TWRA Report
The following is a statement issued by TWRA on its website in relation to **the felling of a dozen or so mature trees on Saturday 8th August in an area of designated green belt land** behind Meade Court in Walton-on-the-Hill. **We attach some before and after images of the site.** Whilst the issue is of immediate concern to Walton residents the wider issues are of concern to us all.

There has been concern expressed by local residents regarding the clearance work carried out on land behind Meade Court in Walton. Originally this was because several vehicles had been seen by those living at Meade Court about three weeks ago on part of the field between Sandlands Road and Ebb sham Lane but no clearance took place at that stage. However, on the weekend before last, about a dozen trees were cut down, the land was cleared and the work accessed from Ebbisham Lane.

The site is bounded on the south by Meade Court and to the east by the rear gardens of Sandlands Road which together wrap around a portion of open land, leaving a small gap to the larger field. This wider area has not been touched so far and is used to graze horses. In the local plan the whole area is designated as Green Belt and as an Area of Great Landscape Value. A few trees, principally oaks, are subject to tree preservation orders (TPOs).

Some time ago the whole area was served by an Article 4 direction as it was proposed to divide it into plots for sale to avoid green belt restrictions. This prevented it being delineated into plot boundaries by building fences. However, the direction does not stop changes to agricultural land management or felling trees which are not protected by a TPO.

The conclusion at present, therefore, is that although the land may be in the process of preparation for development, nothing has yet been done to report to enforcement and therefore we must wait for a planning application or more extensive construction work to be carried out before responding.

The issue of general concern is that designated green belt land is potentially under the greatest threat that it has ever been and TWRA needs residents to assist it to take whatever actions are available to it. In the case of Meade Court TWRA had been aware of the threat and some time ago had asked the Council to consider applying Tree Protection Orders to all the mature trees on the site. As a result, some trees were protected by TPOs and the contractors did not fell them as they would have been subject to significant penalties. Unfortunately, the dozen or so that failed to meet the criteria required by the council officer (in his view they did not achieve the required qualification by being either a common species, or not sufficiently large) to warrant a TPO, have been destroyed.
Other actions that TWRA might take in the future to deter threats to our green spaces, are being investigated in the context of the incident on August 8th. We will not detail these here but the key thing is for TWRA to be aware of potential threats before the chainsaws arrive. We are asking all residents to be vigilant and alert us to pieces of local land that might be under threat. You can always use the contact page on the TWRA web site www.TWRA.org.uk to get in touch with us or reply to this email.

ROAD REPORTS
Consult Surrey's interactive map for the latest information on roadworks.
https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/roadworks/map

POLICE SECTION - Police & Crime Commissioner Survey on Community Safety
Do you feel safe in your community? Do you feel supported by those around you? Do you feel like you belong in Surrey?
Police and Crime Commissioner, Lisa Townsend is calling on residents to take part in a survey about their experiences living in the county which will help shape the future of community safety in our neighbourhoods.

Lisa chairs the Surrey Community Safety and Prevention Board in Surrey which is made up of partner agencies across the county who work together to make our communities feel safer for residents.

Surrey County Council, on behalf of the board, have launched a survey to find out people's perceptions of safety and what matters most to them where they live.

It can be found here: Surrey Community Safety and Cohesion Survey 2026 | Healthy Surrey

Lisa said: “We hope that your feedback will help us identify emerging issues and inform what our priorities need to be going forward.

“If you’re 16 or older and living in Surrey we want to hear about what matters most to you. Is it crime? Is it anti-social behaviour? Or is it community cohesion? We want to hear from you!”

The survey is totally anonymous, takes less than 10 minutes to complete and can be found on the Surrey PCC website and social media pages.

It closes on Monday 21st September.

Burglary Reports
Between 04/09/2026 00:00 to 07/09/2026 00:00. Fir Tree Road, Epsom. Residential Garage Burglary. Method of Entry – Forced entry through the front door.

Stolen: Not confirmed at this time. (PR 45260109908)

22/08/2026 23:45 to 00:00. Motts Hill Lane, Tadworth. Attempted Residential Burglary. Method of Entry – Attempted forced entry through a window of the property.

Stolen: Nothing Taken. (PR 45260102980)

25/08/2026 01:13. Chapel Way, Epsom. Residential Garage Burglary. Method of Entry – Entry has been gained into the garage.

Stolen: Two Motorcycle Riding Jackets. (PR 45260103382)

Vehicle Thefts

Epsom Downs, Tattenham Grove. 04/09/2026 04:30 Keyless Car Theft Recovered. (PR 45260107608)

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.
Personal Fraud (Scams) in the Borough.

