

Local Newsletter (Runnymede)

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Surrey County Council's Contact Centre

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The aim of our Newsletter is to link with community groups and keep local residents informed. If you would like to include an article in the next issue please contact The Local Partnerships Team on: 01932 794079, or email adele.seex@surreycc.gov.uk. If any of your details are incorrect, or you do not wish to receive this newsletter please contact us. Please also send us your comments on it!

YOUR LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR RUNNYMEDE AIMS TO:

- Give communities a say over decisions affecting them.
- Help organisations work more closely together at a local level.
- Be responsive to people in the Runnymede area

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YOUR LOCAL COMMITTEE CAN:

- Take important local decisions, especially over transportation and highways.
- Promote effective partnership working with the borough council and other organisations such as health, police and the voluntary sector.
- Support local activities which make a difference to the local community by Member Allocation funding.

The next meeting of the Local Committee will be on Friday, 26 February , 2010

An opportunity to see your local county councillors making a difference in your community:

Venue: The Runnymede Centre, Chertsey Road, Addlestone KT15 2EP.

Time: 9.30 a.m. Public Question Time
10.00 a.m. – 12.00 Local Committee Meeting

Some of the topics under discussion will be:

- Written Questions from Public and Councillors
- Member allocations funding
- Plans for local road improvements
- Plans for local Youth Services
- Update on DriveSmart

During public question time you are welcome to ask questions of your local County Councillors, about Surrey County Council issues. No advance notice is needed, just turn up.

For further information and details on how to submit written questions and petitions, contact your Local Partnerships Team.

The venue is fully accessible to disabled users.

Local Committee WebPages

Surrey County Council's Local Committee for Runnymede has its own WebPages making it easier for you to find out more about your local councillors and what the county council does in your area.

For those of you who want to get more involved in making a difference in your local community, the website provides details about how you can make your views known at Local Committee meetings.

www.surreycc.gov.uk/runnymede

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County Councillors on the Local Committee:

Your local elected representatives on Surrey County Council are:

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The Local Committee has six representatives from Runnymede Borough Council this year. They are Cllr Anthony Davis, Cllr John Ashmore , Cllr Linda Gillham, Cllr Derek Cotty, Cllr David Parr and Cllr Paul Francis.

DOES YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP NEED HELP TO FUND A PROJECT OR EQUIPMENT?

Surrey County Council's Local Committee in Runnymede makes decisions on funding for projects to support the environmental, economic and social well-being of the local community. Each County Councillor has a member allocation of revenue and capital money to help groups in their areas. In 2009-10 financial year the Local Committee can allocate £35,000 capital funding, and £8250 per county councillor in revenue funding for one-off projects.

If you are not sure of which county councillor you should approach to sponsor your proposal for funding, please see Surrey County Council's web page www.surreycc.gov.uk/runnymede. If you require further advice, please contact the Local Committee and Partnerships Officer Sylvia Carter (01932 794081) or email sylvia.carter@surreycc.gov.uk.

The Committee cannot fund ongoing costs, individuals, political organisations or profit-making groups, but may support one-off projects or items of equipment.

Proposals for funding have to be submitted to your County Councillor by **Wednesday 10th February 2010**, to have a chance of being considered for approval at the Local Committee meeting on **Friday 26th February 2010 at the Runnymede Centre**. But don't leave it until the last minute – speak to your county councillor now if you have an idea, which could benefit the local community.

ROADWORKS IN YOUR AREA

Road number/name	Location	Description of works	Estimated start date	Estimated end date
A320 Staines Road	Chertsey	White works, kerb works and manhole covers/ drainage and hedge cutting.	7 December 2009	11 December 2009
A320 Staines Road	Chertsey	Major maintenance resurfacing – nightworks closure in place 8.30pm to 6am	11 December 2009	20 December 2009
D3180 Lyne Road	Virginia Water	Resurfacing works	December	See website

<http://www1.surreycc.gov.uk/highways/template1.cfm?district=runnymede>

<http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/highways/> for details and changes.
All information is correct at time of going to press.

Exploring Science Open Day

Saturday 27 February 2010

Information Desk: Windsor Building 10am–4pm

Royal Holloway College, Egham Hill, Egham

Admission free

Talks, workshops and hands-on activities for all ages. Come and crack codes, make DNA, solve optical illusions, and film an earthquake. Expert scientists will talk about current issues and how you can get involved. Younger visitors can complete our science trail and win a prize!

