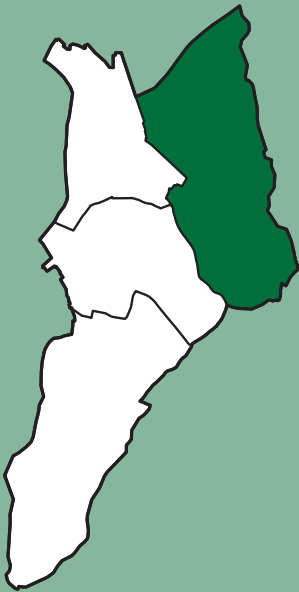


# Maldens and Coombe Neighbourhood



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## Welcome

This is the third edition of the Maldens & Coombe Neighbourhood e-Bulletin, which will be published four times a year and provide information about news and events in the Neighbourhood. This will be despatched mainly by e-mail and on the Council's website, although a few paper copies will be available. If you would like to receive a regular e-mailed copy please contact [gemma.gallant@rbk.kingston.gov.uk](mailto:gemma.gallant@rbk.kingston.gov.uk)

## New Information and Advice Centre for Kingston Council

A new Kingston Council Information & Advice Centre has opened for business. Located on the ground floor of the Guildhall 2 building the service provides access to a full range of council services, replacing the smaller specialist receptions which used to operate.



As a more efficient use of space the centre is divided into two sections – a Meet and Greet area and the Main Integrated Reception. Initial enquiries are dealt with by the Meet and Greet Team who are able to provide a fast-track service for simple enquiries and information requests as customers enter the new facility. If the query is more complicated then in the main area specialist staff are on hand to provide a walk in drop in service. The new facility is open from 8.30 to 17.00, Monday to Friday. Opening hours will be reviewed in March 2010.

## Korean and Chinese New Year Celebrations

The Korean community will be celebrating Korean New Year on 14 February, when it is also Chinese New Year - the Year of the Tiger. New Year's Day is called 'Solnal' in Korea. Koreans may celebrate New Year based on the solar calendar or the lunar calendar or both.

## Useful Contacts

### RBK Environmental Services

#### Contact Centre

(Open 8am-6pm Mon-Fri)

020 8547 5929 - General

020 8547 5560 - Refuse & Recycling

[environment@rbk.kingston.gov.uk](mailto:environment@rbk.kingston.gov.uk)

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Neighbourhood Manager

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### Maldens & Coombe Councillors

#### Beverley Ward

Cllr Derek Osbourne

Cllr Simon James

Cllr Don Jordan

#### Coombe Hill Ward

Cllr Patrick Codd (Chair)

Cllr David Edwards

Cllr Eric Humphrey

#### Coombe Vale Ward

Cllr Adrian Holder

Cllr Robert-John Tasker

Cllr James White

#### Old Malden Ward

Cllr Mick Amson

Cllr David Fraser

Cllr Ian McDonald

#### St James Ward

Cllr Ken Smith (Vice Chair)

Cllr Mary Clark

Cllr Howard Jones

### Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams

Beverley - 020 8721 2750

Coombe Hill - 020 8721 2804

Coombe Vale - 020 8721 2515

Old Malden - 020 8721 2517

St James - 020 8721 2595

### Your Rangers



David Williams



Graham Wragg

## New Malden High Street Business Promotion Project

The Maldens & Coombe Neighbourhood Committee has allocated £3,500 of Discretionary Funding for the promotion of local businesses. The project aims to encourage more people to shop locally on the High Street by promoting the range of shops available through a website. The web based project will not only provide information about the shops, but give traders the opportunity to post discount offers on the site. Residents can print off the vouchers which will encourage them to visit the High Street to take advantage of the discounts offered.

Following consultation with a range of local businesses, it was agreed that this 'Local Shopping' campaign would be the most effective way of promoting New Malden High Street to people outside of the immediate vicinity. In principle all of the businesses consulted so far are agreeable to posting discounts and offers on the site and to promote the site via their shops and own websites. Kingston College will be working with the Council to develop the website and it is hoped that this will be launched at the end of March this year.

## The eyes and ears of our Neighbourhood!

The work of the Neighbourhood Environmental Rangers includes daily patrols in their vans, dealing with on the spot problems such as clearing litter, broken glass, overgrown vegetation and reporting issues such as graffiti and fly tipping to their colleagues for swift action.

The Rangers aim to visit every road in the Neighbourhood at least once a week and target any known hot spots with regular attention.

They work across all of the Council's Environmental Services, trying to ensure that nothing 'on the ground' is overlooked.

If you see the Rangers out and about in your area, stop and have a chat and let them know the issues that are important to you. Our Neighbourhood Rangers are there to help improve your local environment and welcome feedback and suggestions from residents.

