



# Edenbridge Town Council

Town Clerk: Christine Lane CertHE Local Policy



To: S. McGregor and R Davison (ex officio), J. Barnett, T. Bryant (Vice-chairman), A. Layland (Chairman), V. Maynard, M. Robson, J. Scholey, B Todd, and J. Woollorton.

**An OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE meeting will be held 7.30pm 21 November 2016, at Rickards Hall**

## AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, OR PREDETERMINATIONS  
Including any interests not already registered
3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS  
Members of the committee will receive questions and statements from the public (this is the only opportunity for members of the public to make a contribution during the meeting) and from members with Interests in items on the Agenda. Members and public are limited to 3 minutes per person.
4. TO RECEIVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE 19th September 2016
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  - 8.9 To consider street lights maintenance – LED lighting
9. TO NOTE THE GENERAL REPORT OF OPEN SPACES ACTIVITY
10. PRESS RELEASE

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Income for Open Spaces		Budget	Actual	Balance	Expenditure for Open Spaces		Budget	Actual	Balance
Allocation from Precept		198,228.00	198,228.00	0.00	Staff Costs		108,400.00	58,387.40	50,012.60
Cemetery Fees		12,000.00	6,518.85	5,481.15	Utilities		10,930.00	7,015.91	3,914.09
Rents		11,336.00	10,417.35	918.65	Playground Repairs		0.00	0.00	0.00
Maintenance Services		4,840.00	2,570.00	2,270.00	Services		8,020.00	3,621.12	4,398.88
Solar Panels		820.00	0.00	820.00	Equipment/Tools		6,000.00	3,005.57	2,994.43
Sundry Receipts		9,250.00	7,345.69	1,904.31	Materials		15,330.00	9,300.56	6,029.44
10 Year Maintenance Plan Revenue TR		0.00	0.00	0.00	Buildings		2,300.00	1,113.22	1,186.78
10 Year Maintenance Plan Capital TR		0.00	0.00	0.00	Vehicles		10,050.00	5,425.57	4,624.43
					Contingencies		3,000.00	530.00	2,470.00
					Others		1,000.00	775.78	224.22
					Small Projects		0.00	0.00	0.00
					Vandalism		3,500.00	1,880.27	1,619.73
					Footpaths Equipment		200.00	12.16	187.84
					Public Street Lighting		10,000.00	3,619.30	6,380.70
					10 Year Maintenance Plan		57,744.00	18,391.94	39,352.06
		<b>236,474.00</b>	<b>225,079.89</b>	<b>11,394.11</b>			<b>236,474.00</b>	<b>113,078.80</b>	<b>123,395.20</b>

**5. TO RECEIVE ANALYSIS OF THE COMMITTEE'S RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS TO 31st October 2016**

The comparisons report from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 to 31st October 2016 is attached for members' information.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**6.1 Community First Responders re: council vehicles**

Council has received the attached inquiry from Community First responders regarding their wish to establish a vehicle for rural outreach. Their application for a grant was considered last month, and the Finance committee awarded £150 towards their total. First Responders have been advised that the Council has only one vehicle possibly due for replacement, but not until 2019 and it is not a 4x4, but they still wished members to see this inquiry. **How do members wish to respond?**

**6.2 Great Stone Bridge re: Water Meadows Project report**

Members of the grounds team assisted with the activity day in early October, and the updated report for this project is attached.

**6.3 Kent Men of the Trees re: result and report from Trees in the Village Competition 2016**

Attached is the letter advising the competition result, and a copy of the judges report. Members are invited to consider what type of tree they would like (the supplier is in Charing so it will need collecting) which would be about 6ft tall, and could be native, ornamental, or fruit – depending on the intended planting location. **Members are asked please would they provide three options of tree, to widen the scope of sourcing?**

**6.4 Resident re: request for geocache location in the Millennium Wood**

The attached request has been received from a resident who is seeking permission to introduce a geocache location alongside one of the footpaths beside the Millennium Wood. If members follow the link shown in the e-mail, the activity is explained in the short video. **Do members wish to give permission for the placement of a geocache at the Millennium Wood?**

**7. HEAD GROUNDSMAN'S REPORT**

**7.1 Routine and seasonal work**

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Leaf clearance all sites

Cleaned out Mill Leat

Marking out all sports pitches

Cutting back brambles all sites

Replacing vandalised fence palings

Edging Cemetery paths.

Cleaning along all kerb sides on all sites

Topping up sunken graves

Grass cutting all sites

Weeding and tidying all beds in Cemetery and Leather Market

Usual weekly maintenance

**7.2 Groundstaff activity**

The team has been cutting back, shaping, and taking out, dead branches and brambles around trees and bushes on Stangrove Park.

The maple tree at the back of the eastern car park at the Rec has been reduced, and bramble over hanging trees, and ivy around trees, cut back all along the fence across the bund at the Rec.

The two football pitches at Mowshurst have had the Earthquake drainage-improvement machine run over them, plus football pitch 2 at the Rec.

The visit to the SALTEX show at NEC in Birmingham went well. I checked prices for equipment we will be needing, to make comparison with prices from local suppliers.

I spoke to several drainage companies, and was recommended SJK Sports Turf as being very good on prices for verti-draining, Earthquake machine, and sand-banding. I have followed up with them and asked what price for treating all of our pitches. They have quoted a really good deal of £2,400 for ten pitches, verti draining or Earthquake machine, taking four days to complete Mowshurst and the Rec. They have done a lot of work for the FA, and this work would help our pitches by relieving

compaction, and aiding water movement through the surface and root development - well worth considering.

The winter baskets and planters through the High Street have been cut back and replanted.

The salt bins are all full, and there is about five tons in stock plus 200 hundred sand bags all ready to go

The quarterly Health & Safety monitoring has been carried out.

