

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter of Tattenham & Preston Residents



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WHAT ARE YOUR LOCAL SPENDING PRIORITIES? THE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

Since a change in government policy a couple of years ago, the developer of each new house or flat has to pay a Community Infrastructure Levy or CIL, so as to meet at least part of the cost of additional infrastructure, facilities and services, recognising the impact of new households in the area. It is funding for items such as additional class rooms, new doctors surgeries, new roads etc.



The charge is based on the size of each property, but there are exceptions; for example the levy is not applied to new social housing or on extensions. The money is not to be used for ongoing running costs or maintenance.

80% of the money is spent on major schemes around the whole borough, and 5% to administer the CIL scheme. The balance of 15% is available for smaller local improvement projects in each local community. The Borough Council has been running a consultation to understand what the community's priorities are for improvements and to seek suggestions for particular projects.



The Residents Association has made its own suggestions. Two priorities – one each in Tattenhams and Preston.

A Younger children's play area. The location suggested is the plot of land opposite the Tattenham Corner shops, at the junction of Tattenham Crescent, Great Tattenhams and Downland Way – see the top photo above left.

B Public realm improvements at the local Preston shopping parade at the corner of Marbles Way and Hatch Gardens – see the bottom photo to the left.

Three further suggestions we have made are:

C Public realm improvements at Tattenham Corner shopping parade, including new pavement in front of the shops.

D Planting of new trees to replace dead and dying trees in the grass verges.

E Improved bus facilities, upgrading and installing bus shelters.

Please be aware that even if all these ideas are approved, they will take several years to implement, as the CIL monies are collected.

What do you think about these suggestions? What is your priority order? Do you have more ideas? Please email Jill Bray at cllr.bray@reigate-banstead.gov.uk

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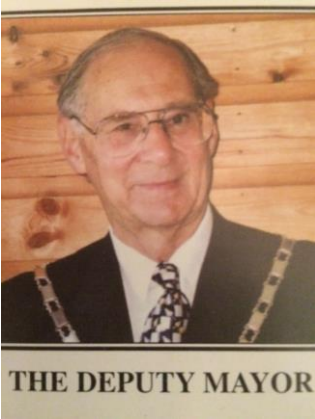
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Facebook: [tattenhamxmas](https://www.facebook.com/tattenhamxmas)

FROM THE CHAIR



Ricky Lesser

I am sorry to announce the death of Ricky Lesser, a long-serving member of the Residents Association. He was the first councillor for the R A, elected in 1996, standing with the encouragement of the Nork Residents Association who had put forward their own candidates for several years.

Ricky felt that the ward had been neglected by the powers that be down in Reigate. He was particularly interested in transport issues and in helping to make the council more “user friendly” to its local residents. His wife Sylvia predeceased him; she was also active on the Residents Association committee.

Our photo shows him wearing the chain of the Deputy Mayor which office he held in 2000-2001.

County Council Budget Cuts

We reported in recent newsletters that the County Council has started a programme of major service cut backs and cost savings, mainly to meet additional spending demands for special education and elderly care, both inadequately funded by central government. The latest update follows.

Waste Sites and Charges for Waste Materials

The County Council initially deferred new charges for timber and roofing felt at recycling centres and the closure of some waste sites in rural areas, in response to public reaction. A group of backbenchers found alternative ways to save money at these centres, and these closures and charges have been quietly dropped.

Phoenix Youth Centre

After a year of dithering and gradual run down, the County Council has figured out what it wants to do with the Phoenix Youth Centre by the Leisure Centre, and its approach to youth work in general. Resources are to be directed at “targeted”/ “specialised” support to young people in care or in trouble of various kinds, or “early help” to those on the verge of difficulties. This is often one-to-one coaching and support.



Subject to formal consultation, the Council will no longer be involved in open access universal youth work, but will look to the voluntary and community sector to take up the baton. However Surrey’s youth buildings, including the Phoenix Centre, will be available free of charge for voluntary groups to operate youth clubs or other community activities.

During the summer holidays a new local organisation, the MYTI Club has been running youth work and this has continued with a very well attended Friday evening session. We hope that local discussions will now open up on how the Phoenix Centre will “rise from the ashes”.

