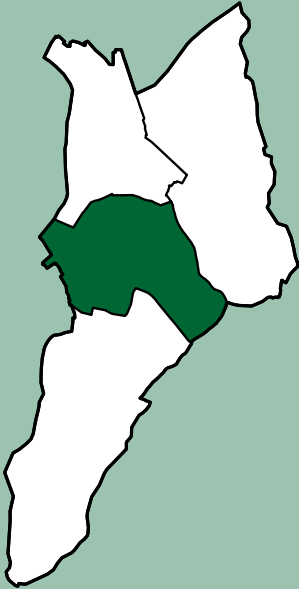


# Surbiton Neighbourhood



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## 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

## Welcome

This is the first edition of a newsletter for Surbiton Neighbourhood. The intention is to produce a newsletter that will 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)

## Surbiton Christmas Lights Switch On

Thursday, 27 November at 4:00pm

Come and experience the magic of Christmas in Surbiton with festive children's entertainment, music and carols from school children outside the train station from 4:00pm. At 5:45pm Santa will ride his sleigh along Victoria Road to the station to switch on Surbiton's sparkling Christmas lights.

Contact: 020 8547 5016



## Be Safe and Sound

This season, be sure to make an appointment with the London Fire Brigade (LFB) for a free home fire safety visit. LFB offer personal fire safety advice and will provide a free smoke alarm where needed. If you or someone you know would like a home fire safety visit, call free on 0800 28 44 28 or e-mail; [smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk)

## Metropolitan Police – A Number to Remember

The new Met Contact Number – 0300 123 1212 – was launched in October. The number is for use in all non-emergency situations, although Safer Neighbourhood Teams should still be contacted with their existing numbers. The service has been launched to make it easier for people to contact them, so enabling greater access to their services and discouraging inappropriate 999 calls. This will allow the Police to respond quickly and safely to emergency calls and identify how best to respond to other calls. It is important that in an emergency, you should always dial 999. When calling 0300 123 1212, local rates apply from BT landlines. Other networks and mobiles may vary.

## Kingston Lights to Remember

Remembrance Service Saturday 13 December from 5:00pm.

A non religious remembrance service with mince pies and mulled wine on arrival will be held at All Saints Church. This will include carol singing, readings and songs by classical girl band All Angels before moving outside to the tree to switch on the lights. If you sponsor a light for the Marie Curie charity (every £20 raised pays for one hour of free nursing care) you will receive a pre-ticket. Otherwise tickets for the service will be available on the day from All Saints Church from 4:00pm. For light sponsorship details please visit [www.justgiving.com/kingstonlights2008](http://www.justgiving.com/kingstonlights2008) or call Emma Segal on 020 7599 7338.

## Calling all Cyclists

Surbiton Neighbourhood Committee has allocated funding to provide cycle racks – if you have any suggestions as to where these might be located please contact [gemma.gallant@rbk.kingston.gov.uk](mailto:gemma.gallant@rbk.kingston.gov.uk)

### **Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams**

Alexandra - 020 8721 2516

Berrylands - 020 8721 2002

St Marks - 020 8721 2044

Surbiton Hill - 020 8721 2518



## **Funding for Youth Activities and Other Community Projects in Surbiton**

The Surbiton Neighbourhood Committee has allocated up to £30,000 for community projects in Surbiton. While applications for environmental or other projects are welcome, we would particularly like to hear from individuals or organisations who could provide additional activities or facilities for young people in Surbiton. To find out more, please contact Christina Gardner, 020 8547 5369, [christina.gardner@rbk.kingston.gov.uk](mailto:christina.gardner@rbk.kingston.gov.uk)

### **Sponsor a Tree in Surbiton**

You can sponsor a tree in your street. We will offer advice on the type of tree and then purchase, plant and maintain the tree. The cost is £360 in total. Further details may be obtained from our website or contact Environmental Services Customer Care on 020 8547 5929 or email [environment@rbk.kingston.gov.uk](mailto:environment@rbk.kingston.gov.uk)

### **Tolworth Community Gardening Club**

The Club are seeking new members to help them build on this excellent community group at Tolworth Main Allotment which has raised beds to assist disabled people. If you have gardening experience, knowledge of running a club or wish to be involved as a member and/or buddy to help others please contact Christina Gardner, 020 8547 5369 [christina.gardner@rbk.kingston.gov.uk](mailto:christina.gardner@rbk.kingston.gov.uk)

### **Coronation Clock Tower Receives Award**

The Kingston upon Thames Society is affiliated to the Civic Trust and their aim is to protect the environment of the Royal Borough and to encourage good future developments. Every alternate year they present awards for six buildings or similar projects that have made an outstanding contribution to the environment.

This year, the refurbishment of Coronation Clock Tower has been judged to be worthy of an award by the Kingston upon Thames Society. A ceremony was held on 19 November, at which Cllr Yogan Yoganathan and Tim Davis from NPS received the award. Cllr Frances Moseley, Design Champion for RBK, presented the certificates for the awards, which also included Millbank House and The Surbiton Plaza.

### **Fishponds Park Community Clean up**

A clean up day took place at Fishponds Park on Sunday 23 November. Over a dozen volunteers donned wellies and waterproofs and turned out in cold, snowy weather to remove weed and other vegetation from the upper pond areas to help them flow freely again. To find out how you can take part in future clean up days on Fishponds please contact 020 8547 5347 or e-mail [lynette.phillips@rbk.kingston.gov.uk](mailto:lynette.phillips@rbk.kingston.gov.uk)

### **Neighbourhood Community Clean up days**

If you know of an untidy area near you, this is an opportunity to get to know your neighbours, get out into the fresh air and take some exercise. All this, while achieving the satisfaction of improving your local environment together with your Neighbourhood Ranger and others. Clean up days have previously taken place at the rear of Vincent Avenue and Knollmead.

### **Hogsmill Action Group**

The Hogsmill River, like many urban rivers, is well used by local people, families and dog walkers as well as those from outside. Its banks and paths can suffer from misuse and neglect, namely litter, graffiti and flytipping. Initiated by a local resident, the Hogsmill Action Group (HAG) project was set up to encourage and involve local people in caring for the Hogsmill River.

If you or an organisation you are part of would like to make a difference to the local environment by joining the HAG, please contact: 020 8547 5347, email: [environment@rbk.kingston.gov.uk](mailto:environment@rbk.kingston.gov.uk) or check the community website for more details about the river and the walk as well as events and activities: [www.kingston.gov.uk](http://www.kingston.gov.uk)