TWRA Report

Tadworth Christmas Lighting Event

The Tadworth Christmas Lighting Event will take place on **Wednesday November 25th**. Festivities will start at 3.30pm at Cross Road/Station Approach. Lights will be switched on at both Station Approach/Cross Road (4pm) and at High Street (5pm - with special guest Phil Tufnell performing the switch-on ceremony). For details of the event click here.

This means that **the High Street will be closed to traffic from 1.30pm to 7pm in the vicinity of the shops.** The junction with Tadworth Street will only be open a short distance to enable vehicles to turn back, the junction with Tower Road will be closed and the junction with Chapel Road will be open a short distance. Parking in High Street is suspended all day. These restrictions are to facilitate the erection of stalls in the High Street which should be functioning from 3pm as well as hospitality offered by the shops and the subsequent Lighting Event which actually commences in Cross Road and proceeds via the Good Shepherd Church Nativity Display to High Street at 5pm. Note shops in Cross Road and Station Approach will also be offering hospitality. If you are not able to be present on the day you can still participate by buying Grand Draw Raffle tickets which has many prizes donated by local businesses with a total value in excess of £500. For further details including how children can participate in the Golden Star trail visit the Events page of the TWRA web site at www.twra.org.uk/news/events/

Parish Council Update

The first meeting of the newly elected East Surrey councillors and resident association members in the north of Reigate and Banstead was held on 17th November to discuss how local residents can be encouraged to stand for election to the new civic parish which comes into being on 1st April. It was also intended to explore how to support prospective candidates for election and ask for views on what the priorities of the new parish should be.

The parish elections will not be until 6th May and in the intervening period East Surrey Councillors will have a caretaker role until the new council is in place. Reigate and Banstead Council has appointed an interim parish clerk who takes up the post at the beginning of January and will guide the process of setting it up until it is fully established.

The meeting had positive ideas about preparing for elections such as running workshops about what it's like to be a councillor, organising events so that residents could meet potential councillors. It considered different ways in which the public could be informed about the role of the parish and explain why it is important to become involved. It was agreed that residents' associations have an important role to play in ensuring that these happen. The parish will represent the views and aspirations of our area, be a consultee for planning applications and it may negotiate with the East Surrey unitary authority about running some services. There was also a debate about how the parish will be funded and other sources of income were identified in addition to the council tax precept, such as the community infrastructure levy associated with planning applications.

This is the first of several meetings to prepare the ground for the new parish as there are still many unknowns and decisions to be made. However, it has started the process of bringing democracy down to a local level and giving our communities a stronger voice.

TWRA will continue to publicise the work to prepare for Parish Councils so, if you are interested in becoming a councillor, please monitor our web site www.twra.org.uk or use the contact page there to advise us of your interest.

Tribune Magazine

The TWRA Tribune Magazine should have been delivered to every household in Tadworth and Walton during the first two weeks of November. Please reply to this bulletin if you have not already received one. Spare copies have been placed in the Good Shepherd, St Peter's and Nethercott's and an electronic copy can be viewed on the TWRA web site.

Update from Rebecca Paul MP –

Member of Parliament for Reigate, Redhill, Banstead and our villages

As fellow residents of Tadworth and Walton-on-the-Hill, I know many of you will share my frustration at the excessive noise from the nearby M25, and I hope you might also be aware of my campaign over the recent years calling for repairs to the M25 concrete surface between junction 9 and 8 to address this issue.

The noise levels are particularly loud due to gaps in the aging concrete causing a distinctive rumble as vehicles pass over it. I'm pleased to say that a recent trial of a new surfacing technique near Walton-on-the-Hill has proved successful with reductions in noise at the tyre and road-surface interface by around 4dB(A), which is a noticeable reduction.

Following this positive result, National Highways has confirmed that they will roll out this new surfacing technique to other particularly noisy bits of the junction (referred to as Noise Important Areas, or NIA). Seven areas have been

identified for these works planned for 2029/30 in both directions as can be seen on the map included alongside this update. Once this work has been completed, residents living in Headley, Walton, Mogador and Lower Kingswood are expected to experience reduced noise levels.
It's taken a long time but I'm pleased to see that National Highways recognises the legitimate problem that we have with noise levels and now has a firm plan in place to address.
I will keep pushing to make sure this timetable is delivered, and to ensure residents in Walton-on-the-Hill, Mogador, and Lower Kingswood get the benefit of a quieter neighbourhood as the programme moves forward. I hope you agree that once delivered, this will make a real difference to our area.
For more detail on the background to the project and the planned works, please see my article here: https://www.rebeccapaul.uk/news/rebecca-hails-major-progress-campaign-m25-noise-reduction
In the meantime, you can subscribe to my regular e-newsletter and find out more about my work at **www.rebeccapaul.uk** .

