



Edenbridge Town Council

NEWSLETTER Winter 2023



Wishing all our residents and community a healthy and happy New Year 2023

As we look forward to the year ahead, we are excited to be handing out grants and CIL money to various organisations in Edenbridge and seeing how the money is making a positive impact within our community. Individuals and organisations were able to apply for a grant or contribution from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) at the end of last year, towards projects benefitting the community.

The Budget and Precept for 2023-24 was prepared and recommended by the Finance Committee to the full Council at its December meeting, and has been published on the Council's website. Council is due to approve this at its January meeting. The Precept is the local proportion of your Council Tax that goes towards paying for the services provided by Edenbridge Town Council.



There is lots of work going on within the Council and in our community that we would love to share with you. To keep updated with Council news and information, you can visit our website www.edenbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk

where we regularly publish new posts. We also have a Facebook page (@EdenbridgeTownCouncil) and we publicise meetings and events in our noticeboard outside the Eden Valley Museum. Don't forget that your local councillors, council staff and Community Warden are also here should you need to discuss issues, raise concerns, or need advice on who to contact about certain matters.

Email: info@edenbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk

Call: 01732 865368

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY 20 MARCH | 6.30 PM FOR 7.00 PM
WI HALL, STATION ROAD, TN8 5LX

Come along to find out more about the work of the Council. Hear about what has been achieved over the last year and what is planned going forward. Registration and refreshments start at 6.30 pm when you'll be able to meet your local councillors, followed by presentations at 7.00 pm. There will be district and county updates as well as news from other partners and local groups.

Agenda papers will be available on the Council website.

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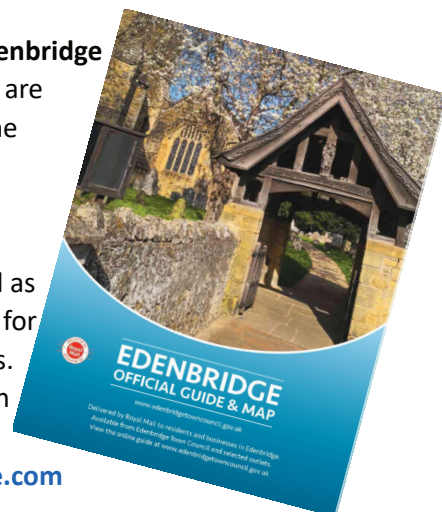
The Council office is located at Doggetts Barn, next to Rickards Hall (72a High Street). Access is through a black iron gate just off the High Street, leading into an open courtyard. We are open Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm.



If you have run out of black bin bags or clear recycling sacks that are delivered by Sevenoaks District Council, you can buy rolls from the Council office. We also sell large brown garden waste sacks. We accept cash or cards.

Copies of the new **Edenbridge Official Guide & Map** are now available from the Council office.

Take a look inside to discover some of the town's history, as well as useful contact details for local clubs and groups. For visitor information you can explore www.visitedenbridge.com



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Meetings start at 7.30 pm

Monday 9 January - Planning Committee

Monday 16 January - Council meeting

Monday 23 January - Finance & Governance Committee

Monday 30 January - Planning & Transportation Committee

Monday 6 February - Emergency Planning Committee

Monday 13 February - Open Spaces Committee

Monday 20 February - Planning Committee

Monday 27 February - CIL Board

Saturday 21 January - Bulky Waste Collection. Please visit the Council website or call for more information.

PACT (Partners and Communities Together)
Monday 9 January and Monday 17 April at 2.00 pm

These meetings are attended by representatives from the Town Council, Kent Police, Sevenoaks District Council and West Kent Housing Association who work together on community safety issues. Members of the public are welcome to attend to put any concerns forward.

All Council meetings are held in public. Details of all Council and Committee meetings, and information on attending meetings, are published on the website www.edenbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk under 'Meetings'.

Help keep our open spaces clean

We are fortunate to have lots of wonderful green spaces in Edenbridge and we are privileged as a Council to maintain them for the local community. The sites we look after include the Recreation Ground and playground at Lingfield Road, Stangrove Park and playground, Blossoms Park and skate park, Millennium Wood (next to Nomads Football Club), as well as Marsh Green and playground.

These open spaces are enjoyed by many, including families and young children, and it can be harmful and unsightly when dog waste isn't disposed of responsibly.

If you are a dog owner or you walk dogs, please help us to ensure these spaces can continue to be enjoyed by all. As well as the red bins, bagged dog poo can also be put in all normal bins.



Come and get your FREE doggy poo bags from the Council office!

RICKARDS HALL HIRE

Idyllic heritage courtyard setting for meetings, clubs, activities, children's parties, weddings and family gatherings

Prices start from £20.91 an hour or £10.63 for youth bookings

Contact the Town Council for enquiries



Do you belong to an organisation or business that could provide a 'Warm Space' for people this winter?

Warm Spaces are safe and friendly public places where people of all ages can go to comfortably spend time reading, studying, chatting with others and meeting new people in their community. The initiative has been set up to create an online directory promoting facilities across the district's towns and parishes where people can go to a warm space and feel welcomed, for example - community cafes, leisure centres, libraries, play groups and church groups.

To register your Warm Space and view the directory, visit www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/warmspaces

Dig out those gardening gloves again!

Our popular **Ready, Steady, Grow** gardening competition will be back for 2023. This will be the second year we've invited residents to submit their garden for the opportunity to win prizes and to get some well-deserved recognition for all their hard work. Congratulations to all our 2022 winners who got to celebrate at a special awards evening at the end of last year. Chairman Cllr Bob Todd welcomed guest speaker Jim Buttress to the presentation. Among his many accolades, Jim looked after the Royal Parks in London. Watch this space for details on how to enter this year's competition over the spring/summer.

Photo: Chairman Cllr Bob Todd with speaker Jim Buttress



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