

TATTENHAM & PRESTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Association will be held at Tattenham Community Library, Tattenham Crescent, KT18 5NU on Monday evening 14th March 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

We hope to hold the meeting in person this year but should Covid-19 regulations change we may have to resort to a Zoom meeting instead. All residents are welcome to join us but it would help if you can let us know if you are planning to come so we have an idea of numbers and can let you know of any changes to arrangements. Please email: info@tandpr.org.uk with the names of those coming.

AGENDA

1. TPRA Chair's report
2. Approval of minutes from the last AGM held by Zoom on 29th March 2021
3. Treasurer's report
4. Election of the TPRA Committee*
5. Adoption of the TPRA's candidate for the Borough Council election in May
6. TPRA Councillors' reports and questions: Jill Bray, Bob Harper and Nick Harrison
7. Any other business

* Please send any nominations of the Committee to the Chair at kjchattelle@hotmail.co.uk or, if you don't have email, by telephone to 07941 672 561.

The formal part of the meeting will be followed by light refreshments and the opportunity to meet your Committee and Councillors to ask questions and discuss local issues.

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Chair's Report

Dear Residents....

Council Tax

Council Tax will rise again in April. It looks like we will be seeing a rise of 4.2% or an extra £94 for a Band D Property. For further information see page 5.

Litter Pickers

Congratulations to the Tadworth, Walton and Burgh Heath, Litter Pickers who are up for a national award. (See page 6). The collecting they do is phenomenal. Do look at their Facebook page [[@cleanuptadworth](#)] which shows how much they do and what a difference they make to the area.



Recycling

We have an excellent feature on Recycling in this newsletter, which is informative and will assist as to where, what, and how to recycle. Currently the Council spends £1 million each year keeping the borough's streets clean. If everyone did their bit to keep our streets free from rubbish, money from council tax may be redirected to other important projects.

Flooding

A number of businesses and household in the area continue to experience flooding as a result of sudden heavy downpours/flash foods. Several meetings have been held to find a way forward for dealing with flooding, if you were not aware or have not been able to attend a meeting and need to know more email:

floodingenquiries@surreycc.gov.uk

Postmen

Committee members and road stewards deliver to in excess of 4,000 households when we distribute our newsletters. Whilst carrying out our deliveries it made me reflect on what a physical job post men and women do on a daily basis. This goes unnoticed as our letters and cards drop through our letterboxes. Just a very big thank you to our postmen and women for the job you do.

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

Queen Elizabeth II is the first-ever monarch to celebrate 70 years on the throne. The announcement of a four-day weekend to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee will be from Thursday 2nd until Sunday 5th June. The additional bank holiday is on 2nd June with the usual Spring Bank holiday moving to Friday 3rd.

Will you be doing anything to celebrate? Maybe a street party?



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Organising small private street parties and fetes can be very simple and generally does not include activities that need a licence.

The main difference between a small street party, fetes and larger public events are :

- for residents or neighbours only
- publicity only to residents
- self-organised
- no licences normally necessary if music is incidental and no selling is involved
- no formal risk assessment needed
- we recommend that you take out Public Liability Insurance with a minimum of £2m cover.

Please look at the Reigate and Borough Council website for advice on how to organise a street party including details on how to close your road.

Playgrounds / Outside Gyms

The younger members of our community have benefitted last year from a number of upgraded playground areas including:

- Tattenham Recreation Ground
- Nork Park (behind the Social Club)
- Preston Park (by Tadworth Leisure Centre)

Both Nork and Preston Parks also have outside gyms for adults.

In addition, Burgh Heath BMX track is being rebuilt. Council staff have completed initial ground works. There will be jumps of various difficulty, including one for beginners. Track workers will commence their work once the area has passed a preliminary safety inspection.

There is also a pump track being planned for Tattenham Recreation Ground/Nork Park. A pump track is a course of twists and turns and bumps that challenge bike riders and skateboarders alike.

Planning and Roads

Planning and road issues are perennial, and our councillors do keep a keen eye on developments that will be out of keeping with an area or may cause traffic or environmental issues. See page 4 for details of a particular issue we have in Great Tattenhams.

