

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Autumn 2018 Newsletter

WELCOME TO YOUR NEW WARD - TATTENHAM CORNER AND PRESTON

The Boundary Commission has reduced the number of councillors and redrawn the ward boundaries throughout Reigate & Banstead Borough Council. Preston ward which has a single councillor will be joined to most of Tattenhams which has three, to create the new ward "Tattenham Corner and Preston". The new ward will have about 4,000 households and three councillors.

The changes will take effect from the May 2019 borough elections.

Other Changes

To meet boundary review's requirements, it was necessary to equalise the numbers of voters, the eastern part of Tattenhams – all the electors between Reigate Road and Brighton Road, both sides of Tattenham Way – are transferring to the Nork ward. These are all the Tattenhams electors who vote at the Beacon School, rather than St Marks Church.

We deeply regret any voters will be moving out of Tattenhams, which has been largely in its current configuration for over 60 years. However, we are encouraged that Nork has a strong Residents' Association and is represented by three borough councillors who work as a group with the Tattenhams councillors. We will also be happy for any residents who want to simultaneously remain in membership with Tattenhams and receive our newsletter.

As far as Preston is concerned the few voters whose access is off Shelveys Way will move into a new Lower Kingswood, Tadworth & Walton ward; the vast majority will join up with Tattenhams.

Residents Association – working with and for you

The Tattenhams Residents Association will be renaming itself and expanding its reach to incorporate the Preston area, and we will be distributing our newsletters to homes in Preston. We welcome all Preston residents joining our Association.

We are volunteers – publicising and communicating through our newsletters and taking part in community events and initiatives to shape the local agenda. The Residents Association is run by residents for residents and the agenda is set by residents. If you would like to get involved, please see the contact details on the final page. You are welcome to come to our monthly committee meetings if you want to see what we do, or if you have a specific issue to discuss. They are held on the first Tuesday each month at the Tattenhams Library at 8pm.

Local Councillors

The Residents Association is passionately committed to a non-party political approach to local government and puts up its own councillors for election. The three Tattenhams councillors are all Residents Association Councillors. Joined with other Residents Association councillors across Reigate & Banstead and Surrey we form the largest opposition group at both councils. We will be seeking to retain our seats at the next election in May 2019.



What are our aims?

The Residents' Association campaigns to improve our area. We want to retain – and improve - local amenities for the benefit of all residents.

We cover the full range of local issues including planning and development, traffic and road improvements, public safety, schools, libraries, refuse and recycling, community services, parks and leisure.

*Tattenhams Councillors – Bob Harper,
Nick Harrison and Jill Bray*

County Council Cuts to Services

In recent newsletters we have forecasted major cuts to services at Surrey County Council. We were too early in our predictions – some one-off “pilot” funding from the government and dipping into reserves kept the wolf from the door for a while. But now the day of reckoning is well and truly here.

Government Funding

In 2010 the Council received general government grant funding of £152 million. This year the grant is zero, and it could even be negative next year. (Yes, the County Council might have to send money raised from residents in council tax back to the government’s coffers!)

How has this come about? A major contributor has been the transfer of the learning disabled out of the long-term mental health hospitals around the edge of London into local authority care in the community. An overdue change in the treatment of these residents. Surrey had more patients than any other county and initially received £65 million funding which has now been withdrawn. It’s been a similar story when the public health service was transferred to local authorities from the NHS, and the funding was £13 million short. This year, government grants for Special Educational Needs in schools has been sliced by £15 million, leaving the council to meet the cost of the agreed educational plans for affected children. Surrey’s Highways funding is an estimated £13 million light compared to other councils when the extra wear caused by our exceptional traffic volumes is taken into account. Surrey with its two motorway service stations on the M25 is faced with one of the highest numbers of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children dropped off and taken into care; in this case government reimbursements are £5 million light.

Social Care

Looking after adults – both the elderly and mentally/ physically disabled – and children are statutory services and take more than 70p in every £1 spent by county councils. The numbers of people in these categories are growing. Other council services will be cut to plug the gap.

Reform of council funding, and of how the country pays for social care, is constantly being kicked down the road. One county council – Northampton - has become bankrupt and is being dismembered. Although it could be argued that Surrey has some special factors, Surrey’s MPs includes five senior cabinet members – including the Chancellor of the Exchequer – and there would be a political uproar if special treatment were granted.

“Transformation” and Consultation

Most of the savings will be met by a transformation programme of severe back office cuts and efficiencies being launched by a new Chief Executive and her team. However, some require consultation with the public and this was launched at the beginning of November and will close on 4th January. The consultations can be found on line – go to the county council webpage www.surreycc.gov.uk. There’s a short video there too which gives some more background.