Records show that there have been **3** reports of Personal Fraud in the Borough during the last week. These included a report of a Telephone Fraud with the caller claiming to be from the Santander Bank.

You can find information on how to help prevent Door-to-Door/Rogue Trader Fraud on page 25 and 26 of the Little Book of Big Scams, see the link.

The ‘Little Book of Big Scams’ published by Surrey and Sussex Police provides Prevention Advice and how to report a Scams. **Little Book of Big Scams** **(version 5)**

Arrests.
There were 45 arrests in the period September 3rd 2026 to September 9th 2026:

Domestic Incident/Violent Domestic Abuse 8, Rape/Sexual Offence 3, Prescribed Limit 1, Drunk/Drug Charge 1, Violent Crime in a Public Place 4, Crime Public Order 1, Harassment/Stalking 2, Child at Risk 1, Theft 2, Robbery 2, Burglary Residential 1, Master Occurrence 10*, Criminal Damage 1, Offensive Weapon 3, Knife/Blade Possession 1, Pets/ Domesticated Animals 2, Fraud 2.

**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 Sept 2026 final 1.pdf
This month includes advice on home security now the evenings are getting darker.

Trading Standards Newsletter
You can read it here Trading Standards newsletter

Monthly Police Fraud Newsletter (Long read)
Amazon Scam Warning
Sussex and Surrey Police are witnessing an increase in cases where fraudsters are posing as working for Amazon, in order to access the victim's account or personal bank details.
One report stated that the victim had received a telephone call from someone claiming to be from Amazon, informing her of suspicious activity on her amazon account and there was an iPhone added to the basket. She then checked her account and could see the phones in the basket. They told her she had been hacked and asked her to share her screen and share her bank details. The fraudster took £900 from her accounts.
These individuals are calling victims, claiming that someone is purchasing expensive items on their Amazon account, and that they wanted to confirm it was them. When the victim states that it is not them making the purchase, the fraudster tells them this means that their account has been hacked and takes the victim through steps to "rectify" this, which usually involves them gaining remote access to their device.
Once they have remote access, they can access the victim's online banking and make transfers, often claiming that are moving their money to a "safe account" which is actually just an account belonging to the fraudster. They may also access the victim's Amazon account and place orders to themselves. This will often include the victim receiving a one-time passcode (OTP) to their phone and being requested to read this out to the fraudster so that they can gain access to their Amazon account.

Advice: If you receive an unexpected phone call and they ask you to download a remote access app, it will be a scam.
Hang up and check your purchase history on your Amazon account for reassurance.
If you are still unsure, contact Amazon through the genuine website or app.
Never provide anyone with your one-time passcode (OTP)
Do not be pressured – fraudsters will create a sense of urgency to convince victims to do what they are asking.
Hang up the phone, give yourself time to think, and speak to a friend or family member about it.

How to spot AI content online. You've probably seen AI-generated clips on social media - or even convincing impersonations of celebrities, such as Martin Lewis. They might look professional at first glance, but you don't need to be a tech expert to protect yourself. Instead of hunting for one big mistake, get into the habit of slowing down and looking for *several* clues.
Just as you wouldn't buy a "designer" watch for £20 from someone in a car park, don't trust an image or video simply because it looks polished.

Visual clues that something may be AI-generated
AI-generated faces often contain tiny imperfections that our brains gloss over:
Eyes and shadows may look blocky, blurred, or unnaturally sharp.
Hair can appear soft, smudged, or melted into the background — AI struggles to render thousands of individual strands.
Skin may look overly smooth, plastic, or airbrushed. Real skin has texture, pores, and subtle imperfections.
Lip-sync issues are common in celebrity impersonations — the voice may sound flat or monotone, and the lips don't quite match the speech.
Age inconsistencies such as youthful skin paired with older-looking eyes.

Protecting yourself from impersonation
Consider agreeing a simple AI safety word with close family or associates. If criminals impersonate someone you know, they won't know the word.
Whilst it's tempting to waste a scammer's time on the phone, it's safer to hang up immediately. Criminals can now record your voice and attempt to clone it — so the less audio you give them, the better.

Will AI become indistinguishable from reality?
People often ask whether AI will "take over" or become impossible to detect. Our answer is simple: look at the video game industry.
Even with millions of pounds in investment, huge development teams,
and years of work, we still aren't at a point where video games look truly indistinguishable from real life.
AI tools have only milliseconds to generate images and video — so we're not close to perfect realism yet.
The core message: NEVER ASSUME. ALWAYS VERIFY.

EVENTS' SECTION
Tuesday 15th Sept Walton Forum Meeting 8pm in Note now in Breech Lane Community Hall.

