



Edenbridge Town Council

NEWSLETTER Autumn 2020



FREE FITNESS IN THE PARK

Try the Outdoor Gym and Games Area

People making New Year fitness resolutions can make the most of the new outdoor gym in Stangrove Park provided by the Town Council. It has proved very popular, especially while there were restrictions on travel and using indoor facilities. The range of items offers something for all ages and abilities. Anyone unsure how to use the equipment, can visit the Council's website for more photos and a link to instructions for use.

The games area opposite the gym equipment is also being well used, for a variety of games including a snooker wall which provides a fun way to sharpen skills and exercise.

Pictured above: Cllrs Layland (Chairman) and Todd with Marco, Playinnovation.



NEW BUS ROUTE AROUND TOWN

Ride the Edenbridge E1 Yellow bus for £1

Councillors were treated to a trip on the new bus route number E1, which now runs on a circuit round town.

Go-Coach in conjunction with KCC has introduced an Edenbridge Bus, the E1 Edenbridge Town Service launched on Monday 7th December.

It runs every half hour Monday to Friday from Edenbridge Post Office, then stopping at the Leisure Centre - Farmstead Drive – Lidl - Swan Lane - Hilders Lane - Crouch House Road St. Brelades - Crouch House Road - Pine Grove - Waitrose Car Park- Edenbridge Hospital - Edenbridge Post Office. Passengers can also hail and ride the buses from Hilders Lane, Little Browns Lane, and Crouch House Road.

The fare is a flat £1 for each journey (no return tickets sold). Residents are urged to use the new service, as it is being funded by KCC out of the supported bus budget, so that it is not cut in the future. The Town Council has been given plenty of timetables which are available to collect from the Council office.

PLANNING AHEAD FOR THE FUTURE

Members of the Town Council are looking to the future with ideas to upgrade and extend local play areas. Revamping the playground at Lingfield Road Recreation Ground is one project being investigated, and additional items alongside the skate ramps at Blossoms Park is another.

STREETLIGHTING UPGRADE/ REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME

Edenbridge Town Council has an ongoing streetlight replacement programme well under way in the town, and another 14 lanterns and/or columns are scheduled for upgrading or replacement during 2021. With LED lights Edenbridge is becoming a much brighter place on these dark evenings.

**Contact: Edenbridge Town Council, Doggetts Barn,
72a High Street, Edenbridge, TN8 5AR**



From far right: Cllr Layland (Chairman), Cllr McArthur (Vice-Chairman)

COMMENTING ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

In November a planning application was received for a site in Edenbridge to build 340 houses, a school, scout hut and car parking and open spaces, with access onto the Four Elms Road. The Town Council's comments are on its website in the minutes of the Planning and Transportation Committee meeting held on 23rd November 2020, or if you are viewing the magazine online click [here] to view the minutes. The comments sent to Sevenoaks District Council (and all other documents relevant to the application) can be seen by visiting Sevenoaks Planning Portal and entering the reference number in the search tab, or by clicking this link [20/02988/OUT](#)

COMMUNITY WARDEN has been busy liaising with police and Sevenoaks District Council regarding anti-social behaviour. (Such as motor bike issues). These are sometimes reported to the Town council or picked up on social media. She continues to support vulnerable people and works closely with Parish Nurse Julie Barry, Councillors and other agencies.

Rose has also been working closely with the ground staff cleaning off graffiti which is a persistent problem at the moment. This is a crime and costs money to remove, apart from being unsightly and unfair to local residents who have to look at it every day.

If you see someone doing this please ring 999 or 101 and there is a chance of catching them.

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Several Ops have been on going in the area to tackle the problems caused by nuisance bikes and nuisance cars. Several offenders who have been causing problems in the area have been stopped by patrols and dealt with accordingly. A persistent offender has recently had their bike seized due to intel and pro-active policing in the area. There has been several calls for concerns for Covid breaches and people not following the rules during the last lockdown, it is important that even with the less strict rules around Covid people are still staying aware and doing what they can to protect themselves and others.

Last month we said goodbye to our PCSO's Joe and Amy who have moved on to work in another part of Kent. We were sorry to see them go but we do now have **Police**

Please speak to the police in confidence on 101 if you know who is doing it.

Litter picking is happening on an individual basis rather than as a group activity because of current Government guidelines. We hope to resume as soon as the situation improves. Thank you to all our litter pickers who continue to try to keep Edenbridge beautiful.

Remember to be wary of doorstep or telephone callers and don't be afraid to say 'NO' to them or ask them to come back when you have checked their credentials. A genuine tradesman will never mind you verifying their ID. There are also very plausible missed parcel messages on text and e-mail. They claim to charge for redelivery but this is just their way of getting your precious bank details so ignore and delete them.

Rose is looking forward to this New Year with enthusiasm and hope, with some new projects in the pipeline and a relative return to normality.

All dog-walkers on the Lingfield Road Recreation Ground are asked to help at this difficult time by keeping their dogs on a lead to stop them running up to people. Dogs which do not return when called result in breach of the 2m social distancing when owners have to go to collect their animals.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)

Bids can be submitted by the Town Council Councillors, community groups and infrastructure providers for projects that will benefit Edenbridge and meet the requirements in the guidance notes and CIL regulations. **The next opportunity for applications opens on 1 February to Friday 26 February at 5.00 pm.** Details are available on the Council's website under what we do/committees/CIL Board or contact the Town Clerk.

Sergeant: Kevin Savill, Inspector: Mark Stubberfield and PCSO: Samuel Rustrick to cover our Town.

For crime in progress or life in danger call 999

For all other enquiries 101

TOWN AMBASSADORS COME TO EDENBRIDGE

Watch out for two new faces in Edenbridge, the Town Ambassadors appointed under the Sevenoaks District Council scheme. They started work last month, wearing the distinctive a "Happy To Help" tabard rather than a uniform. You may have already seen them in town, and their role is to offer help and advice for businesses and residents.



Please do not get complacent with Covid-19 Before Christmas Kent was placed in the highest Tier of restrictions, the decision partly based on the ability for Kent and Medway Hospitals to cope with rising demand beside other challenges the virus brings for running a hospital. With increasing infections the picture remained bleak, as Kent had six of the top ten areas for Covid cases in the country. Sevenoaks figures were falling but only slightly, and it was foolish to think we are an island and immune to further rises here. Updated figures show any recent reduction will be short-lived in the trusts in Kent and Medway, with cases expected to rise again in all acute hospitals over the coming weeks. **Please stay safe and follow the Coronavirus guidelines. Info on www.edenbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk**