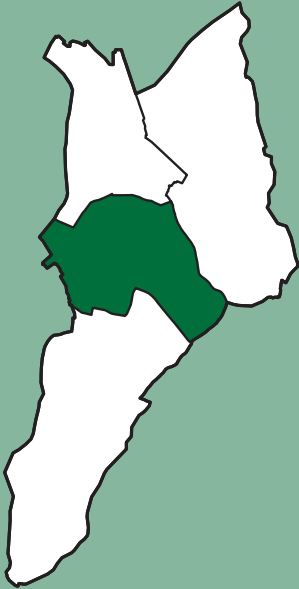


Surbiton Neighbourhood



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Welcome

Welcome to the Surbiton Neighbourhood e-Bulletin, which will be published 4 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

Surbiton Community Plan – Get Involved!

If you live or work in Surbiton or Tolworth tell us what you think should be happening in your local area and influence the decisions that affect you. You are warmly invited to attend one of the public workshops to be held at Glenmore House, The Crescent, (nr. Surbiton Station) on Thursday, 4th March at 2 pm. or Wednesday, 10th March at 7 p.m. To book your place or for more information call 020 8547 5369, e-mail: christina.gardner@rbk.kingston.gov.uk or see www.kingston.gov.uk/surbiton_community_plan

Police Safer Neighbourhood - Community 'Drop in'

17 March 6.30 – 7.30 (before Committee meeting),
Dysart School, Ewell Road, Surbiton

This is an opportunity for you to drop in and speak with a member of your local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team and review some of the work they have undertaken during the year that will be on display.

Also see www.met.police.uk click on Safer Neighbourhoods and enter your post code for information about your local Team including street briefings, local agreed priorities, crime, the latest Police SNT Newsletter and more.....

Fishponds Park

- Thames Water Storm Water Flood Relief Project

Thames Water started work in November 2009 to provide a sustainable urban drainage system using the existing ponds in Fishponds Park. During December, Mainstream Fisheries secured a safe temporary home for the fish and swans on site and care has been taken to preserve the wildlife. As part of these works, Thames Water has developed and funded a wetland management plan to provide environmental improvements for the ponds and the Park generally. Look out for the wildlife information board soon to be provided on site.



The works should be completed by April 2010, when the swans and fish will be returned to Fishponds, in time for the Spring sunshine!

Full details of the scheme are displayed on the Notice Board at the lower pond entrance, or for more information please contact Andrew Kauffman, Quadron Services 020 8546 9842.

Useful Contacts

RBK Environmental Services

Contact Centre

(Open 8am-6pm Mon-Fri)

020 8547 5929 - General

020 8547 5560 - Refuse & Recycling

Surbiton Neighbourhood Manager

Christina Gardner

020 8547 5369

Surbiton Councillors

Alexandra Ward

Cllr David Berry

Cllr Ian George

Cllr Richard Hudson

Berrylands Ward

Cllr Frances Moseley
(Co-Chair)

Cllr Bob Steed

Cllr Rohan Yoganathan

St Marks Ward

Cllr Yogan Yoganathan
(Co-Chair)

Cllr Liz Green

Cllr Barry O'Mahony

Surbiton Hill Ward

Cllr Janet Bowen-Hitchings

Cllr Paul Johnston

Cllr Nick Kilby

Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams

Alexandra - 020 8721 2516

Berrylands - 020 8721 2002

St Marks - 020 8721 2044

Surbiton Hill - 020 8721 2518

Kingston's Environmental Newsletter

To download January's edition of this new newsletter 'Kingston Choices for the Future' please visit

www.kingston.gov.uk/kcf.htm

Members of the community are encouraged to share their news and if you would like to write an article for the Newsletter please send it to environmental.action@rbk.kingston.gov.uk



Neighbourhood Committee Meeting

To be held at the Dysart School, Ewell Road, Tolworth at 7:30pm on 17 March

Grassroots Grants - Don't delay, apply today!

This is a great funding opportunity for any constituted organisation to apply for up to £5,000 to cover the cost of projects such as events, equipment, running costs, outings etc. To be eligible, groups should be community/voluntary based in or serving the Royal Borough, 'not for profit', have an income of £30,000 or less per annum averaged over 3 years and be running for at least 6-12 months. This is the last year the fund is available and any grants awarded from now must be spent by March 2010. The next closing dates are: 31 March, 30 April and 28 May.

Introduction of New Recycling Service for Flats

In 2008 the Council introduced a new waste and recycling service giving over 50,000 householders the chance to recycle more and reduce waste landfill. In March a new recycling service for the 19,000 flats will be rolled out across the borough. As every block is different a flexible service has been designed to fit into the space available at each property. During March residents will receive a service information booklet "Your New Recycling Service for Flats" describing the new service and explaining why we need to send less waste to landfill, an "At a Glance" information sheet explaining what materials they will be able to recycle at their property and information about where residents can take their recycling if they are unable to recycle at the outdoor bins at their property.

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

Surbiton Town Centre Improvements

The Surbiton Neighbourhood Committee approved the Improvement Strategy for Surbiton Town Centre on 9th December 2009. The short term improvements are now underway and include:

- Improvements to St. Mary's Road
- Road Safety Entry Treatments on the following junctions: Adelaide Road/St. Mark's Hill, Cottage Grove/Brighton Road, St. Andrew's Road/Victoria Road and Clock Tower corner/car park entrance
- Victoria Road Bus Stops

The medium term improvements - which include the reconstruction and resurfacing of Victoria Road as part of the design and widening of existing footways - will be implemented in the next 2/3 years, subject to funding.

The long term improvements - such as the Station Forecourt - will be delivered subject to agreements and negotiation with partners including Network Rail, South West Trains and also private land owners. More information can be found on www.kingston.gov.uk/surbiton_town_consultation

Shopping Local in Surbiton

A new website promoting the variety and convenience of your local shops and restaurants will be launched at the end of March.

Please log on to www.shoppinglocal.info after 31 March and discover the advantages of shopping on your doorstep.

Farmers Market, Maple Road Surbiton

Markets will be taking place on Saturdays 20 March and 17 April 2010.

For more information see www.mapleroadsurbiton.co.uk

Have Fun in your Free Time

Looking for something to do in your free time? Then why not join one of the many voluntary organisations in your area and have some fun! Please see the attached for just some of the opportunities in Surbiton.

If you would like to promote your organisation or group please e-mail christina.gardner@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

Have Fun in Your Free-Time

Surbiton & District Caledonian Society - Scottish Dancing

The Society meets in St. Marks church Hall, Church Hill Road every Thursday from 8pm - 10.30pm to practise and enjoy around 12 dances with a 'half way' tea break. Annual Membership is £5. (plus £2 for members and £3. for non members each evening). The Club is very friendly and informal - newcomers are made especially welcome.

Please email: dmhorwill@aol.com

or visit www.surbitoncaledonian.co.uk for further details



The cornerHOUSE community arts centre, 116 Douglas Road

Are you interested in drama, dance, music, singing, poetry or the visual arts? Do you like to paint or take photographs? Do you prefer to focus lights, operate a sound desk, make costumes, build sets or simply help out? Or maybe you just want to sit back, relax, and let others entertain you! The cornerHOUSE is a busy, friendly, arts centre which has something for everyone to be involved in - whatever your age. It is run entirely by

volunteers, who provide support in any way, whether it be with public events (stewarding, box office, bar etc.),

maintaining the premises (painting, gardening, plumbing etc.) operating the auditorium and side studio (lighting, sound, stage management) and even treading the boards.

For further information visit www.thecornerhouse.org

E-mail info@thecornerhouse.org or phone 020 8296 9012.



League of Friends of Surbiton & Tolworth Hospitals

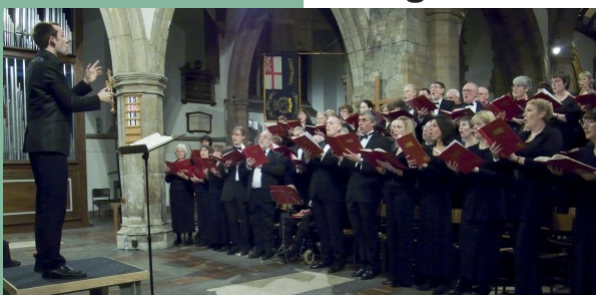
The League of Friends raises money to provide additional items for patient care as well as help with NHS services in the community, supporting both patients and staff in elderly care and mental health wards and providing assistance to the Occupational, Physiotherapy, Speech & Language and Out-patients Departments in the two hospitals.

If you would like to support your local hospitals and find out how to become a member or know more about how to become involved in ongoing projects, or see how you can help, please contact Pip Mumford, Honorary Secretary
email: secretary@friends-of-surbiton-tolworth-hospitals.org.uk

Kingston Choral Society

The Society performs 3-4 concerts a year, at least two with a professional orchestra and soloists. New members are welcome. Rehearsals take place Thursday evenings during term time in Hollyfield School and performances are usually in Kingston Parish Church.

For more information see website: www.kingstonchoralsociety.co.uk
e-mail: kcs-enquiries@blueyonder.co.uk or phone: 020 8949 4961



Hinchley Manor Operatic Society

The society performs well known musical shows and is seeking performers and help backstage with lighting make up- sound and other support. Rehearsals take place at Surbiton Methodist Church, Ewell Road.

For more details see web site www.hmos.org.uk or e-mail: lguerriero@sky.com

Kingston Gujarati School

The Language school has been running since 1987 and currently has over 65 children in the school which teaches the Gujarati language and culture to students whose origins are in Gujarat, India. The School is also open to students for whom Gujarati is a second language and everyone interested in learning the Gujarati language.

For more information and how to join please contact Mr. Raj Pandya on 07956 252 294

or e-mail: raj.pandya@bt.com & r.pandya@btinternet.com



Surbiton and District Historical Society

Without societies such as these how would people find out about our wonderful history? This is an opportunity to attend lectures with exceptionally good speakers, attend outings and enjoy social events. An annual Newsletter is also sent out.

Annual membership is £15 and visitors pay £2. The society meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.45 p.m. in the Library Annex, Ewell Road.

For more information please contact: 020 8399 4473 or e-mail: lenandmarilyn@aol.com

Surbiton Croquet Club, Alexandra Recreation Ground



New Members are very welcome to this Club which has excellent facilities and a club house in the Park.

Full details of the club including public events can be found on www.surbitoncroquet.org.uk or phone 020 8390 8685.



Come and learn the Magic of Dance!

- Children & Teenagers aged 3 - 10+ years

Find out more about ballet, modern and free style dance classes for children and teenagers. Classes held at the Sunray Community Centre, Knollmead, Surbiton on Mondays.

Half hour sessions at £18.00 for the 6 week term

40 minute sessions at £24.00 for the 6 week term.

Contact Lucinda Walsh on 07766 446 353 or e-mail lucinda.walsh@btconnect.com

If you would like to promote any organisation or club that is open to the community on these pages, please contact Christina Gardner on 020 8547 5369 or email christina.gardner@rbk.kingston.gov.uk