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The agreed repair to the small Bipper van was carried out, and during the process it was recommended that the water pump be done at the same time as it was all connected. This was the first significant work for the vehicle in seven years, with three years to go before planned replacement. The matter was referred to the committee chairman, who approved the work to proceed, at a total cost of £830.93 plus VAT. **Are members content to endorse this expenditure?**

## **8. OPEN SPACES BUSINESS FOR DECISION**

### **8.1 To receive the Burial Report, and consider revision of the Cemetery rules**

Below is the record of Cemetery activity for the past two months:

September 2016

October 2016

One burial

Two interments of ashes

One Grant of Right

As agreed last meeting, a small group of councillors (Layland, McGregor and Todd) revisited the Cemetery regulations and recommend that in view of increasing instances of elderly long-term residents having to move out of the parish into care homes nearer their families, but wishing to return to Edenbridge for interment when the times comes, parishioner status should continue for up to three years after moving. Requests for variation should be considered by the Council chairman, chairman of Open Spaces committee and one other member of the committee. **Do members agree to adopt this recommendation?**

Other aspects of the Cemetery rules and regulations have also been reviewed, and changes to update them are proposed as follows:

As the option to include a small engraved image of the deceased on a memorial has not been taken up since it was introduced several years ago, and the section where it was permitted is now full, **do members approve removal of this option?**

There has previously been no specific reference to exclusion of animal remains, and it is advised this is included. **Do members agree?**

The provision of a flat marker stone on a pre-purchased plot has fallen out of practice over a number of years, and as the information is recorded in the purchase register, graves register, and on the graves chart, **do members approve removal of this item?**

### **8.2 To receive the report on the annual review of Activities Risk Assessments**

The annual Activities Risk Assessment review has been completed, with only one item to add, a manual handling assessment for the knapsack spraying assessment.

### **8.3 To consider the Annual Review of Groundstaff Activities and staff training requirements**

There have been no changes in the groundstaff team structure, and none are proposed at this time. The team remains three full-time posts in the autumn/winter season (comprising head groundsman, skilled groundsman, and unskilled groundsman) and in the spring/summer this increases to four full-time posts (head groundsman, skilled groundsman, unskilled groundsman, and an eight month skilled post April-October). This latter was filled by an Agency placement this summer.

The permanent skilled groundsman requested reduction to three days a week, and the agency placement has been extended until 31<sup>st</sup> March to cover the other two days. There are currently no plans for this council to take on additional maintenance work, and the staffing arrangement will give time to consider the range of grounds activity going forward.

Members are advised that Kent Highways is now reducing its grass maintenance to 5-6 cuts per year, which includes the relief road Mont St Aignan Way and is likely to affect the appearance of this main route through Edenbridge. Shrub maintenance is reduced to one prune per year. Highways have said parishes can buy-in additional cuts, or they will pay parishes a small amount as contribution to carry out the work themselves. The Town Council's small team already does not have the capacity to maintain the Churchyard, which is contracted-out, therefore adding the relief road would not be possible without reducing other standards – unless another person is added to the team. It is possible additional shrub-pruning could be purchased from Highways, or a team of volunteers could be formed to carry out additional pruning, similar to the volunteer litter-pickers co-ordinated by the Community warden. **How do members wish to respond to the Highways change?**

Following staff appraisals this year, the only training need identified is for a possible pesticides course for the agency worker, as all permanent staff qualifications are up to date.

#### **8.4 To receive the report on Quarterly Monitoring and review the action plan (attached)**

The committee chairman and Cllrs Davison, McGregor, and Todd, joined the head groundsman and deputy clerk for two half-day monitoring visits at the end of last month. The Action Plan has been updated accordingly.

During the tour of sites at Blossoms Park members considered the possibility of preventing access to the cricket field, and recurring damage/displacement of the white timber bollards, by installing a low rail fence along the field edge of the access drive. A local contractor has been asked to provide an indicative price for this, both in timber, and in metal, information expected in time for the meeting.

**Do members wish to recommend this as an item for Budget considerations, and under what heading, as this is a new project not planned maintenance?**

At the skate ramps the user's information notice has been vandalised again and the lockable case and content now need replacing (see attached). The cost would be £295 (£30 more than the original installed in 2010). The smaller A3 notice also is worn and needs updating, at a cost of £65. **Do members wish to carry out these replacements?**

A suggestion has been made that to brighten up the skate ramps location, the western side of the surrounding fence could provide a site for panels to host a long mural, to be painted by local young people in a similar project to the award-winning Town Station subway artwork. A site is being sought for next year, **do members wish to put forward this suggestion?**

Subsequent to the quarterly monitoring, routine playground inspection this month uncovered corrosion damage to the crawl tunnel at the Spitals Cross site, the item being closed off from use. The cost of welding repair was quoted at £452.75 plus VAT, allowing for up to four hours for welding (reduced if less time is taken). In consultation with the committee chairman, the repair has been commissioned, in order to return the item to use – funding to be taken from the 10-year plan Contingencies budget. **Do members endorse this expenditure?**

One of the large wire mesh waste bins in the Cemetery has reached the end of its serviceable life, and a replacement will cost £73.49 plus VAT. **Do members approve this expenditure under the depreciation budget heading?**

#### **8.5 To consider committee budget recommendations for 2017/18**

The Forward Planning Committee in September recommended committees should set a stand-still budget for 2017/18.

Equipment identified at previous meetings for replacement in 2017 includes the following, with prices the head groundsman has sought from a local supplier:

Ransomes TG3400 tailed hydraulic 5-gang mower,	£25,600 less part-exchange £2,000	
	£23,500 plus VAT	(RRP £29,060)
Stihl chainsaw	£ 460	RRP £ 595
Water bowser	£2290	RRP £2648
Rover 18" mower	£ 360	RRP £ 449.17
Rotary petrol mower	£ 360	RRP £ 450
Stihl strimmer	£ 535	RRP £ 710
"Billy Goat" pedestrian leaf vacuum	£1050.50	RRP £1249.99

In April members at Council agreed to consider provision of funding for an additional dog waste bin and on-going service cost at footpath SR602 Crouch House Road, within Open Spaces budget next year.

Members also considered creating a digital record of the Cemetery registers by scanning the books, costing at £850, and the possibility has also been raised of back-entering data into the computer package from 2011 back to 1905 when the oldest section of the Cemetery was opened. This would involve in the region of 4,500 records, at a cost of approx £1,900.

Other items for consideration include Blossoms Park fence rail (discussed at item 8.4 above) and casual use goal-ends at the Rec (see item 8.8 below)

The current provider of the High Street hanging baskets display has confirmed that they would maintain the same price as this year for 2017.

It has been suggested that a new lockable wooden noticeboard could be installed at Marsh Green to replace the one removed from the former Wheatsheaf. The front garden of the church St John URC has been suggested as a possible location, where it could replace the existing church notice board. The church is not averse to the idea in principle (subject to information about cost) and if the board was two-bay, with space for up to six A4 sheets on each side, it could comfortably display Council and community notices. Depending on the source, the cost could be in the region of £1,500, but it is hoped to present a range of prices to the meeting.

**Do members wish to propose the above items for consideration, and are there any other items members wish to propose for the Open Spaces budget next year?**

## **8.6 To consider works within Open Spaces 10 year Maintenance Plan**

### **8.6.1 Update current Year 1, and costings for Rec car park re-marking**

A comparison to date of agreed work costs against budget (set on 2015 prices) is attached.

