



Woodmansterne Green Belt and Residents' Association Autumn 2019 Newsletter

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Welcome to the Autumn newsletter

Hot off the press is the **Woodmansterne 2020 calendar**. These will be for sale through all the contributors which are (in no particular order) WODS; 1st Woodmansterne Scouts; St Peter's Church; Woodmansterne Baptist Church; the May Queen Group; Woodmansterne Evening WI; Woodmansterne School; Royal Alfred Seafarers' Society; Woodmansterne Sports Club; Woodmansterne Village Hall; Banstead History Society and Woodmansterne Girl Guiding.

The calendar can also be obtained at The Look In at the bargain price of £4.50.

Our thanks go to all these wonderful local organisations that enrich our lives in this village. It's a good opportunity for them to advertise their existence and also display useful contact details.

A special thank you goes to committee member Anne Coward for all her hard work putting together the calendar.

In May the local elections were held to vote for the three councillors to represent the new ward of Chipstead, Kingswood and Woodmansterne. As a result our Reigate and Banstead Councillors are Tim Archer, Caroline Neame and Simon Parnall. Our County Councillor is Ken Gulati.



Tim Archer



Caroline Neame



Simon Parnall



Ken Gulati

The councillors are invited to our monthly committee meetings. These are open meetings held on the third Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall at 8pm which you are welcome to attend. WGBRA is always looking for new members who have an interest in the community and a willingness to contribute to it in a positive way.

The usual chaos accompanied the opening of the lavender fields in Carshalton Road. This annual event is so popular that it attracts visitors from miles around. Double yellow lines were painted on the roads immediately around the area to stop cars stopping to discharge or pick up passengers. Unfortunately this did not prevent everyone from doing so. The entrance is badly positioned and causes traffic jams on the approaches at the double roundabouts.

Loose dogs as well as horses have been seen regularly around the village causing a danger to traffic. The Reigate and Banstead dog warden is responsible for stray dogs and can be contacted at dogwarden@reigate-banstead.gov.uk or there is an online form on the council website. You can also make an appointment with the warden to have your dog chipped.

Reigate and Banstead 2025

The consultation regarding the above plan closed in September. It sets out proposed priorities for the next five years for the resources and delivery of services to those living, working and spending time in Reigate and Banstead.

These services consist of waste and recycling collection; street cleaning; council car parks and parking enforcement; council green spaces and allotments; housing register and homelessness services; leisure and community centres; local plan and planning applications; community safety; business support; licensing and environmental health and community development and family support.

Their vision is to deliver quality services and support; provide value for money; make the borough a great place to live, work in and visit; be proactive about tackling climate change and reducing our environmental impact; be flexible and sustainable; respond to the needs and demands of our borough, residents and businesses and operate as an increasingly commercial organisation.

To learn more about the plan go to www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/rbbc2025.

Planning Applications

Most local planning applications involve individuals making improvements to or extending their properties upwards and outwards. The few of wider local interest are listed on the WGBRA website.

Details of all planning applications can be seen in the Planning section of the council website:

www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/planning.

Have your say on improvements in your local area

In April 2016 Reigate and Banstead Borough Council introduced the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) - a charge which developers of new homes and supermarkets are required to pay to help fund infrastructure and services. Most of the money generated will be used to fund large projects like schools, healthcare and transport. However 15% of the money collected from developments in each area is available to spend on smaller local projects such as improving a community hall; providing new play equipment at a local green space or upgrading walking and cycling routes to shops and schools.

To nominate a project for the Local CIL funding a suggestion form can be found on the council website at www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/localfund.

Any fund ideas would also be welcome for discussion at WGBRA meetings so please come along or email us at wgbra@hotmail.co.uk.

Damage to cedar tree on the Green

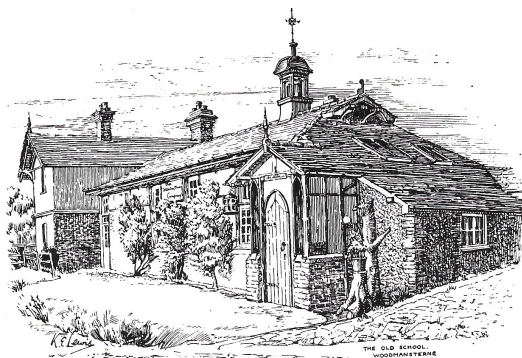
The Woodmansterne tree and other pieces of the felled cedar trees on the village green have been attacked on at least a couple of occasions with knives or similar. It is troubling that someone should cause this sort of unnecessary vandalism. The tree has become iconic and is a symbol of the village.

If you have seen this taking place or know who has done this, please contact the police on 101.

It's very sad to see this sort of damage as it will accelerate the deterioration of the wood.



Woodmansterne School 80th anniversary celebration



Woodmansterne Primary School in Carshalton Road was opened in September 1939 as the Second World War broke out in Europe. The old National school, in Rectory Lane, had served the surrounding area for the previous century. It is said that the children helped carry furniture, books etc. from the old school to the new school in handcarts and wheelbarrows. A new school was needed for the expanding village with the coming of the railway earlier in the century. Over the last eighty years the school has undergone many changes and expansions.

The School celebrated their 80th anniversary over a week at the end of September with events including a visit from the Mayor and Mayoress of Reigate and Banstead, Councillor and Mrs Foreman, who undertook a tour of the school followed by the planting of an oak tree in the grounds; a visit from the Homefront Bus which gave all the children a taste of life in 1939 and, at the end of the week, a street party where both children and staff dressed up in 1930s outfits.

There was also an exhibition of the history of the school through the decades with many photographs and newspaper cuttings. Old school log books which were kept by headteachers recording the day to day running of the school were on show, including one from the old school written in the late 1800s. The children were particularly interested in the punishment book from the mid to late 1900s where misdeeds and the appropriate punishment given were written down.

The village is lucky to have such a successful school with expansive well used grounds who honour its history as well as look to its future. There are details of all aspects of the school online if you visit their website at www.woodmansterne.surrey.sch.uk.



Reigate and Banstead Development Management Plan

The above plan was adopted on 26th September 2019. It can be viewed at the council offices in Reigate; in local libraries or online at www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/dmp

Reporting potholes or damaged pavements

You can report potholes or damaged pavements online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/highways or telephone 0300 200 1003.

Joint Enforcement Team

To report abandoned vehicles, anti-social behaviour, fly tipping, graffiti, litter, dog fouling etc please contact the Joint Enforcement Team (JET) online at www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/report or telephone 01737 276300.

Police Report

Kelly Clifton-Sinclair from the Neighbourhood Team attended our committee meeting earlier this year to listen to local concerns. Regular crime reports, updates, scam and fraud information including how to stay safe online and on the doorstep can be found at the In The Know website. You can request emails to keep you up to date.

Road Stewards and Subscriptions

The road stewards do an excellent job delivering the newsletters in the Spring and Autumn and also collecting subs in the Spring which mostly goes towards hiring the Village Hall, paying for the website and printing the newsletters. We are currently looking for stewards to cover Woodmansterne Lane and the even numbers of Lakers Rise. If you would be able to help with this please contact us at wgbra@hotmail.co.uk.

Many thanks to all of you who have paid your subs (£2) but it's not too late. If you would like to pay online the bank account number is 17645609, sort code 23-05-80, please quote the first line of your address as a reference. You could also pay at The Look In, direct to your road steward or to the Treasurer at 13 Prestbury Crescent.

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Generally local issues such as payments, recycling, planning, council tax, benefits and elections are covered by the Borough Council but matters such as highways and schools are Surrey County Council's responsibility.

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