Tattenhams Library

The Library Service has an incredible savings target of £4 million. No news yet on the threat to Tattenhams Library. We have heard that the County is looking to enlist the support of the borough council, and we know the volunteer-run library in Tattenhams is highly regarded. We were expecting a further consultation in September, but this is expected to start towards the end of the November - further info from the library in due course, or email Nick Harrison if you want to keep in touch on this.



HIGHWAYS UPDATE

Tattenham Corner Shopping Parade

In our election leaflet we said we wanted to smarten up the shopping parade, and we now have new litter bins in place, and many of the pavements around the shops, down as far as the doctors' surgery have been relaid. The worst area of pavement is now the stretch from the wine bar down to the Co-op but this area is private - owned by the shops (or their landlords) themselves.



Preston Regeneration



*The worst section –
the junction with Marbles Way*

We have been pushing for improvements to parking in the Preston area, and to deal with the extra traffic created by the new developments. Plans for Chetwode Road have been out to public consultation, and have now been approved by the County. The scheme includes verge hardening to allow extra parking and re-alignment of the pavements. Many stretches of the road and pavement are to be resurfaced, with dropped kerbs and tactile paving extended. The bus shelters which are well past their sell-by date will be refurbished or replaced.

There is also a scheme for extra off-road parking in Homefield Gardens which has been consulted on too. There are other areas where there are significant parking problems, but these do require space to be available. We are seeking co-operation from Raven Housing Trust, as most of the available spots are under their ownership.

Road Resurfacing

Many of the main A- and B-roads and the through residential roads have been resurfaced over the last 8 years; this was supported by a "winter damage" grant from the government after the very poor winter three years ago. We are left with many minor D-class residential roads and cul-de-sacs in a particularly poor way. The budgets are now very limited, and controlled centrally and allocated across the whole of Surrey, with scant regard to local issues and priorities. Besides the pavements at **Tattenham Corner**, and the **Chetwode Road** scheme (which we expect to start next year), we only expect two local priorities - **Merland Green** and **Chapel Grove** - to be resurfaced this year.

Yellow Lines

County Highways have approved new double yellow lines in some particularly troublesome spots – Great Tattenhams (north side, between Tattenham Crescent and Merland Rise), Tattenham Grove (near Merland Rise), Shawley Way (near Upland Way), Headley Grove (junction with Merland Rise), Preston Lane, including junction with Allum Grove, Whitegate Way (junction with Lordsgrove Close). Yellow lines can reduce danger and help traffic flow, but it is inevitably at the expense of reduced parking which is limited at the places in question. We expect the lines to be in place around Christmas time. The next parking review will be in about 15 months' time.

Pavement Parking

Parking on pavements is outlawed in London, except in areas which have been designated as suitable – often marked zones where motorists can leave one wheel on the road and one on the pavement.

In the rest of the country, the opposite is true, unless there is yellow line in place. In Surrey the police can take action, but only if the pavement is sufficiently obstructed to prevent a buggy or wheel chair from going round. Even in these cases, the police cannot simply issue a parking ticket, but have to take the matter to the magistrates court. Given the time and effort involved and other police priorities, it is not surprising that we are not aware of any police cases in our area. A report from MP's have issued a recommendation that the law which applies to London is extended to the rest of the country. Let us know what you think.

Verge Maintenance

In response to ecological concerns and to improve biodiversity, the Council is thinking of reducing the number of times verges are cut to twice a year. We are not sure that residents would only cut their own lawns just twice. Seems like cost savings might be the aim? However, to make wild flowers bloom in our verges, it is vital to collect the grass cuttings, which the Council has never done in the past. Again, what do you think?

PLANNING UPDATE

Core Strategy Re-Approved

In our summer newsletter we reported that the Borough Council had reviewed its Core Strategy, and approved it unchanged as still “fit for purpose” This meant that the annual target for new homes remains at 460, rather than the mooted 1,148. We warned that the decision could be disputed in the courts by developers sitting on acres of green belt land. Fortunately the deadline for challenge is now past. However, the Government was upset by the short-circuited process taken by the Council and have changed the rules going forward.

