

NEWS FROM TWRA

AGM Meeting

The TWRA President Jeff Harris welcomed the attendees and gave a special mention to the presence of Michael Ewen, a Tadworth resident who had served in the 4th Royal Tank Regiment during WW2. He summarised Michael's career and mentioned the debt of gratitude that is owed to those like Michael who had contributed to the Allied Victory in Europe the 80th anniversary of which occurred earlier in May.

Cllr Ben Green gave an overview of plans under consideration for the reorganisation of Local Government in Surrey. He said that further consultations about the proposed changes are expected during the Summer (see below) and, whilst these will not result in overturning the basic concept of the need for some changes to Surrey's local government, we could hopefully influence the final result.

Ben mentioned that parts of Surrey already have Parish Councils and this could be something that Tadworth & Walton might consider as a method of providing a body where local issues and concerns could be highlighted.

TWRA's Chair Jeff Temple then gave his annual report. He thanked George Curry, who was standing down from the committee, for the substantial contribution he had made, and he welcomed David Larner who had volunteered to join it. David has represented the local community in monitoring and reporting on the state of Mere Pond. Jeff highlighted the work of a new group the Tadworth Village Forum who had worked with TWRA to increase the number of defibrillators installed locally and organised training in their effective use.

Jeff detailed local charitable activities that TWRA had supported and highlighted the TWRA's role in the Tadworth Christmas Lighting event and hanging flower baskets. He mentioned the work the TWRA does in monitoring planning applications and representing residents' interests and particularly mentioned the application for establishing caravan sites alongside Chequers Lane which would go to appeal in June

Responses were given to various questions that were submitted both in advance and at the meeting. Paul Waller, the Treasurer, presented the 2024 accounts which were accepted in a vote by the meeting. Existing members of the committee were re-elected, and David Larner voted onto the committee with no votes against.

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.

A reminder for residents to please water street trees

The TWTW has asked us to remind residents to please water street trees throughout the summer months, especially recently planted trees. If you have one in the grass verge near your house, please keep it watered in the dry weather.

It is fantastic, though, that so many residents are supporting the scheme. If you are lucky enough to have a beautiful new street tree by your home please remember to give it two or three watering cans of water a week during the dry, hot weather. Your neighbours, as well as the Tree Wardens, will all be very grateful.

Local Job Opportunity Helping Elderly Tadworth Residents

I have been asked to publicise this local job opportunity.

MHA Communities East Surrey is looking for a Community Co-ordinator to plan and run community-based activities to enable our members living in the Banstead area to Live Later Life Well. The successful candidate will enjoy making a positive difference to our local older community and working in a small, welcoming team, be organised and flexible.

This is a part-time role (16 hours per week) and involves planning and running a weekly lunch club in Tadworth and a monthly social club, meeting and signing up new Members, developing new activities where identified/needed, forming partnerships with other local service providers and contributing to other Scheme-wide activities e.g. a summer tea dance. It's a busy, rewarding, and fun role for the right person.

Working days are flexible over the week, except for the lunch club which is on a Wednesday. Ability to drive and access to a vehicle essential.

This is a fixed term appointment until 31/3/26.

Salary £25650 per annum pro-rata.

Closing date Friday 11th July 2025.

We look forward to meeting you!

To apply (by CV and supporting letter) or if you would like to chat about the role before applying, please call Emma Wilson on 01737 780610 or email her on emma.wilson@mha.org.uk

Alternatively, please apply on-line by following this link https://ce0136li.webitrent.com/ce0136li_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC179GF.open?WVID=922610Q5mZ

Road Closures

The ongoing gas related road works in The Avenue seem to be cleared for this weekend may still disrupt traffic as the web site <https://one.network/uk/surrey> forecasting completion on 27th June.

There are three –way lights operating delaying traffic in Shelveys Hill, Preston Lane, Epsom Lane North and Kingswood Road. Forecast completion 25th June.

Waterhouse Lane is subject to roadworks forecast completion 15th July and roadworks are still forecast as imminent on the A217 between the Tadworth Roundabout and BH lights.

POLICE, CRIME & NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORTS

Local Burglary Reports

08/06/2025 between 05:30 to 08:30. Roundwood View, Banstead. Residential Burglary. Method of Entry – Forced entry through the backdoor to the property.

Stolen: Playstation. (PR 45250069000)

11/06/2025 03:55. Egmont Park Road, Walton on the Hill. Residential Burglary resulting in the theft of a vehicle.

Method of Entry – Forced entry through a utility door located at the side of the property.

Stolen: Car Keys, Car and an item of Jewellery. (PR 45250069831)

Surrey & Sussex Police Fraud Report (Long read)

Family messaging scam

Sussex Police and Surrey Police continue to see reports relating to family messaging WhatsApp scams.

In this fraudulent occasion, the fraudster will pretend to be a family member. The message will come from a different number which they will provide a believable explanation for like their phone broke so they're messaging from a different number. They may then move to a different messaging platform.

Once they feel that the victim believes them, they will then request money or gift cards in payment.

Sussex Police recently received a report from a woman who received a message from someone claiming to be their daughter stating that they were in financial hardship. Keen to support her daughter through this, she sent nearly £1,000.

It was only when the call was made to confirm that the payment was received that the victim was made aware it was a scam. Fortunately, the victim in this case got their money back from their bank and there was no financial impact to them.