<http://www.rhul.ac.uk/>

Celebrate the love for reading - join in with the new Surrey Libraries' Children's Book Award

The first Surrey Libraries' Children's Book Award is now underway.

Run by Surrey County Council library service children's team and sponsored by the University of Surrey's English Department, the scheme is aimed at inspiring your 7 to 9 year olds to read six shortlisted books and then vote for their favourite.



Children can vote by visiting the website below or at any Surrey library. Every child who votes will be entered into a prize draw to win signed copies of the books. All votes must be in by **28 February 2010**.

There will also be the first **Children's Book Festival** running from the 4th March 2010

Look out for events in libraries in Runnymede.

Enter the creative writing competition

To add to the fun, children from the ages of 6 – 12 can also enter the Children's Book Award creative writing competition. Not only will the winners receive a signed set of the six shortlisted books, they will also get the chance for themselves, a parent and a friend to meet the authors at the Book Award ceremony.

Their stories should be no more than 500 words and based on characters from at least two of the shortlisted books. Children can enter as many stories as they like by 31 January 2010.

Entries together with your child's name, age and parent's or carer's contact details can be emailed to libraries.cyp@surreycc.gov.uk or posted to CYP Team, Chertsey Library, Guildford Street, Chertsey KT16 9BE.

Details on the Book Award, how to vote, the competition and Book Festival can be found on the Surrey County Council libraries website (www.surreycc.gov.uk/kidstuff) so be sure to check them out for regular updates.

Your say on the future of local subsidised bus services

Surrey residents have asked the County Council to review the subsidised bus service, as they are concerned about the level of empty buses travelling around Surrey.



The cost of subsidising the bus service has more than tripled in the last eight years; more than £11 million will be spent to run it this year alone. The aim of the review is to provide a better, fairer bus service for users where it is most needed, whilst delivering maximum value for money for all Surrey taxpayers.

Proposed service changes

This first phase of the Surrey bus review consultation has been launched, and includes proposed changes to services in Elmbridge, Runnymede, Spelthorne, east Woking and Reigate and Banstead. The remaining areas of the county will be covered in subsequent phases.

Objectives

Through the review Surrey County Council wants to:

- ❖ focus on the areas with strong demand
- ❖ increase some services where needed
- ❖ maintain service to areas of greatest social need
- ❖ adjust some routes to improve reliability
- ❖ reduce services which are under used and where possible, evenly space out services running along common sections of route
- ❖ create a more integrated and affordable network across the entire county
- ❖ make the network simpler and easier to understand reduce the need for subsidy in the long term.

School special routes

The consultation also covers the future of special school services, additional subsidised routes that were exclusively designed for the use of secondary school children. Head Teachers are being consulted on these routes affecting Surrey County Council Schools in Runnymede 637,305,646,656,837 (note these are not the yellow buses which are run by Runnymede Borough Council)

Surrey County Council want to [hear your views](#) on the proposed changes so that we can understand and plan for your travel needs.

Surgery consultation session – talk to officers about your concerns - on:

10am – 2pm, Friday 11 December, Runnymede Civic Centre, Addlestone

During the month of December there will be a display at Chertsey Library in Guildford Street.

For more information please go to www.surreycc.gov.uk/busreview.

Residents have until the end of **January 2010** to comment and recommendations will go to Cabinet in March 2010.

Minerals extraction and recycling

Surrey County Council is consulting on the Minerals Plan again. If you have any comments to make on the proposed sites for recycling of aggregates (of which there are 6 in Runnymede), or on how sites should be restored after extraction ends, please note that responses are needed by December 18th.

The newly proposed sites for future recycling of aggregates - to which lorries would take materials for sifting, sorting and in some cases crushing - are:

Addlestone Quarry extension; Hamm Court Farm, Weybridge; Milton Park Farm, Egham; Whitehall Farm, Egham (all of these are also proposed for extraction of gravel) and Lyne Lane at Chertsey, and land adjacent to Trumps Farm, Longcross.

Full details of this consultation can be found on the Surrey County Council website: www.surreycc.gov.uk - see News section on the home page - or you can pick up a response form from your local library.

