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Chair's Report - Spring 2024

Dear Residents....

A number of issues have been on the RA agenda continually this year including recycling at The Mound, council planning and roads. Some details of planning and roads are covered by our councillors further on in this issue.

Prospective Councillors

After many years of service to the community two of our councillors, Jill Bray and Bob Harper are stepping down. Between them they have committed 42 years to representing Tattenham Corner and Preston Ward. They are saying their goodbyes in one of our articles. We will miss you both.



This means we have two new candidates in the local elections in May this year. Tim Snuggs, who many of you will have met in the last 12 months, has been actively involved meeting and assisting residents with a range of issues. We also welcome Barry Nash, he and his family live in Tadworth Gardens. Previously Barry served as a councillor for 8 years in Epsom & Ewell so comes with a wealth of experience. Please do consider our candidates at the next election - in the short time they have been here they have already started to make a big difference.

Recycling Centre at The Mound

Tim Snuggs wrote an article in our Winter magazine on the abusive way that this recycling area is used. We have had residents contact us complaining about how quickly it becomes an unsightly mess and how debris is blown around. It is probably a small number of people that abuse this facility and it would be annoying if their behaviour led to the closure of this site.

The issue very much concerns us, and we have been in contact with the Council. This has recently culminated in several members of the RA including Councillor Bray meeting with representatives of RBBC Neighbourhood Operations to push forward on measures to reduce problems at The Mound bring site. A number of bring sites have been closed recently including ones in Epsom and Tandridge and this appears to have had a knock-on effect for our ward. There may be long term plans by the Council concerning refuse and recycling, but we have suggested low/no cost solutions to tackle the immediate issues at Tattenham Corner. You can be assured members of the Residents Association are prepared to play their part to improve this local facility. More on this inside this issue.



Ukrainian Appeal

In our last edition we advised that Steve Kupis was collecting items to be sent out to the Ukraine.

He is still doing this and would welcome items including clothing, non perishable food stuffs, medical equipment including bandages/nappies, pain relief medication. He will happily receive (or collect locally) donations whilst the war continues.

Steve Kupis email: skdci@btinternet.com 24 The Spinney, Tattenham Corner.

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Water Meters

Local residents without a water meter are being contacted by our supplier, SES Water, saying they plan to install water meters. The meter will usually be in the pavement. SES Water say the installation is compulsory as we live in a "seriously water stressed" area, and is part of a plan to maintain secure water supplies, as they expect the meter charges to incentivise more careful usage. Their experience is that resident usage drops by 15%. Whether residents pay more or less will depend on their council tax band, and on how careful they are with usage, numbers of people in the household etc. Once installed, residents can opt to be charged on metered usage, or remain on the existing fixed council-tax band related charge, but only up to a year. After a year, charges will be automatically switched to measured usage. Previously residents voluntarily asking for a meter had the option to switch back to the fixed charge and have the meter disconnected. This option will not be available.

Tattenham and Preston Residents Association AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 25th March at 7.30 pm at Tattenham Community Library. Come along to voice your concerns and let us know your visions for the area.

There will be light refreshments provided after the meeting and you can meet our two new candidates in the local elections, Tim Snuggs and Barry Nash. You can also talk to your current local councillors and committee members about a range of issues.

Kathryn Chappelle email: kjchappelle@hotmail.co.uk
Chair Tattenham and Preston Residents Association

T & P R e NEWS

We produce a monthly electronic newsletter **T&PR eNEWS**, which is circulated by email on the first of each month. It is totally free and ensures you keep up to date with what is going on in Tattenham Corner and Preston. We include any planning issues that will affect you, the residents. All you need to do is subscribe via our website. You can do this by scanning the QR code or go to:

<https://tandpr.org.uk/e-newsletter>



Subscriptions



We ask residents for voluntary contributions. We have a suggested annual subscription of **£3**, or more if you wish, per household to help cover our project expenses (for example the planters at Tattenham Corner) and other costs such as the printing of this magazine. Your contributions will help us considerably.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE AGM OF THE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD AT TATTENHAMS COMMUNITY LIBRARY, TATTENHAM CRESCENT, KT18 5NU ON MONDAY 25th MARCH 2024 AT 7.30pm

AGENDA

1. TPRA Chair's Report
2. Police and Crime Commissioner Elections – Alex Coley
3. Approval of minutes from the last AGM held on 23rd March 2023
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Election of the RA Committee
6. Adoption of the Association's Borough Council candidates for the May election
7. Councillors' Reports and questions: Jill Bray, Bob Harper and Nick Harrison
8. Any Other Business



Please send any nominations for the Committee to the Chair at kjchattelle@hotmail.co.uk

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.