The Development Management Plan (DMP)

Another positive step was taken in September when the Borough approved its DMP, following sign off by a Government Planning Inspector. This is the policy manual which implements the Core Strategy, guiding what development should look like, housing standards, and identifies specific sites for new homes, businesses, shops and facilities.

At the Council meeting to approve the DMP, Nick Harrison for the Residents Association Councillors welcomed the new policies in relation to backland, infill development, stating “*the policies are much more detailed in what is acceptable and what is not.*”

He did though oppose the new parking standards: “*In setting different standards for town centres, suburban and rural areas, it does allow the construction of properties with inadequate parking in Tattenham Corner and Preston ward. Even if you use the bus or train for work, most will be car owners and will have that car for social or weekend use. Many will have to use their cars for work in any event. It is nonsense to kid ourselves that car ownership is in any way closely related to where you live in the borough. Surrey does not have the sort of public transport which London enjoys, and to differentiate between residential areas in our borough does not make sense. We are already building new cul de sacs and from day one creating parking problems.*”

Recent Applications in our Ward

13 – 19 Shawley Way

5 new back garden properties. **Planning refused, and upheld** by the Bristol Planning Inspectorate. Grounds: “car dominated incongruous strikes a discordant note, fails to respect local distinctiveness and prevailing character.” This application follows an earlier application also refused and upheld on appeal.



Sparrowhawks Scrapyard, on the switchback, Epsom Lane North

10 flats in two blocks, fronting the road. **Planning refused, and upheld on appeal.** Application follows an earlier application for 12 flats also refused; decision upheld by the Planning Inspectorate. Grounds: “layout, height, depth, bulk and massing uncharacteristically forward of the building line close to road unduly prominent presence.”

25 The Spinney and land to the rear of 133 – 151 Great Tattenhams and 2 Merland Rise

11 new back garden properties in this triangle of land with iconic trees. Over 100 public responses. **Planning refused:** “cramped and incongruous out of keeping to the more spacious character ... bulk, scale and massing collective loss of landscaping loss of protected pine.” **At appeal, decision expected shortly.**



16 Downs Wood and land to the rear

Demolition of No.16 for access to the rear gardens of houses in Yew Tree Bottom Road, to build 8 houses. 70 objections from local residents on multiple grounds including scale, character and impact on existing residents. More information expected before application goes to the Planning Committee. Previous application refused in 2017 for 12 houses.



TADWORTH TERRACYCLE

Tadworth Terracycle is a one-woman recycling initiative set up by local resident Catherine Banks. She collects and recycles the many wrappers, pouches, containers and other plastic materials which the council doesn't recycle. We can't put this stuff in our grey council bins; we have to put it in our green general refuse bins, which ends up in landfill. **Tadworth Terracycle** – part of a national Terracycle programme – collects all these materials from residents through a number of drop off points, sorts the materials and sends them off to the original manufacturer's agent, where they go through a proper recycling process.

Where did it start?



It all started with Walkers Crisps, when some disgruntled consumers collected up their empty packets and dumped them back at the Walkers factory. Acting on this show of consumer power, Walkers saw an opportunity to do something positive, and at the same time gain positive PR. They set up "THE CRISP PACKET SCHEME" for recycling not only its own wrappers and crisp packets, but also the packaging from any crisp manufacturer (except Pringles which has its own scheme).

Catherine operates 18 different schemes with a wide variety of manufacturers. This includes bread bags, KP snacks, confectionery wrappers, personal care and beauty, Colgate toothpaste – for the full list see @TadworthTerracycle facebook page, as shown below. Email is

tadworthterracycle@gmail.com

Get involved

There are three drop-off points –

- 36 Bidhams Crescent KT20 5HF (off Preston Lane) – grey wheelie bin to the left side
- Cloud Nine Gift Shop at Tattenham Corner KT18 5QJ
- "Palfreys", Picquets Way SM7 1AJ (by Beacon School)– red wheelie bin at the front

Residents are asked to clean containers, and bundle like materials together when dropping them off.