#### **Doggetts Courtyard Benches**

Subsequent to last meeting the Rotary Club kindly agreed a donation of £600 towards the second longer-length bench for the courtyard.

The local carpenter commissioned to repair the remaining shorter seat found in practice the joints had deteriorated too far. With the committee chairman's approval the £350 in the budget has been used to replace the seat from the same supplier as the long benches at £274.99 ex VAT **Are members content to endorse this expenditure?**

Work on Doggetts Courtyard surface is still part completed, re-sanding the joints is yet to be carried out in appropriate weather conditions..

#### **Bus shelter, south end of High St**

The replacement of the bus shelter at High St/Mont St Aignan Way is yet to be carried out.

### **8.6.2 Programme for next Year 2 (attached)**

Members had an opportunity to review the works programme for next year during the quarterly monitoring visits. The budget figures shown are still at 2015 level, and will need an uplift of 2% to reflect inflation. There is currently a total of £2140 included in the budget for verti-draining – in light of the head groundsman's report above, **do members wish to increase this sum by £260 to be able to cover all the pitches?**

The car park at Mowshurst (896sq m in total) has become potholed in the section approaching the recycling pods, and is due for resurfacing next year under the Plan. The consultants allowed £12,096 (at 2015 prices) to regrade the whole surface and relay with road planings, but suggested two other alternatives – one to use recycled asphalt at approx. £1,000 more than the planings' cost, or the other to use a completely different system such as Bodpave which would add around £31,000 further to the planings cost. **How do members wish to deal with the current potholes, and what approach do members wish to take next year?**

## **8.7 To consider future action to protect open spaces from unauthorised access**

One suggestion had come from Marsh Green, to increase the height of the edges of the Green, making it harder for towed vehicles to gain access. Members requested an advisory cost for information for raising along 80m length, and the contractor who re-profiled another section of the

green previously should have a price available for the meeting. **Do members have any other ideas?**

**8.8 To consider the future of casual-use goals at the Recreation Ground**

Members at last meeting decided to consult the Youth Forum on this item, to establish the need for permanent metal mesh goal ends, and if yes, to request their help in fund-raising. The young people have confirmed there is a need for goal-ends for casual use, and would be prepared to help with fund-raising for this facility. **Do members wish to include a sum in the Open Spaces budget for this project, and if so under which heading? If not, how is the casual use of football goals to be managed?**

**8.9 To consider street lights maintenance – LED lighting**

Our lighting contractor has advised that they now have an LED gear tray, which fits directly into our Thorn Jet lanterns, and they can supply and install these gear trays for £195 + VAT each. Although there is the initial outlay, there is a 65% energy saving, and apparently many clients are also enthusiastic about the white light they provide. KCC are changing their lanterns and at their recent Highways parish seminar said the LED lights last for 15 year. The gear trays can be installed on a column by column basis, or road by road.

Sue Kinsella, at Kent Highways, has explained about funding assistance from Salix Finance, a government-backed, not-for-profit organisation (flyer attached) with 0% interest funding and repayment via energy savings.

**How do members wish to proceed – would they like more enquiries to be made about Salix?**

The lighting contractor has also advised that column 68 (on the wall of 54 Hever Road) has been vandalised. To repair it, it could be converted to 50w Sodium and have the broken panel replaced, at a cost of £137.25 + VAT, or have an LED gear tray installed and the broken panel replaced.

**Which option do members wish to use to repair the lantern?**

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16 November 2016

**9. TO NOTE THE GENERAL REPORT OF OPEN SPACES ACTIVITY**

Concerns continue regarding an increased number of pigeons present in the town centre, some property owners have consulted Environmental Health about options for their control. It would be up to each premises to take their own action, and defences on one property could just move the problem along to the next. An application has been submitted for a grant of £500 from SDC Business Area Improvement Fund to take wider action. A response is awaited.

Plaques for the two donated benches for Doggetts Courtyard have been ordered, and it is proposed to have a photo-opportunity to mark the gifts to the community before Christmas.

**10. PRESS RELEASE**

Do members consider any items from this meeting should be the subject of a Press Release?

**Sent:** 10 October 2016 12:54

**To:** Christine Lane

**Subject:** Council vehicles

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Would you please pass my inquiry to the Open Spaces Committee Chairman for their consideration?!

The thought had occurred as to what might happen to council vehicles when you deem it necessary to replace them?

I am part of the local Edenbridge Community First Responders (CFR) team, which you may be aware provides support to South East Coast Ambulance Service responding to 999 calls for them ahead of the ambulance staff and dealing with a multitude of different medical issues, which on occasion may be life threatening.

In addition to these duties we also are passionate about deploying Publicly Accessible Defibrillators (we have three now in Edenbridge, one in Cowden and shortly will have one in Four Elms and three around Crockham Hill area) and ensuring that members of the public are able to use these along with being able to carry out CPR.

My reason for asking about what might happen when the council replace vehicles is that as a CFR team covering the Edenbridge area including the outlying villages, we are actively raising funds to try and acquire a vehicle (preferably 4x4). We would equip this with medical equipment and use it to get to patients in some of the harder to get to locations and also when weather conditions are particularly adverse (flooding, high winds and heavy snow are something that can affect our ability to get to patients quickly).

Thank you in anticipation.

**And**  
**GREAT STONE BRIDGE TRUST (GSBT)**

**Water Meadows Management Project – progress report of October, 2016**

1. Introduction:

1.1 This report addresses the Radnor House School's (aka Combe Bank School) 'Make a Difference Day' which was held in the Great Stone Bridge Trust water meadows on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2016. The report has been prepared for the October meeting of the trustees of the GSBT, and for distribution to those organisations whose staff joined in the activities of the day, namely Edenbridge Town Council (ETC), the North West Kent Countryside Partnership (NWKCP) and the Edenbridge Waitrose store.

2. The Make a Difference Day (MaDD):

2.1 This year saw the inaugural MaDD conducted by the school when all of its pupils were divided into groups and went out into the surrounding communities to work with a variety of charities. The GSBT water meadows was one of those locations chosen which met the charitable status criterion, and as a consequence of work undertaken by the NWKCP and which had been publicised, coming to the attention of the school.

2.2 A considerable amount of preparatory work had been undertaken by the various participating organisations, encompassing the identification of members of participating staff, through to and including the conducting of risk assessments, both prior to and on the day of the event. The one risk which remained and which no amount of preparatory effort could offset was that of the weather which, on the day, was perfect – a clear, blue sky, warm sunshine and a gentle breeze from the beginning of the day through to the end.