However, we still see regular reports of family messaging fraud with nearly 50 people reporting this in the last year alone. This was followed by vulnerable visits conducted by Sussex Police and Surrey Police.

Top Tips

Verify the source – Contact the person on their usual number to verify that they have contacted you.

“Hi Mum/Dad” – Is this how they would usually begin a message to you? Is it the name they would use?

Stop! Think Fraud! – Don’t feel pressured into sending money. Confirm with them that they have requested this by the usual contact method.

Check the text – You can report suspicious texts to 7726.

Look out for others – make fraud part of everyday conversations.

Two-step verification - ensure you have added protection of additional verification on your device and apps.

[You can find more information here at Stop! Think Fraud](#)

Gift Cards

Increasingly fraud is becoming more complex with fraudsters changing and evolving their processes to ensure that their victims are bypassing security measures that have been implemented to protect them.

One way in which they have done this is by asking their victims to purchase gift cards and provide them with the codes to access the funds immediately. They will often request high amounts, typically over £100, and the request may be repeated. If this happens, this is likely to be fraud.

Scammers will contact their victims, usually by phone, where they instill panic urging the victim to make a payment by purchasing vouchers and gift cards from their nearest retailer. Often victims will go to their local supermarket.

Once the cards have been purchased, the scammer accesses the money by asking the victim to share the code on the back of the voucher.

Scammers are very good at manipulating their victims to believe they need help, where victims do not realise that vouchers could be used for anything other than helping their family members.

Companies that are being used frequently, such as Apple for their iTunes vouchers, have begun to additionally provide safeguarding advice and what to do if you have been a victim of a scam through this method. Read more [here](#).

Fraud prevention in the community – Is this volunteering role for you?

We are looking for volunteers to join our existing Volunteer Fraud Prevention Programme in an exciting new role as a community engagement volunteer. The volunteers will work alongside our Neighbourhood Policing Teams based in local police stations, delivering fraud prevention advice and guidance to residents in Sussex.

This will include engaging with the public in a variety of different settings such as delivering fraud presentations and attending events/key locations to hand out to our fraud prevention literature and provide advice and education to the public e.g. Farmers markets, community centres and libraries.

If you feel that this is something that you would like to be involved with advert goes live on 2 June 2025, please complete the application on the Sussex Police website under Volunteers and Special Constables or use the following link: <https://www.sussex.police.uk/police-forces/sussex-police/areas/careers/jobs/>

We plan on a volunteering role for Surrey Police too which you can read about in next month’s newsletter!

Fraud prevention in the community

[Book your free cyber prevention with the South East Cyber Crime Unit webinars](#)

Surrey Police and partners will be providing fraud prevention advice with a focus on doorstep crime at the following locations –

Farnham 24 June at Waitrose Car Park.

Dorking 26 June 2025 at St. Martins Walk Car Park.

With even more to follow! You can email SussexandSurreyFraudPreventionEngagements@surrey.police.uk to learn about the latest events.

Keeping our communities safe from fraud events

If you or your organisation in Sussex or Surrey feels that you could benefit from having a free tailored fraud prevention in person engagement, please contact Sussex Police and Surrey Police directly on

SussexandSurreyFraudPreventionEngagements@surrey.police.uk for further information.

Reigate & Banstead Police Newsletter

Neighbourhood Watch Reports

I have had reports of fake emails purporting to be from HMRC being sent to local companies asking them to follow a link to verify their VAT Account details. Always check the underlying identity of the sender for these types of suspicious emails.

NhW National Newsletter

Here's the latest edition of our newsletter for Neighbourhood Watch supporters across England and Wales. June is the month of community - and we are celebrating it in style with our 40th Neighbourhood Watch week! We also have updates on:

- Our support for Knife Crime Awareness Week
- Policy updates on vehicles used anti-socially
- Enter your amazing volunteers in our volunteer recognition awards
- Lots of membership benefits!

[Read the June edition of Our News](#)

Trading Standards Newsletter

In this edition find out about slushy drinks and why they shouldn't be given to young children, Dubai chocolate, disability aids, the RTS switch over and some recent scams and recalls.

[Read the newsletter here](#)

EVENTS

Saturday June 21st Coffee Morning Good Shepherd Church from 10.30 am and subsequent Saturdays usually in the Church.

Saturday 21st June The Children's Trust is organising a Circus Fun Day for details visit their web site https://thechildrenstrust.digitickets.co.uk/event-tickets/64678?branches_branchID=728

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 for a list of the gardens involved – purchase your ticket at the first garden you visit.

Tuesday 24th June, please note the scheduled Walton Forum meeting has been cancelled and the next meeting will now take place on Oct 28th.

Sat 28th June KWT Horticultural Society Early Summer Show Good Shepherd Hall open from 2pm refreshments and plant sales.

Sat 28th June Tadworth Village Forum (TVF) Quiz Night with raffle at St John's Hall from 7.30pm tkts £15 includes charcuteries platter, tadworthvillageforum@gmail.com raffle tickets already on sale at the Tadworth Coffee Shop for details of donated raffle prizes see attached poster.

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

Sunday 6th July Parish Lunch in the Good Shepherd Hall, Tadworth – you must book in advance via a form in the back of the Church.

Saturday 12th July Walton Village Kitchen light lunches in the Riddell Hall.

Sat 12th July Good Shepherd Summer Event 12.30 to 4pm fun & games for all the family. In the Church grounds or hall if wet.

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.

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.

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

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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