

TWRA Update

Flooding

If any of you have suffered from flooding during the recent bad weather please check the Tadworth Flood Action Group page on the TWRA web site www.TWRA.org.uk our community section to see how to report the incident.

How to Protect Yourself from Cybercrime Talk

The TWRA & Neighbourhood Watch have organised a talk for all residents by the Central Surrey Police Unit combatting Cybercrime on Nov 7th doors open 7pm for a 7.15pm start at Breech Lane Community Centre. See poster here www.TWRA.org.uk

Health Bulletin

Those eligible for COVID vaccines can now call 119 to book a jab or use the web to identify available walk-in providers.

Roads Proposals, Closure & Disruption Reports

In my previous Alert I advised that the average speed check cameras were going to be installed on the Dorking Road during the following 2 weeks. In fact that did not happen, however, the cameras are expected to be installed and working before the end of this year. I have provided a link by my signature below to a document providing more detail as to the part of the Dorking Road where the speed cameras will operate.

The 20 mph speed restriction is now operating in part of Walton Street although the 20 mph signs initially installed on the gates are being re-sited.

Roadworks & Closures

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>

Downs Way is subject to closures for major resurfacing work.

Police & Neighbourhood Watch Reports

Reigate Police station Front counter has relocated to Caterham Police Station, CR£ 6LD due to the presence of failing concrete.

Police & Crime Reports Burglaries

17/10/2023 Between 14:30 to 19:40 Shawley Crescent, Epsom. Residential Burglary. Method of Entry – Forced entry through the patio doors.

Stolen: Not confirmed at this time. (PR 45230118306)

21/10/2023 Between 00:01 to 05:00 West Drive, Burgh Heath. Attempted Residential Burglary. Method of Entry – Attempted forced entry through the Patio doors, located at the rear of the property.

Stolen: Nothing Taken. (PR 45230119331)

21/10/2023 or the previous day Elmore Road, Chipstead. Residential Burglary. Method of Entry – Forced entry through the ground floor lounge window.

Stolen: Not confirmed at this time. (PR 45230120665)

24/10/2023 Between 15:00 to 19:30 Chetwode Road, Tadworth. Residential Burglary. Method of Entry – Forced entry through the back door of the property.

Stolen: Nothing Taken. (PR 45230121062)

Keyless Vehicle Thefts

Tadworth, Downs Way - Between 11/10/2023 19:30 to 12/10/2023 07:30 - Keyless Vehicle Theft - BMW (PR 45230115522)

How to contact the Police

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.

Surrey & Sussex Police Scams Newsletter (Long Read)

Dear all,

Please see below October's edition of the Surrey and Sussex Police Fraud Newsletter.

"Each month we see many incidents of fraudsters targeting our residents in an attempt to defraud them. We're working hard to prevent this and support vulnerable victims of fraud or scams. By following our tips and encouraging family, friends and colleagues to do so too, you can reduce the risk of becoming a victim."

Detective Chief Inspector Simon Doyle, Surrey Police & Sussex Police Economic Crime Unit

Digital Switchover

Between now and 2025 most telephone providers will be moving their customers from old analogue landlines over to new upgraded landline services using digital technology. This means services that rely on the old landline system, such as home phones and healthcare devices, will be switched over.

The transition from analogue to digital technologies has created new opportunities for criminals to target vulnerable residents. Criminals may use phishing emails, fake websites, or phone calls to trick residents into providing personal information, such as bank account details or passwords.

Be vigilant and remember to look out for your elderly friends, family and neighbours during the switchover.

Be aware of fake payment confirmations

Some scammers send fake emails that look like they're from PayPal or other payment services, confirming that they've paid for the item you're selling. In reality, no transfer has been made. Always double check your account to confirm the money has actually been sent before parting with the goods.

Online Selling Scams

Facebook Market place sellers are being warned of scammers targeting them, posing as buyers. The popular narrative of fraudsters is that they are "too busy with work to collect the items" but they will send a courier to the seller's location to pick up the item, with cash paid on collection.

Should the seller agree to this, the scammer will then ask for the victim to pay an insurance fee on the cash payment, which they are advised will be refunded when the item is received by the buyer. The fraudster will then send the seller an email that appears to be from a trusted delivery company such as DPD.

The email contains a link that the recipient is encouraged to click on in order to pay the fee. The link, unsurprisingly, takes the victim to a malicious web page designed to steal personal and financial information.