2.3 The participants assembled in the Pavilion of the Edenbridge Recreation Ground at around 9.30 for briefing which also included a health and safety aspect. The participants were as follows: 16 pupils from the school, both girls and boys, accompanied by 2 members of staff; Craig and Sean, 2 members of the ETC ground staff with appropriate equipment for the arduous work which was to follow; 7 members of the NWKCP, under the supervision of Sarah Spellman and Mark Gallant, with full equipment in the Landrover and trailer and who had battled through heavy traffic from Bexley to arrive in time for the briefing; Seymon, Tristan and Charlie, 3 volunteer members of our local Waitrose staff, a volunteering opportunity which was new to both the 3 of them as it was to us, the GSBT; 2 trustees of the GSBT – Ben Brownless and myself.

2.4 The total of 32 participants then made their way to the southern end of the water meadows where everyone was divided into groups and allocated various tasks leading to the construction of 'bug hotels' or, in this instance, 'bug mansions'! On site at 10 am, the work went forward, with Craig and Sean cutting down sizeable ash saplings, whilst Ben supervised the presence and safety of pupils in the proximity. The trees which were cut down were then further cut into manageable lengths and the thinner branches removed. Meanwhile, another group was gathering up fallen timber from

around the area and, under the supervision of Sarah, were enhancing an already-established 'bug hotel'. Additional work entailed the removal of young oak saplings which would never reach maturity owing to their location and / or shape, and the removal of the lower branches of the more mature trees in the vicinity, branches which were preventing sunlight and air getting into the bases and surrounding areas of these trees and thereby inhibiting the growth of other vegetation.

2.5 At 12 noon a halt was called to the activities and lunch was taken, the pupils, teaching staff, Ben and myself returning to the Pavilion, shortly to be joined by Craig and Sean. We all returned to the site of the morning's activities at 1 o'clock and work was resumed, albeit temporarily interrupted by the arrival of the local pizza van and a number of take-aways, all of which were consumed in an orderly and dignified manner! The work quickly moved into the construction of the new 'bug mansion' and the final aspects of the refurbishment of the existing 'bug mansion'.

2.6 With spirits still high, but physical work beginning to take its toll, the final piece of work of the day was, without doubt, the most arduous and trying, and called for supreme strength and agility, namely the siting and fixing of 5 owl nesting boxes – 1 for barn owls, 2 for tawny owls and 2 for little owls. Each of these boxes was heavy and cumbersome, and required to be nailed to the main trunks of the mature ash trees approximately 20 – 25 feet above ground level. Craig and Sean excelled themselves when undertaking this particular task, and we could not have anticipated starting this piece of work, let alone completing it, without their skill and strength, and I take my hat off to them for their agreeing to take on the responsibility for this work in the first place.

2.7 The day's work for everyone ended at around 3 – 3.15, and some very tired, yet satisfied, individuals made their way back to the Pavilion prior to, in the case of the pupils, collection by their parents and, for the rest of us, to head back into another life.

### 3. Had it all been worthwhile?

3.1 The answer to this simple question has to be an unequivocal 'yes', and not merely because the 'bug hotels' were created or refurbished and the owl boxes fixed into position. Far more important, in my opinion, was the camaraderie generated by everyone working together in teams undertaking specific tasks with minimal instruction, yet lots of guidance, help and support, particularly from the NWKCP volunteers who gave master-classes in the use of the various saws and tools which some of the pupils were eager to work with. Young and not-so-young working alongside one another, sharing knowledge, skills and understanding. Everyone could see and appreciate what their personal contribution was leading to and, in so doing, there was a greater sense of everyone working together as a team, yet each team member doing something slightly different from anyone else, and at a speed which suited them; they also learnt of the constant need for care, safety and consideration as all of the different tasks were undertaken simultaneously and in close proximity to one another. Despite the gradual onset of tiredness, behaviour and language was impeccable throughout, and it was a real pleasure to see the results of their labours bear fruit. The litmus test to a day's activities such as these has got to be, to the best of my knowledge, that nobody suffered from any form of cut or bruising! The first aid bag, present throughout, was not required!

### 4. Would we do something similar again?

4.1 Again, in my opinion, an unequivocal 'yes', but I would be the first to admit that the weather on the day will always play a key role in both enthusiasm and personal enjoyment and, in this instance, it really did smile on the day. It could be interesting for the pupils to return to the meadows and to see what their efforts had achieved over time, but that would be of 'passing interest', most probably, rather than anything more fundamental.

4.2 There is, of course, so much more to learn with regard to any number of aspects of the water meadows, but to move in that direction would be to move the focus away from the nature of the 'charitable contribution' and back to the essence of learning as a school pupil. There is, of course, the opportunity to undertake academic research over time, with the water meadows as a suitable environment, or for the school to 'adopt' the water meadows and thereby maintain a greater interest and involvement in the management of them.

4.3 For now, however, whilst acknowledging the valuable contribution which everyone made on the day, it will be interesting to receive any feedback from those individuals and organisations who were involved in the day's activities.

Submitted for information at this point in time.

Clive Pearman  
GSBT Trustee  
8<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.

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25 OCT 2016



## THE KENT MEN OF THE TREES



Kent Men of the Trees  
*Trees in the Village Competition*  
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24 October 2016

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Dear Ms Staff

### **Trees in the Village Competition 2016**

Recently, the judges of the *Trees in the Village Competition* met to discuss this year's results. Sadly, Edenbridge did not win the competition this year but I am pleased to say that the judges considered your village to be the amongst the best we saw.

As a result, we would like to contribute £25 towards a tree of your choice to be planted in Edenbridge. Our supplier is Kevin Giles ([kevindgiles@outlook.com](mailto:kevindgiles@outlook.com), 07889 289710) and he will gladly advise you on a suitable choice of tree.

When you have chosen a tree maybe you would be so kind as to let me know what you have chosen. My email address is above. Please note that the best value is to buy a bare-rooted tree and the planting season for such trees usually ends before spring begins. Should you require any help planting the tree the Kent Men of the Trees will be able to help.

I enclose two copies of the report that our judge wrote concerning your village.

Thank you for entering this year.

