

NEWS FROM TWRA

A message from the TWRA Chair

Dear Members,

We would like to remind you that our AGM will be held on Wednesday 28th May, as per the attached poster. The draft Agenda is also attached. As well as the normal AGM agenda, to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day earlier this month, our meeting will include an exceptional talk on Tadworth and Walton in WW2 mainly focusing on VE Day aspects. We will also be hosting as a special guest, a local WW2 veteran. Due to this special agenda item, and with efficiency in mind, we ask that you submit questions to the committee in advance (please use the contact form on our web site), so we can group similar ones together, and project them onto a screen. Note that we will endeavour to answer questions raised on the night, but if there is insufficient time we will note them and post responses to our website.

Please note those who wish to raise questions or vote, e.g. in the elections, must already be members in good standing of TWRA. This requires that they have either already paid their subscription in this calendar year or previously set up a recurring payment method, such as a Standing Order, that has already made at least one payment to TWRA or that some years ago they became a Life Member when that was an available option.

We do hope you will join us for a glass of wine, and an interesting evening on the 28th.

Best Wishes

Jeff Temple, Chair TWRA

The Tribune

The TWRA's Tribune magazine was sent for delivery to all residences in Tadworth and Walton during the first two weeks of this month. If you did not receive a copy you can access it electronically via <http://www.twra.org.uk/about/t...>

However, please notify us by replying to this bulletin so we can improve our distribution in future and provide you with a printed copy if you wish.

Planning update

Residents may wish to register comments with the Council concerning a planning application that has been submitted for a "change of use" of The Bell public house to become residential i.e. a private dwelling. Search for the Reigate & Banstead Planning Portal and use that to search on "The Bell".

The appeal hearing relating to the Planning application for 3 x temporary and 3 permanent pitches for caravans in a field alongside Chequers Lane has been re-scheduled for June 17th – 20th with two further days on the 24th and 25th June if necessary. It will be held at Reigate Town Hall, starting at 10am on 17 June. Members of the public are able to attend and will be able to address the hearing if they have relevant matters to raise not already covered by previous speakers.

For further news or to contact committee members please visit the TWRA website at www.TWRA.org.uk .

NEWS FROM THE TADWORTH VILLAGE FORUM

The Tadworth Village Forum is pleased to announce that they have already acquired an additional defibrillator to be installed in the near future on the exterior wall of Heathcote Medical Centre.

A further training and familiarisation event has been arranged for the 4th June with respect to the use of the defibrillators which are installed locally. Please contact Felicity Hook hookfel15@gmail.com for more details and to book a place.

Tadworth Village Forum is organising a Quiz Evening in St John's Hall opposite Tadworth Station on Saturday June 28th – see details on a poster accessible via www.TWRA.org/news/events/

Proceeds from the Quiz will be used to finance the cost of the training sessions and ongoing maintenance of the defibrillators.

ROAD CLOSURES/DISRUPTION

URGENT Warning

A sink hole has opened up in Shelveys Way between Fairacres and Fleetwood Close, thus there is no access to the A217 for those turning right out of Tadorne Road and no access to higher end numbers in Shelveys Way from those turning off the A217.

Various local roads are having work done to repair potholes and clear drains – please watch out for signs indicating temporary disruption or closures. There are multiple activities taking place in the vicinity of The Avenue Tadworth. Disruption is anticipated extending until the autumn on the A217 between the Tadworth Roundabout and Burgh Heath. You can follow the link below to see regularly updated details of roadworks planned by the Council and utilities on a large map of Surrey on which you can zoom to your area of interest.

www.one.network/uk/surrey

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT

Cyber Safe training for Kids (10 – 14 years) Banstead Community centre May 27th

Community centres are launching a new **Cyber Training Program for Children and a parent**, designed to equip young learners (ages 10 to 14yrs) with essential digital skills, cyber safety knowledge, and hands-on experience in a fun, engaging environment.

This program could be a valuable opportunity for families in our community.

