

Report from Cty Cllr Keith Witham  
WPC 17th September 2020

Cllr Witham asked for any examples in the parish of residents concern re motorbikes excessive speed and noise.

Two SCC grants programmes for voluntary organisations -

- annual fund for small grants up to £250 if previously funded, or up to £1,000 if not funded before through this source.

- New Community Projects Fund created, of £100 million over 5 years. Min application £10,000 maximum up to £2 million. For larger/major projects.

Local Groups are asked to contact Cllr Keith Witham for information and advice on both funds.

Phase 1 of Surrey Fire and Rescue Safer Surrey Plan implemented in April following two years of discussion and consultation. Phase 2 due in October, being externally examined and validated.

SCC climate change strategy, aim is to plant 1.2 million trees, one for every resident if Surrey, including urban areas. Suggestions/ enquiries welcome.

SCC County Hall and staff being relocated from a Kingston to Reigate, within the County. Kingston due to be empty by a December/January and building sold for part educational purposes , part residential development.

A Government White Paper on Local Government devolution is expected in the autumn, the message from Govt has been supporting creation of more Unitary Authorities in England. SCC asked to put in its views and a business plan for a single Unitary Authority for Surrey. The 11 Borough Councils are putting in alternative proposals.