Yours sincerely

Peter Blandon  
Competition Organiser

# Edenbridge

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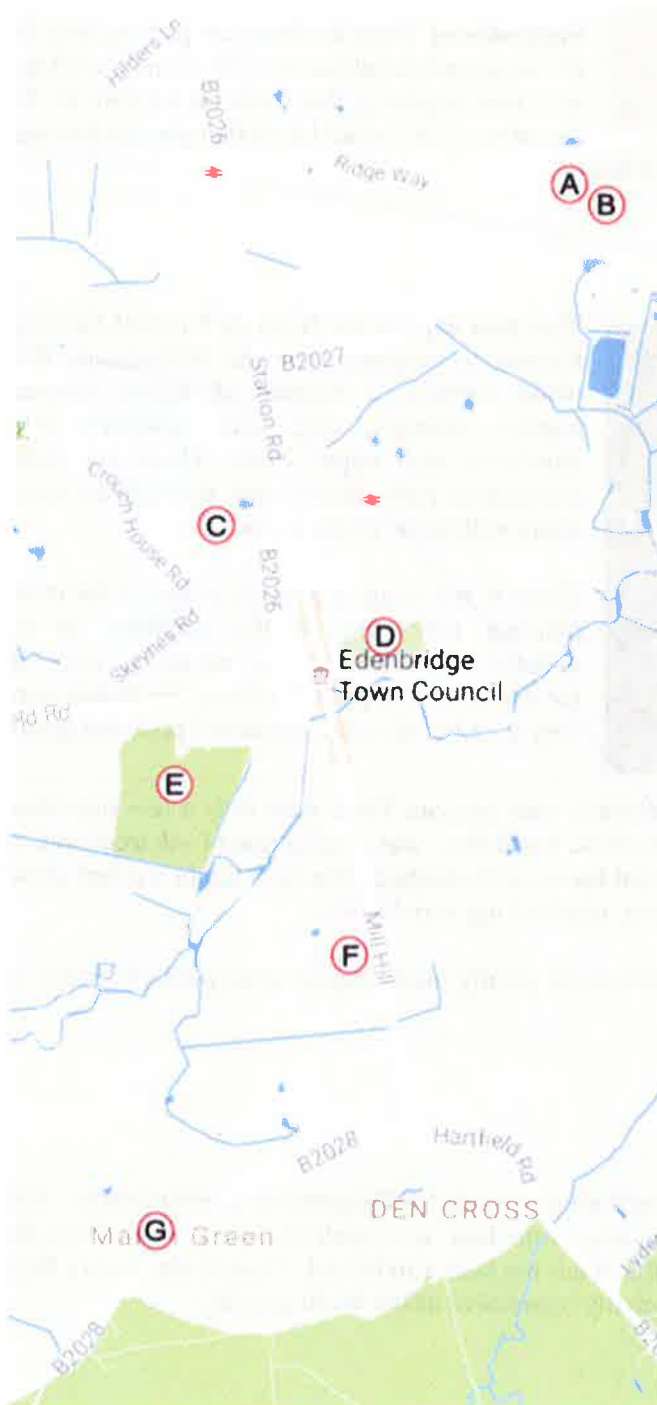
## *Dates of visit*

23<sup>rd</sup> August – met Bob Todd and Alan Layland in the morning and toured the village under their guidance. Then, in the afternoon I looked around the village on my own to make a final judgement.

## *Introduction*

Edenbridge is one of the largest villages or towns to enter the competition and the town council has a budget and team to maintain the areas that I visited. As a result, the overall level of care was superior to that witnessed in many of the smaller villages where volunteers have to be relied upon.

Trees are surveyed on a regular basis and risk assessments carried out and this informs the regular maintenance programme.



### *A -- Nomads Football Ground*

This is a clay-area that has had quite a lot of drainage work undertaken. It is home to the "Nomads" football club. It is a well-kept area, hedged with hawthorn and other species. There is a row of mature oaks between the two football pitches (see photo).



The ash that bordered some of fields seem to be healthy. There was evidence of maintenance of the trees forming the border between the two fields with lower branches being removed. This makes them good shade and shelter trees.

**Suggestions:** There is a large car parking area for this area (and the adjacent Millennium Wood) and so it was surprising that I was on my own on the day of my visit. I would have thought that this area

would be ideal for dog walkers. Maybe more publicity?

### *B -- Millennium Wood*



This area adjoins the Nomads Football Ground. Planted to commemorate the Millennium, this wood contains a number of native species; maples, cherries, oak, ash, mountain ash, hawthorn, crab apple, birch. There are well-maintained paths around and through the area, along with some picnic areas.

There is not really any great potential for extra planting here and so the emphasis is on maintaining the area for walkers and picnics. On the day when I inspected it the temperatures were very high but the wood remained cool and quiet.

**Suggestion:** Possibly one or two signs of ash dieback were present. There were only a few suspicious looking leaves and in one area towards the back of the wood there was a collection of ash trees and, on the ground, were a number of twigs with browned leaves still attached. This area might warrant closer inspection in the future. Most of the ash, however, was looking very healthy.

The area, at least when I was there, did not seem to be greatly used. Maybe some publicity might be tried (if this has not already been done.)

### *C -- Leisure Centre*

This is a very well-managed piece of ground with an enormous Wellingtonia as a main feature. This seems to be in good condition despite some scarring to the bole as a result of fire damage. Given the soft nature of this species' bark it is surprising that it has not been vandalised. There is also a very large willow which, when the park is entered, is as equally impressive as the Wellingtonia.



There are a number of horse chestnuts near the entrance to the leisure centre which are showing signs of what might be bleeding canker (see photo). There was a variegated maple near the entrance to the leisure centre that was just beginning to revert to full green. One branch had already turned green.

There were a number of ash trees that were in good condition although near the children's play area some suspicious branches with browned leaves were found.

Apart from the "major" trees in the park there is a wide

variety of other species; hornbeam, oak, hawthorn, Scots pine. A large horse chestnut by the pond was beginning to show signs of leaf miner but no canker was observed.



A line of oaks along the boundary were also well worth visiting – see photo.

Some new planting along the road was progressing well but did show signs of vandalism.

**Suggestion:** The horse chestnuts should be kept under observation to ensure that the bleeding canker does not develop too much.

It would be nice to prune out the part of the variegated maple that had reverted in order to keep it in variegated form.

The new planting along the road is beginning to become quite large so that a little judicious "crown raising" might put the lower branches out of reach of the casual vandal.



Given the range of impressive trees in the park a small leaflet illustrating a "tree walk" through the area might be worth considering.

## **D – Churchyard**

The entrance to the churchyard has a large cherry and a rather sorry-looking *Sorbus* (mountain ash?) that could be removed.

The churchyard contains an avenue of large-leaved limes. Usually, the suckering of these trees is a problem but here it is used to advantage to provide an interesting avenue, different from the yew avenues often seen (see photo).



mature trees; silver birches, limes, American oak, London plane, copper Norway maple and false acacia.

There is a little collection of *Acers*, including a paper-bark maple, a snake-bark maple. These seem to me to have been planted a little close together and so might need some careful management to make sure all the trees can flourish.

