

## **Chequers Lane Working Party (CLWP) Update**

This paragraph concerns the working party, consisting of representatives from TWRA, Walton Village Forum and Heath drive RA, which was formed to make representations to the planning authorities with respect to the planning application to create both permanent and temporary births for caravans in a field alongside Chequers Lane.

**The latest news is that the Planning Application has been turned down by Reigate and Banstead Planning Department. However, this is unlikely to be the end of the story as the applicants have the opportunity to appeal against the Council's decision.**

CLWP held a first Public Meeting on this issue on January 29<sup>th</sup> and a second on Monday evening 15<sup>th</sup> April at which the concept of a new charity, The Walton & Tadworth Preservation Society, was launched with an objective to purchase greenbelt land in the vicinity of Walton & Tadworth that might otherwise be subjected to unwelcome building development. You can find information about the Council's reasons for rejecting the application; details of the Charity plus how to donate to it and the latest newsletter from CLWP by visiting the TWRA web site here [www.TWRA.org.uk](http://www.TWRA.org.uk)

If you wish to contact the working party and to be added to their information distribution list please email details of your postal address and telephone number to [CLWP@twra.org.uk](mailto:CLWP@twra.org.uk)

## **LOCAL ELECTION MAY 2nd**

The local elections will be taking place on May 2<sup>nd</sup> – please remember that if you are voting in person at a polling booth **you will need to take photo ID with you**. Suitable items include a valid passport or bus pass or driving licence.

## **TWRA AGM MAY 15<sup>th</sup>**

The TWRA AGM is taking place on Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup> in Chinthust School Hall from 7.30pm with doors open and refreshments available from 7pm. Please note parking is limited in the vicinity and it would be helpful if those having to come by car could share with friends and neighbours. This is an important opportunity for TWRA Members to come together, provide feedback to committee members and Officers and to elect the committee to manage the affairs of the Association during 2024/25.

For details of the Agenda please visit the News section of the TWRA web site here [www.twra.org.uk/News](http://www.twra.org.uk/News)

The guest presentation including questions from the floor will be by Inspector Jon Vale the recently appointed Police Borough Commander for Reigate & Banstead. This presentation will be on first at 7.30pm.

An important topic for the evening will be discussion of a new constitution for TWRA. You can view the current constitution on the TWRA web site here. [www.twra.org.uk/about/constitution](http://www.twra.org.uk/about/constitution)

The proposed new Constitution can be found in the TWRA web site News section.

## **TWRA Seeking Volunteers – Your Community Needs You!**

TWRA has organised a leaflet drop in some roads in Tadworth & Walton where we have had some volunteer resource to undertake deliveries. The leaflet asks for more volunteers to make themselves known to us to undertake a variety of roles to help improve our local community. **There is a link at the end of this newsletter to the text of the leaflet. If you have not had one of our “Your Community Needs You” leaflets through your door please click on the link to see what opportunities you might have to help us improve our local community.**

[www.twra.org.uk/News](http://www.twra.org.uk/News)

The **TWRA Tribune Newsletter** is expected to be delivered to every household in Tadworth & Walton during the next 3 weeks. If you have not received a copy by May 21<sup>st</sup> please use the contact page on the TWRA web site to notify us or reply to this email. You can see an electronic copy of The Tribune here [twra.org.uk/about/tribune](http://twra.org.uk/about/tribune)

## **HEALTH REPORT**

Vulnerable adults including those over 75 have started to receive invitations to receive further **COVID Booster vaccinations**.

## ROADWORKS

The M25 will be shut between Junctions 9 and 10 from 9pm on Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> until 6am on Monday May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Note visit [www.twra.org.uk](http://www.twra.org.uk) to see weekly details of Surrey Highways planned roadworks.

Note traffic through Walton will be disrupted by the May Pageant Procession along Walton Street and Chequers Lane from mid-morning on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>.

