

# Reigate & Banstead InTouch

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## News from Westminster – Rebecca Paul MP

It remains a great honour to have been elected your Member of Parliament and I will always work tirelessly to make Reigate, Redhill, Banstead and our villages an even better place in which to live and work.

Within Parliament, I have worked hard alongside my Conservative colleagues to successfully fight for:

- ✓ **Winter Fuel Payments to be reinstated**
- ✓ **Defence spending to be increased**
- ✓ **National Inquiry on Rape Gangs**

But there is so much more to do:

- **Green Belt to be protected** – Labour has doubled local housing targets from 644 to 1,306 per year. This is not fair or achievable – I am working with our councillors to support much-

needed new homes in places that work for existing and new residents.

- **Economy imploding** – The Labour Chancellor's policies have caused the economy to shrink, inflation rising from 2% to 3.4%, unemployment up at 4.5% and tax hikes a practical inevitability.
- **Illegal immigration out of control** – The Prime Minister promised a reset with Europe and France would help stop illegal immigration – it has risen by 14% in the past year.
- **Rebecca has spoken in Parliament 276 times** on local and national issues since being elected Reigate's MP.



Rebecca Paul MP asking the Prime Minister to increase defence spending to 2.5% in December 2024, which he has now subsequently agreed to do.



Rebecca Paul MP and Greg Stafford MP in Norway with the Royal Marines for cold weather training.



Better public transport, including improving Reigate Train Station, remains a top priority for Rebecca.

### Locally, I'm working on the following campaigns:

- **Fixing our roads** – pressing for more funding for local roads (we have the 5th busiest road network in England) and replacing the road surface between J8&9 on the M25 to cut noise.
- **Reigate Station improvements** – longer platforms to allow 12-car trains and avoid the need to split trains at Redhill, which adds 5 minutes to journeys – watch this space. **The big win so far is that Contactless is coming to Reigate Station later this year!**
- **Tackling crime and making Redhill safer** – working alongside our Conservative Police and Crime Commissioner, Lisa Townsend – read more on the next page.

### GETTING YOUNG PEOPLE INTERESTED IN POLITICS

I am passionate about our young people having a good understanding of politics and have visited lots of local

schools in my first year as your MP.

If you'd like me to come to talk to your students, please get in touch.

Rebecca Paul MP has visited many schools during her first year to understand the challenges faced.



Working for Reigate, Redhill, Banstead and our villages  
Support Rebecca Paul MP and your local Conservative team at [www.rbca.org.uk](http://www.rbca.org.uk)

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

**The Government is changing the way local councils are run. In Surrey, we are moving from one county council and 11 borough councils to unitary authority control – meaning all services for an area will be overseen by a single council. We will also**

**have an elected mayor for the first time.**

The boundaries and how many unitary authorities Surrey will have are yet to be confirmed – please take part in the consultation on the options being considered by Government by

scanning the QR code. It closes on 5 August.

We expect the outcome to be announced by the Government this autumn and local elections to be held in May 2026.

These changes will make our town and parish councils even

more important in making sure local views are heard.

Reigate and Banstead Borough Council's consultation is due to be launched shortly to understand how local people would like town and parish councils to be organised.



**SCAN ME**

## Local News from your Conservative Team

### Excellent Financial Management of Reigate and Banstead Borough Council

Conservative Council Leader Richard Biggs, says: "Reigate and Banstead is the only borough council in Surrey with money in the bank – we are solvent because the Conservatives have focused relentlessly on

value for money and close management of finances while providing excellent services. We will fight to ensure our residents don't lose out in the reorganisation and that our fantastic council staff are properly looked after."

### £500,000 funding for Local Infrastructure Projects - apply before the end of July to Reigate and Banstead Borough Council

Does your local community need new play equipment, updates to your village hall or cargo bikes for low carbon deliveries? These are just a few ideas of projects that could be funded by money from the Community Infrastructure Levy. Apply now.

Further CIL funding will be available in future - please contact the Council for details.



**SCAN ME**

## Tackling crime and ASB in Redhill Town Centre

The Safer Redhill initiative is a partnership between Surrey Police, the Conservative Police and Crime Commissioner, Lisa Townsend, Reigate and Banstead Borough Council and East Surrey YMCA to tackle crime and strengthen community pride. Since it was launched in 2024, drug operations have been taking place and plain-clothes officers are patrolling at night.