A plan of works is being created with the Projects Team at RBBC with a large amount of input from our councillors. This plan currently includes improved parking in Coxdean and Long Walk and bus stop improvements in Preston.

Tattenham Crescent and Shawley Way refuge repairs have now been completed.

Speed Limits

The County Council has been debating 20-mile an hour speed limits in residential roads. We would like to know what residents think - they will not be introduced unless there is the support of residents. More details of this and where to give feedback can be found in our article on Page 8 and will be on our website.

Planters at Tattenham Corner

The planters at Tattenham Corner seem to have been very well liked by residents. Currently they have a winter look but bulbs are now starting to push through. We are planning to put a WhatsApp Group together to let others know when we will be carrying out planting or general maintenance on them. So if you fancy some guerrilla gardening, please let a committee member know and we will add you to the group.

Elections

Borough Elections will be held on 5th May 2022 and Councillor Nick Harrison will be standing.

Best wishes
Kathryn Chattelle

Planning Shock - 4 blocks of flats approved for Great Tattenhams

We advised you last October about a planning application to demolish 6 bungalows in Great Tattenhams (23-33) and replace them with 39 flats in 4 blocks. This had been declined by the Borough Council, but was being appealed by the developer to the Planning Inspectorate.



We promised to keep you informed of the outcome and are shocked and disappointed to report that the Planning Inspector has overturned the Council's refusal and allowed the appeal.

The Inspector states that the development would be substantially larger, with *"greater site coverage, height, depth and overall bulk."* He states *"the blocks would be at odds with the prevailing size of dwellings in the immediate locality."* He acknowledges too concerns about overlooking, but sets them aside.

Whilst controversial decisions are not unheard of, this one goes against the Council's Development Management Plan (DMP) which has itself been exhaustively examined by the Planning Inspectorate and agreed by them. The Inspector even acknowledges that the development does not comply with the DMP, but goes on to conclude that *"the proposed development would result in localised and limited harm to the character and appearance of the area"*.

Clearly all planning applications affect the LOCAL area and our planning policies are there to protect LOCAL areas! The location on one of the main through roads in the ward means the impact will be very noticeable and hardly limited.

The Inspector said the development follows the *"Government's aim of significantly boosting the supply of homes"*. This ignores the fact that Reigate & Banstead are well ahead of the target set by Government, and our area in particular has had over 500 new homes on the de Burgh site and the many infill cul de sacs. There is a shortage of social housing and the Inspector sanctioned this scheme without any social housing at all - contrary to Government targets.

We fear this decision will be used by developers in the future as a precedent.

The Council is considering its legal position and the Residents Association and your local councillors are encouraging them to do so. We have involved our MP as well. We would appreciate your support too.

Action Please – What You Can Do ...

- Go to our website page www.tandpr.org.uk/pins and read the decision.
- Email: planning.applications@reigate-banstead.gov.uk and add your support, quoting the reference: APP/L3625/W/21/3271345.



COUNCIL TAX

As we go to press, the Government seems minded to push ahead with National Insurance increases to pay for the NHS for the next few years, with the funds switching in due course to pay for social care. The 1.25% increase will cost £214 for someone earning £30,000.

Since the National Insurance increase will only go initially to the NHS, the County Council is being allowed by the Government to raise an extra council tax levy for social care – up to a maximum of 3.5% - on top of the “normal core” 2%. The Conservative group are proposing to limit the social care levy to “only 3%”, so giving a 5% increase in total.

A cynic might point out that last year, when the four-yearly County Council elections were held, the social care levy was kept down to only 0.5%.

The Borough Council increase is expected to be 2.11% and the Surrey Police 3.5% - both set at the maximum permitted without holding a referendum.

Taking all three bodies together the overall increase in Council Tax will be 4.2% or an extra £94 for a Band D property. More of course for the higher bands.

Emergency!

Where is the nearest AED?

A cardiac arrest can happen to anyone. Every year approximately 55 out of every 100,000 people experience an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, with most occurring in the home or workplace.

A bystander performing CPR and using an automated external defibrillator (AED) can increase the chances of survival by two to four-fold.

But where are they?

