

GRAVENEY WARD NEWSLETTER

JAN/FEB 2020

From Local Ward Councillors
Tobin Byers, John Dehaney and Linda Kirby

PUBLIC MEETING **7pm Thursday 20th February 2020**

NEMCA ANNEXE
NORTH EAST MITCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE
Edenvale Playspace, off Woodland Way, Mitcham CR4 2DZ

7 – 7.30 Graveney Police Ward Panel
7.30 – 9 Councillors' report back and
Residents' Soap Box issues

SPIKE IN BURGLARIES IN GRAVENEY DURING THE WINTER MONTHS

Local councillors and our police team were concerned about the spike in burglaries during the winter months before Christmas, particularly for those residents who were affected by it.

The police report "We continue to patrol the ward, mainly by bike, every day that we are on shift as part of our role as dedicated ward officers.

However due to the spike of burglaries we had during the winter period, we undertook enhanced preventative measures in response. We undertook both high visibility patrols in full uniform and unmarked plain clothes patrols.

We had planned a joint high visibility operation with the other Mitcham wards to ensure that the entire ward would be aware of our presence, but due to the terrorist attack at London Bridge we were pulled away to do reassurance patrols elsewhere.

Although there was a rise in burglaries during the winter, Graveney is still one of the safest wards in Merton and after the spike things have now returned back to the levels we were seeing before."

The police will be at our Public Meeting to answer any questions you may have on this.

EU CITIZEN RESIDENTS SETTLED STATUS

We urge all our EU citizen residents to acquire settled status if they haven't already done so, and to get in touch with any queries. Merton Council has a web page dedicated to helping EU citizens in the borough following Britain's exit from the EU:

<https://www.merton.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/brexit>

GRAVENEY COUNCILLORS' MONTHLY WARD TOUR

MONDAY 27TH JANUARY 2020

We are pleased to report that the standard of cleanliness we saw across the whole ward was good. A considerable improvement on recent tours. We reported for action: 3 uncollected Christmas trees 15 small flytips, 5 streets below acceptable standard, 9 lots of new graffiti, 2 potholes and 1 broken post.

Special thanks to Graveney Ward Street Champions for their regular reports and street grading. A Thank-You event has been organised for them on 30th January.

NEWS

GC3 CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE

3 petitions from local residents in Edgehill, Caithness and Garden triggered the consultation for a CPZ in the area between the railway and Streatham Road. Overall 57% voted for and 35% against a CPZ.

The consultation is now complete and the Cabinet Member has agreed it should go ahead in the following roads: Ridge, Caithness, Park, Garden, Elmhurst, Beecholme, Hill, Edgehill and Streatham Road (between entrance to Mitcham Industrial Estate and its junction with Ridge Road).

Melrose Avenue will not be included in the scheme as its residents voted overwhelmingly against it.

Full information can be found on Merton's Website www.merton.gov.uk

COUNCIL BUDGET

Each year the council has a legal duty to agree a balanced budget. Unlike the government, the council is not allowed to run a deficit budget.

Local authorities have been under severe financial pressure since 2010 due to significant cuts to their funding which has required large savings to be made in order to achieve a balanced budget.

The draft budget for the next four years proposes around £7 million of savings over the four year business plan. This would ensure the council's budget was balanced in 2020/21, but would still leave a shortfall of over £4m in 2021/22, rising to over £10m in 2023/24. The budget also assumes Council Tax will increase by 1.99% and the Social Care Precept will be levied at 2%; the Government's own assumptions assume local authorities will do both of these.

The council is facing significant pressure on the Dedicated Schools Grant, the money that government gives our schools to fund Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. The money provided is nowhere near enough to address the demand our schools are facing which has left a large gap in the budget which the council is having to find ways to meet.

The budget will be debated at Full Council on Wednesday 4th March 2020.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Merton Council has been ranked joint second in London, and among the top authorities across the country by Friends of the Earth for its climate change action

Following the council's declaration of a climate emergency in July 2019, work has been taking place to develop an action plan to meet the targets that were adopted.

Following a call for applications in the summer, A Climate Emergency Working Group was formed, comprising volunteers from across the borough with an interest or professional expertise in carbon reduction and sustainability. This group has now met four times and has started developing recommendations to help the council meet its targets. These will be considered and adopted by the council in the coming months.

More information on the climate emergency declaration and the working group can be found on the council's website. For information on how everyone can get involved please visit

<https://www.merton.gov.uk/planning-and-buildings/sustainability-and-climate-change/what-you-can-do>

NEW BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP STARTING AT ST BARNABAS CHURCH

St Barnabas is setting up a monthly support group for people who are bereaved. All are welcome, faith or no faith. It will give people an opportunity to be with others going through the pain of losing someone close to them and allow them to share their thoughts with others in a confidential setting. It is a drop-in with light refreshments and will last for one hour.

