

TWRA REPORTS

Community Governance

I sent an Alert a few days ago to specifically tell/remind all residents about the two public events being organised by the TWRA to enable residents to be informed and comment on the proposition that a new representative body might be formed in the North of the current Borough of Reigate & Banstead including our area. The first of these is tomorrow (Aug 26th) at the Riddell Hall from 2 – 5pm and will be an individual drop in session – an opportunity to discuss Local Government Reorganisation. The second tomorrow week (Sept 4th) also at the Riddell Hall with doors open at 7pm for a formal start from 7.30pm addressing the same issue with more formal presentations. Parking is limited at this venue so if you can walk or share a car please do so.

TWRA Membership Fee - Statement from TWRA

It was recently stated on a local social media site that the TWRA was going to double its annual membership subscription fee. In case you have heard about this story either directly or indirectly it can be stated that it is entirely incorrect. It appears the person concerned mistook the TWRA for the Kingswood Residents' Association. The person publishing the story has deleted the post in question and apologised. We hope that in future they will check their 'facts' with the TWRA Committee before posting about the TWRA.

Actually, for the annual subscription fee to change, it would have required a motion to have been passed by the members who attended the TWRA AGM which took place in May.

At £5 per year, membership of the TWRA remains very affordable, and members' subs are what allow us to undertake so many of the things we do. If you are not a member, please consider joining. twra.org.uk/membership

Planning Appeal Re Chequers Lane Caravan Pitches

30th September at 10am has been set for the opening of the Appeal against the Council's rejection of a planning application for 3 permanent and 3 temporary caravan pitches on a field alongside Chequers Lane. The Public Inquiry will take place in Reigate Town Hall. For more information visit the TWRA web site www.twra.org.uk

Report from Rebecca Paul MP

The TWRA has agreed to publish apolitical reports from our local MP concerning matters relevant to our area – see attached document.

HEALTH REPORTS

Tick Warning

I received a report from a resident of Shelveys Way that, after a period working in their garden, they returned indoors to discover that a tick had attached itself to one of their arms. Ticks can carry very dangerous bacteria causing serious illnesses such as Lyme Disease. Great care should be taken when removing a tick which should be done with special tweezers which grasp the tick's head rather than squeezing its body as this can cause the content of the tick's gut to be propelled into your bloodstream causing infection. Your local pharmacy should be able to assist you or supply the

specialised tweezers. Ticks are usually found in woody or grassland areas and can be brought into your garden by wildlife such as foxes or bats also of course by pets if you have been walking them in areas inhabited by ticks.

Community Health Fair - Tadworth Leisure Centre (See poster attached)

Wednesday 8th October 10am – 3pm, free entry, all welcome!

Come along to a free, drop-in health fair at Tadworth Leisure Centre and discover the wide range of support available in your local community.

This event brings together healthcare professionals and support organisations to offer advice, information, and practical help on a range of topics to support your wellbeing.

POLICE & NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORTS

Burglary Reports

11/08/2025 22:00 to 12/08/2025 11:00 Fairacres, Tadworth. Residential Burglary. Method of Entry – Forced entry has been gained through a window to the property.

Stolen: Nothing taken. (PR 45250099277)

25/07/2025 03:00. Wessels, Tadworth. Attempted Residential Burglary. Method of Entry – Two suspects have attempted to enter through external doors to the property, by trying the handles.

Stolen: Nothing taken. (PR 45250091393)

26/07/2025 03:00. The Glade, Kingswood. Residential Burglary. Method of Entry – Suspects have gained a forced entry through a French door, located on a balcony.

Stolen: A number of watches. (PR 45250093019)

Between 17/07/2025 20:00 to 18/07/2025 06:32. Greenways, Walton on the Hill. Residential Burglary resulting in the theft of a car. Method of Entry – Two suspects have entered the property through the back door.

Stolen: 3 sets of car keys and a car (Mercedes) PR 45250087441)

Vehicle Thefts

Tadworth, De Burgh Gardens. Between 19/08/2025 00:00 to 20/08/2025 14:00. Motorcycle Theft. Honda. (PR45250102352)

Tadworth, Morden Close. 20/08/2025 Between 14:00 to 16:23. Motorcycle Theft. Honda (PR45250102429)

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).

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

Surrey & Sussex Fraud Newsletter (long read)

Online safety for the new school year

As the new school year begins, Sussex Police and Surrey Police would like to remind parents, grandparents and carers, of the importance of keeping young people safe online. While digital platforms offer educational and social benefits, they also expose children and teens to a range of serious risks.

Two key threats currently targeting young people are sextortion and money muling.

Sextortion involves criminals manipulating or coercing young people into sharing explicit images or videos, then threatening to share the content unless a ransom is paid. This type of blackmail can have devastating emotional and psychological effects.

Learn more here: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/a-z-of-fraud/sextortion>

Money "muling" occurs when young people are tricked or recruited - often through social media - into moving stolen money through their own bank accounts. Even if they believe they're helping someone out or earning "easy money", this is a serious criminal offence.