There is a team of Neighbourhood Environmental Rangers for each of the borough's four Neighbourhoods. The Rangers for Maldens & Coombe are Dave Williams, who has been a Ranger for our Neighbourhood for 13 years and our new Ranger, Graham Wragg, who has been appointed on a fixed term contract to 31/3/10.

## Neighbourhood Open Days

The second Neighbourhood Open Day event was held on Friday 27 November at New Malden Methodist Church and outside Waitrose on New Malden High Street. It was held to coincide with the Christmas Lights switch on, organised by the New Malden Rotary Club and Malden Fortnight Committee.

This year, the Neighbourhood Committee gave Discretionary Funding for four new Christmas lights. These were displayed at either end of the High Street. It was well attended by a wide range of Council departments including Environmental Services, Libraries and Heritage Service, Housing, Sustainable Travel, Neighbourhood Engineering, Extended Services, Family Learning and Green Spaces. Other organisations attending included Kingston Police (Beverley Safer Neighbourhood Team), London Fire Brigade, Kingston PCT and Kingston University. Hundreds of residents were present for the lights switch on, and took advantage of the opportunity to talk to Councillors and officers.

The final Open Day of 2009/10 was held at Robin Hood Primary School, Kingston Vale on 1st February. The school launched their Community Room at the event, with the aim of attracting local residents to use the facilities for family learning, after school clubs and community events. The event was very well attended by a mix of parents and residents who live in the locality. The school children and PTA were involved in planning the event and cooked cakes and other food for those who attended. There was an excellent attendance from a range of organisations as at the previous Open Days. The Dr Bike service, giving bikes a general 'MOT' was very popular, and children were kept entertained by Charley Farley. There was a free prize draw with prizes including gift vouchers from ASDA Roehampton and WHSmith.

## Maldens & Coombe Neighbourhood Committee Dates

17 March at 7:30pm

Christ Church,  
91 Coombe Road,  
New Malden

## Planning Sub-Committee

24 March at 7:30pm

Coombe Hill Junior School,  
Coombe Lane West

## Grassroots Grants!

The Grassroots Grants programme, funded by the Office of the Third Sector, is a key element of the Government's strategy to build stronger and more active communities by increasing small grant funding to community groups and making them more sustainable. There are grants of up to £5,000 available for groups based in Kingston!

Grassroots Grants will support small informal voluntary and community groups many of whom depend on volunteers. To apply to Thames Community Foundation, your group must:

- Be a small not-for-profit, third sector voluntary or community group, active in their local community for not less than twelve months before the date of your application.
- Be based in and providing services to residents and communities in one of the seven Grassroots Grants Fund areas.
- Have an income, as shown in the group's accounts, of **less than £30,000 per year**
- Be volunteer-led
- Be connected with and/or meeting the needs of the local community
- Have a governing document

If your group meets the criteria, apply online at

[www.thamescommunityfoundation.org.uk](http://www.thamescommunityfoundation.org.uk)

The **closing dates** for sending in Grassroots Grants applications in 2010 are 29 January, 26 February, 31 March, 30 April, 28 May and 30 June.

## Introduction of New Recycling Service for Flats

In 2008 the Council introduced a new waste and recycling collection service which gave over 50,000 householders the opportunity to recycle more and landfill less of their waste.

In March the Council will be rolling out a new recycling service for the 19,000 individual flats across the borough. Because every block is different the scheme has been designed to provide a flexible service to fit into the space available at each property. To ensure that we divert as much waste as possible from landfill we have prioritised the materials that we will collect from each property. Residents will receive a service information booklet entitled "Your New Recycling Service for Flats", which describes the new service in full and explains why we need to send less waste to landfill. Residents will also receive an "At a Glance" information sheet explaining exactly what materials they will be able to recycle at their property. We will also provide information about where residents can take their recycling if they are unable to recycle it in the outdoor bins at their property.

For more information, call the Refuse & Recycling line on 020 8549 5560.



## Kingston - what's your footprint?



Visit [www.kingstonfootprint.co.uk](http://www.kingstonfootprint.co.uk) to find out how you can live better, save money and reduce your impact on the environment.



## Environmental Action

After a long gap since the last 'Action for a Sustainable Kingston (ASK)' newsletter we would like to introduce you to our new 'Kingston Choices for the Future' newsletter which come as a result of residents' feedback on ASK.

To download January's edition of the newsletter, please visit the following link:

[www.kingston.gov.uk/kcf.htm](http://www.kingston.gov.uk/kcf.htm)

This newsletter is for you and we want to encourage members of the community to use it as a mean to share positive news. If you would like to write an article for inclusion, please send it to:

[environmental.action@rbk.kingston.gov.uk](mailto:environmental.action@rbk.kingston.gov.uk)