ALL RESIDENTS OF TATTENHAM CORNER & PRESTON WARD WELCOME

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Your Retiring Councillors

Bob Harper

I will be standing down as councillor in May when my term of office ends. It has been a great 20+ years and an honour to represent you..

Ironically, given recent planning applications from Raven to re-develop garage sites for housing, it was a planning application to convert two garage blocks in Upland Way that drew me into serving on the Council. Local residents asked me to lead a campaign to oppose the scheme and we were successful. An improved and better designed application came later, and I was able to ensure the public access right of way continued and get extra parking bays for general resident use.

My proudest achievements over the years have been to get the new Tadworth Leisure Centre in place and to make sure the Tadworth Gardens estate is fit for purpose, where residents want to live. With the Leisure Centre, the original Council plans were for a much simpler (and cheaper gym), without the pool and many of the other facilities. The Residents Association fought a long campaign to include a swimming pool in the redevelopment and to incorporate the Phoenix Youth Centre.

The former de Burgh School playing fields had long been earmarked for housing and initial designs were not encouraging. The developer, London Square, was used to working in central London with designs and densities suited to the inner city. We were pleased they were flexible enough to take our ideas on board and come up with a scheme more suited to Surrey.

I hope you will give Tim and Barry your support at the election. My interest in our ward won't disappear – my daughter Gemma serves as a councillor in the neighbouring Nork ward.



Jill Bray

It has been a special experience to be one of your representatives in the ward for the last 19 years. It was my attendance at the local Residents Association meeting one night that led to my election as a Reigate and Banstead Borough Councillor representing the Tattenhams ward. Since then I have enjoyed all aspects of the role including my time on the Planning Committee.

It is never a councillor's role to stop "back garden" development but alongside my fellow ward councillors the Planning Committee have scrutinised all applications and ensured that either amendments have been made to make them more suitable for our patch, or with your help we have worked to defeat inappropriate developments, with some notable successes !

During my time as your Ward Councillor, I have been the Council's representative as a non-executive board member at Raven Housing Trust, chaired their audit committee as well as the Council's when it was first formed, and have been almost a permanent member of the Council's Employment Committee.

It was my complete honour and privilege to represent this Borough as Mayor in 2021/22 and I have so many happy memories of meeting the many residents, businesses and volunteers within the Borough. I held many thank you events for all the wonderful work that was done by them particularly in relation to the Covid pandemic - it was a great time to represent the Borough in this capacity!

I wish both Tim and Barry well and I am sure they will uphold your interests passionately.



Your Candidates

Barry Nash

I started my working life in the Royal Marines, and afterwards worked in the Leisure Industry before moving into Mobile Telecoms working for Vodafone as a Business Manager and then Ericsson as UK Sales Director. In more recent years, I trained as a teacher and worked at Reigate College and has also worked in the charity sector.

I moved to the Surrey area in 1982 and lived in Epsom and Ewell from 1994-2020, before moving to Tadworth in December 2020.

Married to Kim with two children, I play tennis and represent our county at senior Vets level, and have also represented the UK Armed Forces.

I have previously been a Residents Association councillor with Epsom & Ewell from 2015-2023, where I was Chair of the Community & Wellbeing Committee for 5 years.

My main concerns are ensuring good health provision and residents feeling safe in the ward, as well as protecting the parks and open spaces.

I am keen to utilise my previous councillor and business experiences, to help and support the daily lives of Tattenham and Preston residents.'



Tim Snuggs

While I am now retired, I previously spent 30 years in the Metropolitan Police Service much of which was in the CID in London's West End. My final twelve years were spent as a detective on the Murder Squad.

I am currently Vice Chairman and Poppy Appeal organiser for the Banstead and District Branch of the Royal British Legion. In this role I organise the poppy appeal in Banstead, including Tattenham & Preston.

I am the long standing chairman of the highly successful "Music in the Park" which stages a concert every summer in Nork Park.