Catherine comments, *"It's great to do something positive for the environment, and the brilliant add-on is that the manufacturers make a cash payment to a chosen charity, depending on the weight of materials collected. The chosen charity for Tadworth Terracycle is the Alzheimer Society."*

Facebook page for "Tadworth & Local Area Recycling Page". The page features a search bar, navigation tabs (All, Posts, People, Photos, Videos, Marketplace, Pages, Places, Groups, Apps, Events, Links), and a filter sidebar. The main content area shows a grid of photos for various recycling schemes: "THE CRISP PACKET RECYCLING SCHEME", "THE BREAD BAG RECYCLING PROGRAMME", "THE KP SNACKS' NUTS, POPCORN, CRISPS AND PRETZELS PACKET RECYCLING PROGRAMME", "ELLACYCLE RECYCLING PROGRAMME", and "THE CONFECTIONERY RECYCLING PROGRAMME". A large "TADWORTH TERRACYCLE" logo is also visible. The page has 503 likes and is categorized as a "Community recycling page".



Age Concern Banstead is your local independent charity looking after older people in the village and surrounding areas including **Epsom Downs**, Hooley, Lower Kingswood, **Tadworth, Nork**, Woodmansterne, Chipstead and Walton on the Hill.

When we talk to people about the work we do they are understandably confused assuming we are part of Age UK, Age UK Surrey or Help the Aged. No we are not! We are completely independent of these other organisations who provide different services to the ones we do.

What Do We Do?

Age Concern Banstead carries out more than **700 drives** per year with volunteers taking people to medical appointments at their GPs, local hospitals, dentists etc. We also provide **30 lunch days** a year for isolated people who rarely get out of their homes, as well as Volunteer Befrienders who can **visit people at home**. In addition we hold various groups mainly monthly, these include a **Men's Club, Bereavement Café, Dementia Support Group** for family carers and a **Community Garden** open twice weekly throughout the spring and summer. All of our volunteers have references taken up and undergo a full DBS check.

Age Concern Banstead has an **Information & Advice** service available five days a week 10 – 3, answering questions and providing answers about local, county and national services. We provide a **Trade & Service directory**, a constantly updated database providing details of everything from local plumbers to homecare providers and much more. We help with **Benefits**, applying for and completing forms for age and disability related benefits such as Attendance Allowance and Blue Badges. Increasingly many benefit checks and applications need to be completed online. Not all older people have access to computers, so this is becoming increasingly important. Last year we estimate that this will have brought around £100,000 into the local economy.

We operate a **Minibus** providing accessible wheelchair friendly transport both for our own members but also for other local groups such as Macular Society, Banstead Blind Club etc.

Volunteers

We could not deliver our extensive range of services without the input of a large group of enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers. We are also always looking to add to our volunteer team, time commitment can be from as little as once a month – why not phone us for an informal chat, our opportunities include:

- **Driving** people to medical appointments.
- Helping at our **Community Garden** (spring and summer only).
- **Supporting** members and staff at our clubs.
- Using your skills to support our management by becoming a **Trustee**.
- **Befriending** someone isolated and elderly living in the area.
- **Driving** or equally as important being an **Escort** on our minibus.

Concerned for Someone?

If you have concerns about an elderly neighbour, friend or relative in the area please do get in touch.

Contacts

Our offices in the Banstead Centre in The Horseshoe are open 10 am – 3 pm, Monday – Friday. Please phone us for more information 01737 352156 for visit our website www.ageconcernbanstead.org.uk or follow us on social media – both facebook and twitter.

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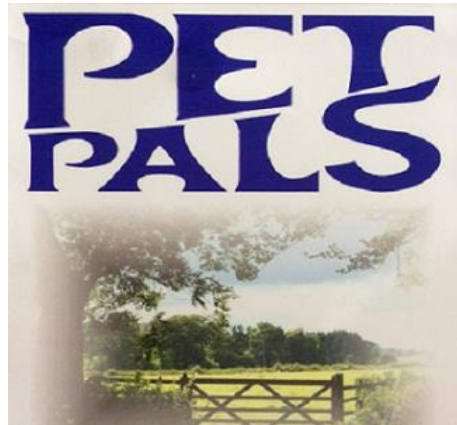
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