Wednesday 16th September Banstead Community Hall, Banstead u3a has a Groups' Showcase from 2.30 – 4pm with representatives from many of their active groups available to talk to potential new joiners for u3a about their groups' activities. If you are no longer in full-time work and wish to pursue an interest in a subject such as history or an activity such as organised walking come and see the 60 or so activities being offered. No charge for admission.

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

Saturday 19th September 10.30 – 12 the Good Shepherd Coffee Morning will take place in the back of the church normally every Saturday.

Friday 25th Sept Curzon Country Cinema will resume screenings in the Riddell Hall
For details of the programme visit www.twra.org.uk/events/

Saturday 26th September Church of the Good Shepherd presents "Viva Las Vegas" 7-11pm in the Church Hall. Join us for a Las Vegas themed evening of fun casino games, canapés and musical performances. Licensed bar, raffle, prizes and disco/dancing. Tickets (over 18s only) £45, include welcome drink and canapés through the evening. For more information or to purchase tickets contact events@goodshepherdtadworth.org.uk or 07740 373 985. See poster here

Saturday 26 September The Gage Players present 'Murder on the Charity Walk - A Murder Mystery You Can Help Solve'. Expect clues, red herrings, suspicious characters and plenty of table-by-table detective work as the audience tries to crack the case before the culprit is revealed. Light refreshments will be provided, and guests are welcome to bring their own alcohol. Tickets are £10 per person and are available from the Box Office on 01737 812703 or by emailing **friends@thegageplayers.co.uk .**

Sunday 27th September The Myti Club Invite you to our Coffee Morning 11am-1pm The Phoenix Centre Preston Manor Road Tadworth KT20 5FB. Join us and enjoy cake, coffee and company in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support.

Saturday 3rd October 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 3rd October 10 – 12noon Councillors' Drop In Surgery Church of the Good Shepherd. Note coffee shop also in the Hall this week.

Sunday Oct 4th Good Shepherd Parish Lunch in the GS Hall – note you must book on the list in the church in advance. The lunch will include a sale of any Harvest Donations not already allocated to a good cause.

Wednesday 7 October Banstead Commons Conservators ***'Fungi Foray'*** on Banstead Heath, at 10am. Do you know your amanitas from your boletus? Join our leisurely wander across the heath to learn more about the recyclers of the natural world and why they're so important to our survival. Places are £5 each and must be booked in advance - go to the guided walks page at the BCC website to book a place.

Saturday 10th Oct. Village Kitchen Lunches in the Riddell Hall and subsequent second Saturdays.

Saturday 10th October Kingswood, Walton and Tadworth Horticultural Society presents a talk by Julie Verity on 'Sissinghurst Castle - The Quintessential English Garden' covering the story of the fascinating married couple Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson and their 'retreat' in Kent. 10.30am (doors open at 10am) at the Good Shepherd Church Hall. Admission is £3 for members and £5 for non-members (includes refreshments).

Thursday 15th October 10am to 3pm Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Fair at Tadworth Leisure Centre KT20 5FB see more details at www.twra.org.uk

Wednesday 28 October Banstead Commons Conservators ***'Winter Bird Walk'*** on Banstead Heath, at 10am. Join Banstead Commons Conservators for a guided walk across the mosaic of habitat on Banstead Heath to spot our winter migrant birds. Places are £5 each and must be booked in advance - go to the guided walks page at the BCC website to book a place.

Saturday 31st October TWOAT Annual Meeting & Dinner at St John's Hall contact Mike Fox.

Saturday 14 November Kingswood, Walton and Tadworth Horticultural Society presents a talk on 'Edibles - Self-sufficiency in a Small Space', to be given by Elizabeth Mooney, who has worked at RHS Wisley several years as part of the edibles team, working mainly in the world food garden. Elizabeth is a specialist in annual vegetables with a strong interest in perennial veg and is a co-author on the recent RHS book on veg growing and a regular on the RHS podcast. 10.30am (doors open at 10am) at the Good Shepherd Church Hall. Admission is £3 for members and £5 for non-members (includes refreshments).

Wednesday 25th November Tadworth Lighting Event – see more details on TWRA Web site.

Thursday 26 - Saturday 28 November The Gage Players 'A Bunch of Amateurs' by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman, at the Riddell Hall, Walton. This warm-hearted comedy follows a fading Hollywood actor who arrives in England expecting to perform King Lear in Stratford-upon-Avon, only to find himself with a village amateur dramatic group instead. As egos clash and rehearsals unravel, he discovers there may be more to amateur theatre than he first imagined. Tickets £15 (including a free programme) from the box office on 01737 812703 or on the door. Doors and wine bar open 7.30pm each day, with the performance starting at 8pm.

Friday 27th November Walton Lighting Event

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