

NEWS FROM TWRA

The TWRA will be running a couple of events in August and September to update residents about the status of the government's Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) programme and, perhaps more importantly, to discuss the possible opportunity for new parish or town councils locally. The setting up of new parish/town councils is being independently considered by RBBC as a way of improving local representation, which may be a good thing once RBBC is abolished and merged into a larger unitary authority.

Both events will be held in the Riddell Hall in Walton. The first will be a drop in session during the afternoon of Thursday August 28th to allow residents to be provided with details concerning the proposed reorganisation and the second will be an evening meeting to discuss and assess the demand for Parish or Town Councils to be created covering parts of the North of the current Borough of Reigate & Banstead so that there will still be an opportunity for the democratic representation of local views once Reigate & Banstead is subsumed into one of either 2 or 3 Local Government entities covering all of Surrey.

Our hope is to get from these meetings a sense of the local community's views on establishing a new town or parish council that may include Tadworth and Walton, probably (but not necessarily) as part of a larger area in the north of the borough. As a Committee, the TWRA will then consider how it should respond to consultations and what actions it might take when (or if) the establishment of a local parish or town council is decided upon.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at one or other, or both, meetings.

More details will be published nearer the time.

Government Consultation on Local Government Reorganisation

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has now officially launched its consultation on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) in Surrey. This marks the most significant change to local government in the county in over 50 years. Some residents have already provided their views informally as part of earlier surveys run by Reigate & Banstead and other district / borough councils.

The Government is consulting on two options

A three unitary council model supported by Reigate & Banstead and eight other borough councils in Surrey. Under this option, the new East Surrey council would cover the area currently served by Reigate & Banstead, Tandridge, Mole Valley and Epsom & Ewell councils.

A two unitary council model supported Surrey County Council and two district / borough councils in Surrey. Under this option, the new East Surrey council would cover the area currently served by Elmbridge in addition to Reigate & Banstead, Tandridge, Mole Valley and Epsom & Ewell Councils.

Residents, businesses and local organisations can have their say between now and 5 August by visiting www.gov.uk/government/collections/surrey-local-government-reorganisation.

Planning Appeal Re Chequers Lane Caravan Pitches

A new date of 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

Road Disruption

Roadworks are expected to continue in Epsom Lane South during the next week or so.

Tadorne road is forecast to have roadworks from 28th July to the 29th August.

Roadworks are still forecast as imminent on the A217 between the Tadworth Roundabout and BH lights.

The A217 on Reigate Hill will be closed southbound for a month from July 21st for gas repairs between Brokes Road and Birheads Road with diversions along Raglan Road.

POLICE, CRIME & NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORTS

Local Burglary Reports

03/07/2025. Between 05:01 to 11:49. Longfield Crescent, Tadworth. Residential Outbuilding Burglary. Method of Entry – Suspect has forced entry into the shed and left when disturbed by an occupant of the adjoining property.

Stolen: Not confirmed at this time. (PR 45250080560)

Tadworth, Merland Rise. Between 10/07/2025 18:50 to 11/07/2025 06:27 Vehicle Theft. Ford Transit. (PR 45250084784)

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 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.

Reigate & Banstead Police Newsletter

[Reigate and Banstead Police Newsletter July 2025 Final 1.pdf](#)

Police Advice for a secure summer

Summer draws us all out of our homes. We get such a short window of good weather (let's hope this week isn't the last we see of the sun) that it feels like our duty to squeeze every last drop of Vitamin D-related joy out of it.

Will you be jumping on a plane this summer to chase the best of the sunshine, or staying in the UK and pitching a tent or loading up a campervan? Maybe you're not going on holiday until later in the year, but have weekends filled with BBQs, weddings, festivals, and concerts instead.

Whatever you have in your diary this summer, it's likely that you will be out of your house for longer than at any other time of year. Unfortunately, this is good news for opportunist burglars looking to make a quick win.

Burglaries don't just happen at Christmas, so we wanted to remind you of some key burglary prevention tips to guide you through the coming months:

Lock windows and doors when leaving home, even for a short while. If you don't and you get burgled, your home insurance could be invalidated because you left your home insecure.

If you have windows open at any time of the day or night due to high temperatures, make sure your keys and valuables aren't within sight or reach of those windows.

How much do you share online? Think about how public your profile is before posting your holiday highlight reels when you're away from home. How well do you know the people who follow you, and how much do you really want them to know? Up your security settings and enjoy a summer holiday social media detox.

Doing a spot of DIY? Lock away ladders and tools after use so they can't be stolen or used to break into your home.

Good neighbours are worth their weight in gold. If you like and trust your neighbour, ask them to keep an eye on your home and pop round on a regular basis to water plants and take in deliveries and post.

Even the smallest pieces of evidence can help build a bigger intelligence picture. If you have CCTV footage or images of suspicious behaviour that you think we should know about, submit it to be reviewed through our [suspicious activity portal](#).

You can report a burglary to us online [here](#). In an emergency, always call 999

EVENTS

Saturday July 19th The Coffee Morning will be held in the Good Shepherd Church Hall from 10.30 am to 12 noon and will run alongside a Local Councillors Surgery which will start at 11am. This is an opportunity to discuss issues with your Ward Councillors. On subsequent Saturdays the Coffee Shop will return to its usual venue in the Church.

Sun 3rd Aug. Parish Lunch in the Good Shepherd Hall, Tadworth – you must book in advance via a form in the back of the Church.

Thursday Aug 7th 10am to 1pm become a Nature Detective! Banstead Commons Conservators are holding a Nature Detective Event on Banstead Heath. Join them for a thrilling day of discovery and hands-on fun exploring the amazing wildlife on Banstead Heath. Activities include: Butterfly and Bird Nature Walk; Tree Explorer Walk; Bug Hunt Bonanza; and Meet the Sheep. **The event is free to attend but booking in advance is required. [See poster for details of how to book](#). All children attending must be accompanied by an adult at all times.**

Saturday Aug 9th There will be no Village Kitchen lunch in the Riddell Hall but instead members of the Walton Open Group will be organising “Teas in the Church Yard” at St Peter’s from 3pm to 5pm with donations to Friends of St Peter’s.

Friday 15th August National 2 minutes silence to recognise the 80th anniversary of the end of WW2

Sat 16th Aug TWOAT Open Garden & Tea at Shieling, The Warren, Kingswood, KT20 6PQ admission £10 to include teas and cake.

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

Thursday September 4th Evening from 7.30pm TWRA organised discussion including representatives from other areas in the North of the Borough concerning the formation of Parish Councils as a method of maintaining a democratic voice following the abolition of Borough Councils in Surrey.

Sunday 7th September Parish/Harvest Lunch in the Good Shepherd Hall, Tadworth – you must book in advance via a form in the back of the Church.

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.

Sat 13th September Resumption of the Walton Village Kitchen serving light lunches in the Riddell Hall.

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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