If you don’t have on line access hard copies are in the library, and library staff can help you provide your feedback. The five consultations and key proposals are:

- **Community Recycling Centres** – Further closures are expected, although unlikely to include our nearby sites in Epsom, Leatherhead and Redhill. But more shorter hours/ days closed and further charges for non-household waste are likely.
- **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities** – More advice earlier for schools, but a raid on school funding and reserves to support the service. On a positive note, 350 specialist school places in Surrey to replace expensive out of county schools.
- **Concessionary Bus Travel** - Removal of the extra funding for free bus travel for disabled people before 9:30am and after 11pm on weekdays, and no free pass for a companion. Bus travel would still be free for those eligible (the elderly and disabled) between 9:30am and 11pm on weekdays, all day at weekend and public holidays, in line with the national scheme.
- **Children’s Centres** – Cut back to 19 main centres, meaning 31 would close and another 8 to become satellites. It is proposed that our local centre at Epsom Downs School in Merland Rise would keep open, and the Banstead centre would be its satellite. The focus would be help early on for the families with most need, and to try to prevent them needing social care in the future. In line with this, the Centres would cater for children up to the age 11, rather than only to 5. This sounds good – however, a cut in staffing will mean less help overall.
- **Libraries and Cultural Services** – A huge £4 million cut in funding in relation to the overall budget for this area must mean another threat to the Tattenhams Library.

We have articles on other pages to show the brilliant services provided by our local Children’s Centre and Library – please respond to the consultations to give them your support.

Tattenhams Community Library - your Friendly Local Library



The library at Tattenham Corner is now staffed entirely by volunteers. We offer all the usual library services (books, audio books, DVD's etc) and a lot more besides. Books not available at our library can be reserved and collected here for a small fee.

Useful Services Daily and local papers are available for browsing as well as information on local services and events. We have 3 computers and WIFI to use are FREE to library members. We can do photocopying and faxing plus we also sell greeting cards, postage stamps, 2nd hand books, reading glasses and bags.

Children's Activities At 10.30am on Mondays and Fridays we have children's Rhymetime. During the summer holidays there is a Reading Challenge for children with small prizes for reading 2, 4 or 6 books and a certificate for those completing the whole challenge.

We support local activities and schools who have brought several classes to the library to learn about what we do and explore the children's area. Tadworth School annually bring two of their classes to us by train, dressed as wartime evacuees, learning about what it was like to be a child during World War 2.

Plea for help!!! We are looking for someone with experience of working with young children to co-ordinate these various activities as our volunteer who used to assume this role has unfortunately moved away. Please contact Sue Spackman at the library if you are interested.

Other Activities On the 2nd Wednesday of the month we have a Tea and Cake afternoon. We also have occasional talks or events which we advertise on the Surrey CC website or just come into the library for more details.

So, we are more than just a library – come in and visit us! It's a fabulous place to volunteer and if you aren't a member already join soon and keep supporting us.

Tattenham Corner Community Christmas 2018

Since the success of the first Christmas Tree in 2015, the lighting of the tree has become an annual start to the festive season in our community, growing in both size and numbers. Today, the lighting of the tree by the Mayor is part of the Tattenham Corner Community Christmas, with a mini festive market. As well as bringing our community together, it is also a celebration of local talents, skills and businesses.

At this year's event on **Saturday 1st December (4 - 6:30pm)** we are welcoming back many stall holders selling gifts and crafts, 'Snowy' the snowman for the kids to bounce on, Messy Church arts and crafts, face painting and Santa's Grotto. New this year will be a festive fancy dress parade with prizes for best homemade costume, most festive costume and most original idea. Please follow us on Facebook and Twitter or check out www.tattenhamcorner.co.uk for more info on how to enter.

If you are feeling peckish there will be a range of sweet festive goodies on sale including candy floss, hot drinks and cakes from the Library Tearoom, or for something more substantial why not buy some Paella from El Rincon or visit Pat's Hog roast stand for hog baps, burgers etc.

We are pleased to announce performances from SING! Epsom Downs choir and Shawley Community Primary School choir.

The raffle is in aid of a cause close to our community, and this year we are raising funds towards saving our much needed Epsom Downs Children's Centre which is under threat of possible closure along with other Children's Centres across Surrey. The raffle tickets will be on sale during the event only, with the raffle being called towards the end. Prizes will include hampers created and donated by local businesses and organisations.

