

Edenbridge Reports

Autumn 2018



Scarecrows competition takes over the Town!



Town Council staff used their lunch time to get involved with the local scarecrow competition. Residents were encouraged to create a scarecrow by October 27th then send in a photo and a location. To vote for

your favourite, go to the dedicated facebook page 'Edenbridge Scarecrows' or go to Halo Hair Design on the High Street. Voting ends 17th November.



Congratulations to the green-fingered local winners

The Town Council has supported Edenbridge In Bloom again this year. Well done to Rosemary Cooper (Best Front Garden), Peter & Carole Blackbourne (Best Back Garden), Sue Butcher (Most Original Hanging Basket/Trough), The Old Eden (Best Commercial Garden & Best Planted Pot/



Basket/Trough) and to Edenbridge Brownies (Best Community Ornamental Project). The new row of revamped planters along Four Elms road has brightened up that area and was commend-

ed as a community groups project. Allotment grower Tony Munds won 'Best Allotment' and went on to win in the District competition too. Council Vice Chairman Alan Layland attended the prize presentation evening.

High Street Improvements



Drivers in the town centre need to watch out for the 20mph signs Kent Highways has installed, as a new reduced speed zone is in place. The scheme was welcomed by a majority of residents during the consultations, and had work to resurface and re-line the High Street taking place alongside. Other improvements, to assist visitors and guide shoppers into and through the town centre, are being considered.

Shelter here, by Doggetts Barn



What's that bell thing in the courtyard? The portable shelter from WW2, previously located in Stangrove Estate, has had a make-over. The Community Warden and a volunteer have worked hard and researched how best to restore this piece of history for all to enjoy. The shelter could accommodate 2 people and was built to withstand shrapnel and falling masonry during air raids.

Popular Family Fun days carry on with magic and drumming

The Town Council again provided free family fun sessions in August. The first Thursday afternoon in Stangrove Park enjoyed the very hot summer sunshine



(above) Getting the slide ready for fun

and featured extra fun with a magic show. The next two Thursdays were rather wet as the heatwave broke. One session was cancelled and the other relocated to Rickards Hall on the day, when African Drumming was an added activity. The sun did come back out for the last week and



families enjoyed the inflatable slide in Stangrove Park along with the usual crafts, and games, led by the Play Place team.

Could you help with an emergency situation?

The Emergency Planning Committee is looking for more volunteers to join its co-opted members. The role of the committee is to assist in the event of an emergency with communications, providing a basic rest centre, and support for vulnerable residents if needed. Training is provided for use of radios and for flood warden roles, and the committee aims to help the Emergency Services as requested.

Flooding is the most likely problem for the town, based on past experience, but there are other possible events, related to stormy weather (such as the "hurricane" in 1987, or major winter snowfall), or larger-scale transport accidents with two railway lines nearby, and the airport flight paths.

The community needs to be prepared to respond to events the best it can, with its own resources as needed. If you have skills or equipment you could offer in an emergency, please get in touch with the Town Council office.

Securing open spaces

The Council has increased security measures for our open spaces in several locations to help prevent unlawful encampment. Gates, railings and fencing have been installed to protect high risk areas in Marsh Green, Mowshurst and Stangrove Park.

We're a social bunch...

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



Resurfacing at the Rec

Paths round the Sports Pavilion, and the car park off Coomb Field at Lingfield Road Recreation Ground, have a smart new surface after recent works.



The project was carried out under the Council's rolling 10 year maintenance plan for its Open Spaces, and the car park on the western side of the Rec was re-marked at the same time. Other smaller works this year include replacing the display board for the wildlife interpretation painting near the pond in Stangrove Park.

The periodic items in the 10-year plan are in addition to all the seasonal work the Council's small grounds team undertakes year by year on its sites, ranging from parks to the Cemetery.