I have also been chairman of the Board of Governors of Epsom Downs Primary School from 2006 to 2017. I was Chairman and founder member of the Beacon School Parents Association before becoming the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Beacon Friends Association.

My personal interests include the theatre, and I also play for a cricket team based near Guildford. I enjoy walking and playing golf.

I have taken a particular interest in achieving a safe, clean and orderly environment for our residents. I have recently been working with our local litter pickers and council staff to reduce litter and fly tipping within our area. I have also been looking at improving road safety, particularly speeding, on our roads.



Promoted by Nick Harrison on behalf of Tim Snuggs and Barry Nash; addresses given on page 4.

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Community Litter Pick in Preston

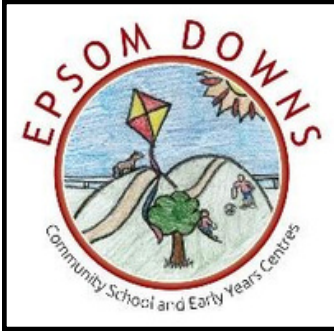
We are inviting litter pickers to help keep Preston clean.

We plan to meet outside the Marbles Way Cafe on Sunday 17th March 2024 at 10am. Pickers, bags and hi viz jackets will be available. Please wear suitable clothing and sturdy shoes. Gloves are recommended.

All are welcome. We will be targeting Hatch Gardens, Marbles Way and Preston Lane.

Tim Snuggs

Epsom Downs Community School & Early Years Centres



Headteacher: My name is Anya Salisbury and I am the Headteacher at Epsom Downs Community School and Early Years Centres. My dedication and passion for working at Epsom Downs started in 2011 when I became Deputy Head. My affiliation with the school has been for over 12 years.

Platinum Celebrations: Last year at Epsom Downs we celebrated our 70 years anniversary. We changed our name at this time to represent the Community school we are and ensure that both our early years provisions were included in our name.

The uniqueness of Epsom Downs: We genuinely think you will never find a school quite like us! Epsom Downs is a unique school site with a variety of provisions to support our school and local community.

These include: a Day Nursery (which offers childcare provision for babies from 3 months); BASH club (Breakfast, After school and Holiday Club); Family Centre; two classes from Nursery up to year 6; a specialist High CoIN (Communication and Interaction Needs) centre; a farm; bio dome; 2 nature worlds/ Forest School site; 2 outdoor eco classrooms and a sports field with pavilion.

Personal Development: We know that children will be ready to learn if they feel happy and safe so the core ethos of all we do is centred around the six principles of Nurture and our school values. This creates a positive and nurturing environment within that promotes inclusivity, respect, and empathy. We are proud to offer emotional support and guidance to students. We strive to ensure that all children develop emotional intelligence and resilience, enabling them to manage challenges and setbacks effectively.

Promoting positive relationships between students, teachers, and staff members can contribute to a sense of belonging and support, which is crucial for personal development.



What makes our school such a special place to learn?

We are proudly unique! Catering for children from 0-11 years of age means we really get to know all our children and their families and can support them all to achieve the best start. We support each child to achieve more than they ever thought was possible and to develop strong, supportive and respectful relationships with each other and the adults they work with. Through an enriching curriculum that make use of all our provisions on site (yes, the children really do work the farm and are hands on looking after the pigs, goats, chickens, rabbits, guinea pigs and tortoise!) Children are given the chance to further develop their self-esteem, problem solving and collaborative learning skills in a natural environment.

Epsom Downs Community School



New provision at Epsom Downs: We are very excited to have been selected by Surrey to have a High CoIN base on our site which opened in September with a capacity of ten children. This provision is called The D.E.N. which stands for Developing, Enriching, Nurturing. We are having a bespoke building constructed on site which will be ready for September 2024. The number of children we have in this provision will increase year on year for the next four years. It is a great opportunity that will benefit all children as all teachers will receive specialist training and be able to employ innovative teaching methods and strategies that benefit students with and without ASD, catering to different learning styles and abilities within the same school community. Integrating children with ASD into a mainstream school environment encourages a culture of inclusivity and understanding among all children by fostering a sense of empathy and compassion.



If you would like to find out more information about our school, I do encourage you to visit our school website at <https://www.epsomdowns.surrey.sch.uk/> to explore further details about our engaging, enriching, value centred and language rich curriculum or to find out more detail about any of the information I have mentioned in this article.

