



Keeping Our Neighbourhood Safe, Informed, and Engaged

Following a meeting with residents at Langley Vale Village Hall on Tuesday 24th March, Councillors Steven, Kim, and Liz have put together this written update for those unable to attend.

EPSOM DOWNS & THE DERBY 2026

The Derby remains the heart of our local calendar. This year, the focus is firmly on community involvement and engagement. We want residents to feel part of the magic, not just spectators to the traffic. Keep an eye out for local-led events and opportunities to volunteer, or to participate in the festivities.

ROAD SAFETY & TRANSPORT

20 is Plenty: Wheely bin stickers will be available shortly. Displaying a sticker will help us to encourage slower speeds in residential areas.

Yellow Line Removal: Following community feedback, some of the yellow lines outside The Vale School are being removed, in order to better manage local parking needs.

Park and Stride: To reduce congestion at the school gates, we are actively promoting the "Park and Stride" initiative for The Vale School each Wednesday morning. Steve and Bernice are out marshalling the activity with the headteacher each Wednesday morning from 8:30 - 8:45am. Please use designated areas further away and enjoy a short walk to the finish line!

Temporary TRO: A temporary Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) recently expired on Ebbisham Lane/Langley Vale Road. Steve will continue to monitor in case of a proposed renewal.

ON THE DOWNS: NATURE & ANIMALS

Sheep Grazing: Our woolly neighbors are coming back to Juniper Hill! Please ensure dogs are kept under control and gates are closed to support local conservation grazing.

Horse Margin Clearance: Work has been completed on the horse margin on the bridleway at the top of Langley Vale Road at the junction with Shepherds Walk/Farm Lane. This work was necessary to clear the margins for the safety of both riders and walkers.

Hedge Maintenance: The hedge on Epsom Lane North has been trimmed to improve visibility and pavement access. My thanks to Michael Jelley for facilitating.

Dog Training Awareness: We are launching Dog Training and Horse Acclimatisation Sessions. These are designed to help dog owners ensure their pets remain calm and safe when encountering racehorses and hack horses on the gallops. Equally, this work will help horses to remain calm when coming across dogs and owners. **The first pilot course will be free for Langley Vale residents! It will be created and provided by a local Langley Vale resident who is a professional dog trainer; thanks Ben. Contact Steven to lodge your interest in this course which will likely run at the back end of May/Early June.**

Save the Date: Events & Visits

WE HAVE A FANTASTIC LINEUP OF LOCAL ACTIVITIES OVER THE COMING WEEKS!

EVENT	DATE	DETAILS
Racing Yard Visit	April 4th	George Baker Racing
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EDMAC Open Day	May 4th	Model Aircraft Club - Fun for all ages! Check out edmac.org.uk
Perch 2000 Run	June 26th	The popular run restarts on the Downs. epsomoddballs.org/2000-perch/

Quick Bites

Grit Bins: Now that we are heading into Spring, bins are being audited. Please report any damaged or empty bins so they are ready for next winter.

Yard Visits: These are a rare "behind the scenes" look at our local racing heritage. Spaces are limited, so please book early if required. Contact Steven on stevenjmccormick@yahoo.co.uk for booking information.

Get Involved

If you have questions regarding the hedge clearance or the upcoming TRO, please contact a councillor.

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HOT OFF THE PRESS!

BATTLE LINES ARE REDRAWN AS DEVELOPERS OFFICIALLY LODGE AN APPEAL AGAINST EPSOM & EWELL BOROUGH COUNCIL'S REFUSAL OF THE CONTROVERSIAL 110-HOME 'FARM VIEW' SCHEME IN LANGLEY VALE

ACTION GROUP TO BE RECONVENED

Illustration: Skylarks on the Downs, Councillor Kim Spickett