This training will equip participants with the essential skills below:

- Online Identity and Privacy - How to protect their personal information
- Cyberbullying - Kindness and respect online
- Stranger Danger - Who is a stranger online
- Games and social media - How to be safe of platforms like Roblox, YouTube, TikTok etc
- Passwords and Devices - Importance of strong passwords
- Parent Controls and Tools - Setting up filters, screen time limits and monitoring tools
- Signs of Trouble - How to spot if your child is being bullied or groomed online
- Creating a Cyber Safe Home - Open communication strategies
- Digital Footprint Awareness - Teaching the permanence of online actions

Two sessions available 10 – 11am, 11.30 – 12.30pm

To book please visit: <https://bookwhen.com/communitycentres>

Free tickets for Neighbourhood Watch Members at the [Southern Homebuilding & Renovating Show](#) at Sandown Park, Surrey, 28-29 June

Over 180 exhibitors will be demonstrating thousands of home products - including secure windows and doors - and expert speakers will be giving seminars on home design and renovation in two theatres at the show.

Free tickets for members are available for either day of the show at this link: <https://www.homebuildingshow.co.uk/neighbourhood-watch>

Note the TWRA is an Affiliate Member of Neighbourhood Watch so this offer is available to all TWRA members as well as those specifically involved in local Watches.

POLICE REPORTS

Surrey Police have provided added focus this year on retail crime and launched a new campaign on May 2nd with this statement:

“This week, we launched our [new retail crime strategy](#), which sets out our Force commitment to address retail concerns, to respond appropriately, investigate thoroughly and work with retailers to prevent crime where possible.

Retail crime impacts businesses, leaves victims terrified in their workplace and communities feeling unsafe in town centres they should be able to enjoy.

Tackling this crime type is a priority for Surrey Police.”

[Hear from our Chief Constable](#) Tim De Meyer as he talks more about our Force approach to addressing retail crime.

Some results from the added emphasis in the past year:

In the past year, our Force has achieved a four-fold increase in the number of charges for shoplifting county-wide, amounting to more than 800 cases.

Our arrest rate for these crimes has more than doubled - from around 10% previously to around 24% this year. While our solved outcome rate is currently 23.5%. This time last year, it was around 16% and the year previous, it was around 11%.

‘People should feel safe in their communities’

Our Force lead for retail crime, Chief Superintendent Juliet Parker, [discusses the importance of prevention](#) and victims reporting retail crime to us, however big or small, so that we can not only investigate but build a wider picture of this type of criminality.

Burglary Reports

24/04/2025. Between 00:00 to 22:00. Homefield Gardens, Tadworth. Attempted Residential Burglary. Method of Entry – Attempted forced entry through the front door to the property.

Stolen: Nothing taken. (PR 45250049429)

23/04/2025 04:35. Green Lane, Lower Kingswood. Residential Burglary. Method of Entry – Forced entry through a ground floor window. The suspects left the premises when disturbed by the occupant.

Stolen: Not confirmed at this time. (PR 45250047847)

17/04/2025 23:45. Rectory Lane, Banstead. Residential Burglary. Method of Entry – Forced entry through the front door.

Stolen: Not confirmed at this time. (PR 45250045750)

Vehicle Thefts

Epsom, Shawley Crescent. 30/04/2025 02:57 Keyless Car Theft. Vehicle Recovered. (PR 45250050919)

Banstead, Salisbury Road. Between 22/04/2025 22:00 to 23/04/2025 09:12 Motorcycle Theft. Piaggio Vespa. (PR 45250048121)

Banstead, Nork Way. 23/04/2025 21:50 Keyless Car Theft. (Vehicle Recovered). (PR 45250048226)

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).

Ways to Contact Surrey Police

Contact the Neighbourhood Team

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 relevant information or concerns you can:

·Call 101

·Online 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

ACTION FRAUD WARNING re Fake Emails also called Phishing

The reported phishing emails received by the National Cyber Security Centre's SERS relate to a type of extortion referred to as 'Financially Motivated Sexual Extortion' (FMSE).

Reports suggests the phrasing of the email and subject lines can vary, but the theme remains consistent: the phishing email claims to have installed malware on the recipient's computer and recorded them visiting adult websites. The sender will then coerce the email recipient to pay a ransom demand by threatening to release the videos. The ransom is usually demanded in a form of cryptocurrency, such as Bitcoin.

In order to make these phishing attacks convincing, emails will often include genuine pieces of personal information relating to the victim, such as a password or home address. It is likely these would have been obtained from historic breaches of personal data.

