

Crawley District

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I believe Tilgate is a well-developed, well-defined community, with its own character and its own issues, and should not be split. It has an identity built on the neighbourhood principle from its beginnings in the 1950s. The borders along Southgate Avenue, the A23, M23 and the playing field and stream to the east make identifiable boundaries which separate it naturally from other neighbourhoods. Tilgate has a complete set of facilities for shopping, worshipping and playing as well as schools, doctors and dentists. There is a central focus, with meeting places such as the bakery, the community centre and churches. People also come together to share an interest and exercise in Tilgate Park (with a very large Parkrun), the Recreation huts and K2 leisure centre. Many groups are active in Tilgate. I help to run Tilgate Community Forum, which meets 6 times a year, and gives residents the chance to meet their councillors and MP, to ask questions and discuss issues relating to Tilgate, and propose action to improve the neighbourhood. The Forum brings together members of other groups too - local schools, Friends of Tilgate Park, Men's Shed - so that we can share information and work together on projects such as planting bulbs, and looking for answers to Tilgate's parking problems (Tilgate has its own set of problems in relation to parking). We have a close relationship with Tilgate Park, and residents are involved in protecting and enhancing this area. Tilgate Community Forum has its own website and Facebook page, and we also keep in touch through the Tilgate Residents' Facebook page. At our last meeting, everyone present was against the proposal to divide Tilgate ward. Residents here have a strong sense of community identity, and a feeling of belonging to this neighbourhood.

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