



**Maldens and Coombe
Neighbourhood Manager**
Hannah Rees

**Maldens and Coombe
Councillors**

Beverley Ward

Cllr Trevor Heap

Cllr Simon James

Cllr Derek Osbourne

Coombe Hill

Cllr Patrick Codd

Cllr David Edwards

Cllr Eric Humphrey

Coombe Vale

Cllr Adrian Holder

Cllr Robert John-Tasker

Cllr James White

Old Malden

Cllr Mick Amson

Cllr Dave Fraser

Cllr Kate Stinton

St James' Ward

Cllr Howard Jones

Cllr Priyen Patel

Cllr Ken Smith

Welcome the new Co-Chairs:

Congratulations to Cllrs Jim White and Ken Smith on their election as Co-Chairs of the Maldens & Coombe Neighbourhood Committee for the 2011/12 Municipal year.

Additional congratulations to the outgoing Chair Cllr Patrick Codd, on his appointment as Mayor of the Royal Borough for the forthcoming 12 months.



*Top Left:
Cllr. Smith,
Top Right
Cllr. White
and Right:
Mayor of
Kingston,
Cllr. Codd*



Neighbourhood Committees – how do they work?

The Neighbourhood system has been in place since 1994, and is one of the easiest ways you can get involved in influencing decision making in your local area.

So what is it? There are four Neighbourhoods in the Borough. Maldens & Coombe Neighbourhood covers 5 wards, with 15 Councillors and a population of around 28,500.

The Neighbourhood Committee is made up of the local Councillors and is Co-Chaired by Councillors Ken Smith and James White (Conservatives). They are responsible for making decisions on a range of local services including highways maintenance, traffic management, parking, planning applications, libraries and youth provision. In addition they are consulted by the Police, health service and a range of other organisations about policies on how services are run in the local area.

We have been asking local people what their priorities and issues are, and these are contained in Neighbourhood Community Plan, which has been developed over the last couple of years. More information about service delivery was identified by residents and Councillors as a key action in the Neighbourhood Community Plan and as a result, the Neighbourhood Committee will hear a wide range of presentations from services over the forthcoming year. Local people are encouraged to attend and participate. Presentations will include Street Services, Libraries Service, Housing Strategy Consultation, and Children and Young People.

The Neighbourhood Committee will be asking questions, and invite local people at the meeting to join in the discussion.

Customer Access Point Numbers

The 8 Customer Access Point numbers are set out below:

For all general enquiries:

Information Line
020 8547 5000

To speak to a service specialist:

Benefits 020 8547 5001

Environment 020 8547 5002

Housing 020 8547 5003

Children, Schools and Families
020 8547 5004

Adult Care 020 8547 5005

Culture, Leisure and Libraries
020 8547 5006

Income, Council Tax and
Payments 020 8547 5007

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

Get Involved and Have Your Say!

There are a range of ways you can get involved with the Committee.

- Attend a meeting – where you can ask questions, present petitions and give your views. The Neighbourhood Committee meets in the evening and at a local venue.
- Join the Neighbourhood Community Panel – come to a meeting or comment online
- Comment on our Neighbourhood webpage or join our Facebook group
- There are also regular Neighbourhood Open Days hosted by the Neighbourhood Committee held at different venues across the area.

The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Community Panel will take place on Thursday 1 September. Come along to give your views on what the Neighbourhood Committee are discussing, meet others who live in your neighbourhood and generally have your say!

For more information contact the Neighbourhood Manager, Hannah Rees on 0208 547 5937 or email hannah.rees@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

Kings Oak Centenary Celebration Event – 24 June

Pupils past and present, alongside the local community, are invited to celebrate 100 years of education on the Dickering Road site. On 24 June, a fun packed event will take place, where residents will be able to find out about services available in the local area from Kingston Council, Police, health service, libraries and family learning and meet local Councillors. Pupils from the school will be undertaking a survey during the afternoon to find out how people feel about their community, local services and the school, and results of this will be fed into the Norbiton Working Together project and the Neighbourhood Community Plan. There will be lots of attractions on offer, including vintage Police cars, fairground rides, refreshments and sports activities!