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Recycling Problems at The Mound

The “Bring Site” at The Mound at Tattenham Corner allows local households who do not yet have doorstep recycling to drop off their waste for proper treatment.

The Government’s Waste and Resource strategy requires all councils to have doorstep recycling collections in place for all households by March 2026. This will be convenient for residents, treat everyone equally, and eliminate or at least reduce the need for the separate recycling centres. The Borough Council will be reviewing its recycling sites in the coming months for possible closures. The Government has yet to provide the detailed regulations to allow plans to be drawn up.



The Residents Association is acutely aware of the current and increasing problems at The Mound. Causes are many - the closure of recycling centres in other boroughs, increased cardboard waste from more home deliveries, increased illegal business waste of all sorts, and general awareness that The Mound is an easy place to fly tip all sorts of illegal waste with no consequences.

We have monitored and recorded the problems at The Mound over January and February. It is obvious that weekends are the major problem time. We observed the dumping of large amounts of predominantly business waste cardboard, unrecyclable household waste of all sizes and types, building rubble and polystyrene containers, often from vans. We spoke to residents who use the site, and it is a facility appreciated by many.

We presented our findings at a meeting with council officers in February, along with photographic evidence. We suggested possible solutions - bearing in mind that a combination of approaches is needed, rather than a single solution.

Efficient Use of the Site

Waste cardboard has a value to the Council, currently fetching £40 per ton, but up to £100 in times past. 20 of the 30 bins are allocated to cardboard. The majority of these bins (15) have lids and are often not filled. Cardboard is often put first into the bins without lids, and then more laid on top of the bins with lids. We need more open top cardboard bins - fewer bins with lids.

We have too many (10) recycling bins for plastic, glass and cans - and why are there separate containers for each commodity? They are picked separately on the doorstep, so why not at the Bring Site? We could have fewer, multi-use bins, thus releasing space for cardboard, the key material residents want to recycle.

Prevention

The current signage is old and tired, and obviously ignored by many. We need new signs with simpler and clear messaging about what can be left and that materials left outside the containers is just fly-tipping. It should be made clear that commercial waste is not allowed.

The road markings prohibiting parking immediately in front of the area are completely worn. Parking in this area allows waste to be dumped secretly. We suggest new markings, including distinctive chevrons.

With proper clear signage visitors have no excuses for dumping and enforcement action can be taken by the Council’s JET (Joint Enforcement Team) officers, both to advise, educate and take action on illegal use of the site.

Enforcement

The future use of CCTV and improved lighting is being reviewed by the Council. The actions it takes is linked to whether it is kept open after the waste review.



Commentary

The major problems at The Mound are excessive dumping of business cardboard and the large amount of serious fly-tipped material. While the cardboard overspill could be reduced by removing bin lids, this could lead to excessive contamination of the bins by other materials. When this happens the whole bin content becomes costly landfill, as there is a gate fee for disposal and a tax on top. If contaminated waste is supplied to the cardboard buyers there are financial penalties which offset the income from cardboard.

It is illegal for businesses to dispose of their waste through any of the facilities provided for householders - such as household kerbside collection bins, street bins, local household recycling banks or community recycling centres. Businesses know their waste should not be dumped at The Mound, although there are currently no signs explicitly stating this. Businesses know there are regulations on how they are required to legally dispose of their waste.



Illegal business waste. Polystyrene containers and fire extinguisher packaging.

Cardboard from residential households can be recycled from the roadside. If left neatly alongside the black paper box on collection days, it will be collected. This will reduce the amount collected at The Mound and also will, in time, be the only way to recycle cardboard if the site is closed down.

As indicated, a closure decision will be made by the Council when the Government regulations on waste and disposal are clarified. We think there needs to be prior consultation with residents on the options. Closing down the whole recycling area, although obviously simple, could lead to the fly tipping being dispersed far and wide. But the problems must not be ignored, as they will only get worse.

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Planning Update

Raven Garage Sites

The last two applications to be dealt with are in Upland Way (23/00817/F) and Shawley Crescent (23/00820/F). Originally, Raven proposed six houses for each site, replacing the poorly used garage blocks. The Residents Association strongly opposed – clearly the sites would be over-developed, with parking and amenity issues. Six houses just didn't fit comfortably. Raven have come back with four-house schemes.

