

Dear All

I have sent this Community Support Alert to all those on either the NhW or TWRA distribution list.

The Spring edition of the "Tadworth & Walton Tribune" is currently being delivered to every household in Tadworth & Walton. If you have not had a copy delivered to you by the end of this week please let me know by replying to this bulletin.

Health alert

The weekly COVID statistics relating to Surrey were published last Tuesday– you can see them in full here:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/emergency-planning-and-community-safety/coronavirus/local-outbreak-plan/figures-and-statistics/full-report>

They include an estimate from the Office of National Statistics that over 5% of the English population had COVID in the week up to 16th April. This is a reduction compared to previous weeks but applying this to Tadworth & Walton would suggest that over 500 individuals in our 2 villages would have had the disease

Epsom & St Helier Hospital reported 48 new COVID admissions in the 7 days up to 17th April – this is a welcome reduction of around 100 admissions as compared with the data I reported two weeks ago.

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

Vaccines

Spring Booster vaccinations against COVID are now available to those aged 75 and over or to those with a compromised immune system and can be booked locally [Vaccination Sites](#)

Remember if you have tested positive for COVID you need to wait for a period of time before having the vaccine. People aged 18 and over, and eligible children aged 12 to 15, need to wait 4 weeks. Most young people aged 16 and 17 need to wait 12 weeks.

Neighbourhood Watch Alert

Visit of Police & Crime Commissioner PCC

The issues raised with Lisa Townsend the Surrey PCC when she visited Walton on April 25th were:

Catalytic Converter thefts from cars

The low levels of crime resolution by Surrey Police compared nationally

Fraud & Cyber Crime

Parking

Modern Slavery (examples usually found in car washes and nail bars)

She told those present that they could use facebook TV to watch her meetings and discussions with the Chief Constable either live or recordings. Her next meeting will be on 16th May.

She was asked about encouraging Police Officers to visit schools. She told the meeting that she had a strong focus on making young people including school children aware of the risks presented by "County Lines" gangs who try to get them to act as drug couriers. There are now two Youth Officers assigned to each borough. Her Deputy PCC is the

youngest in the country and has specific responsibilities for young people and works closely with the Crimestoppers Fearless Programme.

She was accompanied by PC Dan Heather who is our local officer.

The Police reported no nearby burglaries in the 7 days up to April 28th

However there were 7 Catalytic Converter Thefts in the Borough including two in The Rise, Tadworth; three in The Moors, Redhill; one in Rushetts Road, Reigate and one in Thornfield Road, Banstead. They have been taken from Toyota Auris, Toyota Prius, BMW, Honda Jazz and Lexus.

Trading Standards Reports

Who is at your door? Have you considered buying a bell with a camera?

Before you buy

Check the brand Have you heard of them, do they have a website, phone number, postal address and email? If not, then you should be wary. Do your research, you should take extra care when buying any device that involves safety or security. As well as checking customer reviews carefully, look for reviews on established tech websites.

Consider one with motion sensors because the moment a smart doorbell is triggered by movement as well as someone pressing the bell, it can send you an alert and allowing you to view a livestream to see exactly what's happening.

Make sure that the mobile phone the doorbell is connected to is suitable - you'll need a smartphone that can download the app.

Do you want one that stores the images?

When the footage from your cameras uses cloud storage, it mitigates the risk of anyone tampering with the camera. Even destroying the smart doorbell won't affect the footage as that's stored elsewhere, meaning that you will have the footage no matter what. Cloud storage may cost extra, so factor that in when budgeting.

Once you've purchased

Software updates are usually beefing up security rather than adding new features. Turn the auto-update on if you can, or check regularly for new updates if you can't. It's not just the device itself, check the connected apps on your phone for updates, too.

Two Factor Authentication - 2FA is an extra one-time use password that's sent when you try and login. It's usually sent to your phone so only you can see it, and once it's used you'd need to request a new one next time. This is a great way to protect your device from hackers.

If your door has motion sensors you can set the area and sensitivity. Please only cover the area appropriate to your property and be sensitive to your neighbours.

Roadworks, Road Closures & Delays

See more details here <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/roadworks>

2nd May – 12th July Vicinity of Shelveys Way major gas mains works

4th May A217 in vicinity of Holly Lodge

11th May 12th May Howard Close

21st May Walton Pageant Procession will cause delays along Walton Street

Upcoming Events

The Coffee Shop every Saturday from 10.30am – 12noon in the Good Shepherd Church

Open Garden in aid of TWOAT at Meon House, 4 Meon Close from **2pm – 6pm** on **Monday May 2nd** admission **£5** Teas available

Walton Forum AGM May 10th at 8pm in Breech Lane Community Centre.

Tadworth Art Group Summer Exhibition will take place in the Peter Aubertin Hall, Elmore Road, Chipstead from the evening of Sunday of May 13th until 5pm 15th for details see here <https://www.tadworthartgroup.com/events>

The Village Kitchen light lunch events will resume on the second Saturday of each month with effect from **May 14th**

Gala Organ Recital Church of the Good Shepherd **Saturday May 14th at 6.30pm** tickets in advance £15 by phone 01737 556219

Walton May Pageant & Fayre Saturday May 21st

Tadworth & Walton Residents' Association AGM from 7pm on May 24th at Chinthurst School including talks from The Children's Trust and Banstead Commons Conservators

Friday 27th May at 7.30pm – The Friends of St Peter's are staging a Barbershop Musical Evening. For further information or to book your place, please contact Philip Truett on 01737 813832.

Friday May 27th Curzon Country Cinema at Riddell Hall 2pm and 7pm "West side Story" admission £6.

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

Jubilee Events – various Jubilee Street Parties and other events will be taking place during the period June 3rd – June 6th

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

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