

Local people report being interested in and concerned about the environment and environmental issues. Valuing particularly the area they live in and the countryside, downs and common land adjacent to the village.

Many people want to increase the amount of household waste that it is possible to recycle from the kerbside, with requests for the opportunity to recycle plastic and glass and to have easy access to facilities for other materials. The new garden waste facility is popular. Businesses would like to find ways to recycle more. Business waste is currently mixed and there are concerns that it is not disaggregated.



People enjoy the peaceful nature of the area and are concerned about increasing traffic and aircraft noise, particularly at weekends.

Many residents report the friendliness of their neighbours but several suggest that the community is fragmented and that there is nothing that brings the community together now. People work together in smaller groups as there are several village based organisations with a charitable objective. Some respondents believe that this is linked to the lack of a Village Hall or Community Centre.

■ Background

- There is much open land in the area around Tadworth village but it is managed by Banstead Commons Conservators so there are statutory restrictions on what can be done with this common land
- There is disused RBBC owned land which might be suitable for use for a community project. Though the Council might be unwilling to take on a new commitment with additional cost implications
- A community owned resource/activity might bring the young and old of the community together
- Recycling is a key issue for the Borough Council and the landfill taxes charged give good financial reasons to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- Local schools promote environmental issues. The Beacon School has recently achieved a Golden Litter award. Tadworth School would like to update their environmental area

■ Actions

- The Borough Council are developing a Recycling Blueprint which sets out how the Recycling Services will be extended.

- A business (commercial) recycling pilot has been run by the Borough Council. A new chargeable recycling service is now available for all local businesses is available for mixed paper and cardboard. The service is 20% cheaper than the cost of the Council's commercial refuse service.
 - It is hoped to be responsive to local business needs and offer additional materials for businesses to recycle in the future. Report back to businesses via the Tadworth Business Breakfast
 - For more information businesses can contact RBBC Help Line or website
 - Investigate the possibility of launching Villages in Bloom
 - Help update the environmental area at Tadworth School
 - Countryside Rangers to help young people understand the locality more
- **Lead/Responsible Agency:**
 - Surrey County Council (SCC)
 - Reigate & Banstead Borough Council
 - **Resources:**
 - Officer time
 - Pfizer Community Fund
 - **Timescale:**
 - Short term
 - **Outcome Measuring/Reporting:**
 - **Local Community : What you can do**
 - Make use of the recycling services that are offered
 - Continue to let us know what you would like to have recycled
 - Come along to the Tadworth Village Forum
 - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