There are a number of yews with well-raised crowns, a red oak was looking very healthy and a horse chestnut (red flowering?) showed no signs of leaf miner damage or canker.

The newer part of the churchyard is more open in nature but the far end has a number of fine,

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**Suggestions:** The church was open on the day of my visit and the PCC might like to consider the production of a three-fold pamphlet in the church identifying the trees for people who visit.

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## E – Recreation Ground



the picture is a very interesting feature. Apparently, it is the subject of some complaints by neighbours, but felling should be resisted. The form it now has is so interesting that it would be nice to see it preserved in the future. The left-hand side of the tree (in photo) is weaker as it is variegated and so the right-hand side of the tree should be pruned fairly vigorously to maintain the balance of the tree. Any branches on the left that are reverting should be removed as soon as possible.

The car park to the recreation ground has an interesting variegated maple (*Acer drummondii*) – see photo. The grounds are surrounded by a number of large trees as well.

There are sloes and blackberries around the edge. Along the river there is a nice row of willows. Beyond the well-maintained playing field area, a number of footpaths run off and the land off the footpaths is left as scrub. This makes a nice contrast and, as long as the footpaths are well maintained, should be kept like this.

An occasional sign of ash dieback seemed to be present – see photo which was taken along the footpath on the way back to the main road.

**Suggestion:** the maple shown in the



There might be scope for a little extra planting in the main playing field area. In the long term, shade trees seem to be required between and around the pitches. During my visit, which was on a very hot day, the people in the recreation ground were all sitting under the trees that offered shade.

The ash, especially the smaller (self-seeded?) ones, need to be kept under close observation.

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### **F – Blossom Park**

Blossom Park is used by the cricket club but was very well used on the day of my visit.



The park is surrounded by a large number of mature trees. There is a fine line of Scots pine, Black pine and oaks on the road-side boundary of the park. A couple of horse chestnuts around the old pavilion were showing leaf miner damage.

Again, there was the suspicion of ash dieback on an ash tree “opposite” the pavilion (see photo). This might, of course, be simple damage by people using the park.

A Wellingtonia is making good headway, and there is some new planting at the car park end of the park.

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**Suggestion:** The trees at the car park end that have been (relatively) recently planted could now have their stakes removed.

Not a tree issue, but on my visit the car parking area was full. I got into conversation with a lady who was complaining about the lack of space. As the park seems to be very well used, extra spaces might be useful.

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### **G – Marsh Green**

This is a large triangle of land that forms a feature of the Marsh Green settlement. It has a large open centre which is appropriate and is surrounded by a number of mature trees. All of the trees have raised crowns so that use of the land is not inhibited by drooping branches.

There are a large number of American oaks, ordinary oaks and some young oaks around the edge that seem to be doing well.

There was some new planting of what looked like willow under some of the oaks. I could not see a reason for this and I would doubt if they will come to anything as they are planted under some mature oaks. Indeed, it seemed that one or two had already died.

There is a large horse chestnut that showed no sign of leaf miner damage. This might be because the area is kept well maintained and, given the absence of many other chestnuts in the area, gathering the fallen leaves in autumn is sufficient to prevent damage. Another, smaller horse chestnut nearer the houses was not looking so healthy and so attention might be paid to ensure that leaves are gathered from this one.



A number of large oaks form a line across the centre of the triangle (see photo). These looked very healthy and their location suggested that they might have formed a boundary edge in the past.

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**Suggestion:** A flowering cherry near the apex of the triangle is dead. This seems to have been planted in memory of someone. So maybe its replacement would be indicated.

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### ***Conclusion***

Edenbridge Town Council have managed the areas in their control very well. The trees are in good health and there are some very interesting park areas with good quality, mature trees.

I would like to thank Bob Todd and Alan Layland for taking the time to show me around the village, it was a very interesting morning.

Peter Blandon  
August 2016

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Hi Kathy,

It was nice talking to you a couple of weeks ago. I was caught up in Half term and did not get a chance to put this email out.

As you know we discussed Geocaching in and around the Millennium Woods, this fun activity is non intrusive and would not disturb any of the nature around the area.

You have shared your concerns regarding the box being found and tossed into the pond there, but I strongly feel anyone who would find this "cache" would be only doing so with a gps device and with specific searching in mind.


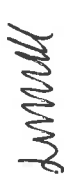
After you and I spoke it turns out that the loop through the fields across the road from Nomads already have several Geocache locations from Crockham Hill all the way through almost to Four Elms. However one also needs a premium membership to get the coordinates.

I also was in touch with the nice person at Sevenoaks County council and he also gave me some good advice and was very aware and supportive of the Geocaching activities throughout Kent, as he ran the "get outside" in kent" campaign through October.

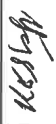
To come to the point, we would officially like to ask permission to place a small geocache in the Millennium woods. with a promise we would not disturb any of the nature in the process.

Please see the links below for more information about the fun activity it is. There is a short film on the front page of this link. <https://www.geocaching.com/play>

With Kind regards,

Site	Item	Action required	Responsible	Target date	Signed off
Blossoms Park	Skate ramps	Fencing is leaning - wind damage: monitor Trim top of Russian Vine	Groundstaff	On-going	
		Reinstate litter bin	Groundstaff	November 2016	
		Replace users' info sign	Groundstaff	November 2016	
		Re-set	Deputy Clerk	November 2016	
		Refurbish	Groundstaff	September 2016	
Recreation Ground		Replace content	Deputy Clerk	December 2016	
		Repaint ETC heading	Groundstaff	December 2016	
	Garden waste fly-tip	Negotiate with other bank owner re: future removals	Deputy Clerk	April 2016	
	Ambulance gate	Repaint gate and yellow "Ambulance"	Groundstaff	April 2016	
	Hedge r/o E car park and trees	Top-off hedge, remove ivy from oak, and prune variegated Acer	Groundstaff	December 2016	
Marsh Green	SDC litter bins	Refurbish/replace two	Deputy clerk/SDC	April 2016	
	Community notice board	Re-locate/replace	Councillors/D Clerk	September 2016	
	Safety surface – slide	Patch at edge	Deputy Clerk	December 2016	
	Missing two wooden bollard posts	Replace	Groundstaff	December 2016	
Peace Garden, Hever Rd	Replace Dove plaque?	Seek costing for alternative	Deputy Clerk	June 2016	
	Seat maintenance	Restain/repaint	Groundstaff	April 2016	
Doggetts Courtyard					