New Malden High Street Works Update

Works on the Feasibility Study for works to the High Street is ongoing and the positioning of street furniture such as seats, bins and cycle racks is being reviewed in conjunction with the Member Officer Group (MOG – representatives of Council Officers and Councillors). This Study is also looking at options for empty tree pits and the potential for providing additional trees. Measures to assist with traffic flow at bus stops and parking bay areas are being considered, and initial discussions have been held with Transport for London Buses to ensure that any proposals do not disadvantage bus journeys. A study into the possible impact of street furniture on partially sighted people has also been carried out, with a local resident assisting in the assessment. These views have been fed into the MOG for their consideration as part of an overall review of street furniture.



Neighbourhood Committee Meetings

All meetings start at 7.30pm at the Christchurch Centre, Coombe Road, New Malden.

Note that the Committees break over the School Summer Holidays.

The Neighbourhood Manager will be holding an Open Forum event starting at 7pm before each Neighbourhood meeting.

Please come along and ask questions or raise issues that affect your local area.

13 July Planning Sub-Committee

7 Sept Neighbourhood Committee



The Site Investigation works for this scheme were completed in March 2011, but to enable the next stage of detailed design for a reconstruction scheme to continue, detailed traffic surveys are required. Unfortunately, these surveys can not be carried out until the major Thames Water repairs are completed nearby, as this has already severely affected traffic flows in the area. When the design progresses, it investigate how the road should be reconstructed and identify the areas in need of emergency repairs.

Thames Water Repair Works in Kingston Road, New Malden

Long-running works currently being carried out by Thames Water to repair and replace an underground sewer in Kingston Road, New Malden are due to be completed in August, when all side roads will be reopened.

The repairs are essential works to a 13 metre deep sewer that has collapsed under Kingston Road, near Montem Road. The problem was first identified in January when gulleys under the railway bridge on the High Street at New Malden Railway Station flooded. The gulleys could not be cleared in the normal way and it was evident that the cause of the problem lay elsewhere, so Thames Water investigated using underground cameras. This enabled the problem to be traced back to the collapsed sewer under Kingston Road. The blockage is 13 metres underground and measures around 7 metres in length.

Kingston Welcomes Olympic Cyclists!

Surrey Cycle Classic Road Race: Sunday 14 August 2011

As you will be aware, next year the Olympics are coming to London and cycling is coming to Kingston!

This year, the Surrey Cycle Classic road race will bring many of the world's best athletes to London's streets and out to Surrey's challenging terrain. This is the Test Event for the Olympic Road Race and will follow exactly the same route through Kingston to ensure that everything runs smoothly in 2012.



The London Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG), together with Transport for London and Local Authorities, will work to ensure the race passes with as little disruption as possible. The route will come into Kingston across Kingston Bridge, go through the Town Centre then follow London Road and Queen's Road and leave the borough through Richmond Park. On the day, the route will be closed for a minimum of eight hours, so from very early morning, vehicles will not be allowed to drive or park on the race route and pedestrians will only be allowed to cross at certain marshalled points. This is likely to cause disruption to all forms of road traffic, though trains should remain unaffected. It may, of course, also affect how people get to work on the day.

On the other hand it promises to be an exciting spectacle for families, as well as for cycle racing fans, and will be completely **FREE** to watch – so come along and support the cyclists on the day!

For more details, please see www.kingston.gov.uk

Community Payback Improving the Neighbourhood

Community Payback will be working across the Neighbourhood over coming months, to improve your local area. Work will include cut backs and litter picks in an alleyway at Beverley Brook and Coombe Road.

Community Payback play an important role in maintaining our Borough in terms of cutting back vegetation, litter picking and removing graffiti – these are things that can make a real difference to an area.

Litter picks were undertaken in May in Rosemary Road and Coombe Road, and these have already improved the appearance of those areas.



Korean Engagement Project

Since January, Beverley Safer Neighbourhood Team has been running drop-in sessions for the Korean Community. The sessions have been taking place at the Church in New Malden High Street and has seen a number of members of the Korean community attend.

This project has been developed to help increase contact between Police and the Korean Community and improve relations. The Korean community is an important part of the cultural mix of New Malden, representing the largest Korean presence outside of Korea. The project provides a convenient way for members of the Korean community to report crimes or discuss concerns without there being a language barrier which could ordinarily lead to reluctance to report such issues.