Note: the planning application for minerals extraction at **Milton Park Farm, Egham** is to be considered at the Planning and Regulatory Committee early in 2010. The planning committee meets on 20/1/10; 17/2/10; 24/3/10; 21/4/10 and details will be posted on the website.



HEALTHY EATING JUST GOT EASIER

Despite the credit crunch, eating out still plays an important part in our lives. But along with seeking value for money, surveys by the Food Standards Agency suggest that healthy eating is also an important factor when choosing somewhere to eat. And this is where the eat out eat well initiative comes in. The eat out eat well award scheme is free and designed to reward caterers who make it easier for their customers to make healthy choices when eating out. Funded by Surrey County Council and the Department of Health (South East), the scheme is managed by Surrey County Council's Trading Standards Service along with Environmental Health.

There are three levels – Bronze, Silver and Gold and is symbolised by an apple logo in the shape of a heart. The award scheme aims to encourage food outlets to provide healthier options through increasing fruit and vegetables, starchy carbohydrates and decreasing fat, especially saturated, along with sugar and salt.

We invite restaurants to contact us to join the scheme and invite diners to eat out and eat well!

The following local businesses are participating in the scheme:

- * Plaza – Mediterranean Cuisine, 34 Phoenix Plaza, Guildford Street, Chertsey, KT16 9GT
- * The Wine Circle, 12-13 Station Parade, Virginia Water, GU25 4AB.

For further information:

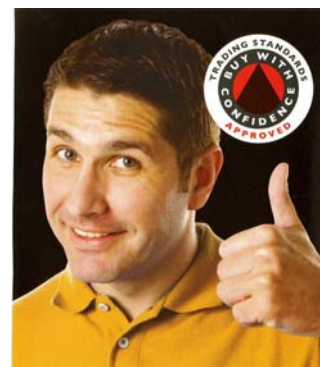
www.surreycc.gov.uk/tradingstandards

Buy With Confidence

Trading Standards Approved.

Did you know that Surrey County Council Trading Standards can provide you with details of reliable local businesses? It is more important than ever, in these difficult financial times, to make sure that the businesses you deal with are reputable and trustworthy. An easy way to do this is to use Buy With Confidence, the approved trader scheme run by Trading Standards.

Launched in 2004, the scheme has grown to include over 300 local businesses in Surrey offering a wide range of goods and services from Architects to Window Cleaners, Builders to Web Designers. Applicants are audited by Trading Standards Officers and go through a thorough selection process before they are accepted onto the Scheme. Only members of Buy with Confidence can display the Buy With Confidence logo.



“It really doesn’t matter the size of the job or the type of service you need,” says Peter Denard, Head of Surrey Trading Standards. “You’re likely to find a choice of reliable local businesses on the website or by a simple phone call.”

“We’re always on the lookout for more good reliable businesses for the scheme, so if you are in business and want to apply for membership we would like to hear from you”

For details of businesses you can trust please visit, www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk or call 01372 371666

Lower Thames Strategy - consultation deadline extended to December 18

The strategy for the Lower Thames sets out preferred options for managing the risk of flooding for this area. The study area is from Datchet to Teddington where more than 15,000 homes and businesses are in the floodplain.

The deadline for comments on the strategy is **Friday 18 December 2009**

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods/107478.aspx>



Flooding in Chertsey 2003



Surrey Road Safety Partnership¹ is launching a month-long drink drive campaign on 1 December 2009 as the temptation to drink and drive over the festive period increases.

On average, nearly four people a month are killed or seriously injured on Surrey's roads as a consequence of impaired (mainly drunk) drivers. The campaign aims to reduce this number by targeting males aged 19-30, who are most likely to drink and drive².

- ❑ leave your car at home so there's no temptation to drive
- ❑ put your local taxi number in your mobile and booking in advance
- ❑ find out the time of the last train at the beginning of the night – leave time to buy a ticket
- ❑ stay in a local hotel – you may get a discount for a group booking
- ❑ group together for a minibus or ask your employer to provide one
- ❑ nominate a designated driver and share the cost of the journey with friends.

Drinking and driving shatters lives. Don't drink and drive this Christmas.

¹ The Surrey Road Safety Partnership is made up of Surrey County Council, Surrey Police, Surrey Fire & Rescue, Surrey Safety Camera Partnership and Surrey Highways Agency.

² According to casualty data and positive breath tests.

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Wishing you a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

*From The Local Partnerships Team
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