

College Ward Residents Association

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LOCAL PEOPLE DEALING WITH LOCAL ISSUES

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CWRA AGM

In the light of the coronavirus, your CWRA committee has decided to postpone the AGM which was due to be held on Wednesday April 27th.

In these exceptional circumstances, the current committee will continue to stand. The audited accounts are on our website www.collegeward.org and the auditor has agreed to stand for another year.

REPORT ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN ALEXANDRA PARK

Over the next few weeks, we want to record ALL anti-social behaviour seen in the park -WE NEED YOU TO REPORT any anti-social behaviour you see.

If you regularly see incidents, we can provide you with a DIARY to record the date, place in the park and time. Please contact Nigel Collin on ncollin@epsom-ewell.gov.uk or your Lib Dem councillors. If you witness an incident, please call Surrey Police's 101 number or register the problem via their website (surrey.police.uk). We need as much data as possible.



The Police will direct more resources toward dealing with these problems based on hard evidence and this Diary and your phone calls will be part of that evidence.

HOUSING TARGETS

CWRA has written to our MP, Chris Grayling, on your behalf regarding the unattainable targets of 695 units pa.

The Council has attempted to mitigate these numbers on several occasions.

If you feel strongly about this target, please write to Chris Grayling.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LOCAL AND SURREY MATTERS?

CWRA are looking for residents to join the committee as a way of having a voice in the community.

In 2021 there will be Surrey County Council elections. Are you interested in becoming a candidate?

Please contact Tim Humphries, our Chairman, on 01372 740325 or by email on info@collegeward.org.

DO YOU FEEL GAGGED?

Residents may have seen the latest communication from the Liberal Democrats accusing the RA led Council of gagging members of the public. This is an incorrect assertion for the following reasons. A Council meeting is a meeting held in public to debate and make decisions on the work of the Council. The Council has laid down rules for the public to ask questions at committee meetings and these are set out in its constitution on the web site. This right has been improved by making sure the public have the right to ask questions on matters which are affecting them. The public petition which we reported on in our last flyer and which was debated at Full Council in December 2019, evidences how the Council listens to its residents. Last year the Council answered nearly 800 written requests for information under freedom of information.



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- South Hatch Stables-18/00308/FUL – no further news about the appeal
- 59 Ashley Road-18/00548/FUL- application accepted with some constraints
- 24-28 West Street-19/01021/FUL-to date there are 402 objections on the EEBC website. It is still awaiting a decision
- Land to the rear of 23a to 33 Links Road- 16/00213/FUL-this was refused by EEBC and went to appeal. The appeal was dismissed.

DID YOU KNOW THAT EEBC RECYCLE SMALL ELECTRICAL ITEMS?

Please don't put your old electric kettles, hair dryers etc in your black bin.

Take them to one of the small electrical recycling banks in the Borough. The nearest one to College Ward is in Depot Road carpark. Details of all the recycling banks are on the EEBC website

<https://bit.ly/2QkDO4L>



CORONAVIRUS HELP

Since the government is now advocating self-isolation, let's look out for residents in our community who are in need.

Do you have elderly residents living near you?
Could you offer to help with their shopping?

Do you have folk in your neighbourhood who are self-isolating?

We've had sight of a leaflet "Community Coronavirus Care" - a group which is "a volunteer led community initiative carried out by the good will and the want to help the vulnerable people in our local area to ease pressures on other local services". WE have NOT had a chance to vet it ourselves but if you need their help phone 08003077111. You can find them on Facebook: [tinyurl.com/ccs-surrey](https://www.facebook.com/tinyurl.com/ccs-surrey)

WHICH SIGN DO YOU PREFER?

There is a proposal to possibly change the existing Epsom and Ewell Welcome sign (on the right) with a new one (on the left).

What do you think?

Let your RA councillor know your view via ncollin@epsom-ewell.gov.uk



CWRA SUBSCRIPTIONS

CWRA have kept their subs to £3 pa. You can pay your subscription either by using the envelope included in this flyer. Alternatively, you can pay by direct bank transfer to Lloyds Bank; Sort Code 30-93-08; Account No 00439551; Reference to quote: Your postcode followed by your surname (no spaces) eg "KT174BZJohnson". Please let us know your email address via the envelope included.