Issues remain – Upland Way shares its access with a public footpath, well used by children from Shawley School. The plan does not keep pedestrians segregated from the traffic.

The Shawley Crescent site has a very long, narrow access road which is difficult to turn into and out of, as the area is over-parked. The new properties would also dominate the houses in Claremount Gardens. The site has flooding issues.



Chavercroft Update

The old building has now been demolished and the spoil left temporarily on the grass in Broad Walk has been moved and the area now made good. Raven is hoping soon to appoint a new main contractor to progress the works. There has been a longer delay than expected as Raven have had to look closely at increasing contractor prices, to make sure the project remains viable.



Downs Wood / Yew Tree Bottom Road

This application (23/02334/F) would see the demolition of a house in Downs Wood for access to the rear gardens in Yew Tree Bottom Road, and eight new houses. This is the fifth application on this plot, and a minor update on the previous one, originally turned down by the Planning Committee, but allowed on appeal by the Bristol Inspectorate. The latest application is from a new developer but is a very minor update on the last successful appeal.

With the same number of houses on the same footprint, the Council will have to consider the potential "extra harm" from the new scheme. With so little change, it is likely to be approved.

Tattenham Corner Public House

The pub has been sold by Beefeater to Young & Co. The planning application (24/00107/F) is for a major refurbishment, and extensive use of outside space with two dining cabins. The restaurant will extend into the first floor with an outside veranda. Some reduction in parking is proposed; there will be more trees. From a resident's point of view it will be the licensing conditions – hours of operation, music etc which will be important.



Roads

Chetwode Road

Finally, they've done it – the worst road in our ward has been resurfaced. First the construction work for the new housing in Tadworth Gardens needed to be out of the way. Attempts were made to commission the work earlier in 2023, but gas main replacements were on the horizon and kept adding to the delays. The last thing we wanted was a new road surface followed by a utility company digging it up. The road is now protected from scheduled utility works for a minimum two years. The Residents Association has kept track of the county budget to ensure it was not diverted elsewhere, and pushed for the pavement and parking improvements to get done first.

The existing surface had been compromised by bus traffic, the long sunken utility trench on the north side, and also a depression caused by the removal of the tree in the middle of the road near St. Leonards Road.



Preston

Elsewhere, we have been working with Raven to promote smaller improvements using CIL funding. These have included a pull-in by the Marbles Way shops and an extension of the pavement where Merland Rise meets Preston Lane.



Parking Scheme in Long Walk and Coxdean

Another project following on from Tadworth Gardens has been to review the flow of extra traffic through these streets as a result of the extra housing. A one-way system around Coxdean, Long Walk and Ferriers Way was mooted, but not accepted by residents. The current schemes (planning applications 23/01702/F and 24/00096/F) involve moving the footway back two metres and using that area to create parking bays. This will allow the traffic to flow more freely. An important aspect is that it would remove the necessity for parking partially on the pavement – a frequent complaint from pedestrians with buggies and mobility scooters. The RA has written to all residents involved outlining the scheme and its benefits. Some trees will need to be taken out, but will be replaced by a greater number.

Potholes

After last winter's cold snaps and wet weather we have been fortunate this winter with the number of potholes. Last winter, Highways was repairing a peak of 3,000 potholes (with 800 out of target time). This year it has been about 500. Please continue to report defects through the website www.surreycc.gov.uk There is a direct link from the home page.

Tadworth Gardens

The Tadworth Gardens development just off Chetwode Road on the old de Burgh school site has now been completed, with some 200 properties occupied. The London Square project started in 2018, with 3 separate build phases.

The development has now been handed over to the management agent Encore Estates, who have appointed a Residents Steering Group to help manage the daily operational activities within Tadworth Gardens.

The committee consists of 5 members, responsible for all aspects of the development, such as:

- Budget setting
- Service charges
- Operational maintenance programmes
- Appointing site contractors, such as grass cutting and window cleaning
- General estate tidiness and estate aesthetics
- Estate parking

Residents are now enjoying quality housing in a great location, with a wide range of local amenities on their doorstep.



Above: Tadworth Gardens construction site 2019. Chetwode Road just visible at bottom.

