

TWRA Report

A recent TWRA Committee Meeting was also attended by MP and Surrey County Councillor, Rebecca Paul, and the two newly elected East Surrey Councillors George Curry and Shelly Newton. As Rebecca's term as a Surrey County Councillor will come to an end in March of next year, she indicated that one of her priorities is to see successful implementation of the Shelveys Way Improvement Project. Shelley and George described some of the early actions of what is currently the "Shadow Authority" for East Surrey. One of the issues discussed was the recent installation of an electric vehicle recharging point in Tadorne Road. These are being installed by the roadside across the county and in parts of Tadworth. In Tadworth these are mainly provided as additions to lamp posts. Rebecca stated that there were several limitations as to where these could be located as retailers were typically reluctant to have parking spaces near their premises occupied by vehicles just for charging. She agreed to send TWRA a list of locations to publish on our web site www.TWRA.org.uk

ROAD REPORTS

Roadworks are anticipated on Walton Street from 18th to 21st August

Consult Surrey's interactive map for the latest information on roadworks.

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

Please remember to water recently planted street trees.

POLICE SECTION

From the PCC - It is the last chance to have your say on proposed police merger plans!

It is the last chance to have your say on whether you agree with plans to merge Surrey Police with its neighbouring forces!

Under Government proposals – Surrey Police could disappear and become part of a larger south-east 'mega force'. Police and Crime Commissioner Lisa Townsend is urging the county's residents to let her know what they think by filling in her brief survey.

But you'll need to be quick – the survey closes at midnight on Monday (17 August)

It can be found here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/mergers/>

Under plans for police reform announced in January, the Government intends to scrap the current 43 force system in England and Wales and create larger regional forces in their place.

It would likely mean Surrey Police will be merged with neighbouring areas to create a 'mega force' which could also include Sussex, Thames Valley, Kent and Hampshire.

Lisa said: "I would urge anyone who lives in Surrey and is interested in the future of policing in our county to fill in my survey and make sure their voice is heard.

"Whether you agree with the plans or not – this is a really important decision and I will be sharing the results of this survey with those planning these mergers.

"Police reform is 100% needed but I don't believe a regional 'mega force' is the answer. We are the safest county in the region with no major city and I do not want to see our precious police resources diverted away from communities in Surrey.

"I've been clear in my views but I know not everyone will agree. That's why I'm asking everyone to fill in the survey and have your say."

Burglary Reports

29/07/2026 07:00 to 22:00. Chetwode Road, Tadworth. Attempted Residential Burglary. Method of Entry – Attempted forced entry through the front door

Stolen: Nothing Taken. (PR 45260091918)

21/07/2026 04:00. Grange Gardens, Banstead. Residential Burglary resulting in the theft of a vehicle. Method of Entry – Access has been gained through a first floor window.

Stolen: Nothing taken. (PR 45260087569)

Contact the Neighbourhood Team

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).

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.

For general enquiries please email us at: reigateandbanstead@surrey.police.uk

As ever if you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Arrests.

There were 59 arrests in the period July 23rd 2026 to July 29th 2026:

Domestic Incident/Violent Domestic Abuse 11, Rape/Sexual Offence 4, Drugs 5, Drunk/Drug Charge 1, Violent Crime in a Public Place 5, Violent Crime other 5, Harassment/Stalking 3, Hate/Diversity 3, Crime Other 5, Child at Risk 1, Child Protection 2, Master Occurrence 7*, Theft 3, Immigration 1, Criminal Damage 1, Suspicious Incident 1, Absconder/Wanted 1,

**A Master Occurrence is used when recording an arrest where a number of offences are recorded for one incident.*

Police Newsletter

[Reigate and Banstead Police Newsletter August 2026 final version.pdf](#)

Trading Standards Newsletter

You can [read it by clicking this link](#)

Monthly Police Fraud Newsletter (Long read)

Fake air conditioning units / cooling fans

With temperatures rising, fraudsters are targeting people searching for affordable air conditioners and cooling devices online. Criminals are advertising heavily discounted products through social media and fake websites, only for victims to receive poor-quality items, products that don't work as advertised, or nothing at all.

Surrey Police and Sussex Police have seen a recent spate of fraud reports regarding the purchase of fans and portable air-conditioning units. Products are being advertised and priced much cheaper than those sold by established and trusted retailers, however, when received are cheap imitations of those shown in the ads.

One victim was browsing Facebook when he came across a video advertising a cooling fan developed by NASA scientists and claiming to be able to cool a room in 10 minutes. In the midst of a heatwave, the victim purchased the fan for £69. When he received the fan, he found that the claims made in the advert were false and the product he had purchased was a cheaply made replica. Despite complaining to the company, he did not receive any response or refund.