COUNCIL TAX - ONLY 10P IN THE POUND GOES TO EPSOM!

At a recent council meeting EEB Councilors approved a 2.5% increase in Council tax in order to



protect frontline services. The increase is the result of the government's squeeze on providing funding for Councils from central funds. The Borough's Council Tax will remain well below the average in Surrey. 76% of residents' council tax goes to Surrey County Council and a further 14% goes to Surrey police resulting in just 10% of council tax being available for all the services provided by EEB.

LOCAL PLAN

Work is ongoing on the Local Plan and it is anticipated that it will go out to consultation in the middle of the year. To register your interest, go to localplan@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

YOUR RA COUNCILLOR NIGEL COLLIN HAS BEEN BUSY ON YOUR BEHALF

As well as attending the various committees on which he sits and actively engaging in contributing to the development of the Local Plan, Nigel has been contacted by residents concerning a number of issues and he welcomes the opportunity to be of assistance where possible. Some examples of what he has helped with in the ward are graffiti removal from hoardings, housing issues, deep cleaning of roads and alleyways and parking matters.



In addition, he has lobbied hard for the continuation of services at Epsom Hospital and will continue to pursue this cause during the consultation period which ends on April 1.

If you wish to contact him by email please use ncollin@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL (SCC), COUNCIL TAX 2020/2021

In February, SCC set its Council tax with a 3.99% increase.

Key points of SCC's Budget this year include **increased spending** on road and pavement repairs; investment in a Solar Farm, Ultra Low Emission vehicles and electrification of transport services including buses and school transport.



POLLING STATION AT WALLACE FIELDS INFANT SCHOOL

Discussions are still ongoing regarding the future re-location of the Wallace Fields Infant school polling station.



For this year only at present, Wallace fields Infant school will not be used as a polling station.

CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

Since our last flyer the Council has agreed a climate change action plan and a climate change officer, Sarah Jane Rogers, has been appointed. As part of the plan the Council has adopted a 15-year target to become net carbon neutral. To find out more details go to <https://tinyurl.com/rpfz333>

EMILY DAVISON MEMORIAL PROJECT

A group of local residents are leading a project to install a memorial to the suffragette Emily Wilding Davison. Emily lost her life campaigning for women's right to vote and died in the Cottage Hospital in College Ward.



The Project is raising money to produce and install a life-size bronze statue of Emily, sitting on a contemporary granite bench in

the redeveloped Market Place in Epsom town centre. EEBC and SCC are both behind the project, and over £25,000 of the £50,000 target has been raised so far.

It is hoped that the community will continue to support the project, which will represent Epsom and Ewell's commitment to gender equality, bring people into the town centre, and add to a number of similar statues of suffragettes installed nationally in the past few years so the sacrifices they made are never forgotten.

To find out more or to donate please visit www.emilydavisonproject.org or find us on Instagram @emilydavisonproject, on twitter @EmilyMemorial, or on the Emily Davison Memorial Project Facebook page. You can also contact the project via email on info@emilydavisonproject.org

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IN COLLEGE WARD

There has been a spate of burglaries in our Ward recently and it will help if more roads had a Neighbourhood Watch. There are already Neighbourhood Watches on several roads in the Ward and having Neighbourhood Watch stickers on doors and lamp posts will deter opportunistic thieves.



A good place to visit for more information to help you set up a NW is here <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk>

If you would like to set up a NW in your road but want some face to face help please contact Tim Humphries, Chair of College Ward on 01372 740325 or info@collegeward.org



Your RA College Ward Councillor, Nigel Collin holds monthly surgeries. However, in view of the recent advice from the Government, in respect of containing the spread of coronavirus, the monthly surgeries have been cancelled until further notice.

BIN DAY CHOICE!

One of the good things about Simply Weekly Recycling is the choice it offers. **You don't have to put your bin out if it's not full – with a weekly service it's up to you.**

See the paragraph entitled "Do I have to put my bin out very week?" on <https://bit.ly/2ISJYVJ>



FOR ANY BOROUGH PROBLEM PHONE EEBC ON 01372 732000

CONTACT CWRA

If you have anything you wish to comment on or query contact us by email on info@collegeward.org
Alternatively, you could phone our chairman, Tim Humphries on 01372 740325