

# Edenbridge Reports

## Summer 2016



LOCAL COUNCIL  
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### Facelift for the High Street

Fixtures and fittings along the High Street have been given a facelift with the black and gold paint colour scheme renewed. The suite of street furnishing installed during the refurbishment project in 2008 ranges from bins and bollards to benches, planters, and finger-post signs.

A window of fine weather meant the work was completed in a week. It is part of the Council's new 10-year maintenance plan for all of the open spaces items for which it is responsible—from parks and playgrounds, to the cemetery, allotments, and sports fields.

This is a rolling programme of activity spread over the next decade to continue a high standard of maintenance. The Council's four playgrounds have been repainted, and the skate ramps facility at Blossoms Park is due replacement riding surface in the autumn. Sections



*Pictured (above): Carefully does it — Matt Kew puts the gold coloured detail on one of the finger-post signs in Edenbridge High Street*

of the paths in Stangrove Park are being resurfaced, and surveys carried out of the pond there and at Mowshurst, to prepare a plan for managing the environment round these water features.



### Your chance to meet the Chairman

Local people can meet the Chairman Cllr Stuart McGregor on the Friday morning prior to each monthly council meeting. The next dates for these surgeries are 2nd September, 7th October, 11th November, and 9th December. They are held in Doggetts Barn 11am-12noon, and give people the opportunity to discuss ideas and raise any community concerns.

## Neighbourhood Plan policies questionnaire



Local residents have broadly supported first drafts of local planning policies for the Neighbourhood Plan, covering housing, design, environment, economy, infrastructure, and health/learning/well-being. But the majority of replies came from the over-60s, so to get a balance across the wider community the project group is now targeting younger age groups at family events across the summer, particularly to gather views on possible future housing provision. They are also collecting more evidence on recent housing trends locally. People can keep up to date with the news on Facebook or contact 01732 865368.

## Making music for 150 years

Edenbridge Town Band is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year, and is the subject of a special exhibition at Eden Valley Museum, running from September. The band's free summer concert in Stangrove Park raised £175 for Kent Air Ambulance.

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## Wanted — views on the sluice

Kent Wildlife Trust wants to hear local residents' views on works proposed for the old sluice next to the water meadows on the River Eden, behind Waterlakes. On behalf of the Environment Agency, the KWT surveyor will be on site by the sluice at 2pm on 8th September to give information and record comments. For more information call Vincent Ganley at KWT on 01622 357864

## Summer fun in the park with Family Fun days

For the fifth year in a row there were free Family Fun sessions in Stangrove Park on Thursday afternoons in August, funded by the Town Council and staffed by a team from play providers PlayPlace.



*Pictured (above): Marli Magician is helped by Isaac*  
On the first date there was a Magic Fun show, and on the third there was a chance to try out Circus Skills, thanks to a grant from the local charity Great Stone Bridge Trust. The bouncy castle continued to be a popular feature this year, alongside the sports, games, and craft activities. The sessions are much valued by families seeking to keep down the cost of the school holidays.

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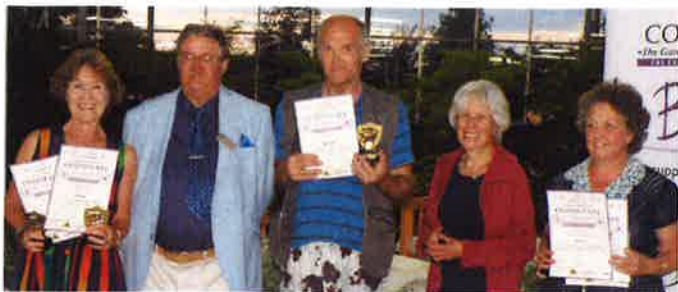
## We're Tweeting...

Edenbridge Town Council is using social media to keep local people up to date with community activity. Follow us on @EdenbridgeTC and also @EdenValleyKent.

