

TWRA REPORTS

A new Parish Council?

Reigate & Banstead Borough Council has recommended that a new parish council be created to cover most of the area of the borough north of the M25. This follows its Community Governance Review consultation earlier this year. The attached files provide further information, prepared by the TWRA, to help inform residents about this issue. One is a digital version of a leaflet that some of you may already have received through your letterboxes which came from RBBC and contains a printable version of RBBC's survey questions in case you or a neighbour wishes to submit on paper rather than online.. The second file is a more detailed analysis of the FAQ (frequently asked questions) and includes the current thinking of the TWRA committee which will be finalised following the public meeting on January 9th (see next para) and submitted to the RBBC review. For more information about the precept that a Parish Council might charge and any late news visit the TWRA web site www.twra.org.uk/news

TWRA will be holding an open public meeting to try to answer your questions and hear your views, on Friday 9th January 2026 at the Good Shepherd Church Hall - doors open at 7pm, meeting starts at 7.30pm. The Hall is located in Station Approach up the hill from the station. Please note the later report about roadworks in Station Approach - these are currently sited between the Hall and the station. Even if you have already responded to the RBBC survey please consider attending the meeting so you can input your views to the meeting.

If you have any questions about this in the meantime, please use our [Contact](#) form to get in touch.

TWRA Christmas Donations

TWRA usually donates funds to local good causes at Christmas. In previous years these have included the Lunch organised on Christmas day by St Mark's Church and the distribution of Christmas Hampers by Merland Rise Church. Recipients of the hampers typically included some of those who were already members of the St Mark's Food Club. This year due to the ill-health of one of the principal organisers the distribution of hampers did not happen. TWRA approached the organisers of the St Mark's lunch and heard that participants in that event, for people alone at Christmas, would be receiving a "Gift Bag". TWRA re-directed its £250 hampers donation to help fund these Gift Bags in addition to £250 towards the cost of the lunches themselves. I attach a photograph of the Gift Bags after they had been prepared for Christmas Day. In addition TWRA also donated £500 to the Myti Youth Club.

Honour for Rachel Turner

TWRA is delighted to report that one of its members, Rachel Turner, was awarded a BEM in the New Years' Honours List for services to the local community.

ROAD REPORTS

Consult Surrey's interactive map for the latest information.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/roadworks/map>

Temporary traffic lights will be operating in Station Approach with roadworks by Southern Gas Networks possibly until 1st Feb.

20th January Lane closure expected on A217 southbound before the Tadworth Roundabout.

LOCAL HAZARDS & WARNINGS

Please note that it is dangerous for adults or children to walk on the ice now covering Mere Pond or other ponds in the vicinity.

Please also note that it has been reported that deep holes, supposedly being used as bike ramps, have been dug in footpaths on the Commons in the vicinity of Burgh Heath. Please take care if walking in low light and report any holes you see to the Commons Conservators. <https://bansteadcommons.org.uk/contact-us/>

Please note that those expecting a bin collection during the remainder of this week will find there is a revised schedule one day later than usual including a Saturday collection. Normal service being resumed from Monday 12th.

POLICE & NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORTS

Burglary Reports

20/12/2025 Between 16:00 to 18:00. Croydon Lane, Banstead. Residential Burglary. Method of Entry – A forced entry has been gained through a first floor window.

Stolen: Cash. (PR 45250153095)

21/12/2025 Between 15:00 to 22:20. Ruffetts Way, Burgh Heath. Residential Burglary. Method of Entry – A forced entry through the rear kitchen/utility room door.

Stolen: Including numerous items of jewellery. (PR 45250153481)

23/12/2025 20:05. Glen Close, Kingswood. Attempted Residential Burglary. Method of Entry – Attempted forced entry through a side door to the property.

Stolen: Nothing taken. (PR 45250154300)

Between 25/12/2025 11:40 to 26/12/2025 00:00. Highfield, Banstead. Residential Burglary. Method of Entry – Forced entry through a first floor window.

Stolen: Watches, Jewellery, Clothing, Cash, Handbags, and other items. (PR 45250154938)

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.