Upcoming event:

On Wednesday, 15 November between 10am and 1pm, West Sussex County Council will be holding a free, live digital support and scams awareness day at Crawley Library. From 10am - 11.30am the team will be presenting an in-person and online session, providing you with the knowledge on how to spot scams and what to do if you, or your family, become a victim of online fraud.

If you can't attend the session in person, you can watch the webinar from home between 10am and 11.30am by booking a free ticket through [Eventbrite](#).

Sexual Blackmail Phishing

This month Sussex Police received a report from a 78-year-old male from West Sussex who had received an email claiming he had been spied on online, and a recording had been made of him satisfying himself. The email made demands that if he didn't pay £1800 in bitcoin, the images would be released to his contacts. This is an example of an updated version of the Sexual Blackmail Phishing which Action Fraud reports seeing a dramatic increase in over the past two months.

Contact comes from a variety of different email addresses but have the same title; "You have a new message". The email contains a very detailed description of how the suspect claims to have gained access to the device to make the scenario more plausible. The suspect uses language to induce feelings of guilt and shame in the victim, blackmailing them to send Bitcoin or risk colleagues, friends and family being sent compromising images. Time pressure is also applied to encourage victims to act quickly, creating panic and preventing people thinking about the situation clearly.

These emails are intended to play on the social stigma surrounding visiting adult sites and naked images – both very powerful stigmas; heightened by the explicit image now contained within the email.

You are reminded of the importance to use two factor authentication, and to report these type emails to report@phishing.gov.uk

What to do if you have been targeted:

- Don't panic, help is available
- Don't keep communicating
- Do consider getting support
- Report it to Police on 101 or online
- Report to your internet service provider

UPCOMING EVENTS' LIST

Saturday Nov 4th The Good Shepherd Coffee Shop operates every Saturday from 10.30am to 12 noon (normally in the Church).

Sunday 5th Nov from 12.30pm Good Shepherd Parish Lunch in the Hall – note you must book by putting your name on the list at the back of the church.

Tuesday Nov 7th Current Trends in Cybercrime presentation by Surrey Police Breech Lane Community Centre doors open 7.00pm for 7.15pm start. See poster here www.twra.org.uk

Wednesday Nov 8th "Policing Your Community" an opportunity for residents of Reigate & Banstead to hear from and question the Police & Crime commissioner and the Chief Constable at Holy Trinity Church Redhill, RH1 2BX Tickets are free but residents are asked to register [using this page](#). Arrival for in-person events begins at 6:30pm with presentations starting at 6:45pm.

Saturday Nov 11th Tadworth Craft Fair from 10am to 3pm Good Shepherd Hall adm £1 U16 free. Stall bookings contact tadworthcraftfair@yahoo.co.uk

Saturday November 11th 12 noon to 1.30pm Walton Village Kitchen provides light lunches in Riddell Hall and thereafter every 2nd Saturday in each month.

Sunday 12th November – Remembrance Sunday events and Services

Monday 13th November - Start of Children's Christmas "Disney Trail" in Tadworth shop windows

Thursday 16th November – Banstead Commons Winter Work Parties of Volunteers for further details see www.TWRA.org.uk

Friday 17th November Wine Tasting evening at Riddell Hall in aid of Friends of St Peter's. Enquiries to philip@truett.co.uk see poster www.TWRA.org.uk

Saturday 18th November Barn Bance, Good Shepherd Hall from 7pm tickets £12.50 families (2 +2) £40 includes supper. See poster on www.TWRA.org.uk

Nov 23 – 25th Gage Players present "Molly's Calling" by Pip Rolls see Gage Players' [web site](#) for further details

Saturday 25th November: "Music for Everyone" a concert by the Band of the Surrey Yeomanry in the Church of the Good Shepherd - 7.30pm - tickets £12 (under 18's free of charge)

Wednesday 29th Nov. TWRA Christmas Lighting Event in Tadworth High St. from 3pm. See link to the Christmas Event Poster by my signature below and other details on www.TWRA.org.uk

Saturday Dec 2nd at 7.30pm Kingswood Village Hall concert by Atlantis featuring hits from 60's and 70's Tkts. £12.50 see poster on www.twra.org.uk

Friday Dec 8th "Light up Walton" event starting by Walton Pond from 5pm

Saturday Dec 9th Carols in Jubilee Woodland from 3pm.

Sunday 10th Dec from 12.30pm Good Shepherd Parish Christmas Lunch in the Hall – note you must book by putting your name on the list at the back of the church.

For details of the many Group Activities and Events organised by Banstead u3a for those no longer in full-time work, 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

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