So far there have been 155 arrests, a combined 25 years of prison time handed down, 86 drug seizures (including 10kg of suspected cocaine) and weapons removed from the streets. However, it isn't all about enforcement – it is also about prevention. East Surrey YMCA and its qualified youth workers are providing vital support to vulnerable young people.

Safer Redhill is a powerful example of what can be achieved by working together. Thanks to all involved, residents feel safer and businesses have a renewed confidence in Redhill's future.

Lisa Townsend has just announced Safer Streets is also being extended to Reigate.



**Rebecca Paul MP working with Police & Crime Commissioner, Lisa Townsend to make our community safer.**

### £4.5m to reopen Harlequin PLUS more arts and culture in Redhill

Fantastic news for the area. Not only is the Harlequin to reopen after RAAC is removed but Reigate and Banstead Borough Council is opening a new space in The Rise and seeking a new provider for its arts and cultural programme. The works at the Harlequin will take some time to complete but we will keep you updated with progress.

Redhill Library has moved temporarily to the Belfry Shopping Centre until works have been completed at The Harlequin – the library is on the upper floor and all services are still available.



# NEWS IN BRIEF

## LONDON ROAD CAR PARK IMPROVEMENTS

**Speed bumps are now in place to stop anti-social behaviour and speeding.**

Kate Fairhurst, councillor for Reigate, campaigned alongside local residents

and says, "Local people were worried that an accident was waiting to happen - The speed bumps as well as cutting back vegetation have

helped to improve the situation and we'd like to thank the Council and the Police for taking action."



**Cllr Kate Fairhurst will continue to deter anti-social behaviour and speeding in our community.**

## SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES AND PROTECTING OUR HIGH STREETS

Earlier this year, Rich Michalowski, councillor for Redhill West and Wray Common, led on Planning

Policy to make sure our ground floor shops and offices are no longer able to switch to residential under

**Permitted Development rights.**

This has saved shopping parades, high street shops

and commercial buildings in Redhill and Mersham from automatically becoming residential properties.



**Cllr James King is working with 34th Reigate Scouts to fundraise for Meadvale Village Hall.**

## LOCAL SCOUTS SUPPORTING MEADVALE COMMUNITY

James King, Conservative councillor for South Park and Woodhatch, as the Group Scout Leader of the 34th Reigate (Meadvale) Scouts recently helped organise Meadvale Village Fete, which was a

**great success on the day despite less than ideal weather.**

The Scouts are fundraising in an effort to buy Meadvale Village Hall and the Scout Hut to keep these important buildings

in community use. If you'd like to support, please contact James King on [gsl@34threigate.org.uk](mailto:gsl@34threigate.org.uk) or, if you're interested in getting involved or supporting scouting locally, then search for Reigate Scouts online.






## BIG WIN FOR REDHILL – PIZZA EXPRESS OPENING IN THE RISE IN JULY 2025!

The Rise development has been a major success for Redhill, bringing new leisure

businesses to the town. And as a demonstration of how well it is doing,

a new Pizza Express is opening. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Scan the QR code and find out more about our other work:*

-  **Promoting Road Safety near schools** – contact us if you have any concerns at your school.
-  **Monitoring SES Water's pipe replacement works at Gatton Park Road** – improvement works to ensure flooding is not repeated.
-  **Installing new flowerbeds on Bell Street** – a small but beautiful addition to Reigate.
-  **Supporting wildlife and habitats in Priory Park** – a big thank you to our council officers for helping promote this initiative.
-  **Tackling Pavement Parking** – some serious thought needs to go into making town centre roads passable but also allowing residents to park near their homes. Watch this space.



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country  
together.**



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Address

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**OR EMAIL DIRECTLY ON:** [office@rbca.org.uk](mailto:office@rbca.org.uk)

### CAN YOU HELP US?

- ☐ Display a poster
- ☐ Deliver leaflets
- ☐ Attend social events
- ☐ Join the local Party
- ☐ Vote by post
- ☐ Stand for Council

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