The Christmas Tree will be adorned with baubles created by the children of Epsom Downs Primary School, Shawley Community Primary School, St. Marks Messy Munchkins and Messy Church and Little Jax Pre-school. Special thanks to C3 Barbers and El Rincon Restaurant for sponsoring the Community Christmas Tree. There is still so much to be confirmed, so please follow us on social media to get up to date info on the event.

Twitter @TattenhamXmas Facebook Christmas at Tattenham Corner

Maria Hewson - Community Development in Preston

Well it's been a very busy and interesting year. I started this post in June 2018 and my feet haven't touched the ground since! Thank you for all your support.

I feel my role has three strands:

1. Getting to know the community as best I can, engage with residents to find out what they like about living in the area - where they feel the strengths are - what they would like to change - discover gaps in services – then work with members of the community on projects to make it an even better place to live.
2. Working with local organisations who offer support and services to residents in the community. This means I'm up to date with changes and know where to signpost residents for help.
3. Liaising with Reigate & Banstead Borough Council on residents' issues and their needs, to improve services for them.



My first six months were spent getting to know as many of the residents as possible and finding out what organisations there are locally. Everyone has been so welcoming and open with me. I discovered that there is a lot of good work happening in the area but there could be more joined up working and sharing of information.

I started the Preston Partner Network Meeting which meets every three months to discuss what has been happening and plans for the next three months. There are over fifty organisations on the distribution list and twenty five to thirty attend each time. This has proved invaluable for me. We carried out a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis which led to an action plan; I'm trying to work through this.

I have been involved in a pilot project for young people aged 10-16 to access sports activities at the leisure centre for a reasonable cost. Many young people felt unwelcome at the leisure centre or couldn't afford to attend. The pilot was a success and we are planning to start a year's project starting this month. I have worked with the regeneration team at the council and an inclusive, outdoor gym has been ordered for the park.

Feedback from residents was that there wasn't enough of a community feel and there was nothing to look forward to. We held the Preston Community Event on 15th September which was supported by local organisations and attended by 300 residents. It was a great atmosphere and plans are afoot to do it again next year.

I'm working with residents and partners on reducing anti-social behaviour; a Good Neighbour scheme to help people with transport, shopping, befriending etc; a Neighbourhood Watch scheme; affordable access to leisure facilities; more activities for the community to improve health and reduce isolation.

If you would like to know more or get involved please contact me on 07854 171376 or Maria.Hewson@reigate-banstead.gov.uk

Regeneration Board Update

Besides the outdoor gym mentioned by Maria above, there have been improvements in the paths over Preston Park. The original gravel paths were messy and created puddles - the new paths with a bound surface are a great improvement. A youth shelter is also planned – see below - but it will only be implemented once it can be covered by CCTV.

Other areas of concern are the lack of parking, particularly around the Chetwode Road area, once the new de Burgh housing is complete. We are hoping to see plans soon. There are also plans for short sections of one way roads at the ends of Long Walk and Broad Walk to reduce rat-running.

Mud from the development site is a concern particularly now winter is here; the developer is obliged to keep the road swept. We asked for signs at the ends of St Marks Road and Chapel Way, so delivery lorries keep out of the side streets.



Advent and Christmas ‘Roll’ on at St Mark’s

Over one thousand four hundred inner tubes from toilet rolls have been collected at St Mark’s church in Great Tattenhams in preparation for the Advent calendar-making extravaganza! On 30th November the church community hall will be filled with young people in what can only be likened to military operation or a factory floor. The event is organised by Liz Townsend the Children and Families’ minister and follows on from last year very successful event. Please book asap.

Breakfast with Santa is back with the man himself and his little helpers distributing chocolate coins while guests enjoy breakfast at 9.15 on Sunday 9th December followed by a special service when the community is invited to bring gifts for the families of the women’s refuge in Redhill at 10am. Also, for children and families is the Star Trail, an interactive journey through the story of the Wise Men on Saturday 15th – arrive between 11 and 11.30 for 45 minutes of magical adventure.

The new seasonal Gin Night at St Mark’s has proved very popular and the Winter event on the 14th December is set to be a sell-out affair with gold, frankincense and myrrh themed Gin cocktails and a trip around the Star Trail, an interactive story telling event, for the adventurous ones.

For the older members of the community there is the Community lunch on 15th December, a lovely Christmas ploughman’s and good company (contact Gill: 01737 353953 or email church) and on Christmas day there is a lunch for those who would otherwise be alone. If you would like to help out or know someone who should be invited - lifts are also available - contact David on 01737 353138 or email the church.