Residents should be aware that we have a new AED at Tattenham Corner Station. There are also others at Tattenham Library and Tadworth Leisure & Community Centre in Preston.



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www.tandpr.org.uk/e-newsletter

Recycling – are we getting it right?

In Tattenham & Preston we have a good record for recycling our waste, but it could be better. Currently our Council states that we recycle just over 53% of our waste compared to a UK average of 46%. And the further good news is that most of the recycling takes place in the UK with only 2% estimated to travel overseas (mainland Europe).



"Dusty Bin" – One of Reigate & Banstead's new cleaner and greener recycling trucks

But experts estimate that our recycling percentage could be increased to as much as 80% if everything that could be, was recycled.

The Council website provides a detailed list of what can and can't be recycled but here are a few tips to consider:

- Keep recyclable waste loose – don't put it in bags
- You can use plastic bags for food waste, you do not need to use compostable bags
- Supermarket plastic food trays can be recycled but remove any cling film and give them a quick rinse
- Wax cardboard cartons go in mixed recycling not with cardboard
- Ensure any plastic and polystyrene is removed from cardboard and flatten cardboard boxes

- No sweet wrappers, crisp packets, toothpaste tubes, plastic bags, cling film or bubble wrap – plastic film can now be taken to front of store at many supermarkets for recycling
- Hard and brittle plastics (e.g. coat hangers, toys, etc.) cannot be put in the mixed recycling (as they shatter when compacted in the vehicle), so should go in general waste

Clothes and footwear cannot be recycled via the weekly bin collection but if you use the special receptacles at recycling centres, they can find a new home or be broken down for recycling.

In our area most bins are collected on Tuesdays with food (green caddy) and paper recycling (black box) every week, and mixed recycling (black bin) and general waste (green bin) every two weeks. Garden waste (brown bin), for residents subscribing to this service, are collected on alternate weeks to the main collection.



There are also local recycling centres in the car parks opposite Tattenham Corner Station and at the Asda store. In addition, there is a receptacle for shoes and textiles at Tadworth Station and Tadworth Leisure Centre.

Let's see if we can increase our recycling over the coming year!

Join the Tadworth Walton & Burgh Heath Litter Pickers

An informal group of residents who care for the community and the environment.

Volunteers are provided with a picker, reflective safety vest and a supply of purple sacks. You need to be 18+ and pick independently at your own risk.

Visit @cleantadworth on Facebook or contact local Tattenham Corner organiser by email: johnaslen@aol.co.uk



What happens to our recycled waste

After collection from our homes our waste and recycling is taken to the Council's depot in Earlswood from where it is transferred to specialist sites.

Food Waste

Food waste is reprocessed at an anaerobic digestion plant and last year this was all within the South East of England. During the 30-day digestion process methane gas is produced and captured, then used to fuel engines that generate electricity. Fertiliser is also produced for farmers to grow crops.



The Suez Surrey Eco Park Facility in Shepperton

Our food waste is now mostly processed at the Suez Surrey Eco Park in Shepperton and some at Biogen plants. The site's reprocessed food waste produces enough electrical power to fuel more than 500 homes a year as well as producing fertiliser sufficient to grow crops on a 350-acre farm.

Paper & Cardboard

All the paper and card collected is taken to the DS Smith's Kemsley Paper Mill in Kent where it is reprocessed into new cardboard packaging. This huge paper mill, initially built in the 1920s to supply newsprint to the newspaper industry, is now part of Europe's largest recycler of paper and cardboard converting wastepaper into new cardboard products within 14 days.



Kemsley Paper Mill - Sittingbourne Kent

Mixed Recyclables

Biffa Waste Services are contracted to collect all the Borough's mixed recyclables which are transported to their Aldridge Material Recycling Facility in the West Midlands.

Here, items are automatically separated out into different materials for onward recycling. In 2020/21 more than 98% of our mixed recycling was processed in the UK.

- **Tins, cans, foil, and aerosols** are separated into steel and aluminium and recycled into new steel and aluminium products.
- **Glass bottles and jars** are separated out for either smelting into recycled glass bottles or jars or used as an aggregate in the construction industry.
- **Plastic bottles, pots, tubs, and trays** are sorted into the different polymer types and colour and turned into new recycled plastic packaging or plastic based products.



