

# SELF-RELIANT AND THRIVING COMMUNITIES

## Village Appearance

### Background

Residents report through the questionnaire, focus groups and meetings that they value living in a village and believe that the physical separateness encourages a sense of community. People appreciate that there are as many different ideas about what the village is like as there are villagers.

Respondents reported that they:

- Desired a local style.
- Appreciate that not everyone will have a shared vision of how the village should look.
- Would like uniform street furniture including heritage lights and street signs.
- Value the wide range of activities that the village provides.
- Value the recent and distant history of the village.
- Value the pond and the volunteers who help to maintain it.

Also

- There was a high level of satisfaction with the RBBC floral displays.
- Many people are long-term residents and appreciate how much has remained unchanged.
- Walton is a Conservation area, which limits some of the options.

### Location

- General.

### Action

- Investigate producing local and natural history boards. Reigate & Banstead Borough Council.
- New notice boards to allow dissemination of village information. Reigate & Banstead Borough Council.



- Agree and seek approval from Surrey County Council of the style of lights preferred for Walton-on-the-Hill. Reigate & Banstead Borough Council.
- Upgrade current fencing at the Sandlands Road end of the pond. Surrey County Council.
- Village Shopping Parades initiative to be implemented in Walton-on-the-Hill. Reigate & Banstead Borough Council.

**Lead/Responsible Agency:** History Society  
Reigate & Banstead Borough Council  
Surrey County Council

**Resource:** £2000 for historical information boards (plus fixing, dependent on site)  
Village notice boards at £2000 each  
Cost difference of approx £1000 per street light above the cost of standard fitting. There are some 40 lights in the area

**Outcome Measure/reporting:** Report outcomes to Reigate and Banstead Executive and to partner organisation.