Other examples, saw two victims losing nearly £250 each to similar scams, where air-con units never arrived. In these cases, the products were advertised on TikTok, with a website on Google. Upfront payments were made via PayPal and bank card, and once they had not received the air-con units multiple attempts to contact the company were unsuccessful.

How to protect yourself

- Research the site selling the product on sites such as Trust Advisor or Which?
- Be cautious of websites you have not heard of and offers that seem too good to be true.

- Where possible, pay using a credit card or another payment method that offers consumer protection.

Driving Lessons

As the cost of learning to drive continues to rise, fraudsters are increasingly targeting learner drivers with attractive offers, discounted lesson packages and professional-looking websites designed to appear legitimate.

Surrey Police and Sussex Police have seen a number of recent fraud reports regarding fake driving lessons. One of these reports was from a 21-year-old who reported finding a website advertising a bulk package, offering a 25-hour course with two one-hour lessons per week. After contacting the company to arrange the booking, she was sent a payment link and transferred £792 for the lessons. It was later discovered that the driving lesson package was not genuine, resulting in a significant financial loss.

How to spot the warning signs

When booking driving lessons online, look out for the following red flags:

- Prices that seem significantly cheaper than those offered by established local instructors.
- Requests for full payment upfront before any lessons have taken place.
- Poorly reviewed or recently created websites.
- Limited contact information or no registered business address.
- Pressure to make payment quickly to secure a deal.
- Payment links sent through emails, text messages or messaging apps rather than secure booking systems.

How to protect yourself

Before booking driving lessons:

- Research the driving school or instructor thoroughly and check independent reviews.
 - Verify that the instructor is approved and registered with the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA).
 - Be cautious of websites you have not heard of and offers that seem too good to be true.
 - Where possible, pay using a credit card or another payment method that offers consumer protection.
 - Speak to family or friends and seek recommendations before committing to large upfront payments.
- Trust your instincts – if something doesn't feel right, stop and carry out further checks.

Keeping communities safe from fraud

Brush up on your knowledge and stay safe online with FREE webinars and in person sessions delivered by subject experts from WSCC. Sessions include talks at local libraries on scams, navigating the digital world for parents or you can even learn more about artificial intelligence. If you are interested in booking on any of their free webinars, you can book tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/digital-safety-fraud-prevention-4037633?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

Please check out the website for talks targeted at Parents and Carers in keeping young people safe online: <https://southeastcyber.police.uk/webinars/list/>

Surrey Police and Partners will be in attendance at the below locations to talk around fraud prevention and reporting methods.

- Monday, 17 August Surrey Heath location TBC (update via 'in the know')
- Tuesday, 18 August at The Friary Centre Guildford
- Wednesday, 19 August St Martins Walk, Dorking

EVENTS' SECTION

Saturday Aug 29th KWTHS Late Summer Flower Show at Good Shepherd Hall from 2pm adm. £1 (non-members) plant sale, raffle, refreshment.

Saturday 5th September the Craft Community meet at 9am in the Good Shepherd Church and on subsequent 1st Saturdays in each month. All age groups and skill levels welcome. Enquiries to chaosgremlins@gmail.com

Saturday 5th September Model Railway Exhibition Good Shepherd Hall 10am – 5pm. Admission adults £6, seniors £5, U16 £3

Saturday 5th September from 1 – 4pm Tadworth & Walton Tree Wardens present a family event in Jubilee Woodland “Discover the Mystery & Magic of the Wood”. Free entry, refreshments and Craft Marquee. See poster in www.TWRA.org.uk events section.

Sunday Sept 6th Good Shepherd Parish Lunch in the GS Hall – note you must book on the list in the church in advance.

Saturday 12th Sept. Village Kitchen Lunches in the Riddell Hall and subsequent second Saturdays.

Tuesday 15th Sept Walton Forum Meeting 8pm in The Dog House meeting room.

Thursday 17th September The Arts Society in The Riddell Hall 10.45–12.00 (with coffee 10–10.30) is on “Katsushika Hokusai and J M W Turner” given by Carol Wilhide Justin. Free of charge to non-members as part of Heritage Week.

Thursday 17th September 7.30pm Welcome Service at the Church of the Good Shepherd for Revd. Jess Monopoli includes refreshments. All welcome

Friday 25th Sept Curzon Country Cinema will resume screenings in the Riddell Hall

For details of the programme visit www.twra.org.uk/events/

Wednesday 25th November Tadworth Lighting Event

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

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An electronic copy of the Tribune magazine can be accessed from WWW.TWRA.ORG.UK

Please let me know if you have an event taking place in the next 2 months.

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