Biffa's MRF - Aldridge

Built in 2008, the Aldridge MRF (Materials Recovery Facility) plant now specialises in plastic separation, with recent upgrades to the latest technology and processing equipment, meaning it can polymer and colour separate up to 80,000 tonnes of plastic recycling a year to high specification grades. The resulting materials are sent to Biffa's 3 polymer recycling plants. Biffa are a leading recycler of food grade HDPE - did you know that Biffa's plastic is used in 8 out of 10 UK plastic milk bottles?

Garden Waste

Garden waste is taken to local composting sites at KPS in Isfield and Woodhorn Group near Chichester where it is shredded into small fragments to accelerate the decomposition process.

After about 10 weeks, the end product is graded and used as a soil conditioner and source of nutrients in either landscaping projects or on farmland.

Should we move to a 20-mph speed limit in residential areas?

A number of local authorities have introduced 20-mph speed limits particularly around schools. You may have noticed one in Banstead on the roads around St Anne's Primary School.

In some nearby London boroughs 20 mph limits in built up areas are becoming common and the evidence from these schemes suggests improved safety and environment. Wales is introducing a standard 20- mph limit in built-up areas from 2023. Such schemes are, however, costly to install and to police.

The rationale for reducing speed limits is:

- Improved safety
- Improved environment (less noise and air pollution)
- Improved health from increased walking and cycling
- Energy efficiency



Improved safety

A child is three times more likely to die if hit in a 30-mph vehicle collision compared to 20-mph. A 20-mph collision is comparable to a fall from the first floor of a building, the third floor at 30-mph and the sixth floor at 40-mph.

Improved environment

Road traffic produces noise and emission levels that have an impact on our environment and health. It is difficult to define by how much this could be reduced by lowering traffic speed but will certainly result in lower noise and emissions.

Improved health from increased walking and cycling

Recent surveys suggest that many have been discouraged from walking and cycling on our roads due to the fear of injury caused by cars and other vehicular traffic. Lower speeds on our roads are likely to improve safety and perceived safety, encouraging more people to walk or cycle rather than use their cars. This in turn leads to improved personal fitness and health benefits.

Energy efficiency

Lower speeds may improve fuel usage and reduce wear and tear on brakes, tyres, and roads

Surrey County Council has been debating its policy on speed limits. The 30-mph limit in built up areas was introduced in 1934 and has not changed since then. That limit was not based on any scientific evidence. Many now feel that a lower limit would be beneficial in saving lives and improving the environment, but others do not want to see greater restrictions on motorists.

The current policy in Surrey is to consider residents' requests for 20-mph schemes but only if it is possible to support the limit by traffic calming measures such as humps, road narrowing, chicanes, and cycle lanes. But this is an expensive operation and therefore only viable in very special cases.

Another option is to introduce the lower speed limit supported by signs but not with any traffic calming measures. Supporters of this approach believe that, even without calming, drivers will get used to lower limits and comply with them (in the same way that seat belt usage was introduced).

What do you think?

- No 20-mph limit
- 20-mph limit with signs but no traffic calming
- 20-mph limit with signs and traffic calming

Please take our one-minute survey
Visit:
www.tandpr.org.uk/20-mph-survey/
or
scan this code on your phone:



Surrey's policing priorities for 2022

Last year our new Police and Crime Commissioner, Lisa Townsend, conducted a survey, asking residents for our views on policing priorities for the County over the next three years.