Arrests

The Police have added a new category to the reports that they circulate - this shows the number of arrests made in Reigate & Banstead since their previous report. As an example I have included their report for a recent week:

There were 41 arrests in the period December 25th to December 31st 2025:

Domestic Incident/Violent Domestic Abuse 8, Rape/Sexual Offence 4, Drugs 3, Prescribed Limit 4, Drunk/Drug Charge 3, Vehicle Crime 1, Violent Crime other 2, Master Occurrence 2, Breach of Bail/Custody related matter 1, Theft 1, Immigration 2, Child protection 1, Absconder/Wanted 1, Out of Force 1, Offensive Weapon 3, Criminal Damage 1, Vulnerable Adult Incident 1, None of these 2.

I have a Surrey Police report concerning steps they are taking to reduce violent crime against young women and girls which I can forward on request.

Extract from Surrey & Sussex Police Fraud Newsletter

“HMRC” Scam

With the approach of the deadline to submit self-assessment tax returns to His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) on 31 January we anticipate there may be an increase in fraud reports involving people impersonating HMRC via calls and phishing text and WhatsApp messages. We advise not to engage with these contact attempts and if in doubt to contact HMRC directly. This can be done online here: <https://www.gov.uk/log-in-register-hmrc-online-services>. Alternatively, you can contact them on 0300 200 3311.

Recently a female student from Surrey, in her 20s received an automated phone call purporting to be from HMRC regarding outstanding tax owed, and to press one to speak to an agent.

She was transferred to a female who stated that she owed money in tax. The female student explained that she did not believe she needed to pay anything, however the caller disagreed and stated a tax expert will call back and explain what was owed.

A call was received within minutes from a male claiming to be from HMRC appeals division and that failure to pay tax will result in arrest and court action. He claimed she owed £3,000, but a payment of £2,200 would settle the matter. The male asked for payment via a money transfer service. After payment was made, an HMRC letter was sent via WhatsApp to the victim confirming that she owed the amount just paid.

A young female from Sussex in her 20s received a call on her mobile from someone claiming to be from HMRC and stated that she owed tax. The callers stated failure to pay would lead to her being arrested.

Out of fear of arrest, she paid £300 via a money transfer app as directed by the caller, but they then demanded more money and became more threatening. She began to suspect this was a scam and ended the call and spoke to her mother who advised to report the matter to the police.

If you suspect that you have been a victim to an HMRC scam, we advise you to report to this to Report Fraud via <https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/> and your bank who may be able to recover your money.

EVENTS' SECTION

Friday 9th January TWRA Public Meeting in Good Shepherd Hall re proposal to form Banstead & the Villages Parish Council. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. See article above.

Saturday 10th January the Walton Village Kitchen will be serving light lunches in the Riddell Hall on the second Saturday of each month.

Friday 16th January Curzon Country Cinema presents Downton Abbey - The Grand Finale. Screenings at 2pm, 4.40pm and 7.15pm all seats £8 at the Riddell Hall. Note please do check Curzon web site for latest programme details www.curzoncountrycinema.com

Friday 23rd Jan at 7.30pm and Sat 24th Jan at 2pm and 7pm the Good Shepherd pantomime Cinderella in the Hall. Adults £12.50 Child (u14) £8.50, family (2+2) £40. Box office 362610 or www.ticketsource.co.uk/goodshepherdtdaworth

Sunday 1st February Good Shepherd Parish Lunch in the GS Hall – note you must book on the list in the church in advance.

Saturday 7th February the Craft Community meet at 9am in the Good Shepherd Church and on subsequent 1st Saturdays in each months. All age groups and skill levels welcome. Enquiries to chaosgremlins@gmail.com

Saturday 14th February the Walton Village Kitchen will be serving light lunches in the Riddell Hall on the second Saturday of each month.

Saturday 21st February 11am – 1pm Jumble Sale in Good Shepherd Hall. Donated items can be dropped off from 6 – 8pm on Mon 16th Feb and Fri 20th Feb. No electrical items, duvets or furniture.

Tuesday 24th Feb Comedy Night in aid of The Children's Trust featuring Adam Hills

Tuesday 24th February Walton Forum Meeting – usually at 8pm in Breech Lane Community Hall but please check the Forum web page to confirm venue and time.

Saturday 28th Feb Charity Quiz Night in Kingswood Village Hall in aid of The Children's Trust, TWOAT and others.

Saturday 14th March International food evening in the Good Shepherd Hall more details to follow.

For details of the many Group Activities and Events organised by Banstead u3a for those no longer in full-time work, visit here www.u3asites.org.uk/banstead/home

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The Tribune magazine can be [read online here](#) .

Please let me know if you have an event taking place in the next 2 months.

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