Details can be found here: <https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/moneymuling>

A growing concern is investment fraud, particularly involving cryptocurrency. Scammers often target younger users with offers that appear to promise fast profits. These can quickly result in significant financial loss and identity theft. For warning signs and advice please visit:

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/cryptocurrencyfraud>

Top tips

Start the conversation early - and keep it going

Ask your child to walk you through the games they play, the sites they visit, or the videos they love. Talk openly about common online risks like oversharing, inappropriate content, cyberbullying, and interacting with strangers. Stay informed about the latest trends and lead by example with your own digital habits.

Point them in a safer direction

Encourage the use of child-friendly apps and platforms, such as YouTube Kids. Check in regularly on what they're watching and sharing, especially on sites like YouTube and TikTok.

Keep up with digital trends - especially the risky ones

Some games and social platforms have raised concerns for promoting violence, gambling, or unmoderated messaging. Get to know which ones your child is using and how they work.

Don't underestimate the emotional impact

Social media and messaging apps can be powerful - sometimes overwhelmingly so. Help your child understand how online experiences can influence emotions, self-esteem, and mental health.

Respect age restrictions - they exist for a reason

Most platforms have age limits to help protect children. Stick to them and talk to your child about why they matter.

Set clear rules from the beginning

Agree on boundaries together: what's OK to do online, how long to spend on devices, and how to treat others with respect. Kids need structure and support to make smart choices online.

Make the most of built-in tools

Use parental controls on devices, games, browsers, and social platforms. Enable privacy settings, safe search features, and family filters from your internet provider. These tools add an extra layer of protection.

Be cautious with video calls

Always update apps to their latest version and adjust settings to ensure calls are private and secure. Allow communication only with trusted contacts.

Talk about online gaming

Gaming can help kids with creativity and problem-solving – but it can also expose them to strangers, pressure to spend money or risky behaviours. Make time to chat about the games they play and how they

News from the Police & Crime Commissioner – Rural Crime Forum

THOSE who live and work in the Surrey countryside are invited to share their concerns on rural and wildlife crime at a new forum next month.

The first Rural Crime Forum, hosted by Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Ellie Vesey-Thompson and Surrey Police leads, will take place at Busbridge Village Hall in Godalming **on Monday, September 15.**

During the evening, members of the public will have the opportunity to talk to the team about the issues that most concern them.

[You can read the full story on the launch here.](#)

Trading Standards Newsletter

Read about car scams, rental fraud, other scams and the latest recalls to be aware of (and much more!)

You can [read the newsletter here](#) or by copying and pasting this url into your browser: <https://news.comms.surreycc.info/pa2/send/rc7-hhy7>

EVENTS' SECTION

Thursday August 28th TWRA 2 – 5pm drop in session – an opportunity to discuss Local Government Reorganisation at the Riddell Hall.

Saturday 30th August Model Railway Exhibition in the Good Shepherd Hall 10am – 4.30pm. Adm. Adults £6, OAP's £5, Under 16 £3. Child friendly layouts. All day refreshments.

September 2nd 7.30pm at Banstead Downs Golf Club, SM2 7DD. Public Action Meeting organised by Banstead Commons Conservators for those concerned about the use of off-road powered bikes on The Commons. See more details at: www.TWRA.org.uk/news/events

Thursday September 4th doors open at 7pm for a formal start from 7.30pm. TWRA organised discussion involving representatives from other areas in the North of the Borough concerning the formation of Community Councils as a method of maintaining a democratic voice following the abolition of Borough Councils in Surrey.

Saturday 6th September from 9am Craft Community activities (including crochet, knitting and cross-stitch) in the back of the Good Shepherd Church – all abilities welcome. If you are a beginner materials can initially be provided.

Saturday 6th September the Coffee Morning will be held in the Good Shepherd Church from 10.30 am to 12 noon. It will normally take place every Saturday in the back of the Church.

Sunday 7th September Good Shepherd Parish Lunch in the GS Hall – note you must book on the list in the church in advance.

Sat 13th September at 10.30am TWOAT is organising a Magical Mystery Tour through Narnia incorporating a quiz and a walk designed for all ages. This will take place in the lovely Banstead Woods, meeting at the main car park at the junction of Park Road and Holly Lane at Chipstead. The cost is £10 for adults and £5 for children. See www.twoat.org

Sat 13th September Resumption of the Walton Village Kitchen serving light lunches in the Riddell Hall on the second Saturday of each month.

Sunday 14th Sept from 12.30pm Parish BBQ and Farewell to Revd. Tim Astin in the Church Grounds – please put your name to participate on a list in the Church.

Wednesday 17th September 2.30pm – 4pm u3a Groups' Showcase Event in Banstead Community Hall. If you are no longer in full-time work and wish to participate in learning, sporting or social activities come to this event.

Friday 26th September Curzon Country Cinema presents "The Salt Path" at the Riddell Hall. Screenings at 2pm, 4.30pm, 7.10pm. Tkts £8.

Sunday Oct 5th Harvest Lunch Good Shepherd Hall.

Saturday October 11th TWOAT Quiz St John's Hall doors open 7.15pm Adm £15 including light buffet refreshments BYOB. Enquiries Mike Fox 350452

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...>