Market Yard	South wall	Needs repointing	Dep Clerk	10-yr Plan 2017	
Cemetery	Memorial stability	Contact owners and stone masons	D Clerk	Sept 2014 -ongoing	
	Pedestrian gate Cem 2/3	Repair catch	Groundstaff/bespoke part?	November 2015	
	Paint flaking, gates Cem 1 and Cem 2	Repaint	Groundstaff	December 2016	
	Coping stone missing Cem 1 wall by Depot Replace wire rubbish bin	Replace	Groundstaff	August 2016	
Churchyard	Self-set tree SE corner	Remove	Groundstaff	July 2016	
Forge Green					
Forge Croft Allotments	Bramble bank by garage	Reduce	Groundstaff	Autumn 2016	
	Entrance sign	Clean off	Groundstaff	Autumn 2016	<i>DM</i>
Pound Green					
Stangrove Park	Seat lost from west side nr Norman Court	Location for memorial seat?	D Clerk	On-going	
	Self-sets trees on south perimeter	Thin	Groundstaff	On-going seasonal task	
	Couple of slats missing Playground fence	Replace	Groundstaff	On-going (vandalism)	<i>DM</i>
	r/o wildlife sign	Re-stain	Groundstaff	August 2016	

	Cracked Perspex on	Replace	Groundstaff	December 2016	
	Bent rear fence, NW corner	Straighten up; chestnut fencing & plant hedging	Groundstaff	December 2016	
	Low tree branches	"Lifting" in process	Groundstaff	January 2017	
	Pond outlet grille				
	Part cover missing	Replace	Groundstaff	November 2016	
Spitals Cross playground	"Bitty" grass areas	Make more continuous grass areas in re-design	Deputy Clerk	2016 project	
	Fencing and play equipment	Plan to replace as single Project in 2017.	Deputy Clerk	2017	
		Repair fence as <i>ad hoc</i>	Groundstaff		
	Flat swings	Small patch repair	Deputy Clerk/contractor	July 2016	
		Re-paint top bar of frame	Groundstaff	July 2016	
Mowshurst	Spring see-saw	Bent handle re-set	Groundstaff	November 2016	
	Pitch maintenance	Lease terms to clarify responsibilities re: drainage/surface	Clerk	On-going	
	Car park potholes	Re-surface	Councillors/D Clerk	10-yr Plan	
Swan Lane Allotments	Brambles beside pond	Reduce in one section	Groundstaff	August 2016	
	Four neglected plots	Letter to clear weeds	Deputy Clerk	Autumn 2016	

# EDENBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Use of this facility is prohibited after dark and in icy conditions



**BE AWARE**  
Cricket balls may enter this area



**Do not drop litter**  
Please use the bins provided



**No Fires or BBQ's are allowed**



quality relationships

**RESPECT other users and neighbours**  
Do not shout or swear

**Byelaws apply**

**Town Clerk 01732 865368**

**These ramps were provided with funding from the**



Site name	Year 1 - 2016	Site details	Budget (2015)	Accepted to date	Actual	Over	Under
<b>Tree surveys and works identified in surveys</b>							
Hedge cutting: Forge Croft allotments, Blossoms Park, Mowshurst, and Recreation ground		Autumn maintenance cut, top and sides	£1,040	£1,270.00	£1,270.00	£230.00	
<b>Pump maintenance and repair (for Mill Leat, and the Recreation Ground).</b>		Annual maintenance and repair	£2,260	£405.00	£405.00		£1,855
<b>Recreation Ground and flood bund</b>		<b>East Car Park</b> Remark lines every five years Clear drainage channels and empty gulleys. <b>Sewage Pump and Pipelines</b> Survey of pipeline (not done to date) <b>Playground</b> Annual inspection Flat Seat Swings: Rub down and repaint; undercoat and two top coats. Multi-play unit: Rub down, undercoat and two top coats Roundabout: Rub down, undercoat and two top coats Cradle swings: Rub down, undercoat and two top coats. Playground gates; rub down, undercoat and two top coats Wooden fence: Allow for replacement slats and posts Safe Fall Surfacing - patch repairs Playground bins - repaint <b>Benches</b> Repaint/preserve 4 of <b>Bins</b> 2 by Pavilion refurbish (2 metal Guppy)	£210 £300 £250 £65 £1825 £110	£400 £400 £197.50 £65 £1691.00	£400 £285 £190		£15 £134
<b>Market Yard</b>		<b>Gulleys</b> ann. empty <b>Planter</b> brickwork repair <b>Knee rail</b> Replace section	£400 £340		£600.00 £507.15	£200 £167.15	
<b>Pound Green</b>		Replace bin Replace bench	£370 £420	£284 £463			

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Spitals Cross playground - repairs*				£70 (insp)		£65.00		
Mowshurst				£1390 £3024 £125	£1,300.00	£1,300.00		£90
High Street			<b>Pitches:</b> Verti-drain, sandslit <b>Woodland</b> management, manual cutting <b>Picnic bench/tables:</b> repaint <b>Pond:</b> habitat survey (with Stangrove Pond) mgmt plan  <b>Planters:</b> repaint 6 cast iron Replace hanging bskt bracket (if necess) <b>Bollards:</b> repaint all 36 38 <b>Finger posts:</b> repaint 4 <b>Benches:</b> repaint/preserve 4 <b>Cycle hoops:</b> replace one , <del>repaint others</del> <b>Bins:</b> repaint <b>Flagpole:</b> repaint <b>Jubilee clock:</b> annual service	£330  £1485 £1050 £330 £612 £824 £100 <b>£4731</b> £200	£720  £1080 £720 £240 (£134) £480 £250 <b>£3624</b> £265	£720  £1140 £720 £240 £134 £400 £250 <b>£3604</b> £265	£65	<b>£1,127</b>

						£1,800.65	£11,682.52
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£9,881.87

# Open Spaces 10 year Maintenance Plan

Site name	Year 2	Total
Tree surveys and works identified in surveys		0
Hedge cutting: Forge Croft allotments, Blossoms Park, Mowshurst and Recreation ground	1049 1270	
Pump maintenance and repair (£1260 pa and £1000 over 10 year period for Mill Leat, Mowshurst and the Recreation Ground).	2260	
<b>Recreation Ground and flood bund</b>		
Clear drainage channels and empty gulleys.	300	
Clean and plan to replace main recreation ground sign (2001)	350	
<b>Playground</b>		
Flat Seat Swings - Allow for replacement seats every 7 years	Annual inspection 2 seats (@ £44 + VAT)	65 100
New swing bearings and chains	2 chains @ £143 (supply & fit). 2 bearings @ £230 (supply & fit).	746
Cradle swings : Allow for replacement seats every 7 years.	2 seats (@ £115) + spares pack (£5) + VAT	240
New swing bearings and chains	2 chains @ £143 each (supply & fit). 2 bearings @ £230 (supply & fit).	746
Wooden fence	total length 102m. Allow to replace 10m per annum	300
Safe Fall Surfacing - patch repairs	Replace under swing and roundabouts in years 1-2 and under roundabout in year 10	120
<b>Fences, barriers, bollards, gates</b>		

