering a new facility to businesses called Cyber Alarm which helps protect their networks and internet access by detecting attempts to install malware and ransomware. Search for Cyber Alarm if you are interested.

Trading Standards Reports

You can read the latest Trading Standards' Bulletin here <https://news.comms.surreycc.info/pa2/Design/p-7j7h6>

Forthcoming Events

1st - 3rd June, Blithe Spirit by KADDS 8pm in Kingswood Village Hall tkts £12 at www.ticketsource.co.uk/KADDS

Saturday June 3rd The Good Shepherd Coffee Shop operates every Saturday from 10.30am to 12 noon (this time in the Church Hall – normally in the Church)

Saturday June 3rd in The Good Shepherd Hall Ante-Room “Meet your Local Councillors” from 10.00am to 12 noon

Sunday 4 June Parish Lunch Good Shepherd Hall - note you must pre-book on the list in the Church.

Thursday June 8th 8pm MU Open Evening - all welcome Good Shepherd Church illustrated talk by Moira Astin “Off the Beaten Track in the Holy Land”. Wine, juice, nibbles.

Saturday June 10th Walton Village Kitchen provides light lunches in Riddell Hall and thereafter every 2nd Saturday in each month.

Sunday/Monday 11th 12th June closing dates for entries in various Creative Arts Competitions see link to poster here [Creative Arts Competitions etc.pdf](#)

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th June “A Gardener’s Delight” an opportunity to visit 10 x gardens in Tadworth & Walton belonging to KWT Horticultural Society Members for a single admission price of £7.50. For details visit the society’s web site or contact suehortsoc@btinternet.com

Saturday 24th June KWT Horticultural show from pm in Good Shepherd Hall

Saturday 24th June “Music in the Garden” Open Garden with Live Music in aid of Dyscover at The Firs, The Hoppety from 3pm to 7pm Adm £5. Note no parking in The Hoppety

Sunday 25th June Open Garden in aid of TWOAT adm £5 - Shieling, The Warren, Kingswood, KT20 6PQ Teas, Plant Sale

Sunday 25th June Open Garden for TWOAT adm £5 from 2 - 4pm at Shieling, The Warren, Kingswood, KT20 6PQ. Teas and musical interlude

Sunday July 2nd Parish Lunch Good Shepherd Hall - note you must pre-book 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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