...and check out our website  
[www.edenbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.edenbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk)



## Well done, green-fingered residents!



Entries to the Edenbridge In Bloom competition were noticeably up this year, and local winners again went on to more success in the Sevenoaks District level of awards. This is the third year Edenbridge Town Council has supported the competition run by Coolings nursery, with the slogan "let's make Edenbridge an even better place to live". The high standards were celebrated at a presentation evening. Council chairman Stuart McGregor is pictured with winners (above)

### Results: **Edenbridge In Bloom**

(Winner—1, Highly Commended HC, Commended, Com)

Best Front Garden—1, Carole Connor; H C, Sheila Parish; Com, David Miller.

Best Back Garden—1, Sheila Parish; H C, Angela Baker; Com, David King.

Most Original Hanging Basket or Trough—1, Sue Butcher; HC, Lindsey Eaton; Com, Clair Fisher.

Best Allotment—1, Joan Peerless; HC, Michael Wort; Com, Tony Munds.

Best Commercial Garden, and Best Commercial Planted Pot/Basket/Trough—1, The Old Eden.

Best Community Environmental Project—1, Queens Court.

### Keep your hedges/bushes cut back

... this is the plea from people with impaired sight or mobility, or those who have small children and buggies, who struggle where pavements are narrowed by bushes, shrubs, or brambles growing over from nearby property. Please check your boundaries and help keep footways clear with a cut-back where needed.



### District Winners **Sevenoaks In Bloom**

Best Front Garden—1, Carole Connor; HC, Sheila Parish; Com, David Miller.

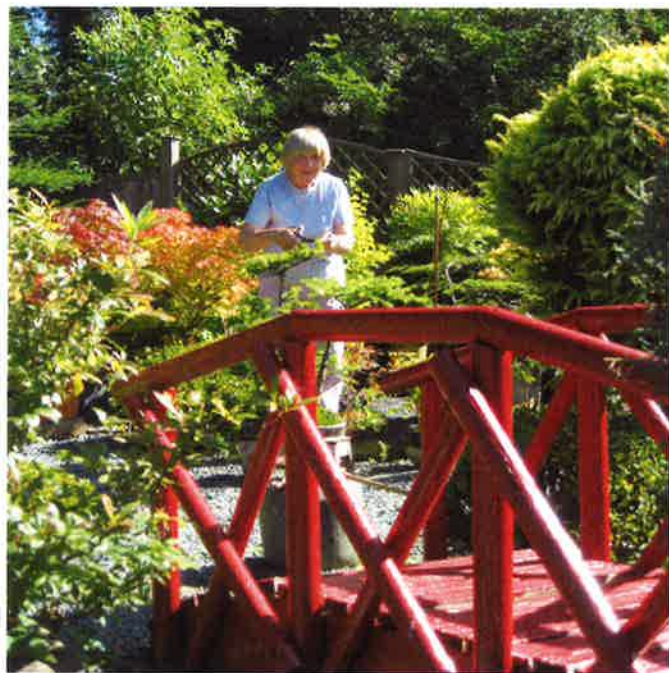
Best Back Garden—1, Sheila Parish; Com, Angela Baker.

Most Original Hanging Basket or Trough—1, Sue Butcher; HC, Lindsey Eaton; Com, Clair Fisher.

Best Allotment—1, David Allaway; HC, Joan Peerles; Com, Michael Wort.

Best Commercial Garden—1, The Old Eden, also Best Commercial Planted Pot/Basket/Trough, Commended.

*Pictured (below): A touch of Japanese style in Edenbridge—back garden winner Sheila Parish*



### *Could you donate a bench to the town?*

A new long bench is needed to replace one of two "retired" unrepairable from the courtyard behind Eden Valley Museum. The Great Stone Bridge Trust has already funded £700 for one, but another sturdy replacement is still needed. Is there an organization, or local family who would like to help? If so, give us a call on 01732 865368.

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