Allow for replacement over life of Management Plan : 1 x Eastgate (East car park/front of rec). 2 x coronation (playground and outside B&Q), 1 coronation @ West c/p	Replacement costs (once over life of plan - randomly allocated)	415	
			3382
<b>Market Yard</b>			
Annual gully emptying		400	
Walls			
Rebuild part of Churchyard Wall (survey first)		7315	
Repoint remainder of wall		3500	
Replace section of wooden rail		20	
			11235
<b>Pound Green</b>		0	
<b>Forge Green</b> (routine grass cutting, hedge cutting and tree survey apply)			
<b>Marsh Green</b>			
Playground annual inspection		65	
Replace 2 flat swing seats		100	
Refurbish/replace Eastgate bench		415	
			580
<b>Blossoms Park</b>			
Concrete access road	Repair entrance and joints	1300	
Retaining walls at entrance	Repoint 15 sq m	1500	
Replace "welcome" sign		525	
	Replace 5 top riding surfaces	5920	
			9245
<b>Peace Garden</b>		0	
<b>War Memorial</b>		0	
<b>Bus stops</b> (War Memorial & High Street)		0	
<b>Doggetts Courtyard</b>	Steam clean whole area	350	
<b>Closed churchyard</b>			350

Grass	Topping-up	600	
Wall with Market Yard	Re-point	5800	
Asphalt path across Churchyard	Repair 186 sq m	4000	
			10400
<b>Cemeteries</b>			
Access road to depot	Resurface entrance at Church St	1200	
Path in Cem 1	Resurface, patches allowance	3100	
Seats and bins	Allow for repainting	250	
			5150
<b>Stangrove Park</b>			
Playground			
	Annual inspection	80	
	Replace 5m of fence	140	
	Replace 2 cradle swing seats	200	
	Replace 3 flat swing seats+fixings	540	
	renew bearings and chains	746	
	Surfacing patch repairs	240	
Pathway to play area from Leisure Centre	Overlay resurface	6700	
			8566
<b>Forge Croft allotments</b>			
Fencing along field boundary	Replace 148m of chestnut fencing	3100	
			3100
<b>Swan Lane allotments</b>			
Fencing along track boundary	Replace 98m chestnut fencing	2100	
			2100
<b>Spitals Cross playground - repairs*</b>			
	Annual inspection	80	
Fencing	Replace 10m a year	560	
Swings	Replace 2 flat seats	100	
	new swing bearings and chains	746	
	Replace 2 cradle swing seats	240	
	new swing bearings and chains	746	
Surfacing	Replace 126 sq m wetpour surface	25200	

	Replace 60 sq m asphalt	1300	28962
Spitals Cross playground - replacement*		0	
Mowshurst			
Car park	Resurface overlay of road planings	12096	
Pitch drainage	Vertidrain, sand-slit	1390	13486
High Street			
Hanging baskets	Replace bracket if necessary	90	
Jubilee Clock	Annual service	200	
			290

## Salix and parish councils

Salix Finance is a not-for-profit organisation which provides 100% interest-free loans for energy saving projects for the public sector in England, Scotland and Wales. Salix is funded by the Department for Energy and Climate Change and the Welsh and Scottish Governments. Salix can support over 120 different technologies and projects with parish councils. This can include upgrading street lighting, footpath lights as well as public buildings such as village halls.



### Working with parish councils

Salix can provide assistance by offering feedback as projects are developed. Applications are sense checked against a baseline of previous Salix funded projects to check the savings are reasonable.

Different projects can be grouped together and an overall payback used. This often enables Salix to fund a greater amount.

Salix can support projects by sharing best practices through regional meetings, technical workshops, case studies and project knowledge slides. Over 350 project knowledge slides can be accessed via our website.

### 5 simple steps to apply

- 1 Go to the salix website [salixfinance.co.uk/loans](http://salixfinance.co.uk/loans)
- 2 Complete an online application
- 3 Complete the compliance tool with project details
- 4 Submit your application online
- 5 Salix will assess and award funding

### Compliance criteria

Up to a 5 year technical payback

Projects can be part funded if the compliancy criteria is exceeded

Less than £100 per tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> over the lifetime of the project

To apply, or for more information on funding, please contact:  
**Email: [EnglandDelivery@salixfinance.co.uk](mailto:EnglandDelivery@salixfinance.co.uk)**



## Frequently asked questions

### What if the payback exceeds the 5 year limit?

Salix is able to part fund projects that exceed the 5 year payback criteria. In these cases Salix is able to fund up to the 5 year mark and alternative funding would need to be in place to cover the cost of the remaining amount of the project.

### Are there any limits on the size of loan?

There is a minimum value for any single project of £500 and a total minimum application and loan value of £5,000. There is not a maximum loan value.

### My project is likely to be completed over several phases, how does this work with Salix funding?

Salix is able to split projects into phases and can reserve funding ahead for future years. If necessary interim payments can be made as the project completes, with final payment on completion.

### Do we need approval to take out a Salix loan?

We are advised that approval from the Department for Communities and Local Government is required; this can be obtained by contacting your local county association for an application

form. Salix are able to reserve funding whilst approval is granted.

### Can Salix offer advice to help develop projects and recommend suppliers/products?

Salix is supplier neutral and therefore cannot recommend specific suppliers or products. We do have a knowledge sharing area on our website where clients have provided information about previous projects and their experiences. Client contact details are included so you can get in touch to ask any further questions.

## Hazlemere Parish Council

### Salix indicators

Total loan value

£24,400

Annual £ savings

£4,881

Lifetime £ savings

£97,621

Project payback

5 years\*

\* payback payback 18 years



### Project overview

Hazlemere Parish Council located in Buckinghamshire, has finished the first of 2 phases of their street lighting upgrade project utilising a £24,400 interest free loan from Salix, representing 29% of the total value. To date they have upgraded 240 35W SON lanterns to 16W LEDs. As a result the parish has reduced their electricity consumption by 72% from 57,185kWh down to 15,770kWh. This is expected to save £4,881 from their annual electricity bill. The new lanterns were positioned on the existing post tops and side entry columns.

"Councillors appreciate the cost savings made to their energy bill, with only 50% of the project being completed so far. Residents have commented that they like the new bright lights."

Councillor David Thompson