As always, there will be the beautiful blend of modern and traditional at the 6pm Carol Service, traditional Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and an informal Christmas morning service when the children (and adults) are invited to bring their prezzies and show them off to the Vicar.

Fri 30 th Nov	Advent calendar making - £3 each 5.30 - 7pm (book by 16 th Nov)	Fun for ages 7 to 11
Sat 1 st Dec	Christmas indoor market 10am - 1pm	With songs by Sing! choir
Sat 1 st Dec	Lighting the Tattenhams Christmas Tree 4 - 6.30pm	At the Tattenham Corner shops with stalls, fun, craft and the Mayor
Sun 2 nd	Community cinema 7.30pm	Free hot drinks Ice cream on sale
Sun 4 th	Messy Christmas for families 3.30 - 6pm	Craft, stories, singing and food
Sun 9 th	Breakfast with Santa – enjoy a great breakfast and help those forced to flee home 9.15 - 11am	Bring a new gift for Women’s Refuge
Fri 14 th	Winter Gin Night Fund raiser 7.30 - 11pm	£20 in advance 01737 353011
Sat 15 th	Star Trail – interactive story of the Wise Men Arrive between 11 - 11.30am	Lasts about 45 mins with star biscuits to decorate. Just turn up
Sat 15 th	Community Christmas ploughman’s lunch 12.15pm start	Small charge
Sun 16 th	Community cinema 7.30pm	Free hot drinks. Ice cream on sale
Sat 23 rd	Christingle – An orange, candle a sweets take on a whole new meaning 4pm	Wonderful craft activity and beautiful service for young ones and their parents
Mon 24 th	Carol service – very atmospheric Mince pies and mulled wine afterwards 6pm	Mix of modern and traditional readings, music and video
Mon 24 th	Midnight mass 11.30pm	Traditional service with carols to see in Christmas Day
Tue 25 th	Christmas day 10am	Bring your favourite prezzie

All events are at St Mark’s Church except lighting the Christmas Tree at Tattenham Corner shops
St Mark’s Church Tel 01737 353011 or email on admin@stmarkschurch.me.

From the Chairman

New challenges facing residents in 2018/19

As you will have read in this newsletter, Surrey County Council is consulting residents on cuts to services.

We need to act now to ensure the services we value remain.

The resident's association will do its best to challenge the cuts where we can- however as a resident this is your opportunity to make your voice heard before cuts happen.

Please respond to the consultation- Make a cup of coffee or pour a glass of wine and fill in the online form. Take this opportunity to make your views known on specific services such as the libraries, the children's centre and others. You must go online before the **deadline of January 4th 2019**.

Visit the council's webpage- www.surreycc.gov.uk or if you don't have online access-ask for help at Tattenhams library library.

Please post this on your social media groups urge people to respond- help us get your voices heard.

Remember- we can make a difference if we respond – we did it for the boundary review! It's not a done deal!

Bill Ellis

It is with regret we report the death of Bill Ellis, chair of Tattenhams Residents Association in the early 1990's through to 1999. Bill lived in Great Tattenhams and he presided over the introduction of councillors in Tattenhams. He served in the RAF and worked in the building industry for over 50 years. Our sympathies go to his family.

Want to get more involved in creating a community?

Contact us to find out how- we need people to deliver newsletters, helping with social media, to run events, fundraising and designing community projects.

Rue Stanley, Chairman, Residents Association

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Infant Feeding Do you need advice or support on feeding your baby? Breast and formula feeding advice is available. Ask for details.

Midwife and Health Midwife appointments are at the centre, to book an appointment speak to your midwife. For Health clinic appointments please ring 01737 351836.

Money and Benefits Money problems? Confused about benefits or not sure what you're entitled to? Call or pop in for more information about Moneywise.

Back to Work Are you interested in going back to work? Our Family Support Workers can offer advice or signpost to training, volunteering and employment.

Counselling Adult and Teenage counselling is available at the centre. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like more information.

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About the Residents Association

- **Who are we?** A voluntary organisation concerned with improving and maintaining the amenities of Tattenhams & Preston
- We have 3 councillors for Reigate & Banstead Council including 1 serving on Surrey County Council as well
- We campaign in local elections every year- in 2019 all Reigate & Banstead councillors are up for election
- NO PARTY POLITICS – our mission is to serve your interest. We work with other political parties for your benefit.
- We rely on an annual subscription of £3 per household to pay for our newsletters & campaign costs
- We are completely staffed by volunteers
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