Very best wishes,

Rebecca
Rebecca Paul MP *Member of Parliament for Reigate, Redhill, Banstead and our villages*
ROAD REPORTS
See above in the Tadworth Christmas Lighting Event for closure of Tadworth High Street on Nov 25th

See Surrey's roadworks map here.
https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/roadworks/map

Changes to Local Bus Routes from Nov 28th
Service updates will be introduced on routes 21,420,460 and 820 from saurday 28th November. As part of these changes, journeys will no longer serve Walton Oaks and some departure times will be amended. For further details see here.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT
Burglary Reports
12/11/2026 Between 03:20 to 03:30 Preston Lane, Tadworth. Attempted Residential Garage Burglary. Method of Entry – Attempted forced entry through the garage door.

Stolen: Nothing taken. (PR 45260138432)

07/11/2026 14:00. Tadworth Street, Tadworth. Residential Burglary. Method of Entry – Forced entry through the rear patio door.

Stolen: Not confirmed at this time. (PR 45260136469)

04/11/2026 Between 18:45 to 19:00. Sturts Lane, Walton on the Hill. Attempted Residential Burglary. Method of Entry – Attempted forced entry through communal door to the property.

Stolen: Not confirmed at this time. (PR 45260134979)

Between 30/10/2026 00:00 to 01/11/2026 00:00 Deans Lane, Walton on the Hill. Residential Burglary. Method of Entry – Not confirmed at this time

Stolen: Not confirmed at this time (PR 45260133588)

29/10/2026 Between 16:00 to 20:00. Ruffetts Way, Tadworth. Residential Burglary. Method of Entry – Forced entry through a rear first floor window.

Stolen: Not confirmed at this time. (PR 45260132260)

Vehicle Thefts

Epsom Downs, Great Tattenhams. 12/11/2026 01:00. Keyless Car theft. Hyundai. (PR 452601380312)

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 have any information relating to relevant information or concerns you can:
Call 101
Use Online 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.

There were 47 arrests in the period November 5th to November 11th:

Domestic Incident/Violent Domestic Abuse 9, Rape/Sexual Offence 5, Drugs 2, Violent Crime other 3, Violent Crime in a Public Place 4, Crime Other 2, Public Order 1, Child Protection 1, Master Occurrence 8*, Criminal Damage 2, Theft 2, Burglary Residential 1, Fraud 1, Immigration 2, Vehicle Crime 1,Out of Force Enquiries 1, None of these 2.

**A Master Occurrence is used when recording an arrest where a number of offences are recorded for one incident.*

Reigate & Banstead Police Newsletter

Please find below a link to the Reigate and Banstead Police Newsletter for November 2026. The editor Simon Morris would welcome your feedback, which can be given either by using the Reply and Rate link shown below (: Reply, Rate, Forward / Share) or by emailing him at Simon.Morris@surrey.police.uk.

Reigate and Banstead Police Newsletter Nov 2026 final 3.pdf

Police Fraud Newsletter (Long Read)

As Black Friday, Cyber Monday and the Christmas shopping season approach, many people will be searching online for gifts and special offers. While online shopping is convenient, it is also a time when fraudsters increase their activity, targeting both buyers and sellers through fake websites, deceptive adverts and convincing messages.

Online criminals use a range of tactics to steal money and personal information. They often create professional-looking websites and social media adverts offering popular products at heavily discounted prices.

In other cases, shoppers may receive counterfeit goods or nothing at all after making a payment. Fraudsters also send emails and text messages that appear to come from trusted retailers or delivery companies, encouraging recipients to click links or provide personal information.

Be aware if you are selling items online, you may also be targeted by payment scams designed to obtain money or goods without legitimate payment being received.

If your group or organisation would benefit from a free, tailored fraud prevention presentation or an in-person engagement session, please contact the Sussex and Surrey Fraud Prevention Team at SussexandSurreyFraudPreventionEngagements@surrey.police.uk for further information.

What to Look Out For:

Be cautious of prices that seem significantly lower than those offered elsewhere, particularly on products that are in high demand.
Take time to check websites carefully and be wary of poor spelling, low-quality images, limited contact details or recently created social media accounts.
Unexpected emails, texts or messages about orders, deliveries or special offers should be treated with caution, especially if they contain links or request personal or financial information.

Fraudsters frequently create a sense of urgency to encourage quick decisions before someone has time to verify whether a request is genuine.

Shopping Safely Online

Using familiar and reputable retailers can help reduce the risk of fraud. Where possible, access websites directly rather than through links in emails, text messages or social media adverts. Before making a purchase, take a few moments to research the seller and read independent reviews.

Paying by credit card, debit card or a trusted payment service can provide additional protection compared with bank transfers.

Keeping devices updated with the latest security software and using strong, unique passwords can also help protect accounts from unauthorised access.

For those selling items online, it is important to ensure payments have been received and cleared before dispatching goods.

