



# NEWSLETTER

## TADLEY TOWN COUNCIL

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### Meetings of the Council

28 June – Highways & Planning

5 July – Full Council

26 July – Highways & Planning

2 August – Recreation & Leisure

9 August – Finance & General Purposes

23 August – Highways & Planning

Council meetings are held at the Council Offices and start at 7.30pm. Members of the Public are welcome to attend.

### Town Council Office

We are contactable by phone on 0118 9813360 and by email [clerk@tadleytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@tadleytowncouncil.gov.uk). Face to face appointments are also available, just contact us to arrange a date and time.

### USEFUL NUMBERS

Abandoned Cars 01256 844844

Fly Tipping 01256 844844

Street Lighting 0800 506 060

Highways 0300 555 1388

Allotments 0788 168 6351

Citizen Advice 03444 111 306

Hampshire County Council  
0300 555 1375

Basingstoke Council  
01256 844844

Swimming Pool 0118 9817818

West Berks Council  
01635 42400

## Town Councillor Vacancies

We will have some vacancies coming up on the Council soon. If you want a totally thankless position in which you will be criticised for whatever you do, then this is for you! If you think you may be interested in the role contact the Clerk for more information.

To be eligible to be a Councillor you must be over 18, a qualifying Commonwealth citizen or a Euro national on the day of selection and registered to vote in the area or have lived, worked or owned property there for at least 12 months before an election.

## Have you heard of Tadley Environmental Group?

We are facing climate, air pollution and ecological emergencies. What can Tadley residents do about this?

TEG is a local partnership between councillors and residents, formed in October 2019 to improve our environment (e.g. tackle air pollution, improve health, reduce carbon footprint and act as a voice for local groups and individuals to promote a better life style).

Topics discussed include: climate change, air pollution, biodiversity, trees and green infrastructure, cycling, walking, recycling, energy, electric cars etc.

Membership is free and informal. Further details and date of the next meeting can be found on the Tadley Town Council website under Environment.

To join, contact any member of TEG (we are on Facebook and Twitter and Instagram), or alternatively email [tflahive@tadleytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:tflahive@tadleytowncouncil.gov.uk)

Social Media: Instagram & Facebook @TadleyEnvironmentalGroup, Twitter @TEG\_tadley

## No Mow May

Tadley Town Council will be taking part in No Mow May this year by not mowing the open spaces in-between Almswood Road, Furze Road and Plantation Road and the A340, and the open spaces in Honeybottom Road and Carrington Crescent. No Mow May is a campaign run by the National Trust and Plantlife, it invites councils and residents to not mow verges and lawn areas during May (and beyond) to encourage wildflower growth. Wildflowers lead to increased wildlife: bees, butterflies, birds and bugs.



## Waste Disposal – You are responsible for your waste!

If you pay someone to take your waste away, make sure you are certain that it's being taken away by a licensed waste carrier. Check on the Environment Agency website for a licensed waste carrier, if they are not listed, then the chances are they're rogue traders.

Make sure you know who you are employing and where the waste gets taken. Ask questions – any legitimate business will gladly explain these things to you. If you don't do these checks, if you don't know who is taking your waste and don't know where it's ending up, you are the one that could be held responsible if it's fly-tipped. This is your duty of care. You are responsible for your waste – if you don't act responsibly, you are the one who could be prosecuted. Don't be caught out by a rogue traders. Protect yourself and protect our environment.



If you need information on how to get rid of your waste take a look at Household Waste and Recycling Centres <https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres> for information on the waste you can take there. For help with choosing a reputable waste carrier, use Check a Trade or Buy With Confidence to make a better decision.

## Meeting with Tadley Police

Members of Tadley Town Council met with Inspector Luchesa and Sgt. Lisa Kempster in March. Highlights from the meeting were that local crime rates have been falling quite dramatically during 2019 and 2020, due partly to more people being at home during lockdown but also with a focussed response from the police, working with Thames Valley and Ministry of Defence Police, alongside Neighbourhood Watch and better reporting from the public. New resources can now be used to great advantage, such as 4x4 vehicles, drones, night vision equipment and thermal imaging equipment. There have been no incidents of dog theft in the whole of the Basingstoke area.

Figures show that we live in a safe neighbourhood, comparable with other similar semi-rural areas. Anti-social behaviour (ASB) tends to be in localised sites mostly known to police who firstly work with individuals and groups to discourage such behaviours, bringing in parents, health care professionals and charity support workers to ensure everyone's safety. Spikes in ASB are dealt with as swiftly as possible but to do that the police need the public to report incidents online at <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/.../how-to-report-a-crime/> or by phone on 101 or if you wish to remain anonymous call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## Great British Spring Clean



Keep Britain Tidy are running this campaign from 28 May – 13 June. Tadley Town Council have signed up to host a Spring Clean Week starting on Friday 28 May. More details can be found:

<https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/home> If you want to help, litter pickers and green bags are available from the Town Council. Government guidance is: litter picking activity is allowed in small groups of up to six volunteers, or two households.

**TADLEY TREE TRAIL** The Tree Trail will take place from May half-term (31st May) and all throughout June. There will be 3 Trails, one for Tadley, one for Baughurst and one through Pamber Forest.

Alongside the Tree Trail TEG will be running an art competition for children up to 16 to draw a fantasy tree. Winners will be announced at the end of June.

Walkers will also be able to vote for their favourite tree in Tadley on Tadley's Favourite Tree Facebook group and there will be a Tree Trail post-box situated at The Link in Tadley for physical votes.

Further details will be available nearer the time on our website under TEG.