She has now published Surrey Police's priorities, presumably based on our feedback. These are:

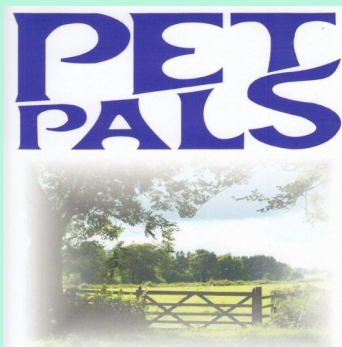
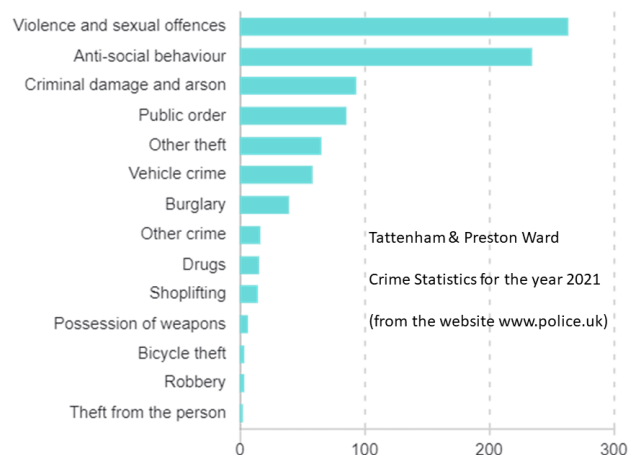
- Reducing violence against women and girls in Surrey
- Protecting people from harm in Surrey
- Working with Surrey communities so that they feel safe
- Strengthening relationships between Surrey Police and Surrey residents
- Ensuring safer Surrey roads

Do you agree with these objectives? Do you have any particular questions for our local police officers? Please let us know your views and we will pass them on. Send an email to info@tandpr.org.uk

Local crime statistics

Police.UK regularly publishes statistics of crimes reported throughout the UK. The chart to the right records crime levels from Tattenham Corner and Preston for last year.

The Crime Commissioner's priorities seem to be focusing on the most serious issues in our area but what do you think? Let us know: info@tandpr.org.uk



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Banstead Commons Conservators

Our ward is surrounded by large areas of common land, much of which is managed by the Banstead Commons Conservators. This includes Banstead Heath (stretching from Tadworth to Lower Kingswood), Banstead Downs (adjacent to the "Mad Mile" A217 towards Sutton), Park Downs (adjacent to Holly Lane) and Burgh Heath (the land from Reigate Road A240 down the A217 towards the Tadworth roundabout).



Burgh Heath Pond

These open spaces comprise a total area of 1350 acres, four times the size of Hyde Park. Most of this land is owned by the Borough of Reigate and Banstead but managed by The Banstead Commons Conservators.

The Banstead Commons Conservators came into being by act of Parliament in 1893 giving them the statutory duty to ensure safe and free access of the public to the commons and to protect the land from damage and trespass.

The act was introduced to prevent local landowners from building on this common land. The concern at the time was that there would not be enough land for locals to graze their livestock. Today it's more about conserving the land for recreation purposes and preserving important wildlife habitats. In an age of increasing urbanisation the Conservators fulfil an important role in managing and protecting these valuable local resources.

There are eight Conservators appointed by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council. Two officially represent the landowner (RBBC) and are usually Borough councillors. The remaining

six are nominated by the public and then formally elected by the Council. These are voluntary appointments, and they serve for a three-year term.



Banstead Common

The Conservators employ a part-time Clerk who is effectively the Chief Executive accountable for the administration of the organisation and a Warden who is responsible for the maintenance of the land under the Conservators' control. The Warden is assisted by two keepers.

Their work is currently financed by Reigate and Banstead and grants from wildlife and environmental charities. You can learn more by visiting the Conservators' website: www.bansteadcommonsconservators.co.uk or follow them on Facebook: [@bcconservators](https://www.facebook.com/bcconservators).

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A Tattenham & Preston Councillor is this year's Mayor

Tattenham & Preston Residents Association is very proud that one of our councillors, Jill Bray, is this year's Mayor of Reigate & Banstead.

The Mayor is the first citizen of the Borough and is elected by the councillors. During the year the Mayor chairs council meetings and represents the Borough by attending a broad range of functions, from formal receptions and official openings to visits to local clubs, schools and community groups.

Jill has been very active during her year of office and a gallery of some of the events she has attended can be viewed on our website: www.tandpr.org.uk/the-mayor-page/

Each year, the Mayor nominates charities that will benefit from the Mayor's fundraising activities. This year, Jill is supporting Age Concern Banstead and YMCA East Surrey.



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