## FLY-TIPPING

By my signature at the end of this newsletter you will see links to some photographs of the results of recent fly-tipping (Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April) on Mere Road (which links Tadworth Street to Walton Street). If you have any information concerning this incident you can report it anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800555111 or directly using an online form to Reigate and Banstead Council.

## POLICE REPORT

### Burglaries

**19/04/2024 Between 03:40 to 03:45. Chiltons Close, Banstead.** Residential Burglary resulting in the theft of a car. Method of Entry – Forced entry through the front door of the property.

Stolen: Car Keys, Car (BMW) and Golfing Equipment. (PR 45240043483)

**20/04/2024 16:17. Epsom Lane North, Epsom.** Residential Burglary. Method of Entry – Not confirmed at this time

Stolen: Not confirmed at this time. (PR 45240044139)

**21/04/2024 04:15. Beacon Way, Banstead.** Residential Burglary. Method of Entry – Forced entry through the front door of the property. It is believed that the suspect(s) were disturbed by the occupant and left the property.

Stolen: 2 sets of Car Keys and a Wallet containing Banks and Credit Cards. (PR 45240044357)

**23/04/2024 Between 03:33 to 03:36. Nork Rise, Banstead. Attempted** Residential Burglary. Method of Entry – Attempted forced entry through a door to the property.

Stolen: Nothing Taken. (PR 45240045195)

**Between 31/03/2024 13:20 to 16/04/2024 11:05. Waterhouse Lane, Kingswood.**

Residential Garage Burglary. Method of Entry – Forced entry into the garage

Stolen: Motorcycle (BMW). (PR 45240042392)

### Contacting Us

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).

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.

## **Surrey & Sussex Police Fraud Newsletter (long read)**

### **Motor Fraud**

There has been an increase in recent reports to Sussex Police and Surrey Police about scams involving selling high end cars. Cars are advertised online via sites such as Facebook Marketplace or Autotrader.

The scammers then get in contact to view the car, generally stating that they will be making a long journey to do so. They usually arrive in groups of three people. When the car is taken for a test drive, they comment that there is a funny noise and whilst one person distracts the owner, the car is sabotaged with things such as used oil in the coolant or water, causing a warning light to come on. The scammers advise that they will still have the car but for a much lower price.

One Surrey victim was selling their car, a Silver Mercedes for £3600. The Scammers sabotaged the car and then bought it as 'scrap' for £1000. The victim only realised what had happened after speaking to a friend.

#### **Top tips:**

If you are selling a car ensure that you set when and where to meet, to ensure that you feel safe.

Have someone with you that you trust, so they cannot sabotage the car whilst one of you is distracted.

Do not agree to sell the car for a lower price when it was previously in good condition.

If the sabotage does happen get a trusted motor recovery company to look at the car, and to give further advice.

Do not sell the vehicle for a much lower price.

### **Holiday Fraud**

Don't lose out before flying out!

Sussex Police and Surrey Police are urging residents to be wary of ticketing and holiday fraud as the summer season approaches and fraudsters are waiting to prey on those booking flights and accommodation. With prices rising and finances being tightened everyone is understandably shopping around for the best deals.

In a recent case in East Sussex an elderly gentleman was conned out of £2500 for flights to Canada that didn't exist. Whilst online searching for flights he was telephoned by a fraudster posing as a travel company who emailed him tickets for flights that, after having checked with the airline, were not in fact genuine.

#### **Top tips:**

Do your research: before committing and booking your holiday, make sure that you do a thorough online search to ensure the company is credible.

Pay safely: use a credit card when shopping online, if you have one. Most major credit card providers protect online purchases.

Remember to book through the trusted retailer and do not be encouraged to bypass the website rules and transfer money directly to the hosts.

Look for the logo: make sure they're a licensed company and check that they are properly accredited. Look for an ATOL (Air Travel Organiser's Licence) or a membership of ABTA, The Travel Association.