The first drop-in will be on Saturday 15th February. Welcome and refreshments at 10am – session starts 10.30-11.30am and will be held in the vestry room at the back of the church. Further meetings are planned for the 2nd Saturday of each month.

If you know someone who you think would benefit from this group please share the information.

For more information contact Donna Abberley on 07920 759 010 or email donna_tulloch@hotmail.com

**Crime Statistics For Graveney Ward
07/07/2019 to 07/01/2020**

ROAD	BURGLARY	MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME	ROBBERY	TOTAL
ASCOT ROAD	0	0	0	0
ASHBOURNE ROAD	7	5	0	12
BEECHOLME AVENUE	0	1	0	1
BOSCOMBE ROAD	0	1	0	1
BRUCE ROAD	0	2	0	2
CAITHNESS ROAD	1	2	0	1
CARLINGFORD GARDENS	0	0	0	0
CROMER ROAD	0	0	0	0
DEAL ROAD	0	1	0	1
EASTBOURNE ROAD	1	0	0	1
EDENVALE CLOSE	0	0	0	0
EDENVALE ROAD	0	0	0	0
EDGEHILL ROAD	0	2	0	2
ELMHURST AVENUE	0	4	0	4
FIGGES ROAD	0	0	0	0
FRINTON ROAD	0	0	0	0
GARDEN AVENUE	0	1	0	0
GORRINGE PARK AVENUE	3	2	0	5
GRENFELL ROAD	2	1	0	3
GUNTON ROAD	0	1	0	1
HAILSHAM ROAD	0	0	0	0
HEATON ROAD	1	2	0	3
HILL ROAD	1	2	0	3
INGLEMERE ROAD	1	0	1	2
IPSWICH ROAD	1	0	0	1
JERSEY ROAD	0	0	0	0
LINKS ROAD	4	7	2	13
LONDON ROAD	3	3	2	8
MELROSE AVENUE	0	2	2	4
MILTON ROAD	0	0	0	0
MITCHAM IND ESTATE	0	0	0	0
MITCHAM ROAD	1	0	1	2
PARK AVENUE	4	6	0	10
RIDGE ROAD	0	0	0	0
RURAL WAY	0	0	0	0
RUSTIC AVENUE	0	0	0	0
SEELY ROAD	5	2	0	7
SIRDAR ROAD	0	0	0	0
ST BARNABAS ROAD	0	3	0	3
ST. JAMES ROAD	1	1	1	3
STANLEY GARDENS	0	0	0	0
STANLEY ROAD	2	1	0	3
STREATHAM ROAD	3	2	2	7
THE BUNGALOWS	0	0	0	0
THIRSK ROAD	1	1	0	2
TYNEMOUTH ROAD	0	1	0	1
VECTIS ROAD	1	0	0	1
WOODLAND WAY	1	2	0	3
TOTAL	*44	58	11	113

*44 THIS FIGURE INCLUDES ATTEMPTED BREAK-INS AS WELL AS GARAGES AND OTHER OUTBUILDING

GRAVENEY WARD RESIDENTS' SURVEY

Enclosed with this newsletter is a survey for local residents to complete. This is to tell us how you feel about the area you live in and what we can do to improve things.

If you are filling in the hardcopy a FREEPOST form is on the back of the survey. Please fold the survey to form an envelope and pop into a post box.

If you are completed the survey electronically, please return to:

Linda.kirby@merton.gov.uk

KEEP GRAVENEY TIDY CAMPAIGN

We are hoping to launch a campaign soon to keep our ward tidy. Links Primary School has produced some lovely posters and we will be in discussion with our Street Champions on the strategy.

We hope as many residents as possible will join us in this endeavour.

GRAVENEY WARD TEAM



Police Sergeant: Gavin Johns
Police Constable: Nigel Smith
Police Community Safety Officer: Bradley Jewell

020 8721 2724

MertonGraveney.snt@met.police.uk

Dial 999 in an emergency or 101 if your call is not an emergency

USEFUL NUMBERS FOR YOU TO KEEP

Graffiti, Refuse, Bulky Waste, Street Cleaning, Flytipping	020 8274 4902
Nuisance and abandoned vehicles	020 8545 3170
Registering to vote	020 8545 3407
Or online at: www.gov.uk/register-to-vote	

COUNCILLORS' SURGERY

GOT A PROBLEM? LET US KNOW ABOUT IT!

We have a monthly surgery at North East Mitcham Community Association, Edenvale Playspace, off Woodland Way, Mitcham, CR4 2DZ
1st Saturday of the month between 10.00 – 11.00am

If it is urgent, please contact: 020 8545 3424 for an appointment or email

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