



Town Cryer

The Newsletter of your
Epsom Town Residents'
Association (ETRA)
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In our Manifesto we promised to:-

Improve the distinctive county town character of Epsom

Protect Epsom's open spaces

Improve the Town centre environment

More kerbside recycling

Support effective law enforcement

Retain necessary services at high standards

Transparency and value for money in all we do

Encourage sport and leisure opportunities maximising 2012 opportunities

Support and campaign for Epsom Hospital

Raise the profile of Epsom with SCC to improve parking and highways

We intend to do our best and keep our promises and are happy to be judged at the next election

Cllr. Ian Booker

Cllr. Neil Dallen

Epsom Town RA Committee report

Hook Road / Temple Road one way?

As most of you will know there is a temporary one way system in force in Hook Road and Temple Road due to the gas main replacement in Hook Road.

It has been suggested that the scheme is made permanent as traffic flow appears to be better and Hook Road is safer without the heavy goods vehicles and buses travelling both ways.

We have been knocking on doors in the area to see what you, the local resident, thinks so that we can represent your views.

If you have any views on this, please e-mail us on barb.warwick@tiscali.co.uk

Meet the residents

We have continued to call on a number of residents to elicit their views on the current services provided by the borough and ask them what they would like to see in our 2015 manifesto

(the 2011 promises have been printed in every Town Cryer since the election)

This has been extremely rewarding and, as usual, during our recent visits residents are generally happy. There were some individual issues and these are being addressed.

Some general points that were raised are that they would like to see a cleaner town centre and better parking enforcement.

Comments on the services provided by Surrey County Council included the state of the roads, especially potholes and lack of school places. Resolutions to both these are being pressed for by your borough councillors through the Local Committee and directly by influencing County officers.

Following comments made, parking enforcement has improved and hours covered extended and a scheme to make Epsom Town Centre cleaner and tidier is being considered.

Points made in the last few months are being addressed and any actions will be summarised in the next issue of Town Cryer.

Councillors' Report

Planning

There have been several planning applications to convert Office Buildings into flats both in East Street and Church Street amongst others. Such conversions are permitted under the new Government Permitted Development law which is aimed at boosting the economy. To date this this has seen investment in unused office blocks which at least has brought them back into use. We do not want to see good office block stock removed in this way so we are keeping a watch on the situation.

The Planning department has been working closely with retail outlets in the town centre with the aim of improving shop fronts and thus the shopping experience of Epsom. After a slow start retailers have come on board with the scheme and with the aid of grants from a special fund set up by the Council there has been some successful changes to the high street scene. Retailers have recorded increased footfall after upgrading their shop fronts which must be good for the high street. We propose to continue this scheme into next year.

Recycling

We are the only borough in Surrey who separate our recycling, all other Boroughs 'co-mingle'. This means that they have only one recycling bin and everything goes in and is sorted at a 'MRF'. Advantages are only one container and it tends to give a higher recycling rate. Under our separated scheme, we get higher quality recycled material and consequently higher prices for it. The EU is likely to direct that this is the preferred method, but if we stick with separated recycling, we do need to find other ways to increase our recycling rates across the borough – what do you think?
Please email to barb.warwick@tiscali.co.uk

As always, we are happy to visit any Town Ward resident and discuss their problems, and frequently do so. Our telephone numbers are below, please ring and leave a message or email us on ndallen@epsom-ewell.gov.uk or ibooker@epsom-ewell.gov.uk.

Cllr. Ian Booker 01372 741949 *Cllr. Neil Dallen 01372 745226*

Would you like to be a Councillor?

What is involved?

Town Ward is looking for candidates for the next election in May 2015.

If you are interested, contact us and we can let you know what is involved.

There is also an open meeting run by Officers at the Town Hall on Wednesday 15th October starting at 19.00hrs.

There is no commitment, just an opportunity to find out what is involved and ask questions.

Highways (including pot holes) and Street lighting faults are the responsibility of Conservative controlled Surrey County Council.

Any faults should be reported to them on their web site or via their call centre on 03456 009 009

ETRA – Residents working for the Residents

If you have any concerns about Town Ward or would like to know more about us, please contact barb.warwick@tiscali.co.uk

Police Neighbourhood Panels

The next Panel meetings are 10.30 on Tuesday 9th September and Tuesday 4th November at the Town Hall. If you are unable to attend but wish to report something, please contact Councillor Neil Dallen.

You are a resident of Epsom Town Ward

Join Epsom Town Residents' Association and help us make the Town an even better place to live and work in.

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