Be cautious of requests to move conversations away from secure selling platforms or to use alternative payment methods.

If an offer appears unusually attractive, a seller is rushing you to make a payment, or a message requests personal or financial information, take a moment to pause and verify the details independently. A genuine retailer, delivery company or online marketplace will not mind if you take time to check.

Reporting Suspicious Activity

Suspicious emails can be forwarded to report@phishing.gov.uk, and scam text messages can be reported free of charge by forwarding them to 7726.

Online shopping should be enjoyable and stress-free. By taking a few simple precautions and remaining alert to unexpected messages, deals and payment requests, you can help keep yourself, your family and your finances safe throughout the festive season.

Join Report Fraud's free webinar "Online Shopping: Protect yourself this Festive Season" on 23, November, 10:00am to 11:00am, where you'll hear practical advice on how to shop safely online, spot common scams, and protect yourself from fraud.

Learn how to recognise warning signs, find out how to shop securely online and get advice on avoiding common fraud tactics.

Register here: https://orlo.uk/NXEUG

Residents are being warned about a sharp rise in an emerging trend of Amazon impersonation fraud.

Criminals contact people unexpectedly, claiming there has been suspicious activity on their Amazon account. They often say unauthorised items have been added to the victim's basket and provide fake delivery addresses to make the scam appear genuine.

Fraudsters then convince victims that urgent action is needed to secure their account and prevent payments from being taken.

In a recent case a vulnerable male from Surrey was deceived into transferring over £1000 to fraudsters claiming his Amazon account had been hacked and there were items in his basket. To stop the ‘hacker’ he was told to download the AnyDesk and Western Union apps which is how the scam then played out.

Two females from Sussex were also defrauded in this way, both being contacted initially by telephone and in turn losing hundreds of pounds each to the fraudsters.

How the Scam Works

Victims may be instructed to:

Share their screen via a messaging app, allowing criminals to gain access to online banking.
Download money transfer or remote access software, enabling criminals to move money or take control of devices.
Provide identification documents such as passports or driving licences for supposed "verification" purposes.
Authorise payments to stop alleged purchases or gift card transactions, when the money is actually sent to fraudsters.
Remember: Amazon, your bank and the police will never ask you to transfer money, download remote access software, share security codes, or give someone control of your device.

If you receive a call or message that doesn't feel right:

End the call immediately.
Contact Amazon or your bank using contact details from their official website or app.
Never trust caller ID alone, as it can be spoofed.
Amazon's resources & tips

Please see our latest Trustworthy Shopping Experience Blog post, which we also emailed to our customers earlier this year, in addition to 6 tips to help you spot and avoid scams impersonating Amazon.

EVENTS' SECTION
Recurring Events
Every Saturday
Good Shepherd Coffee Shop 10.30am to noon usually in the church.

First Saturday in the month
The Craft Community meet at 9am in the Good Shepherd Church. All age groups and skill levels are welcome. Enquiries to chaosgremlins@gmail.com.

Second Saturday in the month
Village Kitchen Lunches in the Riddell Hall from noon.

First Sunday in each month
Good Shepherd Parish Lunch in the GS Hall – note you must book on the list in the church in advance. Price £15.

Third Thursday in each month (except August)
The Arts Society in The Riddell Hall 10.45–12.00 (with coffee 10–10.30).for details of their programme visit The Arts Society Walton On The Hill
Wednesday 25th November Tadworth Lighting Event – see more details above and on the 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, the performance starts at 8pm.

Friday 27th November Walton Lighting Event starting at 5pm at Mere Pond and continuing at St Peter's

Saturday 28th November Santa's Grotto at The Children's Trust: at The Children's Trust, Tadworth Court, Tadworth, KT20 5RU.Book your session here: www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk/events/santas-grotto-childrens-trust

Friday 4 December *"Behind the Lens"* - join acclaimed photographer, Arthur Edwards, for an exclusive behind-the-scenes talk about his long career capturing impactful images of the British Royal family over the years. See the poster here, Tickets, £25, can be booked in advance at reigate-banstead.gov.uk/mayoral-events. (This event is being organised to raise funds for The Mayor's charities, which include Age Concern and The MYTI Club.)

Thursday 17th December The Arts Society in The Riddell Hall 10.45–12.00 (with coffee 10–10.30) is on "Grandfather Frost and Old New Year: Slavonic Christmas" given by Rosamund Bartlett.

Friday 29 January Curzon Country Cinema presents *"The Odyssey"* at the Riddell Hall, Walton. Screenings at 2pm and 7.00pm. All seats £8 (no increase in prices!).

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Friday 26 February Curzon Country Cinema presents *"Pressure"* at the Riddell Hall, Walton. Screenings at 2pm 4.40pm and 7.00pm. All seats £8 (no increase in prices!).

For details of the many Group Activities and Events organised for those no longer in full-time work, visit https://bansteadarea.u3asite.uk/

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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