A range of other agencies were also present at the drop-in sessions, including London Fire Brigade, who offered advice on smoke alarms and fire safety, the Community Safety Unit at Kingston, who provide information regarding legal options, and support with relocation and problem solving for victims. Finally, to assist in reporting any issues or crimes, several members of the Korean community who voluntarily assist in running the front office of the Police Station at the CI Tower, New Malden were also present to assist.

The drop-in sessions take place between 2.30pm and 4.30pm on a Monday afternoon at New Malden Methodist Church on the High Street.

Future dates planned for them are:

Monday 27 June

Monday 25 July

Monday 22 August

Monday 19 September

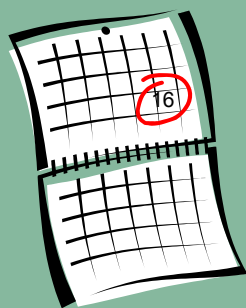
For further information, see www.met.police.uk

Business Watch is Reborn

This month has seen the regeneration of Business Watch within New Malden by **Beverley Safer Neighbourhoods Team**, who have worked hard to bring the business community together to stamp out thefts on New Malden High Street. Business Watch operates very much in the manner of Neighbourhood Watch, with quarterly meetings where traders and the Safer Neighbourhood Team can share information. Images of shoplifters will also be shared at the meetings and there is to be a joint banning policy for arrested shop lifters.

Tackle Pick Pockets with Bells!

After Beverley Safer Neighbourhood Team identified an increase in pick-pocketing offences on New Malden High Street, the Team started a promotional campaign which, along with increased patrols, has seen a significant reduction in the amount of offences. The Team created posters for the High Street and these were displayed in banks and charity shops, while anti-theft bells were given to members of the public. These bells attach to bags and purses and mean that if someone attempts to take a person's belongings, they and those around them will hear it happening. The Safer Neighbourhood Team will be seeking further funding to gain more bells and continue this work.



New Malden Business Breakfast

Kingston Chamber of Commerce and RBK held a Business Forum for New Malden businesses on Friday 10 June, hosted by McDonalds on New Malden High Street.

It was a well attended event, giving businesses the opportunity to network, and discuss local issues including marketing support and how Shopper Anonymous can support business owners with guidance, seminars and mystery shopping.

The next Business Breakfast will take place on Friday 16 September at McDonalds. If you are a business in New Malden and would like to attend, please contact Richard.evans@rbk.kingston.gov.uk or call 0208 547 6005.



Stay Safe Indoors with Free Home Fire Safety Visits

London Fire Brigade wants you to be safe and is carrying out free home fire safety visits for residents in the Royal Borough of Kingston and the other London boroughs.

London Fire Brigade personnel will arrange to visit you in your home and along with providing and fitting smoke alarms free of charge, they will discuss any home fire safety issues or questions you may have and go through planning an escape route for you and your family in the event of a fire.

If you would like a free home fire safety visit or would like to arrange one on behalf of a member of your family or friend (please check with them first), please contact the London Fire Brigade free on 08000 28 44 28, see www.london-fire.gov.uk or email smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk

Fires in the home are the main cause of fire deaths. Getting a smoke alarm, regularly testing and maintaining it, as well as planning your escape route in the event of a fire, can dramatically decrease the risk of death or serious injury.



Need Ideas for Things to Do with the Kids?

Have a look at the Day Out with The Kids website, www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk which is packed with ideas for places to visit across the country.

There are destinations in Kingston and the surrounding area on offer, and the website includes information about the places including prices and maps.

Also, try www.kingstononline.co.uk/families which includes a really wide range of ideas for things to do with the kids locally, both in and out of holiday season.

The website contains a business directory and leisure listings so is a really useful source of information for anyone in the area.



Kingston Families Information Service and Summer Activities for Children and Young People aged 0- 20 yrs

Kingston Families Information Service (FIS) provide a telephone, internet and outreach service, dedicated to providing accurate information for childcare providers, mums, dads and carers with children from birth to 20 years old in Kingston and the surrounding areas. They offer free information, advice and guidance on childcare, education, leisure activities, training and careers in childcare.