Beware of suspicious messages: be cautious of unexpected emails or messages offering unrealistic holiday deals. If you receive a suspicious email, report it by forwarding it to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

## **BT / Courier fraud:**

Across both force areas we continue to see the number of reports of courier fraud increase. A recent deviation in MO has seen would-be victims receiving an initial call from a BT impersonator followed almost immediately by the traditional police impersonator scam as detailed in this example:

An 82-year-old lady from West Sussex received a telephone call from a female claiming to be from BT stating that they will be turning her landline off within the next half hour due to her being involved in a criminal investigation. She called them back on the number they gave her, and they then told her it was the police and that they had a male in custody and they had been told the victim was laundering money and dealing drugs to the male. She was advised by the scam caller that she would need to travel to London to meet the officer outside the MET police station. Thankfully on this occasion no money was lost and no banking details divulged to the fraudsters. Considerable losses have been reported to this emerging MO and we continue to work closely with the banks across Sussex and Surrey to identify when one of these frauds is taking place, alert police and refuse the transaction under the Banking Protocol.

### **REMEMBER:**

***POLICE WILL NEVER ASK YOU TO WITHDRAW OR TRANSFER MONEY OR PURCHASE GOLD ON THEIR BEHALF/***

***DO NOT SHARE YOUR PIN WITH ANYONE.***

***IF YOU RECEIVE A PHONE CALL YOU ARE NOT EXPECTING – STOP, THINK FRAUD!***

### **TRADING STANDARDS Report**

The Trading Standards bulletin including details of recent scams can be read here:

<https://news.comms.surreycc.info/pa2/send/cf-747j0>

It contains details about ticket scams and **a reminder that legislation will require that all cats over 20 weeks old should be micro-chipped by 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS' LIST**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May Quiz Evening in aid of the Friends of St Peter's, at THE BLUE BALL at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. £10 per person including a Glass of Wine and a CASH PRIZE. Groups or Singletons all welcome – Just 'rock up' for a jolly evening! Contact Philip Truett – 01737 813832 – with any questions.**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May Good Shepherd Coffee Shop from 10.30 am and regularly on Saturdays thereafter - usually held in the Church.**

**Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> from 12.30 pm Good Shepherd Parish Lunch in the Hall – note you must book by putting your name on the list at the back of the church. (Note it is usually on the 1st Sunday in a month)**

**Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> Walton Village Kitchen lunches in Riddell Hall and then every second Saturday.**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May TWRA AGM at Chinthurst School doors open from 7pm. See article and links above.**

**Friday May 17<sup>th</sup> TWOAT Sponsored Walk 6 miles from Sportsman to Gatton Park contact Dick Shelley 817930 to take part or visit [www.TWOAT.org](http://www.TWOAT.org) for further details**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May Walton May Pageant & Fayre Procession along Walton Street Fayre in Howards Close.**

**Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> 7pm – 10pm Family Gameshow Night at Good Shepherd Church Hall. See poster at [www.TWRA.org.uk](http://www.TWRA.org.uk)**

**Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> TWOAT Sponsored Walk repeat of the item of May 17<sup>th</sup> above.**

**Saturday & Sunday June 22 and 23 A Gardener's Delight between 2 and 6pm visit many gardens opened by Kingswood, Walton & Tadworth Horticultural Society Members for a one-off charge of £7.50, plants and refreshments available for sale in some gardens. For further details visit [www.KWTHortsoc.co.uk](http://www.KWTHortsoc.co.uk)**

**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.

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Note. The next issue of "The Tribune" is expected to be distributed in May. If you wish to read an online version of the current or previous versions of The Tribune please visit the TWRA web site here <http://www.twra.org.uk/about/t...>

### **Attachments**

- [TWRA\\_Volunteer\\_Appeal\\_poster\\_A4.pdf](#)
- [FlytippingMereRoad29april2.jpg](#)
- [Flytipping\\_Mere\\_Road\\_April\\_29.jpg](#)