



Edenbridge Town Council

NEWSLETTER Autumn 2022



It's been a busy summer for the Town Council, filled with planned events, projects and partnership working

In June, Edenbridge helped light up the UK with a newly-installed beacon as we held a community party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Thank you to everyone that came along to join our picnic at Stangrove Park and lighting of the beacon, as well as The Great Stone Bridge Trust for its grant towards these celebrations. What a turnout there was, and what fun we all had celebrating her Majesty The Queen's 70 year reign!

Everyone enjoyed music from Edenbridge Town Band who did a fantastic job getting us all in the celebratory spirit. A BIG thank you goes to them! Special thanks also to the Bonfire Society for making the beacon lighting happen, all of the volunteers that made the event possible as well as stallholders that came along to provide food, refreshments and entertainment, including the Rotary Club and 1st Edenbridge Scout Group.

And no Jubilee celebration would have been complete without a crown competition! Thank you to all the children that came along with their crown or made crowns at the event. The high standard of craft skills definitely made Chairman Cllr Bob Todd's job of judging more difficult.

Finally, a huge thanks to our Community Warden and team of litter pickers who turned up early the next morning to clear the park.



Grant applications

The Town Council has an annual grants programme, which provides grants to help local organisations and projects that benefit the residents of Edenbridge.

If you would like to apply for a share of the £7,880 grant money we hold, visit our website for more details. The application process will **open on 1 September and closes on Thursday 27 October at 5.00 pm.**

Bids for CIL funding invited

Individuals and community groups can submit an application to the Town Council for CIL funding from **1 September to Thursday 27 October at 5.00 pm.**

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a charge that local authorities can set on new development, which can then be used to fund infrastructure, facilities and services in their area. If you have a scheme, which you feels supports this premise, you can apply to the Town Council for funding from the CIL monies. For more information about the process, visit our website and search 'CIL' or email:

townclerk@edenbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk

Rec playground gets a makeover

Local children have been enjoying the new playground at the **Recreation Ground** after it was officially opened in June. With different areas for toddlers, older children and teens, the new area has been designed for children of all ages, physical and mental abilities. Children can enjoy walking along the sensory path, bouncing on the jungle jeep, tackling the Tornado spinning whirl or mighty zip wire!

Chairman of Edenbridge Town Council, Cllr Bob Todd, said: "We are thrilled to have been able to deliver this project as we know how important play is in the physical and mental development of young people. The last playground, which was installed in the late 90s, had a limited choice of activity and was becoming very dated. We now have a stimulating playground, with a choice of 23 activities to choose from, that we hope everyone will be proud of and can enjoy using for generations to come."



It was national Love Parks Week in July.

Here in Edenbridge we are very fortunate to have some lovely open spaces including the Recreation Ground at Lingfield Road, Stangrove Park, Blossoms Park, Millennium Woods and Marsh Green. Our busy grounds team maintain these spaces for everyone's enjoyment and can regularly be seen mowing, cutting hedges, watering and clearing litter. Feel free to give them a wave next time you see them – we're sure they will appreciate a friendly hello!

The Chairman's Reception in July paid tribute to individuals and organisations that work with the elderly, particularly those living with Alzheimer's and Dementia.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

GAMES CLUB for 55yrs+
Every Monday, 10.00 am - 12 noon at Rickards Hall. £2 entry with refreshments

Gardening galore

Thank you to everyone that took part in our gardening competition this summer. Judges included councillors and local resident, Nantawan Staples, who was a finalist in the 2021 *BBC Gardener's World* magazine *Garden of the Year* competition. Visit our website or follow our Facebook page over the next month to see who the winners are.

We also held a free talk for competition entrants and residents in August by plant-hunter Tom Hart Dyke, who gave an insight into the 'World Garden', which he has been developing at his ancestral home of Lullingstone Castle near Sevenoaks. We were able to run these initiatives thanks to a grant from the Kent County Council Covid-19 Local Recovery Fund. If you missed this year's competition, we are hoping to run another in 2023 - so watch this space!



Monday 5 September, 7.30 pm - Planning Committee

Monday 12 September, 7.30 pm - Council meeting

Monday 19 September, 7.30 pm - Finance and Governance Committee meeting

All Council meetings are held in public at Rickards Hall - details of all Council and Committee meetings are published on the website www.edenbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk under 'Meetings'

Thursday 27 October, 5.00 pm - Deadline for CIL bids and Grant applications

Saturday 8 October - Bulky Waste Collections (various locations) - starts at 9.15 am to 12 noon. Details will be published nearer the time on the Town Council website.

Monday 10 October, 1.30 pm - PACT meeting.

Members of the public are invited to attend Rickards Hall to put their concerns about community safety forward to the partnership, which is made up of representatives from Kent Police, Sevenoaks District Council and West Kent Housing Association.

The new Edenbridge Town Guide will be delivered to your door soon, and copies are also available from the Town Council offices. This guide is reviewed every two to three years. The Council's Annual Report 2021/22 is available to view online. Visit the council website and search 'Annual Report'.