Below: Tadworth Gardens, Chetwode Road in foreground, in 2022



Tadworth Gardens Street Names

Where do the street names come from? Hubert de Burgh was a very significant and powerful figure at the time of King John, and subsequently his son King Henry III. He was born about 1170 near Aylsham in Norfolk. From modest beginnings in his lifetime he rose to be very highly positioned in the administration of both kings, at times commanding army and navy forces, but latterly also fell very much out of favour, was imprisoned and had land and titles stripped from him before being partially forgiven and reinstated. He died at Banstead in 1243. Shakespeare portrays him heroically standing up to King John by refusing to kill a rival held under his protection.

Following an initiative by Councillor Richard Mantle the new development's streets were named after him, and people and places related to him during his life. As well as the obvious Hubert House and De Burgh Gardens they are:

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| Aylsham Road | Hubert's birth place, in Norfolk. |
| Beatrice Square | Beatrice, daughter of Earl Warenne, Hubert's first wife. |
| Isabella Walk | Hubert's second wife, she died on their honeymoon. (His third wife was Princess Margaret of Scotland) |
| Chinon House | Chinon Castle unsuccessfully defended by Hubert. After a two year siege he was captured by French forces, and eventually returned to England after payment of a ransom. |
| Dover Road | Dover Castle which Hubert successfully defended against the French for two years. |
| Brentwood House | Hubert sought sanctuary for 40 days at a chapel in Brentwood, Essex, during his loss of status. |
| Devizes Road | Hubert de Burgh was imprisoned at Devizes Castle. |

Anti Tank Obstacles - Burgh Heath

Everyone knows where to find the ASDA superstore. When it opened, nearly 30 years ago, their slogan was "It 'Asda be ASDA." Some will remember the Kinloss Cash and Carry store that preceded it, while older residents might even remember the WW2 army depot. Before that there was a riding school, now buried beneath the car-park, established by the Colman family (yes, the mustard) who lived at the mansion in Nork Park. Maybe while waiting patiently at the traffic lights you have noticed the three WW2 grey coloured concrete buoys, originally intended for blocking roads to enemy vehicles, that sit on the grass verge outside ASDA.



The buoys being used as verge protectors outside WW2 army depot, Burgh Heath. Now the ASDA shop.



WW2 anti tank cylinder located in woods behind ASDA

Another design, anti-tank cylinders, would also be cast with a hole to facilitate handling with a crowbar. The War Office specification also included the fitting of a countersunk metal eye for the attachment of steel wire rope in the top of the cylinder and a pair of iron cleats cast into the sides of the cylinder to limit how far the cylinder would roll if it was knocked over. The attachment of wire rope was intended to be used to attach cylinders together to stop them being swept aside by an oncoming vehicle.

Examples of the various types of anti tank obstacles can be found at Reigate Castle, Guildford near the River Wey, the River Mole, and many other locations in Surrey and the UK.



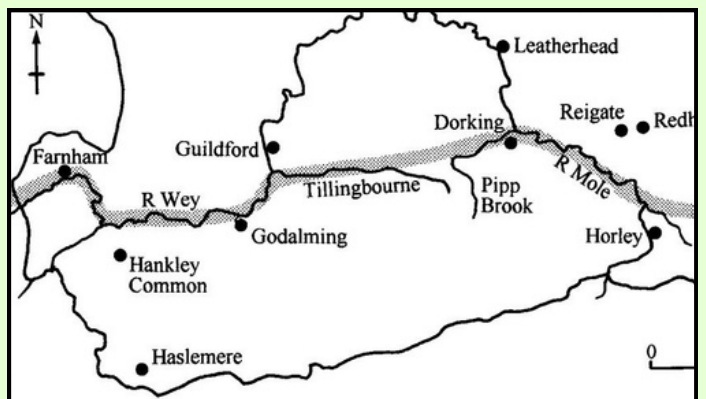
Anti-tank buoys are round bottomed cones with a flat truncated top.

Buoys were to be used on roads, and other hard surfaces, and appear to be most often used in conjunction with a roadblock and could be quickly moved when the roadblock was not in use. A 5cm (2in) diameter central hole was cast into the buoys and would have been used with a crowbar or piece of scaffolding to move a pair of buoys into position (War Office, 1940).

Unfortunately this type was found to be ineffective in use.



"Dragons Teeth" anti tank obstacles River Wey



The extent of the WW2 defensive line, including anti tank obstacles, in local areas.

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