Kingston Families Information Service (FIS) have produced a brochure containing lots of ideas for stuff to do in Kingston over the summer holidays. The brochure will be available in mid-June and activities include sports, arts and crafts, dance, theatre groups and much more, many of which are free or low cost. The FIS can also provide details of holiday childcare providers including childminders and holiday play schemes, which can be found on the RBK website under Families Information Service.

Keep an eye on the Council website for the brochure; www.kingston.gov.uk or contact the FIS on 020 8547 6582 or fis@rbk.kingston.gov.uk.

Summer programmes will be on offer at venues throughout the Borough, including Kingston Museum, Tolworth Recreation Centre, Malden Centre, Kingfisher Leisure Centre and Chessington Sports Centre, as well as the Thumbs Up It's Thursday programme to be held in various locations across Kingston Town Centre. All programme details will be in the brochure.

Young People Have the Chance to Get Involved in The Prince's Trust Team Programme

The Prince's Trust was founded in 1976 by the Prince of Wales, who, having completed his duty in the Royal Navy, became dedicated to improving the lives of disadvantaged young people in the UK and began the Trust to deliver on that commitment.

The Trust has now become the UK's leading youth charity and offers opportunities including training, personal development, business start up support, mentoring and advice. There are four key target groups: unemployed young people, young people underachieving in education, young people leaving care, and young offenders and ex-offenders.

The Prince's Trust Team Programme is for unemployed young people aged 16 to 25 and runs locally from the Searchlight Youth Club, off Kingston Road in New Malden. The next programme will start in September.



Prince's Trust



Crunch the Pounds for Summer!

33% off all Public Gym Memberships at Kingston University

There are no joining fees and aerobics and exercise classes are included in the offer. Memberships are available for 4 or 12 months and Gold or Silver is available, with Gold membership giving all day access and Silver giving you entry to the Centre before 3pm.

For more information including an online tour and details of classes, see www.kingston.ac.uk/sport



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The course is completely free of charge and includes a team building residential week in the Peak District. It is open to anyone aged between 16 and 25 who are currently unemployed. There are no other criteria, the programme does not affect a person's benefits and travel expenses are reimbursed. The course offers young people the opportunity to work as part of a team, get advice and help with interviews, job applications and CV training. They are supported into arranging work placements and to complete community projects. All this helps them towards gaining a City & Guilds Certificate in Personal Development and Contributing to the Community.

If you know someone who would benefit from joining the programme, email Kingston.pt@south-thames.as.uk or call 020 8974 8494.

Find Out More About Your Area!

Kingston Police Public Open Day

Sunday 26 June – 12pm - 4pm, Kingston Police Station

Come along and take a tour of the custody suite or a breath test! Find out more about forensics and firearms, vehicles and volunteers, dogs and detention rooms. There will also be the opportunity to see what the helicopter sees and to meet the Safer Neighbourhood Teams and have your bike security marked. Note that last entry is at 3:30pm and there is no parking on site and no dogs are permitted except for guide dogs. Children are welcomed with accompanying adults and disabled access is available.

New Malden Fire Station Open Day

Saturday 2 July - 1pm - 4:30pm, New Malden Fire Station, 180 Burlington Road, New Malden

This Open Day is an opportunity to look around your local Fire Station and find out more about what the Fire Brigade do. Information will also be provided about fire safety in your home and there will be a chip pan demonstration, as well as various stalls in aid of the Firefighters Charity. Come and meet the crews – all are welcome!

Heritage Open Day at New Malden Library – 10 September

Heritage Open Day is an annual, national event celebrating England's fantastic architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission. As part of this, New Malden Library is inviting all interested parties to a walk and talk around the building with the library manager. A history of libraries in New Malden will be followed by a brief tour, pointing out some of the interesting design features of this listed building – one of the few public buildings to finish construction during the Second World War, which has resulted in an unusual mix of art deco style and wartime features. The Library will also be hosting a mini-exhibition of Kingstonian FC memorabilia.

The Open Day will take place on Saturday 10 September, with tours at 11am and 3:30pm. For more information, please contact Adam Moore, Neighbourhood Library Manager, on 020 8547 5006 or email adam.moore@rbk.kingston.gov.uk