Analysis shows that many people who received these emails also later reported becoming victims of online account hacking.

In 2024, a male victim in his thirties received numerous extortion emails that contained a password he used for one of his online accounts. The emails demanded a ransom of \$500. Having correctly identified the emails as a scam, he deleted them. However, shortly afterwards he noticed that he was unable to login to one of his social media accounts. After some checking, he realised that one of his bank accounts and multiple social media accounts had been hacked and he was locked out of them.

What to do if you receive an email like this:

- As with other phishing emails, do not to engage with the phisher, forward the email to report@phishing.gov.uk, which is the [NCSC's Suspicious Email Reporting Service \(SERS\)](#), and then delete it.
- If you are considering paying the Bitcoin ransom, you should be aware that doing so, you will likely become the target of more scams, as the phisher will know they have a 'willing' customer.
- The inclusion of genuine passwords or other personal information in phishing emails is a strong indication that you may have been affected by a historic data breach. You can use this service to check which of your online accounts were affected: <https://haveibeenpwned.com>
- If the phishing email includes a password you still use, **then change it immediately**. Advice on how to create suitable passwords and enable other factors of authentication is available here: <https://stophinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk/protect-yourself-from-fraud/protecting-against-online-fraud/improve-your-password-security/>

If you have been a victim of extortion, or concerned that someone may be in possession of intimate images of you, you should report it to your local police force by calling 101.

Find out how to protect yourself from fraud: <https://stophinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk>

If you've lost money or provided financial information as a result of any phishing scam, notify your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report-phishing> or by calling 0300 123 2040. In Scotland, call Police Scotland on 101.

Trading Standards Report (Scams etc)

The report includes details of LinkedIn scams that target young graduates looking for the next step in their career.

[You can read the newsletter here](#) or copy and paste this url into your browser: <https://news.comms.surreycc.info/pa2/send/mc2-7ce22>

EVENTS

Saturday May 24th Coffee Morning Good Shepherd Church from 10.30 am and subsequent Saturdays usually in the Church.

Tuesday May 27th Cyber safe training for kids 10 – 11am and 11.30 – 12.30pm Banstead Community Centre see article above.

Wednesday 28th May TWRA AGM at Chinthurst School doors open at 7pm (see more details above) – note non-members can join on the night.

29th – 31st May KADDS production of Neil Simon's play, Plaza Suite at 7.30pm tks. £13 from Kingswood Village Stores or <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/kadds>

Sunday June 1st Parish Lunch in the Good Shepherd Hall, Tadworth – you must book in advance via a form in the back of the Church.

Wednesday June 4th CPR, defibrillator and first aid training. Contact Felicity Hook hookfel15@gmail.com

Saturday June 7th at 9am the second of two TWOAT John Allinson Memorial Sponsored Walks. The walk follows a beautiful 5 mile river trail from Betchworth. To participate contact DickShelley@NTLWorld.com . Visit WWW.TWOAT.org for further details of sponsorship etc. and to see other events including Open Gardens being organised for TWOAT.

Saturday June 14th Walton Village Kitchen light lunches in the Riddell Hall.

Tuesday June 17th from 10am commencement of planning appeal re Chequers Lane application for caravan pitches in Reigate Town Hall.

Thursday June 19th The Arts Society in the Riddell Hall from 10.30 am. “A bit of a Carry On” speaker Tyler Butterworth. Visitors are welcome, £5 per lecture. This lecture is followed by the Members' summer lunch.

Sat 21st and Sun 22nd June, A Gardener's Delight from 2 to 6pm – an opportunity to visit many gardens belonging to Kingswood, Walton & Tadworth Horticultural Society Members for just one payment of £7.50. Check their web site nearer the time for a list of the gardens involved – purchase your ticket at the first garden you visit.

Sat 28th June Tadworth Village Forum (TVF) Quiz Night St John's Hall from 7.30pm tks £15 to include nibbles and charcuteries platter, email tadworthvillageforum@gmail.com

Sat 5th July The Hilltop Community Choir will give a concert in The Riddell hall at 3pm in aid of Rare Dementia Support tks. £12 adult £5 children. Tea and cakes available.

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 November. 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...>